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### MEET OUR NEW DIVISION HEAD, MS. MARINO



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Tis' the time for change. The leaves have fallen and trees look barren. Days feel shorter and have grown colder. The semester is almost over and stress from the eerily creeping final exams is approaching.

One change for the better is our newly appointed division head: Angela Marino. Ms. Marino is the division head for English, Social Studies, World Languages and the arts. She oversees the curriculum, instructional materials, and assessments that are given to us in the classroom. She also supervises and evaluates teachers, interviews new staff members, aids in book distribution, and even assists with SAT testing.

Prior to working with Proviso, Ms. Marino has had over 29 years of experience working in public education. She spent 20 of these years as a high school English, speech, theater, and music teacher. But, her career did not stop there. Since becoming a teacher Ms. Marino has also led fine arts programs, worked as a case manager, special education teacher, and ELL (English Language Learners) coordinator for international students. In total, she has worked for 12 elementary schools, 4 middle, and 6 different high schools. Her interest in education started with her passion for helping people. "It was a natural thing for me to

work with young people and be able to be a positive influence in their lives," said Ms. Marino. "I've met so many people and have had incredible experiences."

Throughout her career as an educator, she has always kept the goal of making a difference in the lives of others.

"I want to impact more students and assist teachers in their craft through professional development and instructional coaching."

Despite her growing passion, Ms. Marino has still faced many obstacles in her career, but one of the most difficult was saying goodbye. Working toward common goals and keeping students at the center of those goals is important to her.

"When we stop growing and learning, we stop living, and I want to help enrich the environment that students are in."

In her free time outside of her many roles in the administration, Ms. Marino attends plays, musicals, movies, and concerts. She also practices yoga, goes hiking, and binge watches Netflix shows.



## EDITORIAL: FEARING THE POLICE, BRYON MINOR, '21

As a black man, I feel like it's instilled in my culture to be afraid of the police and what they would do to me, or people like me. At a young age, I was taught what to do in a police encounter, but I never knew why. A few weeks earlier, my mom was pulled over for running a yellow light. At that moment I was so scared I couldn't even think straight, but I didn't know why. It seemed weird how scared I was when

I knew I didn't do anything wrong. It's to the point where I duck and hide whenever I see a police officer. As a country, we need to reform the way police handle certain situations, because too many black people die every day, and it has started to affect the youth. It shouldn't matter what city or state we live in or what school we attend. It seems like every time we take a step forward we are sent several steps back, and the system we live in now is against us. Sometimes I still wonder why it has to take another national movement and protest, like the 1992 riots of Los Angeles.

This situation that we are in now would have never happened if people treated others with the respect that they deserve, and not treating them like animals that can be put down. Now I know that there are people in my crowd who have strayed down the wrong path, but I don't think that group should influence the police to judge all of us as being criminals. Perhaps it would help if the time to become a police officer were increased because it shouldn't take less than a year to learn how to treat people or what to do in altercations. Another thing we could do is to train cops how to enter a scenario without guns drawn; they have tasers.

At the end of the day, I just want everybody to feel safe knowing that we can come outside without being judged by the color of our skin, that we can walk inside a store without being watched, that we can hang out with friends without being labeled as thugs or suspicious-looking.

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WRITTEN BY BRYON MINOR CLASS OF 2021

# JOIN KEY CLUB 2020

Are you interested in joining Key Club? For those who have no idea what the club is or want more information about it, Key Club is a community service based club that is run by none other by Dr. Wardisiani and students here at PMSA. Some questions that you might have about the club can be answered by this year's president, Deja Richardson, Class of 2021

**What is Key Club's overall mission?** "A lot of people think that we make keys because of our name, but our mission is to serve our community in any way we can. Because COVID has impacted us, we now have to think of new alternatives to help the community. We had our first meeting and started thinking about organizing a Coat/Canned food drive at the school and more in the future with other clubs like the Robotics team and Student Council."

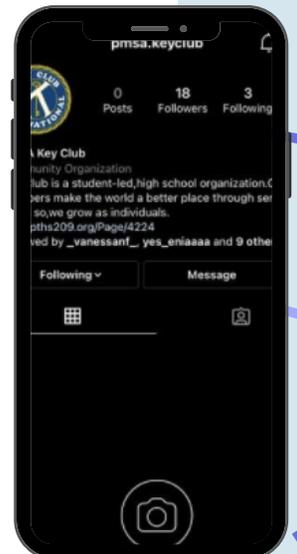
**What are Key Club's current goals for this year?** "We had a lot of activities last year that often consisted of movie nights, bake sales, and we also made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Deborah's Place, a women's shelter. Due to COVID, we can't really do those activities anymore, but we're trying to come up with new ideas that can account for everyone's safety and health. Our main goal is to try to get to know each other and build a community, since we have a lot of new members in comparison to last year."

**How can students contact the club if they want to join?** "Students can contact me or Mr. Wardisiani through Teams and we also have our newest Instagram page at pmsa.keyclub. While we don't have anything posted, we plan to share more details in the future."

We also have a Facebook account, under the same name as the Instagram.

**Can you share some benefits that can come from Key Club?** "Key Club is such an excellent club to be in if you like to be involved in your community and make a difference. Personally, I've been helping out my community for most of my life through Girl Scouts since the age of six, and it's a passion to me. Also, for those who help out at the events, they can count towards community service hours, which are a requirement for graduation. In the past, people used to attend our monthly peanut butter and jelly sandwich making event for either NHS or graduation."

**Who are the current members? What are their roles?** "Itzel Saenz - Vice President; Takes over the meeting when I'm not there to run them Melanie Solis - Secretary; takes meeting notes and inserts them into the Teams file Hugo Covarrubias - Treasurer ; Works on managing the club's money after fundraisers and looks over the budget if we want to host a new event."



WRITTEN BY PAOLA RIVERA CLASS OF 2021



## ADVICE COLUMN

### SENIOR ADVICE 2ND EDITION!

As the second quarter is nearing towards its end and the stress from finals keeps increasing, we're here to share some tips and advice for acclimating to finals in this new remote learning environment. We've included tips that we personally use and others we've found on the internet. When working with your study material in a needed timely manner, your main goal should be to clear your mind and your study area from any distraction. This may be a difficult task due to the pandemic keeping your family home, but as long as you can set aside just enough time to truly learn your class work and prepare for your final assessments, they can be a breeze. Most teachers tend to give all their students a study guide, which reflects what will be seen on the final.

Using your study guides, you can spend the time to go over what you have already learned and continue learning everything else you have struggled to understand. Definitely spend more time on those classes you haven't been doing so well in, but always study enough for your other classes so you can feel secure. Another part of spending your time wisely when preparing for your final exams is organization.

Whether all your information is online or physical, you always must know where everything goes and look at as many important old assignments as possible. Keeping your class information in the same place, such as folders on your computer or in real life, can benefit you in understanding

what you have done in that class and keep you from getting confused during a stressful time. As anxiety driving and stress rising finals season can be, we're sure that if you stick to what you know and are sure of yourself, you will be successful in getting through your final assessments.

Everyone already knows about how helpful notecards can be compared to just reading notes. However, as we are using technology to study, the use of Quizlet can be proven to be even more useful. Not only are there already Quizlets made for our classes, but you can create custom quizzes that are tailored to what you have to study and the way in which you want to review. Remember the information that your teachers post as well, especially if they record your classes. A bonus about remote learning is that you can revisit how your teacher explained a topic, as long as the meeting has been published. When it comes to organization, it's important to keep all of your files and papers in their appropriate sections, but websites such as Trello can help you organize your materials based on when you need to review. It's similar to having post-it notes online and has the ability to store more information.



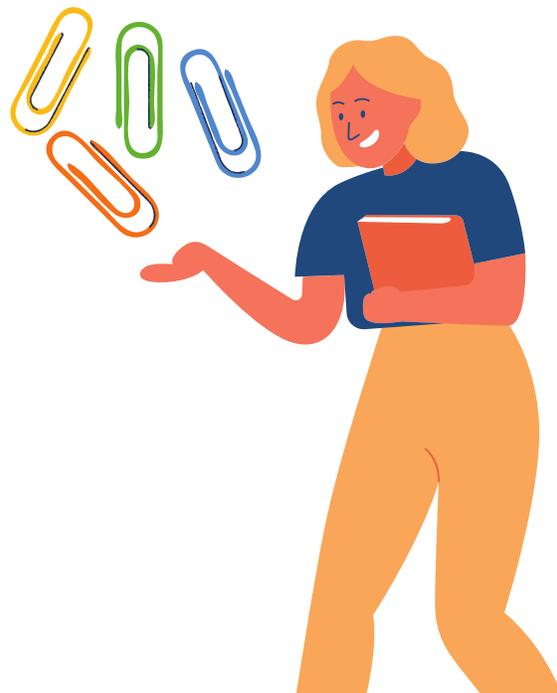
# ADVICE COLUMN

## SENIOR ADVICE 2ND EDITION!

Recently, we've gotten inspiration from our IB History teacher, Mr. Colwell, and how he is experimenting new tactics to help us study for our finals. As of right now, we're reading the book, *The Cold War* and Mr. Colwell has set up a Classroom Notebook where we can all put facts about people, events, and countries. By being able to collaborate together we can use less time gathering information and invest more time in reviewing. It also helps if one classmate doesn't have all of the notes and vice versa. It doesn't necessarily have to be a Microsoft Notebook, as Google Docs or Word are great alternatives for sharing notes in a single space.

In recent times, the cause of quarantine has shifted our learning capabilities to only our homes and the internet. But before this, knowing what our school has to offer could really change the outcome in your academic studies for finals week. Knowing what resources there are can make the difference and set you up to be ahead of the curb. Getting to know your teachers is not only a way to gain respect and learn more about them, but it is also a great way to communicate with them about any missing assignments, new topics coming in, and small reviews. Another great aspect about this is that if your teachers have their lunch period when you do, you can sometimes have a chance to learn a bit or get help from them at that time, or you can also approach them after school. You always have to remember to ask first though.

One of the main areas to look into at PMSA is the LRC, otherwise known as the Learning Resource Center or the library. This room is large enough to give a comfortable setting to be a place to study with plenty of computers to aid you with online details. Ms. Shoshana Fiala is our librarian and she is available to provide crucial information on how to use the school databases. There you will find links that give you credible and scholarly information in which that is approved and can be used for research projects and other assignments. You can use this information even now by accessing the school's website. Contact Ms. Fiala for further information. Overall, remember to prioritize your own health over your schoolwork. Getting good sleep and eating right is the most important part of the review process.



WRITTEN BY MANUEL MUNOZ, ISAAC LUDENA, AND ERIC ALDAS CLASS OF 2021

# ACCIDENTS SOMETIMES HAPPEN FOR A REASON

I grew up in what most people call a typically normal family with both my parents and three siblings. I didn't always get along with my siblings. I had a few fights with them here and there, but nothing ever got out of hand. I was around age 12 when my parents decided to send my three siblings and me to Mexico to visit our family for the first time. I've never been away from my parents for too long so I was nervous about living with my grandma whom I had never met before for two whole months.

Sounded like a nightmare. There were a few other kids around my grandma's house for my siblings to talk to, but none were my age. That was until the second day of staying there, I met my cousin, who was just a few years older than me. Her family owned a little farm filled with cows, chickens, and one dog. I spent a lot of time at her house and sometimes even slept over there rather than at my grandma's house.

I remember waking up one morning to my cousin crying in the living room. I asked what happened and all she did was yell at me, telling me to leave her alone. I was confused. This was the first time I've seen her upset, but why was she yelling at me? I didn't do anything. Later that day I learned that her dog was attacked the previous night by other animals and was killed. Someone had left the gate of her yard, causing her dog to escape overnight. That someone was me. I was in such a rush to get inside the house and away from the darkness of the night that I forgot to close the gate. Because of me, my cousin's dog was killed. I felt awful. Summer

came to an end and my cousin never spoke to me again. I thought she'd get over it eventually, but she never did. A few years after that, I got my own dog. He ended up escaping from my backyard and running into oncoming traffic due to cataracts that he developed in his eyes that never got treated.

He passed away and I was devastated. I thought back to my cousin and wondered, is this how she felt back then? I never realized how important a pet can be to someone until I got my own. It was because of these incidents that I've decided to study to become a vet. I want to be able to help animals like my dog who suffered from cataracts.

Because I'm sure that if my dog were treated, the accident would have never happened.



WRITTEN BY ANONYMOUS CLASS OF 2021

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS PMSA

## STUDENT POEM



In the cold where we must shelter, Whether  
together or alone, There is something I can't  
bother, Something I can truly condone,  
Hope.

In the time before times were hard, With  
Friends & Family to boot, We all used to play in  
the Yard, Something no one child could dispute,  
Joy.

Yet,  
How long has this quarantine been?  
Last January felt so near, Thinking of this fact  
makes me cringe, Of how I fought to persevere,  
Seclusion.

How do I know if my friends thrive? How do I  
know if they are safe? What happened beyond  
the inside? That is something I cannot chafe.  
Fear.

However,  
I know I must keep my duty, My life, My  
progress, my future, Because this is life's true  
beauty, Something commandeered with humor  
, Resolve.

So Happy Holidays PMSA. Now, I hope to see  
you again one day. Otherwise this is the longest  
vacay!



# WHAT MIGHT WINTER FEEL LIKE BEHIND THE MASK?

## STUDENT POEM

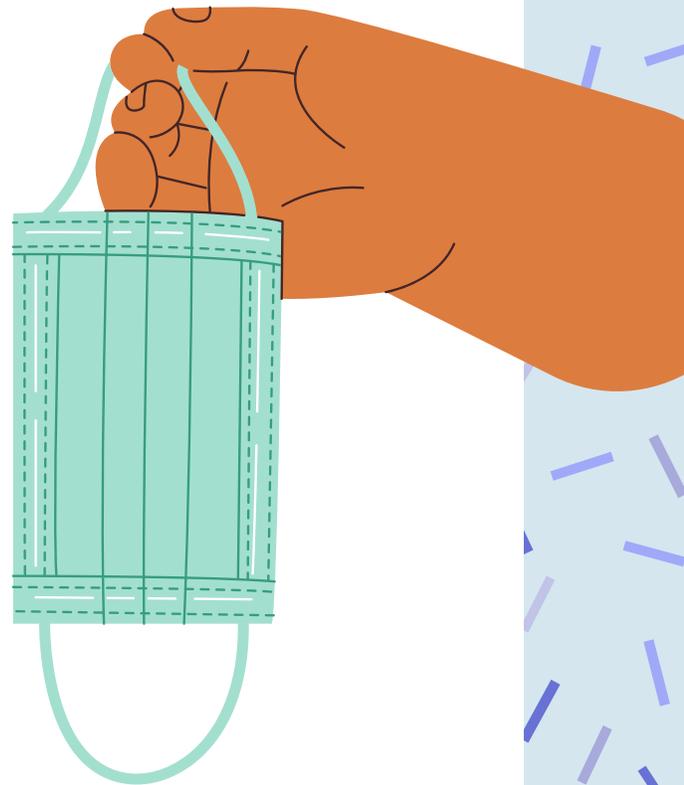
Winter time for me meant long Chicago nights  
Warm yet fuzzy jackets, quality family time, and  
kisses under the mistletoe Finals Week over  
with and now, holiday movie marathons and  
huge dinners made my hungry stomach and  
mind grow in anticipation for their arrival  
Luscious yet rich hot chocolate filled both my  
red coffee mug and mouth with nostalgia as I  
looked outside my snow-filled windowsill

That's how I imagined them everytime.. But  
now, how will they be this year? Maybe they  
might not differ much, except we might need to  
wear holiday themed masks as a dress code,  
but the togetherness at home might be hard to  
breathe though...

I have so many questions.. Some might contain  
uncertainty, others obvious answers Will I be  
able to hold the person I love as we exchange  
gifts or will I have to act as a delivery person,  
unable to see him only through the window of  
his door? Might setting up the Christmas dinner  
mean separating the chairs six feet apart? I  
have no notion that volume will be a problem  
since my family's loud in general .

Maybe Elvis is right, we'll have a "Blue  
Christmas" after all... There are so many maybes,  
but not enough optimism for this year.. Will  
Santa Claus actually come to town? Will  
Chicago be covered in a "Winter Wonderland"  
like past years? Will carolers be dressed in  
antlers with masks as they sing "Jingle Bells"?  
Will I drink hot chocolate with cinnamon bits  
with the same enjoyment as I did before? Or,  
listen to Michael Buble's Christmas album on  
repeat?

This could just be an exaggeration, but I love  
winter so much.. I do! It's my second favorite  
season of the four And all I really am doing  
more so, trying to ask What might winter feel  
like behind the mask?



WRITTEN BY PAOLA RIVERA, CLASS OF 2021



# PARODY LYRICS FOR CHRISTMAS SONGS!



## 12 Months of This Year {A 2020 Parody}

[Verse 1] In the first month of this year the world sent to me A Warhawk from D.C.

[Verse 2] In the second month of this year the world sent to me Two global chunches, and A warhawk from D.C.

[Verse 3] In the third month of this year the world sent to me Three week quarantine time (ha) Two global chunches, and A warhawk from D.C.

[Verse 4] In the fourth month of this year the world sent to me Four COVID tolls Three week quarantine time (ha) Two global chunches, and A warhawk from D.C.

[Verse 5] In the fifth month of this year the world sent to me Five G Towers ~ Four COVID tolls Three week quarantine time (ha) Two global chunches, and A warhawk from D.C.

[Verse 6] In the sixth month of this year the world sent to me Six legal clashes Five G Towers ~ Four COVID tolls Three week quarantine time (ha) Two global chunches, and A warhawk from D.C.

[Verse 7] In the seventh month of this year the world sent to me Seven protest movements Six legal clashes Five G Towers ~ Four COVID tolls Three week quarantine time (ha) Two global chunches, and A warhawk from D.C.

[Verse 8] In the eighth month of this year the world sent to me Eight climate disasters Seven protest movements Six legal clashes Five G Towers ~ Four COVID tolls Three week quarantine time (ha) Two global chunches, and A warhawk from D.C.

[Verse 9] In the ninth month of this year the world sent to me Nine dashes swimming Eight climate disasters Seven protest movements Six legal clashes Five G Towers ~ Four COVID tolls Three week quarantine time (ha) Two global chunches, and A warhawk from D.C.

[Verse 10] In the Tenth month of this year the world sent to me Ten-sions rise a-brewing Nine dashes swimming Eight climate disasters Seven protest movements Six legal clashes Five G Towers ~ Four COVID tolls Three week quarantine time (ha) Two global chunches, and A warhawk from D.C.

[Verse 11] In the 11th month of this year the world sent to me 11 reps recovering Ten-sions rise a-brewing Nine dashes swimming Eight climate disasters Seven protest movements Six legal clashes Five G Towers ~ Four COVID tolls Three week quarantine time (ha) Two global chunches, and A warhawk from D.C.

[Verse 12] In the 12th month of this year the world sent to me 12 months shortened 11 reps recovering Ten-sions rise a-brewing Nine dashes swimming Eight climate disasters Seven protest movements Six legal clashes Five G Towers ~ Four COVID tolls Three week quarantine time (ha) Two global chunches, and A warhawk from D.C.





# PARODY LYRICS FOR CHRISTMAS SONGS!



## **Covid Time {A COVID Time parody}**

Dashing through the snow To get some toilet rolls O'er the fields we go Coughing all the way Time on bob tails ring Making spirits cry What fun it is to stay in side Despite the "Jolly" site

Oh, COVID Time, COVID Time COVID all the way Oh, what fun it is to stay 6 feet away- hey COVID Time, COVID Time COVID all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a vr open sleigh A day or two ago I thought I'd take some time And soon the hospital Will have flu shots inside

And yet I was too late Misfortune seemed his lot We got into a filled-up lot And then we got denied Oh, COVID Time, COVID Time COVID all the way Oh, what fun it is to stay 6 feet away- hey COVID Time, COVID Time COVID all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a vr open sleigh Oh, COVID Time, COVID Time COVID all the way Oh, what fun it is to stay 6 feet away- hey



## **Baby its Wild Outside {Baby Its Cold Outside Parody}**

I really can't stay (Baby it's wild outside) I gotta go away (Baby it's wild outside) This evening has been (Been hoping that you'd stay in) So very nice (I'll hold your hands with a wood pole) My mother will start to worry (Not like we can work) My father will be pacing the floor (Listen to the death count pour) So really I'd better scurry (Beautiful please don't hurry)

Well maybe just a half a drink more (I'll put the news on while I pour) The neighbors might think (Baby it's bad out there) Say what's in this drink? (At least it ain't bleach to tink) I wish I knew how (Your eyes are like starlight now) To break this spell (I'll take your mask, your face looks swell) (Why thank you) I ought to say no, no, no sir (Mind if I don't move in closer?) At least I'm gonna say that I tried (What's the sense of hurtin' the tribe?) I really can't stay (Baby don't hold out)

Baby it's wild outside Ah, you're very pushy you know? I like to think of it as opportunistic I simply must go (Baby it's wild outside) The answer is no (But baby it's wild outside)

The welcome has been (How lucky that you stayed in) So nice and warm (Look out the window at that storm) My sister will be suspicious (Gosh iced Burgers look delicious!) My brother will be there at the door (Waves upon the hospital floor) My maiden aunt's mind is vicious (Well ain't that suspicious)

Well maybe just a cigarette more (Never such a pandemic before) (And I don't even smoke) I've got to get home (Baby you'll die out there) Say lend me a coat? (It's up to your mouth out there!) You've really been grand, (I feel when I touch the pole) But don't you see? (How can you do this thing to me?) There's bound to be talk tomorrow (Think of my life long sorrow!) At least there will be plenty implied (If you caught COVID and died!) I really can't stay (Get over that old out) Baby it's wild Baby it's wild outside Okay fine, just another drink then That took a lot of convincing!



WRITTEN BY JERICHO BERNAL, CLASS OF 2022

# TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY DISHES FROM PMSA STUDENTS

The holiday season has arrived here at PMSA and during these times, many people from different cultures and countries are gathering (while following social distancing orders) together with their families to indulge in their favorite holiday food traditions. Here are some holiday dishes/traditions that our PMSA students enjoy

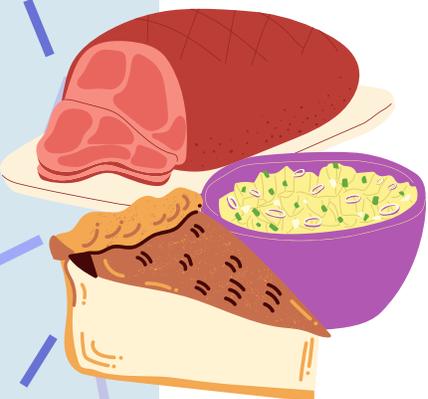
"Well, during the holidays, my family makes Tamales con Mole, Ensalada de Pollo (Chicken Salad) with traditional Mexican rice and beans." **Estrella Popoca, Class of 2021**



"My parents are from Togo, Lome, which is located in West Africa. During the holidays, we eat some traditional foods from home and then also food from here. Foods from here include turkey, salad, macaroni, sweet potato pie. Some foods from back home include Ablo, which is made from flour, yeast, sugar, and oil. It is sweet and fluffy. We also had fried plantains and something called Puff Puff, which is made from flour, yeast, and sugar and is fried in oil. It is also sweet. The African foods were mainly desserts." **Koko Lawson, Class of 2022**

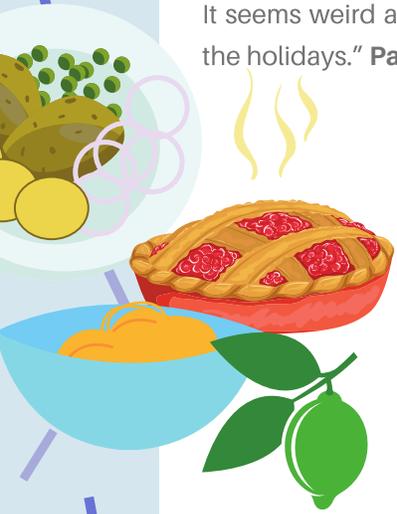


"For most holidays, we usually eat soul food. It can vary between having ham or turkey. My mom makes the baked macaroni and grandmother preps the cornbread dressing. It usually has celery, onions, bell pepper, sage, poultry seasoning, eggs, and cornbread. For the sides, we have collard greens, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, and potato salad. Desserts can change, but normally we have egg pie. It has vanilla, nutmeg, sugar and milk. If we don't have pie, my grandmother makes chocolate or caramel cake. In my family, we all contribute." **Trevon Green, Class of 2022**



# TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY DISHES FROM PMSA STUDENTS

"Typically, I have a variation of Mexican and Puerto Rican dishes every holiday. But, if we have Puerto Rican food, my mom makes a traditional Arroz con Gandules (Rice w/Pigeon Peas) and we often roast a Pernil (Pork Shoulder) too. I help out with the seasoning and put it in the oven with my uncle, while my aunt makes other side dishes like mashed potatoes, corn, and etc. I also make a lot of hot chocolate for all of my family members and in Puerto Rico, we usually have the habit of putting Edam cheese in our hot chocolate as a sort of salty-sweet combo. It seems weird at first but it's really good! It's one of the many things I love about the holidays." **Paola Rivera, Class of 2021**



"For the holidays, we either have ham, smoked turkey, or lamb. If we do lamb, it will be with mint jelly. Sides are normally baked macaroni, candied yams, collard greens, green beans with potatoes, cranberry sauce, cornbread dressing, and sweet rolls. For dessert, we always have pie or cake, sometimes both, depending on how many people show up. I usually help with the desserts and make key lime pie. I also cook the yams and help my mom with the baked macaroni. My great-aunt Mary always cooks the dressing and my grandma makes the fruit drinks. Our cousin Susie and her husband Norman handle the meats. For us, the holidays are a collaborative effort so it isn't stressful for one person to cook everything." **Zion Weldon, Class of 2022**

"My family comes from the east African country of Ethiopia. My parents were both born in different cities, my dad from the countryside city of Nekemte, and my mom from the capital city of Addis Ababa (Bole more specifically). The main dish eaten in Ethiopia is called "injera be wot." It consists of basically all the food groups depending on what wot is made. Onions, garlic, and this seasoning called Berbere, which is made from chile peppers, are the base ingredients for almost all wot, and depending on the dish being cooked (there's a huge variety), the ingredients that are used are decided. "Injera" is a flatbread (I don't like calling it that, but I don't know how else to describe it) made from a grain called Teff and it's eaten with pretty much every meal. "Injera be wot" is eaten with the hands, with the injera being used to scoop the different wot.

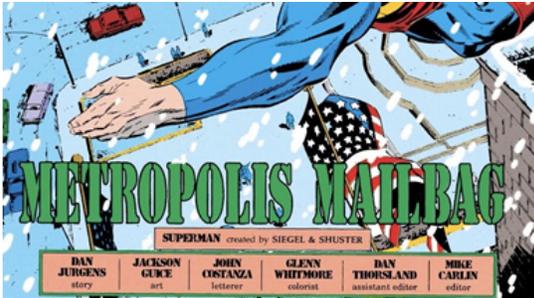
During holidays it's tradition in almost all Ethiopian households to prepare a huge platter of food for everyone in the family to eat off of. It's another tradition to feed each family member at least 2 bites of food from that platter. We'd put many different kinds of wot on top of some pieces of injera. It's really hard to go into detail about wot because there are so many different kinds, but a popular one is called Doro Wot (doro means chicken in Amharic), made from a LOT of onions, garlic, berbere, chicken, and eggs. It's a more simple dish but it tastes amazing and is the main kind of wot eaten on holidays (at least at my house). Injera be Wot is a great dish because there are so many different wot to cook, many being vegetarian and vegan and all of them are delicious." **Edidya Solomon, Class of 2022**

WRITTEN BY PAOLA RIVERA, CLASS OF 2021

# COMIC REVIEW

## HOLIDAY EDITION

### Superman #64 "Metropolis Mailbag" (1987)



If you're looking for something to get you into the holiday spirit, I highly recommend reading this issue of the 1987 Superman ongoing series, written by Dan Jurgens. To give a brief synopsis, here's what it's about. A few days before Christmas, Superman shows Lois Lane all the letters he has received over the course of the year and how he answers as many as he can. One letter is from a boy who begs Superman to remove his father's brain tumor and save his life. Superman knows he must go, but is unsure of what to say to the boy when he gets there. By the time he arrives, the boy's father has already died.

Superman decides that there is a slight possibility some good may come from this and convinces the boy's mother to donate her husband's organs. Shortly thereafter, Superman delivers the man's heart to a woman in need of a transplant, saving her life. Additionally, Superman reunites a Holocaust survivor with her long-lost sister and even delivers toys to underprivileged children (with the help of a friend). This story showcases the goodwill and gift giving spirit of the holidays and is a perfect example of how Superman can inspire others to do good despite facing tragedy and despair.

### "Good Boy" from Batman Annual #1 (2016)



Earning him an Eisner Award, Tom King's spin on the Secret Origin of Ace the Bat-hound is perhaps my favorite story on this list. Once a vicious member of Joker's pack of masked attack dogs, Ace is found by Batman and the Gotham City Police Department, alone and in a pit surrounded by the mutilated bodies of his compatriots.

Ever the saint, Alfred (Batman/Bruce Wayne's butler) takes the dog in. Although short, it's a heartwarming tale showcasing Ace's transformation from a vicious, broken soul to a faithful companion, just in time for Christmas. It's sweet to see Alfred's love for the troubled dog as he refuses to give up on him or accept Bruce's maxim: "some wounds don't heal." This story brilliantly displays one of my favorite characteristics of the Wayne family's trusty butler.

To him, the worst damage CAN be repaired, the most wasted life IS redeemable. And after all, that's what the holidays are all about. Overall, take a moment for yourself, make some hot chocolate, and read these stories to inspire yourself to make a positive change in your life and others' during the holidays and the new year.

WRITTEN BY WESLEY CANNON, CLASS OF 2021

# MUSIC REVIEW



## **"Blueberry Eyes" feat. SUGA from BTS by MAX**

Metaphorically speaking, MAX shows he's a soft teddy bear with his new single, "Blueberry Eyes," featuring Suga from the international boy band, BTS. The duo created an upbeat, yet romantic song dedicated none other to MAX's wife, who captured his full attention with her unique set of eyes as portrayed in the music video. The various piano riffs combined with Suga's steady rap flow make this song enjoyable to listen to at any occasion and it brings a sense of warm comfort as it concludes with the jazz-like piano melody at the end. In an interview he did with Genius.com when discussing his starting collaboration with Suga, MAX included that, "When he chose [Blueberry Eyes], I was really surprised he chose it, but looking back at it makes total sense, cause he responds to

this sort of melodic darker undertone that he can really ride on top of the melody with." In other words, if you have that person in your life that can bring you "strawberry skies" or you bring them to someone, I definitely recommend you listen to this as it is very wholesome as you listen to the lyrics (good timing too for the holidays!).



## **"Fake" feat. Conan Gray by Lauv**

When news that these talented artists were collaborating, the entire internet broke and for good reason too. "Fake" is the newest single created by Lauv featuring Conan Gray, which was released October 13th. In it, the song and lyrics describe the toxicity between a person or a group of people who do not live up to who they say they are, hence are known as being "fake" for being deceitful. Both artists show their dislike for hypocritical people with the soft

guitar melody in the background along with the lyrics, "And you're just like all the people that you hate, you're so fake!" One thing I really enjoyed about the song was the backing vocals, which provide more emphasis on their judgment and importance to the matter. Nevertheless, we encounter these types of people on one occasion or another, but it makes for a good song. It should be one on your playlists, whether to study or just get to get some anger out toward the fakes in your life.

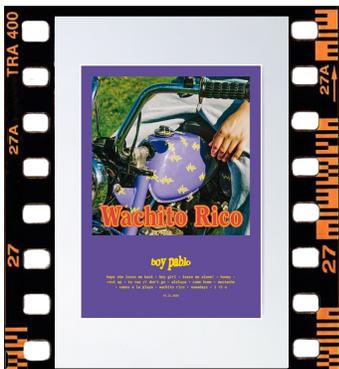


"agoraphobic" by CORPSE You've might have heard him in the recent Among Us gameplay videos with notable Youtubers due to his deep, yet baritone voice or perhaps you have been a fan of his scary story-telling content as Corpse Husband. Nonetheless, "agoraphobic" is CORPSE's first lo-fi song he dropped on October 20th and

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in it, he talks about his personal pressures of being an anonymous youtuber, as well as coping with his chronic illnesses on the side. The soft guitar playing in the background distracts one from the lyrics showing his dissatisfaction and questioning who he is. One of the reasons why this song speaks out to many is due to his lyrics, where he states, "But I love it when it rains, because I'm agoraphobic."

Being agoraphobic means to avoid large social gatherings due to high levels of anxiety, and as stated previously, many tend to relate to his situation. Although his song does not fall within the standards of a typical "lo-fi" song, it shows the authenticity Corpse has with his audience to be able to jump out of his comfort zone and experiment with newer sounds.

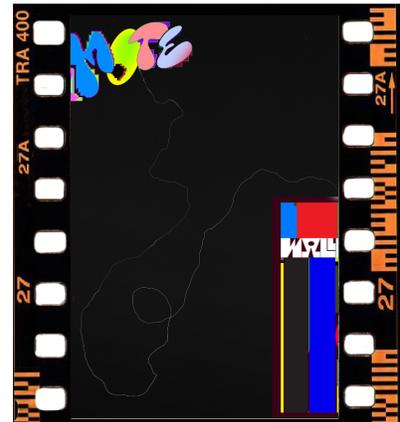


Wachito Rico by Boy Pablo

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Wachito Rico is Boy Pablo's first debut album, which he released on October 23rd.

The Norwegian-Chilean singer titled his album, Wachito Rico, which translates as handsome boy, keeping in touch with his Latin side. Throughout the album, he introduces a lot of his songs with 80's inspired themes, including some vaporwave sounds to put the reader in a dream-like trance. Some of my personal favorites off the albums were "Wachito Rico," "Leave me alone," and "Moustache" (which brought in a comical laugh). These songs have upbeat tempos to get you dancing, intertwined with Spanish lyrics and relatable messages, whether about being angsty and leaving the action too soon or wanting to dance the night away with someone you love.

Although there were some instances in which I found it lacking or the transitions were odd in terms of placing tracks, it still lived up to its full potential. Whether you're bored at home and or have nothing to listen to, pop this one in your speakers. I can assure it will cure your boredom.



The Remote EP is the American alternative rock band Wallows' 3rd musical project dropped since they began releasing singles in 2017. It consists of six tracks, (in total of 16 minutes) in which the trio decides to bend their genre and skills while all separated due to the pandemic.

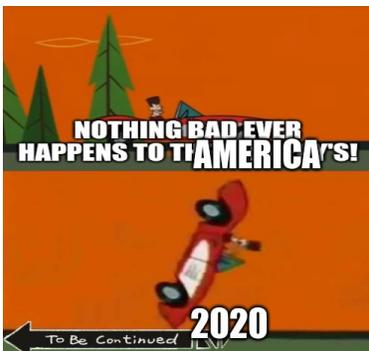
This project has a very playful and more joyful collection than their usual music style, with faster and more energetic flows using heartfelt and truthful lyrics, such as the songs "Wish Me Luck" and "Virtual Aerobics." Using a different source and method of production (Sachi, from the band Joy Again had produced the majority of it), all while keeping the steady concepts throughout the EP. Although it contrasts greatly from their prior music, Remote truly helps out being stuck at home during quarantine, and I highly recommend checking it out during your free time.

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