By John Wang and Rothela Samadi

Between September 20th and 27th of this year, millions of people worldwide took to the streets and joined the largest climate mobilization in history. The sheer size and reach of these protests demonstrate how far the modern climate change movement has come since its beginnings in 2009, following the Copenhagen Summit, the first major United Nations Climate Change Conference. Tens of thousands of protesters gathered in the city as world leaders discussed policies such as plans to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions. Five years later, a crowd of almost four times that size met in New York City ahead of another UN Climate Summit for the first People’s Climate March. Over the next three years, the climate change movement continued to grow, culminating in the 2019 global climate strikes, the first of which drew about 1.3 million following the protests of which the magnitude of the problem, but Mr. Kosinski, the director of SAVE Club at East Brunswick High School, believes otherwise, saying, “It is reasonable to think that a student could motivate their student class into some sort of collective action, be it raising money for prom, pushing forward school policy, or otherwise. Students are first able to impact locally, then semi locally in towns, then the town impacts other towns to follow suit. If a student can make a significant impact on just the class of 2020 for instance, the impact can easily have a domino effect.” He mentions that there are a few easy ways individuals can make a difference, saying, “My main focus of ‘reduce, reuse, recycle’ has always been to ‘reduce.’ I like to support companies that ship and pack with minimal non recyclable goods, and try to reduce my need of consumable items. For example, I don’t use straws, and I don’t really miss them (except for bubble tea, I use a straw there). Also, it helps that I like drinking beverages from mugs and my own cup/ reusable bottle.” Junior Jhanvi Pat, a SAVE club member, agrees that it is important to start small, even if “you can’t go to protests like Fridays for Future in New York, you can still make small changes in your life such as taking shorter showers or using less plastic.” After all, it’s not just the individual that makes up a movement. If you’re passionate about the environment, you can share your ideas with others and influence them to make changes as well.

By Srindhi Ayalarasayaja and Carley Doktorski

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Fall is in the air! This season is one of beginnings, whether it be the excitement of going back to school or buying your new favorite autumn sweater. As you take a moment to feel that crisp October breeze and enjoy those apple cider doughnuts for breakfast, we’d like to ask you to reflect on all the fresh starts you’ve gone through over the years. Beginnings certainly inspire change, but they also allow us to appreciate the things that have stayed exactly the same. This month’s issue marks a new beginning, dedicated to celebrating both the changes in our lives and the constants which make us reminisce and smile. Get ready to take a journey into the past—the Clarion’s first ever nostalgia issue is here!

Your EICS,
Amasha and Eva

Guess Who?

Match the picture with the teacher you think it is!

A.) Mrs. Anderson
B.) Mrs. Cisnero
C.) Mr. Hynes
D.) Dr. Gopal

Answer Key: #1, C; #2, A; #3, B, #4, D

Down:
1. The early 2000s fashion accessory that cut off your blood circulation
3. This iconic boy band got their start on the X-Factor
8. A cooler, tricked-out generation of Matchbox cars
11. Discipline of choice for 80s work-out videos
13. Tim and Moby will make your Brain ___

Across:
2. “Let’s all go to the ___”
4. What you do when you want to DM someone casually
5. “You’ve got ____”
6. ___ walked so that Tik Tok could run
7. The barely-remembered predecessor of CDs
9. Organization whose fair supplied your favorite smelly erasers, inspirational posters, and books
10. Recently shut down Winter Wonderland MMO
12. Make the morning time epic
Money Moves

by Rohit Narla

Magic Johnson signed a $25 million contract for 25 years in 1984. Today, one million dollars is spare change, as athletes are earning enormous amounts of money that seemed unattainable not too long ago. Alex Rodriguez was the highest paid athlete in the last decade, signing a 10-year, $275 million deal with the New York Yankees. In today’s day and age, athlete salaries are increasing exponentially, as EBHS senior Matt Smith notes “it seems like every year some new guy is becoming the highest paid player in their sport. Salaries have been increasing astronomically for young talented players such as Manny Machado and Bryce Harper who will be bringing in $300 and $330 million respectively over the next 10 years or so.” Machado’s contract of 10-years for $300 million with the San Diego Padres was record-breaking, until Harper signed a 12-years for $330 million with the Philadelphia Phillies just nine days later.

Why the change? It may be tied to athletes’ increasing importance in society. They are increasingly perceived as true professionals and are more important to American social life than ever. As technology has advanced, the number of sports fans both the “schools we compete against and the bands’ style of performance haven’t changed much” in the nine years he’s been teaching. However, the band has evolved technologically, with the addition of a WiFi-based speaker system that amplifies instrumental sounds to the far sides of the field. Overall, although the marching band has changed a lot over the past thirty years, it’s remained remarkably consistent in one aspect—the passion and dedication that both the advisors and the students display for their band.

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Marching Through The Years

by Shreya Rajeswaran

2015 EBHS Marching Band

With its 32nd annual show coming up at the end of October, it’s no wonder that marching band has been one of the longest and most enduring activities offered here at EBHS. Entailing a week-long summer camp and practices throughout the fall season, marching band has always been an activity that demands a lot of involvement.

However, marching band has certainly changed a lot since its first years at EBHS. Mr. Gordon Teleschi, EBHS’s orchestra director who retired in 2010 after 32 years of working in East Brunswick, was one of the school’s early marching band advisors in the 80s. In fact, the marching band expanded from around 60 students to more than 140 students over his years as a teacher. During his time as a marching band advisor, he also started training the band for competitions, organizing trips such as “band camp” in Lake Como, New York, and furthering the development of the band’s image into the corpse-style marching that it employs today.

As Mr. Teleschi explains, “We tried to change the whole attitude towards marching band into something the kids were proud to be part of. Winning competitions helped, and there was not a stigma of ‘being in the band.’” Now, EBHS’s marching band is fully involved in competitions throughout the state. The marching band’s current director, Mr. Brian Toth, explains that both the “schools we compete against and the bands’ style of performance haven’t changed much” in the nine years he’s been teaching. However, the band has evolved technologically, with the addition of a WiFi-based speaker system that amplifies instrumental sounds to the far sides of the field.

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C’mon, Before My Clothes Go Out Of Style

by Julia Mailing

When scrunchies were coming back to the streets in 2013, Harper’s Bazaar published “Five Reasons We Hate the Scrunchie,” bashing the accessory. Four years later, the same magazine released “Scrunchies Were Spotted on the NYFW Catwalk,” calling the fun hair tie “chic.” Today, gifts are seen covered in nostalgic accessories such as anklets, puka shell necklaces, and, you guessed it, scrunchies.

A myriad of fashion trends, from harrettes to mom jeans, go through this cycle. Even crop tops and ripped jeans, which (for now) are well-integrated into today’s fashion, vanished for a time. Yesterday’s clothes may (literally) be out of fashion, but vintage clothing of decades past will always be chic.

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Without a doubt, the philosophy within East Brunswick High School is one of constant change, always pushing to find different and innovative ways to improve. For proof, look no further than the 1 to 1 initiative implemented this school year, providing all students with a personal computer. However, big changes have always been a part of East Brunswick; the evolution of technology, the building itself, and educational styles reveal East Brunswick’s push towards a modernized system of education.

The building itself would be barely recognizable to someone who had attended EBHS two or three decades ago. With the construction of the terminal, the school was able to gain a more cohesive appearance as a single structure, connecting the various halls that had previously been in separate buildings. The addition of B-Hall and the second floor was a much needed expansion to accommodate for a growing student body and a lack of classrooms and materials to handle them. Even smaller alterations accumulate and all reflect the active evolution of changes alterations accumulate and all the active evolution of EBHS. Changes like adding air conditioning to the media center and the cafeteria, as well as more recently (as many have noticed) B-hall. Changes like the renovations of the science classrooms to update an antiquated design to one that is more fitting for modern lab practices.

The education policies have also shifted in the last few decades moving away from a “content driven” approach and have “become more student engaged” according to AP Statistics teacher Mrs. Yoselevich who has taught in EBHS for 15 years. Teaching has shifted from the stereotype of a strict professor lecturing at the students to one centering more on student growth and interaction.

Undoubtedly the largest change within East Brunswick High School over the years is the constant improvements to technology within the school. Before the 1 to 1 initiative, EBHS was constantly updating its tech, from adding smartboards and desktops, to converting to electronic payments for lunch. However, a push for electronics isn’t without its flaws, though Mrs. Yoselevich “saw a lot of potential for it,” though “it can’t replace student interaction.”

The EBHS 1:1 Initiative gives every student a Lenovo 300e laptop and knowledge of New Jersey natural history and two, social, where students can interact with many other students in a residential environment,” said Atkins. “You live, eat, and sleep among people who are not your own family.”

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Despite these changes, the values of East Brunswick High School have remained the same for decades. The value of honor and integrity regarding academics, athletics, and the arts will forever remain a core part of the school no matter how many things change.

Features, Opinions & Entertainment

Bringing Back the Bands!
by Clara Lee
Pop, rock, hip-hop! 2019 has been brought back early-2000’s music a year filled with nostalgia as the memories, though they’ve incorporated reunion of old bands in giving a “new and contemporary vibe” music lovers a blast from the past. According to EBHS junior Anna Miller.

The return of The Spice Girls’ From their music in the musical pop style music marks a momentous Mansur’s Mile to their renowned hit occasion for many fans. Recognized “Dancing Queen,” ARRA remains for their ‘90s hit "Wannabe," the Spice an “international pop sensation Girls held their Spice World-2019 Tour recognized among many generations,” this summer, marking the group’s first tour in 20 years. The group has performed together since 2012. The group mostly tapped the music charts girls’ youthfull performances brought in the 70s, musical successes left out memories of their “girl power!” fans wanting more. Excited to reunite,

In May 2019, the Jonas Brothers ARRA announced that they will be announced their Happiness Begins going on tour in 2020— or at least, their Tour. The band first gained popularity holo-graphs also called "Abatars"
through Disney Channel in 2005. Nevertheless, fans are eager to witness eventually leading to the release of the legendary band’s
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Their own music. The group disbanded. It’s plain to see that the popularity of the group in October 2013 but later surpassed reunion tours this year has the “dancing their fans with the release of “Sucker” queen of today and a few decades ago, on March 1, 2019. The group has joining together to enjoy the same music.

The Jonas Brothers in New York City

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