

THE REST IS HISTORY



Junior Tanner Cole watches CNN Student News in Mrs. Stephanie Knowles' history class. "I like watching the news because it keeps me updated," he said.



"My dad (teacher Tony Kirk) and I have a lot of funny inside jokes," junior Grayson Kirk said. "When they come up in class, we both can't stop laughing."

AP TEST
END OF COURSE
POWER POINTS
HALL PASSES
SARCASM
PROJECTS
SOCIAL EXPERIMENTS
AND LAUGHTER TOO



When Mr. Kirk's hall pass went missing, junior Hannah Rainer decided to take matters into her own hands. "I knew I had to do something, so I could leave class when I needed to," Hannah said. She googled "bedazzled hall passes" to make a new one.

1. AT THE CHAPTER 20 PARTY, AP U.S. History students Nate Bultemier and Maddox Manthei load their plates with Chicken Minis before the class discussion. [LDavis] 2. IN FRONT OF THE CLASS, senior Reagan Thomas talks about the political cartoons he chose for his government project. "The hardest part was figuring out what each cartoon meant," he said. [LGuyton] 3. BEHIND THE FACE of his assigned explorer, Christopher Columbus, sophomore Zach Carpenter presents his report in Mrs. Stephanie Knowles' World Geography class. "We had to talk like we were the explorers," he said. [THurst] 4. LOOKING OVER HER NOTES, junior Emily Engstrom prepares for her AP European History test. "Since our tests are mostly vocabulary, I become a super nerd and color code my flashcards," she said. [LGuyton] 5. CLASS DISCUSSIONS in Mrs. Knowles' class consist of her peering over her podium and answering questions from her students. "I'm usually the one who states my opinion and makes the class laugh," senior Thomas Erwin said. [MHowell]



CONTROVERSIES

CLASS

CURRENT EVENTS KEEP STUDENTS INVOLVED The Ebola outbreak spreads. Ferguson shooting causes riots. Isis terrorist group broadcasts beheadings. The San Francisco Giants win third World Series. Wildfires rage through California. One World Trade Center opens. Texarkana voters approve liquor sales on the Texas side of the city. Wal Mart moves onto Richmond Road and into the PG neighborhood. Heavy rain and storms in April and May cause major flooding across the state and along the Red River in Texarkana.

EBOLA



The Ebola cases in Dallas had everyone debating whether it would spread to Texarkana. When Mrs. Leslie Abston brought it up, in class, sophomore Cameron Edwards wasn't really worried. "It didn't scare me because I figured they'd get things under control," he said. [CCrain]

THE POLLS



Mr. Tony Kirk's government class made senior Travis Old more interested in voting. On the day of the November election, he went to the poll with a clear decision in his head. "Voting made me feel more grown up than I thought it would," he said. [MHowell]

ISIS



Junior Brittany Awuah learned all about the Muslim extremist group and what was going on in the Middle East because of Mr. Kirk's history class, and it didn't sit well with her. "After hearing about the possible threats, I feel like we should raise the white flag and just let it go," she said. [THurst]

NOT ALL TALK

SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSES WEREN'T ALWAYS INVOLVED IN A HEATED DEBATE

The year started with Ebola and ISIS. Before it was over, history and social studies classes found plenty to talk about beyond the textbook topics during class discussions. However, class didn't stop there. Projects put debates on hold, at least for a class period.

DRESS TO IMPRESS

Students in Mr. Tim Baldwin's Psychology class made a commitment to social experiment by dressing out of character for a day. While it was confusing for some people to see their friends in unusual clothing, junior Logan Kauai made it through the day with only a few stares and questions from friends.

"I wore a Hawaiian shirt and beads to represent my heritage," Logan said. "Mr. Kirk really seemed to like it—I matched his shirt."

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

After sitting through six weeks of Mrs. Leslie Abston's lectures about global history, sophomores finally get assigned their first group project—mythology. With up to 15 bonus points allowed for creativity, some students took their projects to the next level.

"One group did Bacchus, the Greek god of wine making, and everyone got glasses of

sparkling grape juice," Mrs. Abston said. "I love seeing how each student shows what the myth means for them."

CHA-CHING

With charts and graphs dancing in their heads, seniors in Mrs. Stephanie Knowles' Economic Honors class took their knowledge of supply and demand around Texarkana—with a shopping list in hand. Comparing grocery prices helped the students understand the economic factors involved in buying and selling.

"What I really learned was that it's worth the drive to a store across town to save money," senior Austin Taylor said.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN

There's no better way to finish up a lesson than watching a movie that matches the period. In Mr. Kirk's US History class, movies helped the class grasp each concept from the time period they were studying.

"The Story of Us" videos are what helped me understand different periods in our history," junior Morgan Morris said. "As long as I stayed awake through them all."

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"Mr. Kirk really knows how to connect with his class." Jackson Kennedy (11)

Grayson Kirk [11]: "Having my dad as my teacher was a little weird on the first day of school, but now it's just an everyday deal to see each other in class. Our inside jokes are the same at home, too."

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