

# THE WINDSOCK

## PERFECTLY TIMED TEARS

### BY: MACKENZIE MILLER

Watching Godspell finally come together was an exhilarating experience. It always is. Finally getting to see the fruits of your labour. This year particularly stood out to me, however, as the hours we put in were highly condensed and plentiful. With everyone called to every rehearsal, the ability of the cast to come together as friends, as well as actors, took the energy to a greater level than I had experienced previously. It made it all the more apparent how much COVID had actually affected us and our ability to connect with those around us. Despite our trials and grievances, I will remember this show for the cast. Our ability to collaborate for the sake of our collective sanity and the show, pairs remarkably well with our friendship and appreciation for each other. (Perhaps a little too well.)

That final week was the climax of a short but enthralling story. As we iced the cake and hosted our first audience, the familiar set of stories took a life of its own. The first act was mostly filled with lighthearted and comedic moments, whereas the second act became more emotional and thought-provoking. After almost three months of spending practically every day together, it was never too difficult to fall into the emotions of those final scenes. Particularly on our last show, as I recall many tears during that finale.



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Our wonderful director Mrs. Anderson once described our role in Godspell as having three layers. Firstly there was ourselves, the actors. Then the disciples that we played throughout the main portion of the show, plus the characters the disciples played in the parables skits. The finale is typically us acting as disciples, watching our friend die after the betrayal of another. During that last show, it was us, as actors, that really felt the weight of all we had accomplished together. The bond and community we had built over the last few months, and the realization that this was our final performance, especially for seniors, really concluded the show in the most appropriate manner. At least the tears were perfectly timed.

I am eternally grateful for this cast, and everyone who helped put this show together. May your future endeavours also include a healthy amount of laughs, chair throwing, and general chaos.

# STUDENT THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ON SCO SPIRIT WEEK

**BY: EMILY ROGERS**

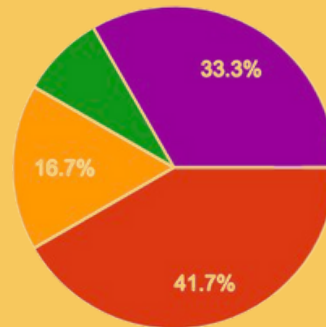
This past week, February 20-24, EMS SCO put on its second spirit week of the year! The week featured themes of Patriotic day, Class theme day, Inside-Out day, Groufit day, and ended with Neon day. I asked several high school students about their favorite themes for the week; the results are below.

What's the point of a spirit week, many ask? Some would say that hence the name, spirit weeks are designed to be 'spirit lifters.' Sometimes they occur right before significant events in the school, like homecoming or big sporting events, to raise spirit and awareness of such events. But they're also just a way for students to have fun and show love for their school. Some say they dislike participating because they get little say in the themes.

However, this spirit week included a somewhat customizable "Class theme day" where each grade chose its theme. I know the freshman, at least, were excited about their opportunity to wear pajamas to school!



## STUDENT SPIRIT WEEK THEME PREFERENCES



- Patriotic day
- Class theme day
- Inside-Out day
- Groufit Day
- Neon day



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## THE WINDSOCK WARRIOR ADVICE COLUMN

**What should I do if I am being harassed by those who prefer to put their milk before cereal?**

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No one actually prefers that. You're insane. 35 Southgate Ct #101, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Best of luck!

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**To: Windsock Warrior**

**From: Anonymous Student**

**How do I not be sad?**

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This one's remarkably easy, even for a fellow like me! I'd say that the easiest route towards eliminating your discontent would be to stop picking your nose and donate some old toys to charity! You feel good about yourself and some kid elsewhere gets something to mess around with! Best of luck!

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**To: Windsock Warrior**

**From: Anonymous Student**

**What's your opinion on furrries?**

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**To: Windsock Warrior | From: Anonymous Creature**

## How do I show my appreciation for the amazing stage manager in Godspell?

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This is an easy one, just tell him! I'm sure Ethan would appreciate a quick "thank you" or a high five. Another option is, especially if you're an actor, DO WHAT HE SAYS FOR THE LOVE OF MENNO SIMONS! IT'S NOT HARD! Or, if you're the gift-giving type, bring him a coffee. Being stage manager as well as a senior in high school can be pretty draining, and Ethan loves himself some dirty bean water. He especially likes caramel macchiatos. I hope this helps!

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**To: Windsock Warrior**

**From: Anonymous Student**

## How does one indoctrinate their friends into loving their favourite music?

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Ah, indoctrination... My favorite pastime (notice the spelling, Mackenzie). I just LOVE Taylor Swift. She's, like, totally so awesome. I especially love her songs "Me!," "Gorgeous," and "London Boy." Anyway, I've done this with a few of my friends, so I totally know it works. What you wanna do is make sure that anytime you hang out with them, you play Taylor Swift in the background. Turn up the volume just a little bit each time. Then eventually, your friend will totally love Taylor just as much as you do! I hope this helps!

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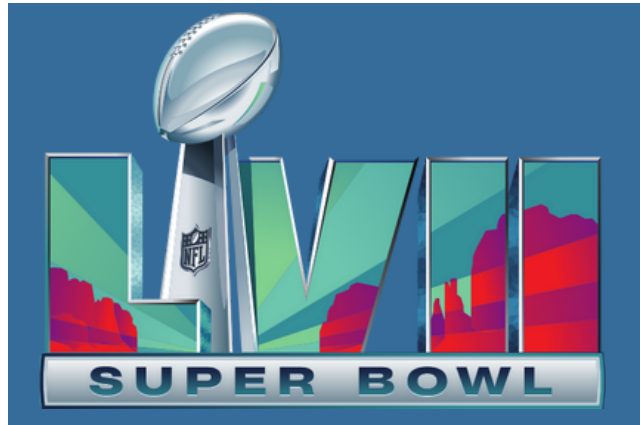
**HAVE QUESTIONS FOR  
THE WINDSOCK  
WARRIOR?**



# Super Bowl Excitement!

By: Norah Gerlach

As you may know, the Super Bowl occurred this Month on February 12th, featuring a close matchup between the Philadelphia Eagles and the Kansas City Chiefs. It was a very intense and exciting game, but in the end, the Chiefs came away with the win (a disappointment for my family). This year's Super Bowl had some firsts; this was the first Super Bowl featuring two Black starting quarterbacks, and it was the first time two brothers played against each other. But, as I watched the game, I wondered how long the Super Bowl had been going on. I discovered that the very first Super Bowl was on January 15, 1967. The teams that played in this Super Bowl were the Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs, the score 35-10, with the Packers winning. I also learned that the Super Bowl is the second largest eating day for Americans, with the first being Thanksgiving. Though we may not all be sports fans, the Super Bowl is an excuse to get together with friends and family to eat and watch the great event.



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## Baseball: A Haiku Poem

By: Luke Rogers



Throw Hit Catch Baseball  
Seymour is quite insightful  
He helps us win games





## THE PUPPY BOWL: FUR-EVER HOMES

BY: FORTUNATA CHIPETA

Since February 6, 2005, Animal Planet has hosted the canine competition, the Puppy Bowl! Now on February 12, 2023; an hour before the Chiefs took the Eagles in this year's Super Bowl, dozens of adoptable pets faced off in their own high-stake competitions. The rules of the Puppy Bowl are a lot simpler than football. Just like the Super Bowl, the puppies have two teams: Team Ruff and Team Fluff. The canine athletes face off for the Ultimate Chewy Trophy. The pups roam a mini football stadium decked out with chew toys and try to get a ball into one of two end zones.

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## WHO IS CRYSTAL DUNN?

BY: KATE PIPER AND FATIMA ERAZO

Crystal Dunn is a famous soccer player. She plays for the (USWNT) US women's national team as well as Portland Thorns FC which is the highest ranked team in the NWSL. Just this year, the Portland Thorns won the championship game for the NWSL. Crystal Dunn came back to playing soccer, in less than 4 months from being pregnant. While she was pregnant, she still went to soccer practice and practiced with the team, and even though it was just low intensity she tried her hardest to participate. For the USWNT she plays as an outside back (defender), but she has also played as an attacking midfielder in previous teams for the offensive side of things. She has helped stand up for the Black Lives Matter movement and has strong desires relating to equality for all. She plays a very significant role in every game and without her, teams would struggle because she is so aggressive on the defensive side of things.



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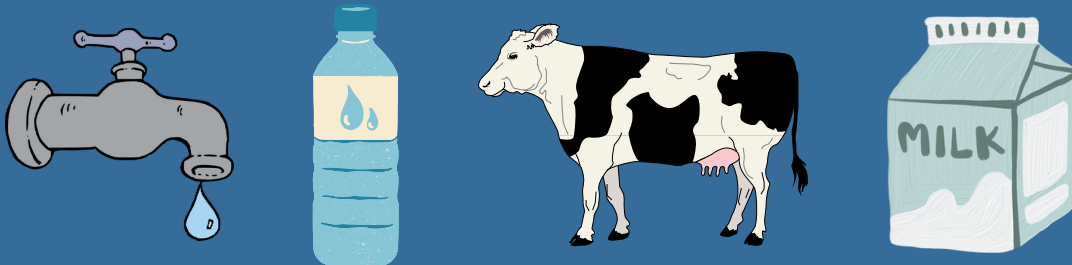
## LENT: A SEASONAL GUIDE

BY: ANNA MILLER

In the months leading up to Easter many religious foodies undergo spiritual testing during the church season known as Lent. These are some helpful cooking tips that will prepare you for this lenten season.

### TIP #1 - SUBSTITUTE MILK WITH WATER

Many people find it difficult to find a dairy replacement. Lent is all about being countercultural and replacements like “oat” and “almond” milk are hardly a sacrifice. The best replacement our experts decided on is water. You can find this at most grocery stores, my personal favorite is Fiji, but for a cheaper option simply use water from your kitchen sink. Some practical uses of this would be starting the day off with a bowl of Mini-wheats and Dasani, or eating a bowl of ice while watching a movie. People who have tried this method have smiles permanently plastered on their faces and you could too.



### TIP #2 - SUBSTITUTE FLOUR WITH QUINOA

Another common substance to give up is wheat. After many trials our experts decided the best substitute for wheat flour is actually Quinoa. I was skeptical at first, but my opinion completely changed after my first bite of a quinoa cookie! The texture was like nothing I ever tried; somewhere between eating a saturated dog toy and a burnt brick. The experts in the kitchen say it also works in breads, muffins, traditional mongolian feasts, scones, and much more!



So there you have it folks. A complete guide for food substitutions in the lenten season. You can now complete the next month and a half concentrating on the sufferings of Jesus, with plausible consumption alternatives.

# IMAGINE DRAGONS

BY: RYAN HOSTETTER

## Conspiracy Corner - Only the falsest yet truest facts for its readers



Just imagine dragons flying, soaring in the sky above our heads. You are probably thinking one of two things:

1. That would be AWESOME! It would be just like How to Train Your Dragon IRL
2. We would die. That would be the end of the world.

To both those responses, I say what is your evidence against dinosaurs existing? An untrained mind might not understand how dragons, dinosaurs, and people are connected, but they overlap a lot. Humans are really quite dumb creatures of habit with little creativity. I mean, when was the last time you changed your phone password? Exactly. We are not creative or smart and rely on nature to implant ideas into our heads. If dragons never existed, how would we have stories and movies with such great detail and ancient hieroglyphics about wars and mighty knights slaying the dragons?

Another thought to ponder is: is there actually a difference between dragons and dinosaurs? Flight might come to mind first as a key difference, but we have reason to believe several large dinosaurs could fly too. The only other sensible answer is dinosaurs couldn't breathe fire from their mouths... or could they? See, if they could, their natural ability to breathe fire would not look much different than a creature that can't breathe fire structurally. The only difference would be in their tissues and organs, which have long decayed since the last one was experimented on. So do we have any real evidence that dragons and dinosaurs aren't one of the same?

People say dinosaurs and humans couldn't have and can't live in the same time period, and to that, I say, have you met wild animals? From the Australian outback to the African savannah, there are many dangerous creatures that threaten humankind. We survived by being stronger and outwitting them. If dinosaurs were alive at the same time as us, would we not have done the same thing? The other fact is if someone did die in battle against a dragon, their tribe or community would not have left their body where it fell. They would have given their fallen comrade a proper burial or whatever type of death service they did at the time. In comparison, if a dinosaur/dragon died, they would have been left to fossilize where they were. That would explain why we don't often find human and dinosaur fossils in the same grave.

Also, if an asteroid really did kill all the dinosaurs and dragons, why did the heat not cremate them? I mean, just imagine... dragons... burn?



# MODEL UN CLUB HEADS TO NAIMUN

BY: EFFIE EADS

The Model United Nations club recently took a trip to Washington DC for the North American Invitational Model United Nations convention, also known as NAIMUN. We stayed at the Washington Hilton for 3 days and met with other delegates from all over the world to discuss and debate international issues and crises past and present. EMS delegates represented the countries of The Gambia and the Republic of Guinea, and individuals such as Michael Ellis, Sir Mark Hendrick, and Nidia Diaz, in simulations of committees such as the United Nations Human Rights Council, the International Labor Organization, the British House of Commons, and the 1992 Chapultepec Peace Accords, just to name a few.

Kat Kolodinsky, a freshman who represented Norman Quijano in the Chapultepec Peace Accords, says this: "I enjoyed our fun conversations, and {when our group was} just chilling in our {little} school area waiting for the bus." Karinna Fink, a junior who represented The Gambia, enjoyed choosing which group she was going to cooperate with and exploring DC and finding new restaurants. She also says, "When our chairperson, who wasn't our chair but one of her helpers, prank-called her sister and told her sister she was pregnant, that was pretty nice too." Abby Garber, a senior who represented Nidia Diaz in the Chapultepec Peace Accords, said, "Being able to explore our nation's capital with other youth who are passionate about diplomacy and problem-solving is an experience I'll never forget." Karinna Fink responded to this, saying, "Okay, period, Abby, using those big words!" Hannah Dredger, a junior who also represented The Gambia, responded as well, saying, "Well good for you {Abby}, but the mosh pit at the {Delegate} dance was lit."



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