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Student Council to host EDM inspired homecoming

By Lorena Beltran

Spring Valley will celebrate its annual homecoming tradition this week with a Thursday Night Lights football game against Sierra Vista on Thursday, and an Electronic Dance Music event on Saturday night. This year's homecoming theme is a spin off of the "I <3 Radio music

festival" called "I <3 Grizz".

The dance will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday in the gymnasium. Tickets can be bought at the banker or the door for \$25. The decorations for the dance will be a spin off of Electronic Dance Music called Electronic Grizzly Music. It will feel like a concert with lasers, black lights, and

a fog machine, according to members of the Spring Valley High School Student Council. Electronic Dance Music or EDM is typically played in clubs and is known for its heavy bass and electronic sounds.

There will be a professional photographer there to take pictures.

The annual homecoming

football game will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday and will feature the Spring Valley Grizzlies verses their rivals, the Sierra Vista Lions. The game will be televised on Channel 12. The Student Council will also host its annual Wing King Competition and Offence vs. Defense tug of war at Friday's assembly.

Despite how much stu-

dent council has planned, members and Advisor Amy Langhorst said preparation is easy when you have a great team to work with.

"We have so many great kids and they have a great advisor with more than 10 years of experience," said Mrs. Langhorst, who also won Nevada's Student Council Advisor of the Year

for 2015.

In addition to voting for a Homecoming King and Queen, students will be able to vote for the administration "Supreme Ruler." Attendees must be sure to bring all their pennies because voting this year will be a penny war.

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Spring Valley applies to be IB school next year

IB DIPLOMA CRITERIA:

- Pass six IB exams
- Six consecutive years of one foreign language
- Community service hours
- Research Paper
- Year-long project

By Zach Oliver and Ruben Oesterling

This year, Spring Valley High School is beginning the process to become one of six International Baccalaureate (IB) schools in the Clark County School District. An IB school is an educational foundation that offers four elite programs of international studies to increase a student's work ethics in both school and out in the world. This will mean modifications to student's daily schedules to help them receive an IB diploma.

Spring Valley will become an official IB school in three years, but students will see many changes before then, including a four-by-four block schedule, new classes needed to graduate and an increase in student population. The block schedule includes eight classes, each lasting for an hour and a half.

"My job here is to get things up and running," explained Spring Valley's newly hired IB Coordinator, Mr. Tony Gebbia.

Spring Valley was asked to be an IB school by the Superintendent of the Clark County School District, Pat Skorkowsky. Mr. Gebbia was then hired and Spring Valley was able to apply for two programs, one of



PHOTO COURTESY OF MRS. LISA KEITH

Spring Valley seniors prepare for the first annual graduation walk on May 26, 2015. This new tradition celebrates soon-to-graduate students and by allowing them to parade through the school and show off their many accomplishments with cords, medallions and other commemorative graduation accessories.

them being the International Baccalaureate Middle Year Program (IBMYP). IBMYP begins with 6th graders, and ends in 10th grade. Spring Valley was partnered with Johnson High School, to offer all five years of the program. Once students take IBMYP, they are then

able to start the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP).

"Spring Valley is already a successful school, IB would make it better," Mr. Gebbia said.

The IBDP enables students to receive a special graduation credential, the

IB diploma, as soon as they finish the program's requirements for their 11th and 12th grade years. The requirements include: Passing all six IB exams, a research paper, taking six years of the same foreign language, mandatory community service hours and a

year-long personal project. Though if a student doesn't successfully acquire the IB diploma, they will, in most cases, obtain the advanced honors diploma on graduation day.

When a student earns an IB diploma, they can use some classes as college

credits in the United States and skip many college core classes. It can also give student's the ability to go to a college out of the U.S., such as Cambridge or Oxford University.

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Assessments to make up 80 percent of grades

By Amai Mims

Spring Valley High School students may want to cram a few extra nights of studying in before tests, now that the grading system has been changed to include 80 percent assessment, and 20 percent classwork. This means that 80 percent of student's grades will be derived from test scores. Assessments typically include tests, quizzes, presentations and projects. In previous years,

the policy was 70 percent assessment and 30 percent classwork and homework, which makes a dramatic ten percent difference in the grading process.

"This is more of a district wide decision," explained Principal Tam Larnerd, of the newfound policy.

Mr. Larnerd expressed that teachers don't know who's actually doing a student's homework, and that homework is just practice.

Even though it's part of the student's grade, it shouldn't be as big or equal to assessments he said.

"Students aren't going to be overly penalized, when they forget to do their homework," Mr. Larnerd explained.

Some students say the change is helpful and convenient.

"I have missing assignments in a class, but I have a high grade because of good test scores," said

Senior Aldo Montenegro. While there are students who agree with this new policy, there are other students who disagree.

"Why did they make this change; do they want us to fail?" complained Senior, Kalynn Lesley. She believes that this new policy is causing more stress.

"The grade should represent what you know, not what you may or may not know," Mr. Larnerd expressed to

the students that tests show what you are capable of, while homework is something that is forgotten not a reflection of knowledge.

Administrators believe that the new policy is a positive improvement for the school.

"The grading policy is very fair," said Assistant Principal, Toni Cooper.

"The test results are going to show what you know," she said. She believes that there isn't a big change at all.



FACES AROUND CAMPUS

Big League Dreams



PHOTO BY GARRISON GAVIN

Senior Carson Foremaster announces a varsity basketball game against on Thursday September 24. Foremaster has been the official athletic announcer since his sophomore year, and has commentated more than 150 games.

By Justin McGee

He has commentated more than 150 Spring Valley (SV) games, and has attended more than 200 of them. Always in SV gear, Senior Carson Foremaster has not only made himself a familiar face around SV, but a familiar voice as well.

Since Foremaster arrived at Spring Valley two years ago, he has repeatedly shown that he is at the heart of SVHS sports and is the ultimate announcer.

"He has the perfect voice of a commentator," said Sophomore Amai Mims, who often hears Foremaster's commentary during basketball games.

Last year, Foremaster called every volleyball and basketball game held at Spring Valley High School. This year, Foremaster said he plans to do the same.

Foremaster commentated his first game during his sophomore year: a J.V. girls basketball game.

"He was requested by a couple of coaches asking if he would like to call a game," Said Athletic Administrator Greg Stack.

"He said yes, and has been the SV commentator ever since."

Since then, Foremaster has had the opportunity to do commentary at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Green Valley High School.

One game Foremaster says he will never forget, was last year's girl's basketball showdown against Faith Lutheran for the Regional Championship. In a game that went back and forth by the second, Spring Valley took home a 63-55 win. Even in a stressful event, Foremaster said its all about building support with the fans.

"I love getting the crowd amped up at games; that's my favorite part," Foremaster said.

Fans who hear Foremaster's commentary often remember his funny comments and boundless enthusiasm that makes going to the games even more enjoyable to watch.

"Carson brings life to the games," said basketball player Leilaysia Watkins. "There was one time when they tried to replace him with someone else, and it honestly wasn't the same. No one felt as pumped and there wasn't much humor while the girls played. He's great!"

Foremaster plans on continuing his commentary at Spring Valley until he graduates next year, and has dreams of becoming the basketball commentator for UNLV.

Graduation rates steadily increase for past three years at SV



PHOTO COURTESY OF MRS. LISA KEITH

Seniors from the 2015 school year walk the campus in their new graduation garb, exited to finally receive their diploma after four years of hard work.

By Brenda Dorantes

In the past two years, the graduation rate at Spring Valley High School has increased 12 percent, according to Principal Tam Larnerd. The graduation rate for the class of 2013 was 70.4 percent, just under Clark County School District's 71.5 percent. In 2014 it rose to 77.84 percent. The most recent graduates of 2015 had a 82.53 percent graduation rate.

"I'm ecstatic," said Mr. Larnerd. "Last year when we went up over seven points, I was excited about that."

Mr. Larnerd largely credits Cornell House Administrator Ms. Tara Powell for skyrocketing graduation scores. To get more students to graduation, Ms. Powell put together a plan for incoming seniors who were credit deficient. Those eligible were able to come in after school ended in June for three weeks to make up courses. Last years seniors made up 72 courses using Apex credit retrieval which allows students to retake some core classes online.

"This year our goal is 85 percent for the class of

2016," Mr. Larnerd said.

For the first time in Nevada history sophomores and juniors will only have to pass their classes in order to graduate. The district has created a new test but does not know what the score should be to determine if students passed or failed. Juniors and sophomores will take their proficiency test, but they will not have to pass it in order to graduate.

"It's an extraordinary opportunity for the class of 2017 and 2018," Mr. Larnerd explained.

On the other hand, freshmen will have to pass their classes and pass their end of course exams to graduate.

Spring Valley is a three star high school. According to the old report card - that will change - if the graduation rate went up to 83 percent or higher, the school will become a four star high school. This change and the new International Baccalaureate (IB) starting next year could help the school be more eligible for students that are zoned to Spring Valley but choose to attend schools with higher ratings.





Clark County teachers protest pay freeze

By Ashlend Laparra

"Calling all heros!" an ad for Clark County School District teaching positions proudly declares, as an iconic image of Superman pulling at his shirt to reveals the text, 'Teach Nevada.' It's an ironic image to many teachers in Clark County, who feel that CCSD treats them with far less respect than any hero deserves, especially after the district has called for a freeze in salary raises- one promised in the teacher's annual contract.

The Clark County Education Association (CCEA) and the Clark County School District met for negotiations on September 2 to discuss proposals for a new salary schedule. Despite language in the contract that promises raises for years of experience and additional education, none were given this year after many teachers said they spent thousands of dollars on continuing classes to become better teachers.

Former Spring Valley math teacher Mrs. Jennifer Manning was one of many who were disappointed by the districts decision to short-change teachers. Rather than simply complaining, however, Mrs. Manning decided to take action by staging a one-man protest outside of the school district office.

"I had so many feelings of anger, frustration and hurt that I decided to convert that negative energy



PHOTOCOURTESY OF AMBER LOPEZ-LASATER

Clark County School District teachers rally outside of Stanford Elementary School on September 23 to protest a freeze put on teacher salaries in June. According to the CCSD contract, teachers are entitled a raise every year as their years of experience and education increase.

into something positive," said Mrs. Manning, whose goal was to rally teachers together and bring change. And her plan worked, since Mrs. Manning's first picket, teachers around the district have staged nearly a dozen protests - some gathering hundreds of teachers.

It is no secret that CCSD

is in a teacher shortage. At the beginning of the 2015-16 school year, there were approximately 800 vacant teacher positions. As CCSD scrambles to fill empty positions, many long time educators feel neglected and forgotten. One way the district has attempted to attract new

teachers is by offering a \$5,000 bonus for those who move to CCSD.

Despite these moving bonuses, CCSD claims they do not have the money to pay for salary increases this year. In an effort to reach an agreement, the CCEA made a proposal to CCSD including: better health benefits,

salary raises, and bonuses to those who take more courses to become better educators. This proposal would cost a total of 70 million dollars for one year.

CCSD's counter included no contributions to health benefits and a continued freeze on educators salaries. CCSD's proposal would

cost 21 million year. If both the CCEA and CCSD do not compromise the budget, the matter will go into arbitration and a third party will resolve the matter.

Ms. Jill Jaeger, a U.S. history teacher at Spring Valley

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Nevada's 2015 Teacher of the Year becomes Spring Valley dean



PHOTO COURTESY OF MR. IAN SALZMAN

Spring Valley High School dean Mr. Ian Salzman poses with President Barack Obama this summer after winning the 2015 Nevada Teacher of the Year and being invited to the White House.

By Jade Brooks-Lizaola

After teaching at Spring Valley High School for the past nine years, Mr. Ian Salzman officially became Spring Valley High School's newest dean on August 10. Now, instead of helping

seniors graduate through AVID, or pass AP Language and Composition, Mr. Salzman's role has shifted as head of the freshmen, University of Nevada, Las Vegas house.

"Administrators were teachers once and we still

are, but we have a different role," said Salzman of his new role on campus. "We (Administrators) still teach, but to a certain audience."

Among Mr. Salzman's responsibilities are giving freshmen guidance for graduation, dealing with dis-

ciplinary issues, and creating expectations for students that will last throughout their four years at Spring Valley. Mr. Salzman is also the head of clubs and activities.

Even though Mr. Salzman said he misses working in the classroom, he loves that being a dean means he gets to help even more students graduate.

During his years teaching, Mr. Salzman was recognized for a number of accolades including the the 2015 Teacher of the Year, which allowed him the opportunity to meet President Barack Obama at the White House.

Around campus, Mr. Salzman is known as one of the kindest teachers who is always willing to help students and push them towards graduation.

Mr. Salzman has also received the 2012 CCSD Teacher of the Game Award, and 2012-13 Outstanding Mentor Award from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

"I was excited to stay working [at Spring Valley] with great students and staff members," said Salzman of his ability to be a dean at Spring Valley.

NEVADA NEWS

State adopts new anti-bullying policy

By Landon Pham

On Wednesday May 20, 2015, Governor Brian Sandoval signed Nevada Senate Bill 504, a new anti-bullying law that took effect on July 1. The law was proposed and passed after a 13-year-old girl at Carson City Middle School was bullied and committed suicide. Although there have always been laws against bullying, the newest addition is meant to be stricter than ever on bullies, and requires witnesses to report anything they see by law.

Senate Bill 504 is different than the old article because the consequences are stricter than ever for students and requirements are more involved for witnesses. The Clark County School District has cracked down on bullies and now includes bullying in its list of six ways to become expelled from the district and put on trial.

Some cases may be bad enough to be treated as a major offense. The same rules apply for cyber-bullying. Once reported, the school is required to hold an investigation and take disciplinary action against the bully. The new bullying

policy does not only affect students, but teachers as well.

Section 12 of this bill states "A teacher, administrator, principal, coach or other staff member who witnesses a violation of NRS 338.135 (bullying) has occurred, shall report this violation to the principal." The report must be made no later than 6 p.m. on the same day that they've witness the violation. This means that staff members who do not report a bullying incident could lose their job or face disciplinary action.

The new anti-bullying policy was written to create a safe and respecting learning environment.

"Students only learn if they feel safe," Principal Tam Larnerd said. He stated that he used to get bullied in high school because of his first name, being Tamathy. Mr. Larnerd also noted the importance of reporting incidents.

"Always make a report if it's truly impacting your learning," Mr. Larnerd said. Create space, change your daily routine, and be care-

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New Librarian to bring positive changes



PHOTO BY MS. TARA VERDEROSA

Ms. Darcy Bechtel was hired at Spring Valley High School this summer and came from Valley High School. Ms. Bechtel is an avid reader, and said she already feels at home with the Spring Valley family.

By Cheyenne Tamashiro

Spring Valley High School gained a new librarian this year, after the departure of Ms. Julian Clark, SV's librarian for the past five years. Transferring from Valley High School, Ms. Darcy Bechtel was hired by Principal Tam Larnerd this summer, and is one of the newest additions to the Grizzly Family.

Ms. Bechtel is a reading enthusiast, not only because she is a librarian, but because she loves and values reading.

"Read. Read a lot," she simply stated when asked about what someone should do if interested in studying English. More importantly, however, Ms. Bechtel said the library is an integral part of learning, and that students should find an area they enjoy, and continue to pursue it.

As the new librarian, Ms. Bechtel said she would like to make a few changes.

"I plan on making some adjustments to the library to make it more comfortable for the students," she said. Some

of these adjustments are: new couches and moving the tables for more room to relax. She also has a hope of getting laptops in addition to the computers that the students use daily for more convenience. Ms. Bechtel is open to any suggestions that can make the library better.

Makayla Bailey, a junior attending Spring Valley High School, said she has always enjoyed going to the library, but has come to like seeing Ms. Bechtel when she makes a visit. "Since I began working

here, everyone has been treating me well," said Ms. Bechtel. Both the students and staff have welcomed her with open arms.

"Over the summer, a group of students helped me re-arrange the library," and has since been receiving help and making good connections with the students since the school year has begun.

"Thank you for welcoming me. I feel very wanted here," Ms. Bechtel said with a bright smile.

As SVHS welcomes the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, Ms. Bechtel is hoping to continue helping the students with what she can do with the library. She stated the IB program itself will not affect her greatly, but it will affect students and the way in which they utilize the library.

"It's a better way of looking at learning and the focus is on the bigger issues in the world," Ms. Bechtel voiced her thoughts on the IB program and how more useful it may be to students.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Oct. 16

Homecoming Dance

When: 6 p.m.
Where: SVHS gym

Saturday Oct. 24

JAG Trunk or Treat

When: 6 p.m.
Where: SVHS parking lot

Friday Oct. 30

**Nevada Day
No School**

Saturday, Nov. 14

Winter Sports Tryouts

IB

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According to Mr. Gebbia, IB has a high school graduation rate of 100 percent and a college acceptance rate of 100 percent, with 98 percent of IB graduates finishing college. The reason for this is that IB encourages students to try harder, improves their organization and work ethics, and challenges them with

harder courses.

"I don't want any negative changes here in Spring Valley," Mr. Gebbia stated.

Spring Valley's principal, Mr. Tam Larnerd said he is very appreciative of Mr. Gebbia's help in the process.

"We are very fortunate to have recruited Mr. Gebbia," Mr. Larnerd said.

With Mr. Gebbia's help, Mr. Larnerd will be able to accomplish his current goal: to increase Spring Valley's population. Right

now, only 2,000 students attend Spring Valley. Once Spring Valley becomes an IB school that is regularly recognized for excellent programs, Mr. Larnerd said more students than ever will be flocking to Spring Valley.

One of the major alterations will be the four-by-four block schedule, as mentioned before. When asked how he sees Spring Valley in ten years, Mr. Larnerd replied,

"It will truly be the premiere high school in Clark County."

BULLY

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ful of what you post.

Some students agree that the new policy is great for schools. Kaitlynn Pham, a freshman thinks its a good idea.

"The new bullying policy is better and I think it will decrease the amount of bullying going on," Pham said.

On the other hand, students also believe the new bullying system is too strict. Junior, Mary Phillips said

that she doesn't agree with the policy.

"Bullying isn't too serious to have every little incident reported," Phillips said. Although she admitted bullying can sometimes be serious, the process of reporting seems like a waste of time, she said.

Despite some students uncertainties about the new policy, the Clark County School District said it strives to always provide a safe learning environment, something they feel the new law will address.

DANCE

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Whoever has the most money in their jars will be crowned the supreme ruler of Spring Valley High School.

"Student Council is going to strive to make 2015's homecoming experience like never before," said Student Body Vice President Alex Fernandez.

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High School is one of many teachers fighting for the rights of her fellow educators. Mrs. Jaeger explained that it wasn't only the teacher salary that concerned her, but the declining health benefits as well.

"Even with decreasing support from the district, teachers are given more and more work," Ms. Jaeger said.

"Think about how that would change your education if you had smaller classes and could actually get help from your teacher," said Ms. Jaeger.

"Here in Clark County teachers are expected to teach through large numbers and be just as effective."

In an effort to gain more respect for educators, The CCEA has been actively planning protests and pickets to draw attention to the issue.

Among the many rallies they also plan to do a grade in, where educators will go to the board meeting and sit in and do all of their grading to show CCSD just how much work educators have outside of the seven-hour school day, which they do not get paid for.

"Teacher's are here to help kids learn, that's why we do this job but when

we can't get what we need, that's when we take these actions," said Mrs. Jaeger.

Teachers throughout the district seem to share the same sentiment: While they love teaching at their schools and with their students, the feeling of being unvalued and under-appreciated makes them wonder if it is worth staying in Clark County or going to a district where they will be better compensated and more appreciated for their work.

"I'm spending 15,000 dollars of my own money to become a better teacher, to better

serve my students," said Ms. Jaeger. "[Right now] My reward will be a 1,000 dollar

a year raise. It will take me 15 years to make a return on my investment but CCSD gets an immediate return because I'm already a better teacher and now they won't even give me that 1,000 dollar raise... It makes me want to start looking at other states, which I have. Where I can make more money teaching fewer students in better condition."

While a new salary is still under negotiation in CCSD, one thing seems certain: CCSD is in far too big of a shortage to break promises to teachers.

"Now that I have the experience I need, I can go anywhere," said Mrs. Jaeger. "I don't need CCSD. CCSD needs me."

Don't forget to order your Spring Valley High School yearbook!

Yearbooks are \$80 at the banker, or you can order online at jostens.com

Personalized yearbooks must be ordered by February.

See Mrs. Keith in room 213 with questions.



Theatre to perform mystery, 'Ashland Falls'



ASHLAND FALLS

Time: 6 p.m.

Date: Nov. 18 to 20

Place: Spring Valley High School theatre

PHOTO BY MR. ANTHONY COFFIELD.

"Ashland Falls" will make its debut performance on Nov. 18 and explore the mystery of a high school play director gone missing. The three-day performance will be the third since Spring Valley reopened its theatre last year under the direction of Mr. Anthony Coffield.

By Rayann Dubel

Revenge is on its way for the students of Hoover High. With a missing director, a weird, new script, and boyfriend drama, will the students of Hoover High be too caught up in their personal

lives to notice anything odd?

Theatre Teacher and Director Anthony Coffield will direct the next theatre production, Ashland Falls, written by Steven Stack. The performance will take place at 6 p.m. on November 18 through November 20 in the

Spring Valley Theatre.

The theater program was brought back last year, and this is the third production since the return of the program. The twelve official cast members and tech take the theatre room by storm. The cast is already working

hard learning all their lines, while the techs are at work learning their cues to make sure that everything is in place for the first play of the year.

When asked why this play was chosen, Mr. Coffield enthusiastically responded

saying he didn't want to choose another played out performance, that's been done so many times. With every theatre production comes a new cast, a new script, new roles, and new experiences.

"Every play for me is like a brand new play," Mr. Coffield said.

field said.

This Canadian, murder mystery, is set in Herbert Hoover High and tells the story of a high school theater director disappearing shortly after receiving an odd script about a girl that died in the distant past. Right on time, a new director shows up, mysteriously knowing all about the script.

"Theatre is about finding yourself and being with people that love you the most", said sophomore and cast member Alyssa Reni-Boughton.

The performance is a great experience for the actors because it teaches responsibility and control. With the positive environment of the theatre room, it shows the cast how to have fun while working hard.

"You can explore other peoples mind sets and become something else. This play takes real life experiences such as bullying and doesn't sugar coat them", said sophomore and main antagonist Kaitlyn Dutton.

Each actor has to play two different characters from two different time periods.

"It's confusing playing two different characters. While everyone else has to switch between American and British accents I have to switch between American, British, and Southern", said Boughton.

However even with a new cast and crew, Mr. Coffield said he is confident the play will be a great success.



iPhone 6s makes quiet September debut with 3D touch

By Sincere Tarver

Apple CEO Tim Cook's 3D touch, iPhone 6s from Apple has come to life, along with an improved 4.7 inch retina HD screen and a new pressure sensitive 3D touch screen. Available in rose in gold for the first time ever, consumers will have the time of their lives playing with the many new features available on the 6s.

With its newest upgrades, the iPhone 6s is one of the best mobile phones available this year. The 3D touch screen is the most notable new feature, which allows users to apply different amounts of pressure on touches and taps for different features. Users can now use a peek-a-boo function, and receive subtle buzz responses from the phone.

A faster processor along with a pressure sensitive navigation keep year's phone looking fierce enough to counter other competitors. Users can pull

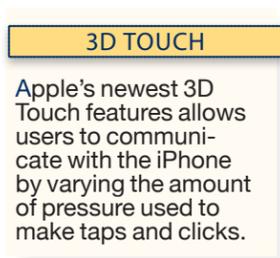
up menus, switch apps, or look at photos, all by pressing and holding a single finger to the screen.

While the 3D touch screen is an impressive improvement to the phone, so are the materials used to make it. Made with Aerospace-grade aluminum and sturdier glass, the iPhone 6s is stronger and more durable than ever.

Finally, Apple will have the fastest form of LTE. The new iPhone will run on IOS 9, which impressively features an additional 3 hours of battery life. Though Apple fans are always eager for new features, an improved battery life is one that has been a hot topic since the first model came out.

The camera on the iPhone has also improved, boasting twelve mega pixels that can turn a still picture into a video or GIF, automatically. The phone also can take longer videos.

The price of the iPhone 6s is costly but worth the overall



amazing graphics, design, durability, and systems. While pricing remains the same as the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus, Apple has also introduced its own pricing plan that charges \$32 per month for the 16GB model, with a fresh upgrade each year.

Apple has always exceeded consumers expectations, whether with a new product or renewing its older models. Overall, the iPhone doesn't make much of a leap from their old phones, other than the new 3D pressure sensitive touch screen, but it's upgrades are notable and worth improvements from the last release.



PHOTO COURTESY OF APPLE

Apple released the iPhone 6s on September 25, available for the first time in rose gold. The newest upgrade features 3D touch, a GIF maker and improved battery life.

'The Visit' filled with creepy laughter



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSAL PICTURES

"The Visit" tells the story of 13-year-old Becca and sister Tyler's visit to their creepy grandparents home after years of not communicating.

By Rehza Aguilar

This eerie film filled with creepiness will make you tense.

"The Visit" tells the story of 15-year-old Becca and her 13-year-old brother Tyler who go to visit their grandparent's house whom they have never met before. Due to an incident in the past, Becca's mom seems to be reluctant to send them, but eventually gives in. Upon first meeting, everything seems normal to the two teenagers who

expect a typical family visit. When night falls, however, everything changes.

Overall, the movie did a good job creating that tense and nervous feeling you get while watching a scary or thriller film. The movie was also shot as found footage, which can be worse for scaredy-cats because it feels like you're actually there.

Of the performances, Tyler's was most impressive. In addition to playing the sweet little brother that needed protecting, he was also the comic relief of the film and

will make you laugh even in the creepier moments of the movie.

Becca's character is portrayed as bit of a "know it all," which gets of annoying, but fits well within the plot.

Director Night Shyamalayh did an excellent job portraying the two grandparents as down right creepy. Their presence gives you that eerie feeling and you just want to find a way to escape it.

Sincere Tarver, a Sophomore, thought the movie had a couple of weird scenes and that it wasn't as

scary; it was more intense in some parts.

"It differs by its motion and filming," Tarver said. "It's not that quite scary, it's a tense and thriller...like Paranormal Activity."

Breanna Mondoux, another Sophomore, thought the movie was creepy and funny. Mondoux said that her least favorite character was Becca, the main lead and the young girl in the movie because "She acted all high class and smart."

Both Tarver and Mondoux said something similar relat-

ing to trust when they had learned anything from the film.

"I learned not to trust old people," Mondoux jokingly stated.

The movie begins light hearted and joyful but gets progressively creepier the further in you get into the movie. If you ever need to hang out with friends but don't know what to do exactly, I urge you to watch "The Visit" and have fun with this film. It is the perfect amount of funny and eerier with Halloween just around the corner.

Upcoming Movie Releases

Friday, Oct. 16

Goosebumps
Bridge of Spies
Crimson Peaks

Friday, Oct. 23

Burnt
Jem and the Holograms
Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension

Friday Nov. 6

The Peanuts Movie
Spectre
The Hollow

Friday Nov. 13

Rings
By the Sea
The 33

Friday Nov. 20

The Hunger Games: Part II
Mockingjay



'Straight Outta Compton' rife with commentary

By Alexis Leal

You may never have listened to NWA or have heard of them, But the "Parental advisory content" sticker attached to their CDs and posters are nothing new.

From the recording studio to touring all over the world, this film is an amazing re-creation of the troubled times and upbringing life of the legendary west coast rappers NWA.

In the late 1980s the streets of Compton, California were filled with gangs, drugs, and violence, making it one of the most dangerous cities in the country. These five talented young men: O'shea Jackson Jr. which happens to be the son of Ice Cube

and even has a physical resemblance plays an enthusiastic role. Jason Mitchell, who plays Eazy-E and Corey Hawkins, who plays Dr.Dre tell the story of how they made their way up to the top of the music industry during this troubled era.

"Straight Outta Compton" has a meaningful commentary behind it. Social and political issues often plague the aspiring artists, and reflect many of the current racial issues that are still ever-present in our society..

This amazing film isn't only provided for our entertainment but to inform us that racial profiling still exists in the United States and even around the world.

"The underlying plot of the movie was literally

about cops treating black people and other minorities with less respect than white people that is a struggle minorities still deal with years later." stated Sophomore Kyle Metzger.

Leadership and fearlessness also play a role in this film.

This excellent film shows the struggles that five young men growing in Compton had to face in order to get to the top of the music charts and had no problem doing that.

Straight outta Compton doesn't only leave viewers in shock for it's sometimes suggestive content, but feeling inspired as well. For this one, it is definitely worth looking past the "Parental Advisory Content" sticker, and looking for the bigger message.



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"Straight Outta Compton" explores the many social and political issues that remain ever present as five young men from Compton try to hit it big on the musical charts.



12th man gives SV winning mentality



PHOTO COURTESY OF MR. WILLIAM HEMBERGER
Students gather wearing 6th man T-shirts to support the Lady Grizzly basketball team in their regional championship game against Faith Lutheran. This year, SV is implementing the 12th man to support the football team.

By Garrison Gavin & Donovan Souder

One hundred & thirty-seven decibels of fans screaming – That's what helped the Seattle Seahawks overpower the San Francisco 49ers in the 2013 Super Bowl. This year,

Spring Valley introduced its own version of the 12th man; a group of fans committed to raising the level of enthusiasm and school spirit at sporting events. Last year, Athletic Director Mr. William Hemberger introduced the 6th man to basketball season, a force

that the team described as empowering, after they defeated Faith Lutheran in the Regional Championship.

"The expectation of the 12th man is to start a student section with all matching t-shirts and to provide excitement for the football team at their home

and some away games." Said, Varsity football coach Marcus Teal

Spring Valley athletic coaches believe that the 12th man will help sport teams improve and emphasize the importance of spirit and winning. Since the girls 2015 state

12TH MAN

Students can purchase 12th man T-shirts from the banker for \$.

Shirts should be worn to all games to support Spring Valley's athletic programs.

basketball championship win, other Spring Valley teams such as football, have been working hard to claim their own state win with the help of the 12th man program. The help of the 12th man is believed to increase the enthusiasm at games and make other teams fear playing at "The Den."

"Sports teams that have fans at their games are provide extra energy for the players," said Mr. Hemberger. "This year we are providing that for the football team."

The purpose of the 12th man and future student sections are to give that extra energy and to provide excitement, competitiveness and the growing of sports teams. Coach Hemberger hopes to fill rosters for all sports teams and to promote the growing of the programs. And with all of the excitement around sports in the past year, it has been working.

"After the state championship win many students want to get more involved with Spring Valley athletics," said Mr. Hemberger.

Upcoming Games

Thursday, Oct. 15

Football v. Sierra Vista Lions

When: 7 p.m.

Where: SVHS

Friday, Oct. 16

Volleyball v. Clark

When: 6 p.m.

Where: Clark H.S.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Volleyball v.

Cheyenne

When: 6 p.m.

Where: SVHS

Friday Oct. 23

Football v. Faith

Lutheran

Crusaders

When: 7 p.m.

Where: Faith

Lutheran H.S.

Football relies on key players to put points on the board



PHOTO BY PATTY HANKS
The Spring Valley High School Grizzlies play the Durango Trailblazers on September 4 in their first home game of the year. The Grizzlies defeated the Trailblazers 35-13.

By Scott Diaz

Every sports team has its go to players – the ones who they can count on. Football is no different. At

Spring Valley High School Quarterback Kc Moore (#5), wide receiver Antony Vazquez (#19), line backer Dustin Kekahuna (#24) and running back Raheem Ed-

monds (#27) are key to the success of the program, according to Head Varsity Coach Marcus Teal.

"They have a more hard working base and they

make plays," said Coach Teal of his star players.

Although football is a team sport, these players have a huge roll on putting numbers on the board. In the "Battle for the Banner" football game against Bonanza, Kc Moore threw a big 73-yard pass to wide receiver Antony Vazquez for a touchdown. Running back Raheem Edmonds also helped by running in a touchdown.

Last season the team reached the playoffs with a fourth seed. Playing in the playoffs means big games will come their way and big games are always important.

"They get too hyped but become steady," said Coach Teal. The team hopes to reach a higher playoff seed this year. These players were said to have progressed a lot since they first joined the team.

"They got older and matured so that helped them progress even more,"

said Coach Teal. The combination of hard work and sportsmanship among these men help the team be successful as it is.

SPRING VALLEY DANCE COMPANY

Dance team reinvents itself

By Ariana Carter

This year, Spring Valley High School changed its dance team into the Spring Valley Dance Company under the advisory of Mrs. Jeanine Collins.

"Dance team is a little bit more entertainment and more spirit oriented, while Dance Company is more about creating a dialogue in dance and inviting dancers in the company to creating original ways of moving," said Mrs. Collins, who taught at SV a few years ago before returning this year.

The dance company has morphed into an advance dance program that produces organic and original different types of movements from the dance team. They will still learn routine dances to perform at assemblies but instead of the typical R&B, their dances will aim to tell stories with their bodies and to change the perspective of how people will view them.

This year the dance company will debut in the homecoming assembly on October 16. Students will get the opportunity to see

their new and improved dance moves. They will also be hosting shows throughout fall, winter and spring.

"There is a strong desire from kids in my dance one and two classes that wants to do more after school like the company but they are not ready yet," said Mrs. Collins.

"I want to build in the club and on Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. and I want to start a improvisation club."

Mrs. Collins really wants to expand the Dance Company of 23 members into thirty experienced dancers. If students feel qualified enough next year auditions are in March.

"She really pushes us, She has our best interest she knows what were capable of." Said senior Carissa Donato.

The dancers from the company feel that Mrs. Collins is steering the company into the right direction. They also are very enthusiastic about being in the company and having the privilege to build the program and strive for more to come.



Thursday Night Lights

Grizzlies to take on Lions for Homecoming



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PATTY HANKS

The Spring Valley High School Grizzlies take on the Durango Trailblazers. This Thursday they will face the Sierra Vista Lions for the annual homecoming game at 7 p.m. in the Grizzly Den. The game will be televised on channel 12.

By Anyssa Acosta

The Spring Valley Varsity Grizzly football team will take on rival - Sierra Vista Lions in this week's televised Thursday Night Lights. The game will start at 7 p.m. in the Grizzly Den and is also Spring Valley's Homecoming football game.

"We are very confident we are going to win this game," said Varsity Football Coach Marcus Teal. "They have worked very hard."

For the Grizzlies, their biggest job is limiting mistakes on the field. Coach Teal said he wants to see his players work hard to execute the game plan.

"The team has gotten more and more excited as the game gets closer," said Teal. "So I know they can do it."

Teal's strategies, are to balance the offense and fly around on defense. Although he believes the Lions are a competitive team, he is confident that the Grizzlies are ready to take home the

win and put on a great show for Thursday Night Lights.

Since the Grizzlies loss to Cheyenne, Teal said the team has worked hard and has realized many of their mistakes on the field. Although a loss is never planned for, in this case it was a learning experience needed to move them forward.

"I will always be proud

we are family," said Wide Receiver and Safety Julio Rosas-Sanchez. "We created a bond that's worth more than just a loss."

Quarterback K.C. Moore said he knows the team can pull out a win, because they have practiced all season for this game, and the offensive line is ready. Moore will come

up on this victory knowing it's their first playoff game.

"This is an important game! So let's get it," said Running Back Marcus Dawson.

The game will be televised on Channel 12 as part of the Thursday Night Lights showing of high school football teams around the Las Vegas Valley.



Year-round practice: The key to success

By Ryan Handley and Leilaysia Watkins

The Spring Valley High School lady grizzly basketball continuously shows that they have no intention of backing down after winning the school's first state championship last year. These victory-crazed grizzlies make SVHS proud, and are hoping to continue on the same path this year, according to varsity women's coach, Mr. William Hemberger.

Although the girls' season actually begins in December, the coaches search for girls to join intramurals started in September. In doing so, the girls are preparing earlier than most teams, so they can enter the team mid-season form, said Hemberger.

"We are only accepting high character players," he said of putting in the extra practice. "Each player will have a role and each role

will be important."

Following the girls' championship win, more girls than ever are signing up to be part of the team, according to Coach Hemberger. Three years ago, only 28 girls came out for the team. Last year, the number increased to 40 girls, and this year, more than 55 girls have signed up. Mr. Hemberger said he expects even more girls to come out for the team once fall sports end and free up many multiple-season athletes.

According to Coach Hemberger, pushing the girls during practice is key to drilling in the steps to success. The coaches explain that dripping sweat on the track and roaring on the courts allow the girls to play at an accelerated level. Other than off-season practice, the grizzly girls work with the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) basketball team to im-

prove.

"The team builds character and creates athletes. Students outside of the team feel the energy bouncing off the girls. The grizzly girls feed off of each other's electricity and put their hard work to make each other proud," Coach Hemberger tells.

"Winning is contagious," said Coach Hemberger. Along with the girls' high levels of power, the 6th man delivered their promise and really brought energy to the court.

Coaches and the girls said they are grateful for the 6th man and Principal Tam Larnerd, for the support they received throughout the season. Keeping the bleachers packed and the fans excited is one more way to keep the energy going. But even without the support, the lady grizzlies are confident in their ability to perform in the upcoming season.

When asked what keeps

them moving forward and improving, varsity women's player Kayla Harris responded. "Winning, of course."

Teammates Essence Booker and Lynnae Wilds both agreed they would like to receive a scholarship with their hard work and get into college. But even outside of practice and school, the players are committed to representing a united and winning team.

Spring Valley students may notice the impressive degree to which the lady grizzly players match their shoes and athletic gear. Coach Hemberger says the matching outfits give attention to the team, which is what often attracts new girls to join. More importantly, it makes the team feel like a team.

"When you look good, you feel good. When you feel good, you are confident. When you are confident, you perform well."



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The Spring Valley Lady Grizzlies celebrate the school's first State Championship at the Orleans Arena in February this year.