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Ms. Perdue prepares for prom

Jack Bartlett & Taylor Harr

As graduation rapidly approaches, the last milestone for seniors is prom. The preparation for this much anticipated night takes weeks of planning and decorating.

Many students go to prom without thinking of the hours of work that go into creating the magic of the unforgettable night. The night before prom for most involves a good night sleep and a relaxing evening, but for the prom committee, it is comprised of sweat, glitter, and last minute trips to Walmart.

Mrs. Perdue is the teacher in charge of all of this planning. She has been the organizer of prom for five years, so she knows exactly how to make this event sparkle. This year's theme is Enchanted Garden, and it will be nothing short of... well, enchanted.

One of the most rewarding aspects of planning prom is finding all the decorations. “There are a lot of less than stellar designs online, so I like to look for inspiration and then make my own,” said Ms. Perdue.



In an age where reducing, reusing, and recycling are highly encouraged, Ms. Perdue is also very conscious of buying items that can be used for several proms. “I’m also always on the lookout for a bargain. I love to find a good deal or even recycle decorations from previous proms,” Ms. Perdue said.

So what keeps Ms. Perdue committed to making THS’s Prom an unforgettable night? “It’s really fun! I enjoy planning it because

it’s almost like I get to plan a wedding every year. It’s just one big party. I just love doing it.”

This year at Prom, whether one is slow dancing with a date (who slow dances anymore?) or taking snapchat videos on the dance floor, the magic of the evening was made possible by the hard work of Ms. Perdue and the Prom Committee. On behalf of the Maroon & White, thank you for your hard work.

The fearless Mrs. Kirk jumps into competition

Meghan Bryant & Mary Huffard

On Friday, March 29th, all across Tennessee High, students were allowed to wear a hat for a donation of \$1. Cowboy hats and fedoras that would normally be against dresscode were seen throughout the halls.

All donations help THS battle against Virginia High School. Whichever school raises the most money will throw its principal off the Bristol Motor Speedway tower. The winning principal will plunge from the tower to celebrate their school raising the most money.

Your average person would be terrified at the prospect of plummeting from such a height.

However, our principal, Mrs. Kirk, is fearless.



She said that she is not scared at all because she absolutely loves

doing things that push her out of her comfort zone. She loves anything that produces an adrenaline rush and triggers an exhilarating feeling.

Mrs. Kirk is constantly seeking the next thrill. “I’ve done cra-

zy stuff in my life. I’m always seeking a thrill. . . In Hawaii I did a paraglide where you run down a mountain and then sky dive,” Kirk said.

Even as a child, Mrs. Kirk was an avid thrill-seeker. Nothing scares Mrs. Kirk, even heights.

Students walking in the mezzanine pass a photo of Mrs. Kirk skydiving, which she did earlier this year at the Laurinburg, North Carolina naval base.

“It was the most awesome thing I’ve ever done in my life. It doesn’t compare to anything. It was just fantastic,” Kirk said. Mrs. Kirk believes that everyone should be taking more risks in their lives. “Don’t let your fears overtake you if you really want to live your life to the fullest,” Kirk said.

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My Life as a Bat Girl

Lacey Robinson

Scrambling for a summer job is something I have never had to do. For the past nine years, I have worked for the Bristol Baseball Inc. as a Bat Girl. They were the Rookie affiliates of Chicago White Sox and currently are the Rookie affiliates of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Though this is not the most glamorous job, it is still filled with fun times and unforgettable memories.

Over the past nine years, I have been able to meet players from all across the world. Some come from parts of the United States, but others can come from as far as Africa, Netherlands, Australia and Dominican Republic! It is very neat to see all of the different cultures and personalities they each have from their homeland throughout the season. From the middle of June to the end of August, the season averages to have 75 games with roughly half of those being home games. One benefit from this is that I do not have to work any of the away games. This is a big plus because it allows me to get a break every now and then. Even with working half of the games, I still get paid a decent amount of money. After each season of getting paid \$7.25 per hour, I receive \$750-\$950 depending on how long the games lasted.

With every job, there is always going to be a downside to it. One of the negatives to this job is that I am required to wear a uniform. The uniform consists of a team jersey, team pants, tall black socks, black belt, black cleats, and a provided helmet. This uniform

is definitely not the most comfortable thing in the world, especially when I have to sit in sun, on a 70-80 degree day. Then there are also doubleheaders. A doubleheader is when a game gets canceled, most likely due to rain, and two games are played on another night. Double headers as well as rain delays bring late nights, which makes getting up and ready for school a difficult task.



There have been many amusing moments in the past nine years. As people come from all over the world, I get to listen to different languages as well. The most common foreign language is Spanish. The players teach me funny words like rainbow, which is arco iris, and other random things. I always try to figure out what they say to each other, but it is nearly impossible because of how quick-

ly they can speak.

Being on the field during the game means that I am taking the chance of getting hit with foul baseballs and bats. This has happened on more than one occasion. I have been hit in the leg, arm, and head (thank goodness for the helmet). It is so embarrassing when I get hit because it is like the game pauses. I have coaches and players rushing over to me while people in the stands asking me if I'm okay, but getting all the jokes about it afterwards makes it seem to be not as humiliating. Then there is always my worry I have of tripping. I am even more worried about tripping in front of the large crowds than being hit with foul baseballs and bats.

On some nights when the games tend to get boring, I start to get a fan club of people in the stands. Sometimes I cannot tell if they are yelling at me or cheering for me, but I like to think they are cheering for me. I often get little kids wanting my autograph and have even had kids who wanted their picture taken with me. Something not many kids can say is that they have worked with at least one of their parents. That is something that I can say. As embarrassing as it was, my mother was the other batgirl for the opposing team. She had always wanted to do it, and I agreed to let her do it on the last game of last season. It was definitely awkward having my mother working alongside me, but at the same time, this experience made the game more fun and memorable.

Home welcomes kids waiting for foster family

Cameron Shelley &
Riley McCracken

The Isaiah 117 house gets its inspiration from a verse in the bible that commands people to defend the fatherless. This home houses kids who have been taken from their homes and are about to be placed in a foster family. They aim to create welcoming

environment by having colorful decorations and giving kids toys to play with.

The founder of the Isaiah 117 house is Ronda Paulson. She herself had two foster kids that she has now adopted, and in the process of fostering them, she realized that the house they stayed at before coming to hers was more like an office. She had to take PATH classes in the same dingy conference room that some of the children were staying in. It was then that she “thought they deserved better.”

There are 36 state certified vol-

unteers who felt called to help and are on call 24/7 to meet the child at the house if he/she needs to stay. The volunteers aim to emphasize to the children that it is not their fault this is happening and make it feel like a day where they can do whatever they want. They cater to a child’s need, providing clean clothes, food, baths, or just someone to talk to. Then before the child leaves to go to their new home, they gift them with new school supplies to help them adjust.

If you would like to help this cause, you can participate in their 5k run on October 13th or

go to their website, www.isaiah-117house.com, to donate.



Kesha performs in region

Annie Hayes

As long as you haven’t been living under a rock, you would know the situation the pop singer Kesha has been through in the music industry.

Around 2010, most kids were definitely jamming out to the song “Tik Tok,” singing about how they woke up in the morning feeling like P. Diddy even though a lot of them didn’t even know who P. Diddy was.

At the time, she was known as Ke\$ha. Her aura could have been considered crazy or wild, but really, it was all about having fun and being young. But while we could

only see this side on the surface, there was much more going on behind the curtain. It was revealed that her producer, Dr. Luke, had been abusing her during her time working with him.

In 2015 she filed an injunction request to stop working with Dr. Luke.

On February 19th, 2016, Kesha had a court session to break free from her label and escape the abuse she was facing. The case went poorly for Kesha, and she was denied her request to break deals with Dr. Luke. A couple months later, her allegations of abuse were dismissed. She decided to drop her case and stated that she could only pray to once be again be as happy as she used to be.

Her big return was in July 2017 with her hit single “Praying”. But in 2018, Kesha was still prohibited from breaking her contract with Dr. Luke. And even with her newest liberating album, she is still tied. Many artists stood with Kesha, such as Taylor Swift, Lady Gaga, Miley Cyrus, Ariana Grande, and so many more using the hashtag #FreeKesha. Her battle has sparked lots of inspiration in many, and her single “Praying” was an anthem for the #MeToo movement, which gave those who have faced sexual abuse a way to talk about it.

As of right now, she is still performing with her new music with concerts that include the older music. I attended a concert of hers on August 1st, 2018 and also just attended one March 29th at Appalachian State University. The

arena seats about 8,000 people, so I would estimate that there were about 7,000-8,500 people there. The stands were almost full, and the floor was filled with students that attend ASU.

It is good to see someone who has been through so much adversity find the light at the end of the tunnel, but it is even better to hear it through music. She not only worked herself through this and liberated herself, but she has helped her fans and many other people stand up or speak up about abuse or other hardships that they have faced.



Vikings excel at state HOSA competition

Gracie Cunningham & Camille Flaherty

On Wednesday March, 27, the Tennessee High HOSA team traveled to Chattanooga to compete in the state HOSA competition. This team consisted of sixteen students who had previously competed at the regionals competition in Chattanooga earlier in the year.

Of the sixteen students who were in attendance, three placed in the top 10 in their events, two placed 4th, and Kendra Brent and Kameron Harkleroad placed first in the CPR and First Aid Competition, giving them the opportunity

to go to Nationals at Disneyworld later on in the year.

“I am so glad I found HOSA and have gotten to be a part of it during high school. Through it I’ve made so many friends and learned that I wanted to be a physician in emergency medicine,” Brent recalled.

HOSA requires a lot of work. During the morning of the competition, “we were all quizzing each other on our different skills as we were doing hair and make-up to make sure we were ready for each of our tests,” Brent said. Competing for hours and hours was obviously tiring but much more rewarding.

After all of the time and effort put into preparation for this competition, their hard work paid off



Cinema saturated with superheroes

Caseh Pace

Movie Cinema has been one of America’s mainstream “staple” attractions for nearly a century, but now the entire landscape of silver screen pictures will never be the same. Moviegoers are destined to feel the impact of the next massive trend that is... superhero movies. Formerly an abysmal movie market, now the superhero genre regularly shatters box office records and will soon take over (almost) all box office spots.

In 1975, “Jaws” hit a historic box office growth with \$470.7 million, with their movie only costing \$18 million to create. These profits

were unheard of for a movie at the time. Now, big-time production companies are sending out \$300 million into movies under their respected comic-book banners. These movies are all projected to multiply their investments with superior special effects and larger than life characters. “Shazam,” “Avengers: Endgame,” and “X-Men Dark Phoenix” are the three headliners this year, projected to make far more than any other movie coming out. No average movie can compete with these earnings without having some SCI-FI or genre-revolutionary twist that sways the average moviegoer their way.

Superheroes movies will never be “the underdog” for the yearly movie calendar. For example, despite coming out in the sec-

ond-to-last week of December, “Aquaman” soared through the box-office up until March, earning over 1 billion. The average movie only spends about 8-10 weeks in box office (less if the movie is doing poorly). This is only the end of April 2019, and we have already had five superhero giants claim box-office spots for at least six months! The outlandish movie budget and promotion makes sure they are always in front of the consumer.

Superhero movies are in line with America’s key-demographic when it comes to what movie the consumer wants to see. They are filled with heavy-tailored action, some lightheartedness, and tons of relatable inner struggles. But from the wise world of Marvel’s own Samuel Jackson, “superheroes

movies aren’t the only movies you should be watching.” There are thousands of directors pushing their vision into a “movie marvel” only for their dreams to be squandered, thanks to the plot not being centered around a billionaire with a suit or a god with a hammer.

Comic book fans have the right to be happy when their favorite comic-book is finally getting the opportunity to come to life. However, the final key point is saturation, when these movies come to a point of redundancy, and it will completely destroy the superhero genre. Fans of the genre should want people to go see other movies as well so the entire industry doesn’t revolve around comic book heroes. These movies should all get their time to shine and not overlap on the box office.

Barberitos offers student more than a paycheck

Aidan Carter

Getting a job is something everyone will have to do at some point in his or her life, and high school is usually the starting point for the long road of employment. Fellow

THS student Ethan Moore was recently hired at Barberitos on Euclid Avenue. This is Ethan’s first real job and definitely won’t be his last.

We recently had a chance to speak with Ethan about his opinions and experiences about this new change in his life.

The main reason he took this job was for a little extra pocket

money for some things like gas, food, and even some extra money for college. Ethan even stated his life has changed in a positive way since taking this job. It has taught him responsibility and how to manage and help people in the real world. Ethan also said, “The job has taught me better social skills and how to help and interact with people I’ve never met before.”

There are many young students taking jobs for the first time, dealing with the same challenges Ethan faces every day. It’s making the youth of today better people and helping them prepare for the next step in their lives, whether it’s college or the real world.

Class night changes encourage more participation

Kaitlin Rice & Kayla Rupe

This year’s class night at Tennessee High has now transitioned into a senior day, which will now include a breakfast for all seniors, an early morning awards ceremony, early dismissal, and class night later that night.

Normally, the senior Rotary breakfast on the morning of class

night is only accessible to the seniors who possess a 3.0 GPA or higher. However, the breakfast is now available to all of the seniors, no matter their GPA.

There will be a new early morning awards ceremony that family and friends are invited to attend that begins at 9:00 a.m. and will recognize scholarships and awards that the seniors have earned.

Following the awards ceremony, seniors will be allowed to leave school early. A large reason for

this is because the students’ family members will be attending the early morning honors ceremony.

The students will be able to leave school early and enjoy lunch with those family members that attend before returning to school for the class night ceremony later that night at 6:30.

The seniors this year will be able to create senior wills for class night if enough of the seniors decide that they want to do them. Senior wills allow the seniors to pass down or leave behind some

of their greatest high school qualities to another student.

According to Britni Sauceman, Tennessee High School’s librarian, a large reason that class night is changing is because the previous ceremonies at Tennessee High have “lasted too long.”

Sauceman hopes that this new class night will be a better overall experience for the seniors and their families.

Powell’s final season rests on grit and luck

Dawson Willis & Bryson Seymour

Money may seem like a universal sign of good luck due to it being, well, you know, money, but to Jarrett Powell, it is an actual good luck charm.

Jarrett always makes sure to have a \$10 bill tucked safely away in his back right pocket wherever he goes, whether it be going up to bat or just travelling to the store.

While excelling in the sport of baseball, he plans to drop it in favor of solely pursuing a higher education when attending college in the future.

He believes that the team is doing exceptionally well this season and hopes to win most if not all of their games.

Jarrett has said that the toughest part of his season is facing up against Dobyns Bennett, Daniel Boone, and Science Hill back-to-back-to-back in April.

Jarrett predicts that the team will

persevere and win these games this baseball season.

But these games can’t compare to the lingering pain of a broken back from a year ago.

Whenever he throws or swings during practice or a game, he always has to fight his tremendous back pains.

He always finds a way to power through no matter the circumstances.

He pushes through the pain for the betterment of the team and its members.



Musical festival and NASCAR unite in September

Damien Dillman & Gabby Vain

August-September will be busy months for the years to come with two of the biggest events falling so close together for the first time

ever. “Having NASCAR and Rhythm and Roots in the same week is going to be hard dealing with all of the traffic,” Jayce Ketron, recipient of the 2019 Dale Earnhardt Jr. Scholarship said. This is one of the many possible issues that could occur in our hometown of Bristol, Tennessee. Running into the year of 2020, the Rhythm and Roots Reunion festival will not be the same. The Birthplace of Country Music’s Leah Ross announced that the

festival will move to the weekend before.

Now you must be wondering how exactly the stacking of the two events will affect the people of Bristol and the events themselves. “I will be going to both the race and Rhythm and Roots. I’m a big fan of the Race and I love my country music,” Ketron said.

“It will be hard on Bristol economically because I feel like

prices will be raised just for the amount of people coming and going. It will be tough on traffic for BOTH events happening in the same week,” he said.

So, even though there happens to be a few figurative word blocks, Jayce’s love for both of the events is driving him to attend both of them and hopefully others feel the same way!

Maroon is all That matters!

Be Colorful at Prom 2019

Colby Bland

Prom is a night to dress your best and dance better than the rest. However, black suits are things of the past this year, especially if you want to stand out at this special occasion.

I believe that there is more to a suit than just the standard black color. Suit colors, such as gold, silver, gray, white, champagne, rose, etc. were seen at prom last year, but not nearly enough.

To contribute, I will be wearing a silver suit to prom this year; I encourage every guy to branch out on their options.

Dress colors, including yellow, blue, emerald, and pink compliment a silver suit well in my opinion.



As for another color, a champagne suit would complement a white dress exquisitely.

to girls; guys can choose too. In fact, more color contributes to more diversity at the dance.

There are millions of color combinations that a couple could wear for prom, so be sure to stand out in the crowd!

Prom is not just an occasion where color selection is limited

So before you settle with a black suit this year, explore the opportunity of being different. Although black suits can be more acceptable at many occasions, prom is the night to break boundaries!

Waffles vs. Pancakes

Riley McCracken

Life is hard. From the moment you wake, you are forced to make excruciating decisions that will determine your future. Should it be waffles or pancakes?

I personally believe that waffles are better than pancakes. While I still like pancakes, waffles have more flavor and are fluffier than pancakes.

Waffles are also easier to make. You simply put the mix in a waffle maker. There’s no such thing as a pancake maker. While

they both have the same taste, the dips in waffles hold more flavor, increasing the taste factor.

If you are not as hungry, then a pancake may be the way to go since they are thinner. Pancakes also are fun to mix in blueberries or chocolate chips. If you are someone who doesn’t like a lot of syrup, then you may enjoy pancakes more.

Waffles hold way more syrup than pancakes, and if you prefer other toppings, they can also hold held more blueberries or strawberries and anything else. You don’t have to eat the fruit and bread separate, like you sometimes do with

pancakes.

Pancakes and waffles are both very delicious, but in the end, waffles take the plate. Pancakes, while still good just don’t hold up to the favor that waffles provide.



Exam Exemption

Jessica Cook

Although the new exam exemption plan is a welcomed addition to our school, I have noticed that it could use a few changes.

A student can exempt a final exam when he or she has no unexcused absences in that period, with no more than three excused absences in that period, and is currently passing that class.

Almost everyone—if not the entire student body—would say they like the exam exemptions. I believe it is a great motivator for

the student body to “be present” and work to keep a passing grade.

Like all good things, the exemption policy does have its flaws. I believe that students should never be penalized for certain absences.

One of these is an absence for grievance because a student is penalized even when a student’s parent or guardian has passed away. I just feel in a time like that, a child has more to worry about than missing school.

I also believe that when there is a school-wide outbreak of an illness, students should not be pressured to come to school sick just to evade the final exam. Some-

times a student has a weak family member with a compromised immune system, and these high standards for attendance could spell disaster. When sickness spread throughout the school in February, I came home every day to a nephew who was born at 23 weeks. Sustained through oxygen, Braxton was very vulnerable.

A school’s first priority is to provide a safe environment for its students, and a school that cares will not force a student to decide between attaining high academic standards and taking care of his or her own health. With a few small adjustments, this final exam exemption policy can be made even better

Who gave you a column?

Jack Bartlett

Every day across Tennessee High, underclassmen and teachers alike joke about the effects of senioritis. Being late to class, having missing assignments, and possessing an utter lack of motivation are all common signs of senioritis.

As one who used to laugh at the idea of senioritis, let me tell you, it is very real.

After spring break hit, waking up every morning has become a struggle. I am so glad that seniors have designated parking spots this year, because if not, I genuinely have no idea what I would do in the mornings.

The new final exemption policy definitely keeps me coming in every morning. Because the one thing that scares me more than the deafening sound of my alarm clock, is the Honors Pre Cal and Honors Econ final exams.

Am I ready for graduation? Yes. Is senioritis real? Extremely. Am I running off 4 hours of sleep? You know it.



Places in THS you need to see before you graduate

- The basement
- The art room/ hallway
- Doc Maples Courtyard
- Behind the curtain on the stage in the auditorium
- Ms. McMakin’s balcony
- The Stairwell that Leads to Nowhere
- Digital Arts room
- The elevator
- Science storage room
- Custodian lounge under wellness rooms
- Theatre department storage area
- Band entrance hallway
- Diving tank room

10 things you need to do before
Graduation

1. Go on a cool spring break trip
There are lots of cool places you can go like the beach, a cruise, or even somewhere super close, as long as it's somewhere you would enjoy.
2. Go to a concert!
Whether it's your favorite artist or just a local concert, music is always fun.
3. Go on a road trip with friends
Traveling is one of the best things you can do. Close or far, it's always a fun trip. You don't even have to have a destination.
4. Pull an all-nighter
Just make sure you choose the right night!
5. Go to an amusement park
Whether that be Dollywood, or a bigger one, it's good to get your adrenaline pumping, and you might even conquer a fear.
6. Go on a date
Don't be afraid to ask.
7. Go to prom
Even if you have no interest, prom is something you'll always remember.
8. Make a time capsule
It might sound stupid now, but it can be a good way to reminisce or laugh when you open it decades from now.
9. Catch up with someone you drifted apart from.
Don't be afraid to talk to someone that you haven't talked to in a while. You only live once. Don't waste it holding grudges.
10. Graduate!!!!

Graduation

Expectations	Reality
You're feeling free, relieved from all of the stresses of high school.	You realize the stresses of college are going to be ten times greater than high school, so now you want to go back.
You throw a huge graduation party with all of your friends that you'll remember forever.	Your graduation party consists of your parents, grandparents, and two of your friends eating hamburgers.
You go on an extravagant trip with all of the money you get for graduation.	You realize you should save that money for the never ending college debt you are about to receive.
You can't wait to get away from Bristol and on to your new college town.	You miss Pal's so much you come back to Bristol every weekend.
Your summer will be filled with parties, vacations, and fun days with your friends before you	Your summer days consist of catching up on sleep, working, and planning your dorm room

Bubble Struggle relieves stress

Emma Davis

Have you ever had a ton of free time in a class and just got bored of being on your phone the whole time? Well there is a two-word solution to that: Bubble Struggle. Bubble Struggle in my opinion, is a 5-star game that never gets boring.

Bubble struggle has 50 levels with the two player mode and 72 levels with the single player mode. Each level gets consistently harder. The ultimate goal in the game is to shoot all the bubbles. During the game, you can get power-ups that help you beat each level.

Not only is it ultimately a super fun game to play, it also relieves stress when you play. It helps to be a distraction from everything else going on around you. It has helped me not to stress about tests or the fact I am going to have a

hard practice. I highly recommend it if you are stressed and have free time.



I have spent about 35 hours playing this game with a good friend of mine. It has honestly deepened our friendship since we were forced to work together to beat each level in the game.

To find this amazing game, just google “Bubble Struggle 2 unlimited.”

Best Root Beer Float in Town

Damien Dillman

The Root Beer Float, a chilled beverage that consists of delicious ice cream mixed with some sort of soft drink, is an American icon. Perhaps there’s no place more fitting to drink this beverage than our own Burger Bar, located just off of State Street.

I sat by the window and ordered my root beer float, and soon after,

my waiter arrived. The glass contained the perfect combination: 2-3 scoops of vanilla ice cream, 2 inches of foam and a temperature of 36.3 degrees Fahrenheit.

Upon drinking the treat, I had an instant flashback to my childhood. My dad and I used to grab root beer floats at the Tri Cities flea market just south of the speedway.

If you happen to be a fan of classic sodas and retro-based atmospheres, consider ordering a float at the Burger Bar. It’s nostalgia in a bottle.



A Movie to Remember: Prom

Meghan Bryant

Prom is seen as one of the highlights and most anticipated moments of high school, but it can also be very stressful. Insanely high prices, looking your absolute best, and who you’re going with are just some of the factors that come into play. During this time it might be nice to just sit and relax with a nice movie. The 2011 Disney movie Prom is a great choice to escape from the chaotic world of the Tennessee High School Prom. All around Tennessee High people are coupling up for prom. The movie Prom follows several very different couples going through the same struggles you are, perhaps just in different ways.

One of the first couples is Nova

Prescott and Jesse Richter. Nova first meets Jesse in the principal’s office. Jesse’s there for cutting class, while Nova is there because she is leading the prom committee. Nova and Brandon are the typical opposites attract trope that causes me to roll my eyes. It’s a really sweet concept, but in my opinion, it’s overused and unlikely. In reality, how often do people end up with their exact opposites? What are the chances of a bad boy with a goody-two shoes? It just seems like something I’ve seen a million times. However, it’s a cliché because it works, and is still enjoyable to watch.

Next, we have Lloyd. He’s terrified of girls, and showing interest in anyone. However, his step-sister convinces him to take a chance and ask a girl to prom. On his first attempt, he cut out magazine clippings and formed them together to ask the girl to prom. Cute right?

No. The girl he asked immediately started freaking out, wondering what sick person would ask her to prom in a similar way to a ransom note. Throughout the movie, he makes multiple attempts at asking various girls to prom, each with very low success rates. Lloyd’s scenes were some of my

favorite scenes in the movie. They were the lighthearted, silly, fun parts that made me laugh. He really brightened up the whole movie for me.

Lastly, we have Lucas Arnaz who is pining after his lab partner Simone. Lucas really shows audiences how awkward high school really is. From being caught having his best friend smell his breath, to having the same friend driving him and Simone to a party along with his mom, certain parts of this movie had me wanting to crawl into a hole from second-hand

embarrassment. His story did not end with him getting the romantic ending he wanted. Instead, he mended his friendship with his best friend. I really appreciated this, because I believe friends are one of the most important parts of high school.

I really enjoyed the multiple overarching stories throughout the movie, which come together at the very end. The movie shows numerous sides of high school: romance, friendship, and struggle. However, I feel it was a little inaccurate and hard to believe. In the end, everyone reaches a happy ending. Real life isn’t always a fairytale. Despite this, I’d still give the movie a pretty high rating. It’s a movie I’m not proud of enjoying, but enjoyed nevertheless.

Maroon is all
That matters!

hello
summer

Three dandelion seed heads are positioned to the right of the word "summer". They are drawn in a simple, black line-art style, showing the characteristic spherical shape of the seed heads with many small seeds radiating from a central point. The stems of the dandelions are thin and extend downwards.