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MY BIGGEST FEAR IS... 22

Marksmen share their deepest, darkest fears.

STUDENT FEEDBACK NEEDED

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much more than we know.

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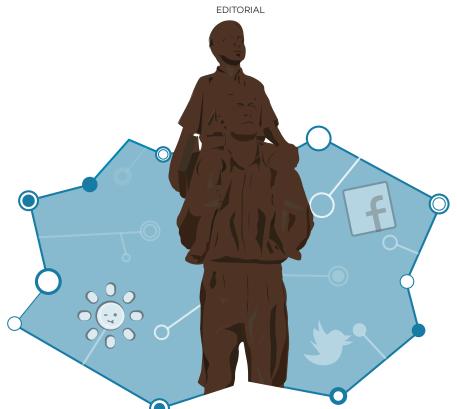
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## Being a Marksman, 24 hours a day

fter a severe case of cyberbullying by a Marksman on the anonymous app Brighten in December, the idea that an individual's actions can damage the entire school's reputation has become apparent.

For all of five days, the infamous "compliment" app allowed students to anonymously wreak irreparable damage to other students' self-esteem with despicable, hateful comments.

However, it's not what users were caught saying that is most troubling: it's the culture that encouraged nearly all Upper School students to download the app and either insult their peers or spectate the bullying — that is worst

Even after the admonitions, chapel talks and class meetings the students have attended in the last weeks, something remains to be said about being a Marksman not just at school, but at home, and more prominently, online.

Although students only attend this school from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., it is implicit that students represent the school all hours of the day.

It may not be written in *Lion Tracks* or written in the Honor Principle, but as a teenager, the chief way of identifying neone is by his school.

It is not uncommon for a teen-

what

next

month

Here's a topic that will hopefully provoke real thought and insight.

ager's Facebook, Twitter or Instagram bio to proudly include his school and graduation year.

However, Brighten isn't the only app that has landed students in awkward situations. All Facebook users have seen fiery rhetoric that they may not agree with shared by friends.

Still, it is the students' duty to avoid either sharing provocative content on Facebook or instigating an argument over a cause that would not reasonably be resolved over the

One can ask himself: is this something I would have a discussion about in person?

It is the wall of anonymity the internet provides that leads to these arguments, so thinking about removing that wall should help to make a better

Just recently, a student at Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio, committed suicide after being cyberbullied for many months.

Something so tragic happening so close to home serves as a sobering reminder that hateful words, whether anonymous or not, can have a far worse effect than ever imaginable.

One could wonder: what if that

were a Marksman?

The scary thing is, the hateful comments some students here wrote rivaled the bullying this student received.

The main difference between the two cases is that the bullying here was discovered and shut down far sooner.

Some may argue that students should be separate from the school after hours and exempt from disciplinary action at school for their actions off campus.

However, we believe that actions like bullying another student with abusive language over the internet certainly deserves punishment at school.

Marksmen should not only think twice before writing something potentially controversial online but, just as importantly, not tolerate their classmates' abusive language online.

Preventing issues like these from occurring again requires more than just an assembly and a strongly spoken lecture. It requires a change in the culture of online behavior here.

Finally, remember that being a Marksman is more than just attending this school. Being a member of this community comes with the responsibility of upholding the values of the school on campus — and off. Whether it's written in the rules or not.

## My biggest fear is... "The unknown."

— Senior Eric Li

"Boyd Howard."

— Junior Hyer Thomas

"Spiders."

Seventh grader Rajan Joshi

"Homework."

— Sophomore Perry Naseck

"Being an ostrich."

— Senior Daniyaal Kamran

"Drowning."

-Freshman Billy Stalder

My dream vacation is to... email submissions to 16caldwellw@smtexas.org