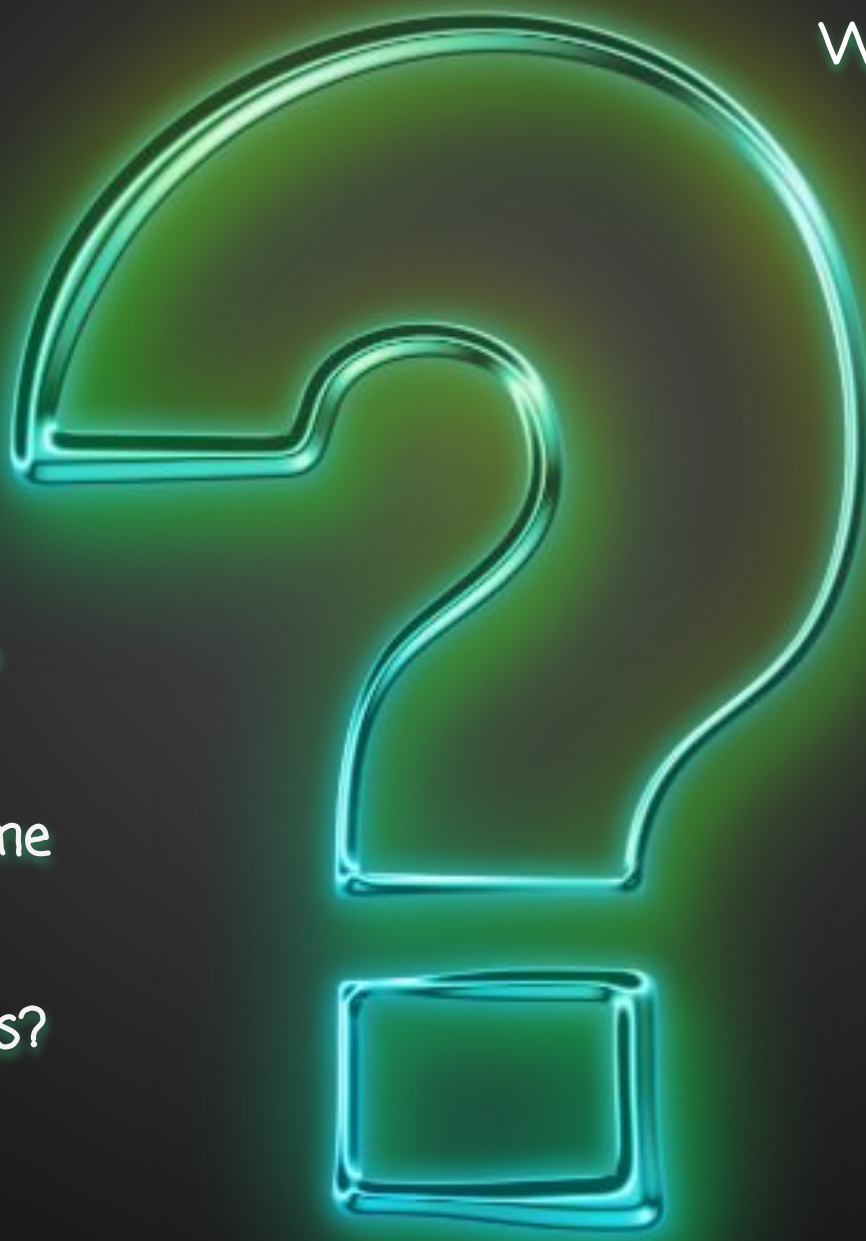


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Dear Readers,

We're proud to present our fifth issue of the Observer! Have you ever wondered if carbonated milk would make a good treat? Do you ever find yourself needing helpful computer hints? Are you interested to learn about the history of International Women's Day? If so this is the issue for you! This issue covers all of these topics and so much more! Keep your arms and legs inside the vehicle at all times, and enjoy the ride!

Sophie & Kaitlyn

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It is our mission as the Alfred-Almond Observer to provide truthful, unbiased, and accurate information to the student body. Our goal is to deliver relevant stories focused on both informing and entertaining the Alfred-Almond community. We strive to promote a positive school climate and will use the Observer as a way to give all voices at Alfred-Almond a platform.

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Announcements

By: Sophie Napolitano, Samantha Quick, and Emily Noone

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Look for activities
from the AA
Math Team

Tues, March 20
Spring Begins!



Tues, March 20
7:00 p.m.
Academic All Star
Competition in the
AA Auditorium

Weds, March 21
7:00 p.m.
High School Band
& Jazz Band
Concert @ AA

Thurs, March 22
7:00 p.m.
Junior & Senior
High Chorus
Concert @ AA

Fri, March 30
No School Today!
Enjoy your day
off.

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Spring Sports
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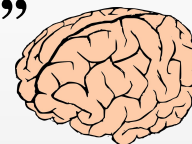
Weds, April 4
6:30 p.m.
Literary Festival
@ AA

Fri, April 6
Third Quarter
Ends. Make sure
to hand in all
work!



"The important thing is not to stop questioning."

- Albert Einstein



By Veronica Morsman, Design Manager

Now is your time to ask any question you've been storing inside your brain. March 14 is International Ask a Question Day. There is no such thing as a bad question; questioning is an art of learning. Sometimes we forget the value of questioning, which is the simplest and most effective way we gain knowledge. Scientists and brilliant thinkers like Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, and Albert Einstein never stopped questioning. My question to Alfred-Almond was...

If you could sit down with anyone in the world and ask them anything, who would you choose?

What question would you ask?

Hillary Clinton. I would ask her how she's able to stay so confident in the face of defeat. I would also tell her that I'm so proud of all she's accomplished and hope someday I'll be able to rock a pantsuit and be as inspiring as she is."
- Sophie Napolitano

Dwight Schrute.
What kind of bear is the best?
- Chloe Hann

Jack Dylan Grazer. Was it scary filming the movie "It"?
Who was your best friend on set?
- Lauren Johnson

Rosa Parks. What beliefs led you to refuse to give up your seat, even though you could go to jail?
- Ainsley Grigg

Ganesha (Hindu God). How do I know if I've lived previous lives, if so what occurred in my previous lives?
- Maya Racho

Neil Armstrong. If you actually went to the moon, what did you see?
- Attilo Cushing

Walt Disney. What is something you feel is missing from your theme parks and why?
- Mrs. Valentine

President Donald Trump.
What will you do with your remaining time in office to bring our country together?
- Mr. McAneney

Gandhi and/or Mother Teresa. Two people known for their peaceful existence and selflessness. I would ask them "How?" How were you able to achieve such selflessness?
In other words, what beliefs and choices enabled you to put so many others before yourself?
- Ms. Backer

John F. Kennedy. Are aliens real and have they made contact with us yet?
- Duncan Bryant-Carty

Nelson Mandela. How can I be positive and lead change as you did and be as humble as you were?
- Mrs. Bain-Lucey

Cam Newton. Can you teach me some football skills?
- Shane Davidson



A Brief History of International Women's Day

By : Sophie Napolitano
Bee 5; Writer Bee

The Socialist Party of America held the first National Women's Day in New York. The day was in support of female garment workers on strike for poor working conditions.

With the start of World War I, people not only used IWD to celebrate women, but also began protesting the war.

Originally IWD was mainly celebrated by communist and socialist groups. During this time, more countries began to celebrate IWD and it became more of a true global operation.

The U.N. announced that there will be an annual theme. This year they focused on "Celebrating the Past, Planning for the Future."

Obama named March "Women's History Month" as a way to celebrate IWD's 100 year anniversary. He encouraged everyone to celebrate women's accomplishments.

1909

1911

1914

1917

1950

1975

1996

2001

2011

The International Socialist Party decided to turn the event into something celebrated worldwide to promote women's rights and universal suffrage called International Women's Day. (IWD).

Russian women protested Czar Nicholas II on IWD. He ordered the military to stop the women who were marching but because of this protest and many other events, he stepped down and the women were given more rights.

IWD was celebrated under the organization of the United Nations. (U.N.) It's now run and planned every year by the U.N. on March 8.

IWD needed to re-introduce themselves after lack of participation in the past few years. They remarketed themselves by creating a website and a new brand that would be universally recognized.



The Women's March occurred the day after Donald Trump's inauguration. Millions of women attended marches nationwide to protest. These women have goals of gender equality, improved reproductive rights, and improved LGBTQIA+ rights, along with many others.

2017

2017

#MeToo is a hashtag on social media that began trending this year to help show women that they aren't alone in dealing with issues of sexual assault and harassment. More women are coming out and sharing their stories dealing with misconduct and it can be very powerful to see how extensive this issue is.

Every year on International Women's Day, women join together to advocate for change and celebrate all that women have already accomplished. This year, the theme for IWD is "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives." Many global movements discussing issues of sexual harassment, equal pay, femicide and equal political representation have grown this year. The main goal of this year's theme is to make sure that rural women are as active in the fight against these issues as urban women currently are.

2018

2018

Time's Up is a movement that was organized by Hollywood celebrities against sexual harassment and assault. This movement was provoked by numerous allegations against celebrities including Harvey Weinstein and Kevin Spacey. Their most recognizable event is urging all women to wear black and speak out about this issue at The Golden Globes.

2018 Global Events

The United Kingdom

"SheFest" is a weeklong festival in March in the city of Sheffield that includes many workshops, speakers, and entertainment that all revolve around women's issues and accomplishments. This year's "SheFest" is especially important because it is celebrating the U.K.'s 100th anniversary of women's right to vote.

New York City

On March 8 in New York City there was a large march throughout Manhattan. Thousands of men and women participated in this event. It began at 4 pm in Washington Square Park, Greenwich Village. There were many speakers present before the start of the march to discuss how to move forward in the face of adversity.

Australia

In Sydney, there was an International Women's Day Fun Run on March 8. All of the proceeds went to foundations that will help women fighting breast cancer. Approximately 12,000 women participated this year in both the 5k and 10km course. There were also many women there speaking about their experiences with breast cancer.



WHO IS IT?

BY: MORGAN GIGLIO
COPY EDITOR

Who is it: such a simple question that we've all asked before, even since a young age, and yet here it has been reinvented into a more complex question. A person cannot be defined by a name, a job, or what they look like alone. Every single person in this world is unique in many different ways. This column is about learning what makes the faculty and staff of Alfred-Almond so incredibly special and different from any other. Getting to know a person, more specifically what makes a person who they are, is difficult to do. While this column cannot possibly capture every aspect of the interviewee, I hope it may offer a gateway. This article is meant to introduce a familiar figure from our school to you; actually getting to know them however, can only be achieved by sitting down to have a conversation with them personally. This ancient art of face-to-face conversations may seem scary at first to many in our tech savvy generation, but as someone who has recently interviewed many people, I can tell you that there are so many incredible stories and moments that cannot fit into the article or be achieved through a screen. I hope that many of you may take the time to ask questions of your own to get to know someone better. Without further ado, I now ask you to figure out **who is on the other end of this Q and A.**

Q: Who do you think would win a fight between Spiderman and Batman?

A: Spiderman- Batman is nothing compared to him, Batman is just a rich man with toys. Spiderman is a true hero.

Q: What is the funniest thing that

has happened to you recently?

A: When a certain student "accidentally" hit me in the neck with an egg.

Q: How would you rate your memory?

A: Long term = good, short term = bad. But I remember grudges forever.

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: Reading, traveling, outdoor activities

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Purple

Q: What is your favorite thing to drink?

A: Unsweetened iced tea

Q: Who is your favorite musical artist?

A: That's a tough one, I like a lot of artists, but Maroon 5 and Celine Dion are some favorites.

Q: What are three interesting facts about you?

A: I have been to 10 countries, the Little House on the Prairie books are why I wanted to become a teacher, and I can neither wink nor whistle.

Q: What were you like in high school?

A: I was the teacher's pet, and always did everything I was supposed to.

Q: Where did you go to high school?

A: Kenmore East High School

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: Canisius College

Q: What jobs did you have prior to teaching?

A: I worked at Valu for 7 years, and also worked for my professor at Canisius.

Q: When did you start teaching?

A: December 2013

Q: When did you start teaching at Alfred Almond?

A: January 2017

Q: What's your favorite part about your job?

A: The great students!!

Q: What is a normal day in your job like?

A: Teach, grade, plan, talk with students, talk to other teachers, hang out after school for a bit, go home, eat dinner, catch the game on TV...

Q: What job would you be terrible at?

A: Anything in the medical field.

Q: What job do you think you'd be really good at?

A: Travel blogger

Q: Why did you decide to do the work you are doing now?

A: See my interesting facts #2, I was also lucky to have absolutely amazing teachers growing up and they have been role models to me.

Q: If all jobs had the same pay and hours, what job would you like to have?

A: I've already got my dream job, so I'm good!

Q: Would you rather have a dog



Aesthetic These colorful items can be found on the desk of this faculty member and show their bright and colorful personality. *Photo Courtesy of Morgan Giglio*

with a cat's personality or a cat with a dog's personality?

A: A dog with a cat's personality because I'm allergic to cats.

Q: If you were reborn in a new life, would you rather be alive in the past or future?

A: In the past as a European noble before any revolutions.

Q: Would you rather be the



Drink of Choice This faculty member is particularly fond of tea and has a cup nearly every morning from Dunkin Donuts however her favorite place to get tea is from Tim Hortons. *Photo courtesy of Morgan G.*

funniest person in the room or the most intelligent?

A: Most intelligent

Q: Would you rather reverse one decision you make every day or be able to stop time for 10 seconds every day?

A: Reverse one action everyday.

Q: Would you rather win \$50,000 or let your best friend win \$500,000?

A: My bestfriend win \$500,000 because they would share.

Q: Would you rather run at 100 mph or fly at 10 mph?

A: I would rather run at 100 mph, only if I don't get sweaty, because then I would be like the flash.

Q: Would you rather have free Wifi wherever you go or have free coffee or tea where/whenever you want?

A: I would rather have tea where and whenever I want.

Q: Would you rather be able to teleport anywhere or be able to read minds?

A: Read minds because I can already run at 100 mph, and if I could read minds I would be like Professor X.

Q: Would you rather be able to control fire or water?

A: Water

Q: Would you rather lose the ability to read or lose the ability to speak?

A: Lose the ability to speak

Q: Would you rather have your only mode of transportation be a donkey or a giraffe?



Masterpiece Artwork such as this can often be found on the board of this faculty member. It is drawn by students that can always be found crowded around her room, even during free periods. *Photo courtesy of Morgan G.*

A: I would rather have my only mode of transportation be a giraffe because of bad experiences with donkeys.

Q: Would you rather live in a cave or live in a tree house?

A: Tree house because I like being in nature, and I don't like being cooped up in places. Also in a tree house you would have beautiful views.



Who's behind door #4? Find out which faculty member it is on page 30! *Photo courtesy of Morgan G.*



The Debate: To Mine or Not to Mine?

By: Kaitlyn Cook

Design team

Bristol Bay in Alaska hosts the world's largest sockeye salmon fishery in the world. It is also subject to much debate, because about 100 miles upstream a company called Pebble Limited Partnership has proposed digging a copper mine. In 2014 the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) planned to block the project because of harm that it could cause the watershed, the bay, and the fishery. President Trump's EPA began to reverse the block when it received over 1,000,000 comments opposing their plan, reported EcoWatch.com. On January 26, the EPA suspended its plans to unblock the project while they assess the impact the project will have on the fishery, reported NPR.



Advantages to the Mine

The world needs copper. According to National Geographic, the global demand for copper could increase by 350 percent by 2050. It is used in electronics and heating. Copper is a nonrenewable resource. With this demand of copper, current reserves could run out sometime between 2035 and 2045 reports National Geographic.

The Pebble Mine would also be a huge economic boom for the region. According to peninsulaclarion.com, it would create thousands of jobs throughout the construction, operation, and further development. The Pebble Mine would also produce between \$1.5 billion and \$3 billion.

Not the First

Over the years there have been other instances of industrial development that has affected Native Americans. The most recent example is the Dakota Access Pipeline that affected the Sioux people. The pipeline has destroyed areas that are important to the Sioux people historically, religiously, and culturally.

Disadvantages to the Mine

A mine would create massive environmental problems. Bristol Bay houses half of the world's wild sockeye salmon, according to NPR. In 2014 the EPA assessed the Bristol Bay area and the impact the Pebble Mine might have on it. It was found that "mining the headwaters of these river systems could cause harm to the valuable fishery in Bristol Bay." Not only would the loss of this fishery be a huge impact on the environment, but it would have a huge impact on native tribes that live in the region. As stated by the Bristol Bay Native Corporation, there are three different native cultures each with different tribes, living in the Bristol Bay area. The natives living in the area depend on the fish. If the Pebble Mine destroyed the fish population, it would destroy their way of life.



A Beautiful Area

The mouth of watershed empties into Bristol Bay.

Photo From Outdoorphotographer.com

Bristol Bay Basin, Alaska



The Watershed

The lighter area on this map indicates where the watershed for Bristol Bay is. The dot is where the proposed Pebble Mine would be. The mine would be towards the beginning of the watershed

Photo from kdlg.org

The Basis of the Bay

Not only do the natives rely on the salmon, but there is a giant fishing industry that employs thousands of people.

Photo from kdlg.org



IT'S MADNESS

By: Matt Ingalls
Staff Writer

Every year, 68 men's basketball teams from the NCAA compete for the National Championship. You may walk the halls and see lots of people with their eyes focused on their phones, rooting for the teams that they have chosen to win in their bracket. This tournament has become known as March Madness. At first there are 68 teams, and then 32 teams, and after that the teams enter the "sweet sixteen", the "elite eight", and finally the "final four". After this the national championship contenders are decided.

To make it into the tournament, these teams must show that they are worthy throughout the year. To prove this, the teams must beat the highly ranked teams and maintain a great record.

Teams such as Duke, Kansas, Kentucky, UNC, and Villanova have become known as the regular title contenders year after year. Each year there are a few underdog teams that aren't usually in the tournament. These underdog teams get a lot of support from all the fans because who doesn't want to watch the underdog team succeed and take down a powerhouse school? Everyone loves to see that.

Every few years, some local teams get a spot in the tournament. St. Bonaventure and UB have each had some success March Madness. This

year, both teams have a relatively good shot at being in the tournament. Buffalo hasn't been as successful as St. Bonaventure, but they are an up and coming program. St. Bonaventure has been in the tournament many times and have even seen some success. In 2012 the Bonnies had a great team and made a run in the NCAA tournament to the Sweet Sixteen.

This year, the projected number one seeds are Virginia, Xavier, Villanova, and Auburn. If you're a team entering the tournament, you obviously want to be the number one ranked team. If you're number one, you play the last seeded team that usually isn't much of a threat to the top teams. The matchups for the teams are all based on where they are

Who you got?

This is the bracket that millions of people will be filling out in hopes of choosing the right teams.

Photo from printableteamschedules.com

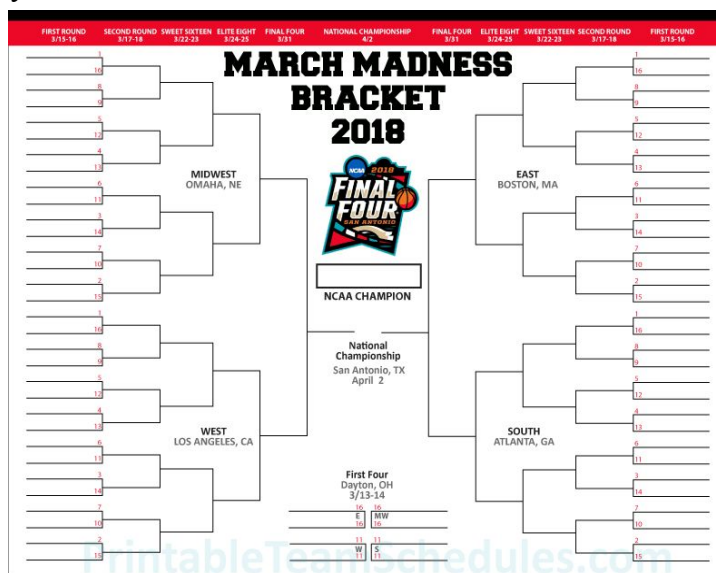


Madness Begins
March Madness Begins March 13 and ends April 2
Photo from primesport.com

seeded. The number one seed plays 16, 2 plays 15, 3 plays 14, 4 plays 13, 5 plays 12, 6 plays 11, 7 plays 10, and 8 plays 9. There has been a long history of 12 seeds beating 5 seeds, so those are always great games to watch if you're looking for the thrill of watching the underdogs.

ESPN holds a tournament challenge where you can create and submit a bracket and compete with everyone in the nation. The prizes of winning the tournament challenge range from cash prizes to winning a vacation trip. But, to be eligible for the prize, you must be in the top 1% of the brackets in the nation.

If you're looking for some March Madness competition within the school with some of your classmates, during March Madness, Mrs. Valentine holds her own tournament challenge with students. Just come to her room and ask for a bracket and you can be involved in the fun too. To participate in the ESPN tournament challenge, you must create an ESPN account online then you will be ready to make your picks.





By **Chris Galusha**
Staff Writer

ALL-GAME

Each coach has their own way of doing things when coaching different sports. As baseball and softball swing off this spring, I took some time to speak with Varsity coaches Keith Holmok and John Gemmell and ask them some questions about their coaching techniques. Both coaches were very helpful and gave me wonderful responses. I emailed Coach Gemmell and this was his response.

Coach Gemmell

What kind of techniques do you use that you may have been taught when you were a player yourself?

- Connecting with your players. I am a firm believer in players win games, and coaches win players. If you don't connect with your players, you miss out on a very special bond between player and coach.
- Instilling work ethic and the idea that you achieve success through hard work.
- Creating a family type atmosphere within your team. When a team truly enjoys each other's company and develops that bond between them, the overall attitude and performance of the team is enhanced.
- Fundamentals, fundamentals, fundamentals. I am a big believer in the basic fundamentals of the game. If players cannot master the fundamental skills and strategies of the game, then their growth, both individually and collectively, will be stunted. Repetition is a big part of our practice plans; at times it can be tedious, but I am a firm believer that it is the little things that make the biggest difference.
- Aggressive coaching and play. I look to put pressure on our opponents through aggressive play; we institute a great deal of small ball and aggressive baserunning into our game plan. We attempt to confuse the opposition and put them on their heels.

When coaching, what things do you have to keep in mind to help you remain calm when things are not going the way they are supposed to be going ?

These players are still kids playing a game. They play for the love of the game and they are always learning the game. We are going to make physical mistakes during games and seasons; you have to be resilient. If players see panic in coaches they in turn will panic themselves. You as a coach are a role model for these student-athletes; not only on the field but also in how you carry yourself off the field; how you handle yourself in both victory and defeat. One thing my players know is that I may be tough on them, I may be demanding of them, and I may raise my voice at times; but I will always have their back and protect and stand up for them.

How do you keep your players positive when they are not playing as well as they have practiced in a live game?

Just try and keep their mind and spirits in the positive. Players have to understand that they will face adversity many times during a season, and they have to be mentally prepared to deal with that adversity. Captains and other players are integral in this process, as they can assist in picking up, or encouraging, or motivating a player that is struggling and in turn frustrated or upset. During practice times, make a point to notice when that player is successful with a skill they are struggling with and build off that success. Life is full of adversity and athletics is no different.

When Sectionals come along what can you tell your players to keep them calm in a exciting or nervous moment knowing the season relies on if they win or lose?

For them to understand that this is still a game. Win or lose they will still wake up the next day living and breathing. This moment will not define them as a player or person. Everyone wants to win and be champions, but only a small percentage get to fulfill that dream. Adversity and setback are a part of life and those things can make you stronger as a person. You also want to ingrain in their mind that they are prepared and ready for this challenge. Make note of the all the hours and work they have put in to be ready for that time of the season. And lastly, keep it fun, keep it loose. When the game is no longer fun and it seems more like work, the passion tends to dissipate. Players are going to be nervous because they care so much; finding the right way to channel that anxiety is important to keep players loose and focused, rather than tight and scared.



Coach Gemmell, Continued

What is your favorite memory from your coaching career?

There are too many to note; and for me to single out one memory would be an injustice to all the great moments I have had as a coach. The many relationships and special bonds that I have developed with both my wrestlers and softball players would rank right at the top. Any moment where you see a player become successful with something they have been struggling with or realize their dream of being a champion, a starter, or simply a contributing member to the success of their team.

Coach Holmok

I also emailed Coach Holmok and asked him the very same questions to show how just one man can coach in a very different way. Coach Holmok has been a coach here at Alfred-Almond a lot longer than Coach Gemmell and aims very high to where he wants his team to finish. Coach Holmok mentioned that A-A hasn't put up at Sectional Title for baseball since the year of 1981, and his hopes are to put one up this season as the season has just kicked off. Here are Coach Holmok's responses:

What kind of techniques do you use that you may have been taught when you were a player yourself? Believe it or not I still use some of the hitting and conditioning drills used when I was a player but at the same time much has changed. Strength and core workouts I still use. Hand eye development along with hitting and fielding mechanics (basics) become routine through practice drill situations.

When coaching what things do you have to keep in mind to help you remain calm when things are not going the way they are supposed to be going ? In baseball the strategy changes after every pitch - we practice in situations so when we play we know what and where to make the play. I try to best place my players in situations where they will be successful so its easier as a coach to remain confident in abilities.

How do you keep your players positive when they are not playing as well as they have practiced in a live game? As a coach - you must model confidence. As players, they just need to do the routine things well to be successful and hopefully those things have already been master through practice and repetition.

What is your favorite Memory from your coaching Career?

I have had many fond memories having coached many good teams & individuals and feel fortunate to have been a part of their successes. Most recently, I am very proud of the team effort that contributed to our win over Wellsville last season.

Like I said, every coach has their own way of coaching, and they all definitely care about their athletes. If you are thinking about trying a new spring sport next season, either baseball or softball, speak with Coach Holmok and Coach Gemmell and they will help you out.



All-Serious

Varsity Softball coach John Gemmell is now on his 4th season as Head Coach.
Photo Courtesy of Christopher Galusha



36 Years of Experience

Coach Holmok has been coaching for 36 seasons.
Photo Courtesy of Christopher Galusha.



SUPERSTITIONS

By
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Superstition is defined as any belief or practice that is irrationally based on fear of the unknown, a misunderstanding of science or death, ignorance, or a positive belief in fate or magic. Many people have superstitions that they live by or swear to. These beliefs and practices are not limited to a certain country, they come from all around the world.

The belief that the **number thirteen is unlucky** is one of the most common superstitions. It is said that this idea stems from Christianity because there were thirteen guests at the last supper. The superstition is so common that many hotels and apartment buildings omit the thirteenth floor. Also, Friday the 13th is believed to be a day that brings many people bad luck, since the crucifixion took place on a Friday.

Another common superstition is the belief that **walking under a ladder will bring you bad luck**. This arises from the Christian belief in the Holy Trinity. A ladder leaning against a wall creates a triangle, like the holy trinity, so it is believed that walking under this triangle and breaking the bond is blasphemous. Another belief is that some ladders resemble the gallows, and that if you walk underneath a ladder it increases your chances of death. Some say that walking backwards under a ladder can reverse your bad luck.

Black cats have also played an important role in superstitions throughout history. It is said that a **person who crosses the path of a**

black cat will be cursed with bad luck because of the old belief that witches would take the form of domestic animals such as cats. Also, the color black symbolizes death in many cultures. The bad reputation following black cats is so strong that many were exterminated during the Middle Ages. Some believed black cats were responsible for the Black Death pandemic.

Mirrors are believed to not only reflect your image, they also hold parts of your soul. That's why **breaking a mirror is said to bring a person bad luck for seven years**. When breaking a mirror, your soul becomes corrupt. The number seven also has some superstition surrounding it. The Romans believed that it takes seven years for a soul to renew itself. This is why it is said that it takes seven years for a person's bad luck to end after breaking a mirror. There are many beliefs surrounding ways to reverse the bad luck that comes with breaking a mirror, such as burying a shard of the broken mirror in a

cemetery, throwing a pinch of salt over your left shoulder, holding the broken mirror under running water, or throwing it into a body of water. Although none of these methods have been proven to work, it wouldn't do any harm to try in order to avoid bad luck.

The Ides of March is said to be an unlucky day which many people are superstitious about. This occurs on March 15, and the superstitions surrounding it originated because the death of Julius Caesar occurred on this day. Shakespeare adds to the idea of this day causing strife in his play, *Julius Caesar*, by saying "Beware the Ides of March."

Superstition is very important in today's culture. People have irrational fears that are said to cause bad luck. Although some superstitions sound outlandish, they are believed and feared by many people. There are plenty of ways to reverse bad luck caused by superstition, but remember to avoid the number 13 and walking under ladders. Be careful around mirrors. Try not to cross the path of a black cat and "beware the Ides of March."



The idea of dreams is both a fascinating and puzzling concept. When waking up in the morning after a confusing or thought provoking dream, it is almost impossible to comprehend and analyze what your brain has just concocted. From nightmarish monsters, to fields of lollipops, your dreams have no limits to what weird and bizarre instances may arise. Below is a guide to popular dream occurrences, and their explanations:

① Falling

Falling in a dream indicates insecurity, uncertainty, and apprehension. Falling suggests that a person is overwhelmed and not in control of their life. With falling you have lost your balance and have begun to plummet, with nothing to grasp onto. This can translate to your waking life, where a person may feel as if they have no control over their work or school environment, and no means to help themselves. They may have no one to turn to, or have hit a dead end in their career. Individuals with this dream may feel a sense of inferiority or failure. If you find yourself frequently falling in your dreams, seek help from your peers in feeling less overwhelmed and submerged.

Overall meaning: **insecurity**

Teeth Falling Out②

When dreaming, it is common to experience your teeth falling out, or being completely gone. This can represent a major transition in your life, such as a career change, a move, or a breakup. In your waking life you are leaving a normal part of your daily routine, and perhaps moving on to something new. Teeth falling out can also indicate fear of loss. It is common for people who have a fear of aging to experience this dream. Insecurity may also be a reason for the dream.

If an individual feels insecure or uncertain about aspects of their life, this can explain their teeth falling out dream.

Overall meaning: **transition**

③ Being Naked

It can obviously be inferred that arriving to school or work completely naked in a dream represents vulnerability and insecurity. You may be trying to hide something, or have a secret that can't be revealed. In a naked dream you are completely exposed to the world as your true self, with no clothes to hide your insecurities. In your waking life, this may indicate that you are attempting to be something you aren't. Nudity also indicates being caught off guard, like forgetting about a school project or an important deadline. This is translated in your dream when you come to work or school naked and unprepared.

Overall meaning: **vulnerability**

Dying ④

Dreaming of your own death can symbolize many different things. A new chapter of your life may be starting, or the end of a personal era is occurring. It can also mean that you have defeated a behavior or bad habit that has recently arisen. Contrary to popular belief, dreaming of death can have numerous positive meanings. Inner transformations and personal discovery can occur when dreaming of death. Loss of unwanted baggage is also common.

Overall meaning: **beginning**

Taking Tests⑤



⑥ Monsters

If you find yourself dreaming of a difficult exam, you are being tested in some aspect of your waking life. Test taking indicates anxiety and fear and unpreparedness. You may have a large exam coming up in your waking life, and dream of the test being nearly impossible; this symbolizes that you may not feel ready for the exam, and you don't know what to expect. Testing also has fearful connotations as well; you are scared of being tested in your waking life, and it is only dramatized in your dream. One may be setting their goals too high if they dream of test taking, and are beginning to set themselves up for failure.

Overall meaning: **unpreparedness**

Dreaming of monsters can indicate many different things, but the symbol highly depends on the situation of the dream. A demon or monster can mean something in your waking life is becoming overwhelming and out of hand and difficult to control.

A monster can also manifest into your personal hidden anger; it is a way for your subconscious to indicate that it is time to confront and face your inner demons and anger.

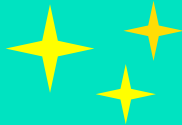


Overall meaning: **overwhelmed**

⑦ Finding an Abandoned Room

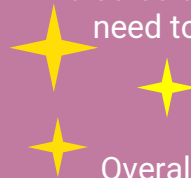
The room you dream of being abandoned will determine the meaning of the dream. If you dream of an abandoned bedroom, this represents your inner self, and inner struggles. A basement represents a more removed part of ourselves, and our hidden aspirations. If the room is unidentifiable, the overall symbol is that you are searching for something you can't seem to find. It may also mean relationships, lifestyles, and memories that have been discarded, either intentionally or unintentionally. It is a way for your brain to remind you of something important or significant that has slipped your mind.

Overall meaning: **reminder**



Being Trapped ⑧

Dreaming of being trapped indicates frustration in your waking life. It can indicate that something or someone is holding you back, and you don't know how to get out of the situation. This "something" may be a lifeless job, or an unhealthy relationship. It shows that you may have no choice in the situation, or are fearful of speaking up. Your brain is telling you that it is time to take action against your current situation. You may also be clinging to old habits and behaviors that need to be forgotten. Overall, feeling trapped in a dream indicates that you are powerless.



Overall meaning: **powerlessness**

⑨ Getting Chased

Dreaming of getting chased can attribute to the fact that in your waking life, you are avoiding a specific issue or person. Chasing can also mean that you are evading your emotions and feelings, and aren't facing difficult subjects head on. The things or people you are avoiding in real life are coming back to chase you in your dreams as an animal or a monster. How close or far away from the chaser you are in your dream can indicate how close you are to the situation in your waking life. If the chaser is far away, the issue may not be that prominent, but if you are on the verge of getting caught, it may be something very close and looming in your life.

Overall meaning: **avoidance**



Lateness ⑩

Being late in a dream may indicate that you are having difficulty meeting your own, or other people's expectations. If you dream of arriving unprepared and an hour late for an important event, you most likely have trouble meeting goals in your waking life, and are in need of a change. Lateness may also indicate hope for change, it is a way for your brain to tell you that it is time to move on and let go. Lateness can also mean that you have difficulty making decisions, and often sit on the fence about certain important topics. If you dream of lateness, it is common to feel that time is running out in your waking life, and you feel rushed to complete specific tasks.



Overall meaning: **indecisiveness**



Plenty of Time and Money



By: *Duncan Bryant-Carly*

DJ Don: PR Manager

Pink Floyd is a rock band that originated in Cambridge, England in 1965. Unlike other music groups at the time, their tunes brought unique tones to the music industry. Their songs told a story, portrayed current world events, sent rebellious and progressive messages to its listeners, and changed the genre of rock for years to come. While only experiencing moderate success at first, the band has become one of the greatest rock bands in history and is world-renowned for their music.

The original members of the band consisted of **Syd Barrett** (guitarist and lead vocals), **Nick Mason** (drums), **Roger Waters** (bass and vocals), and **Richard Wright** (keyboards and vocals). Three years after the band first started, Syd Barrett left the band and was replaced by **David Gilmour** as the lead singer. Like many European rock bands from the 1960s, they experienced plenty of success in the United States. Today they have sold over 73.5 million albums in the United States alone and over 200 million albums worldwide; their album sales continue to rise.

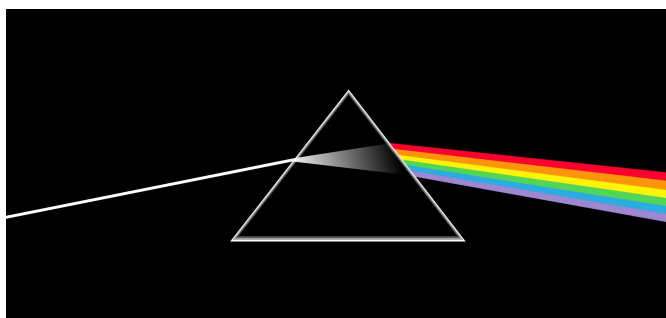
A few of their most famous albums consist of “**The Wall**,” “**The Dark Side of the Moon**,” and “**Wish You Were Here**.” What most people don’t realize when they are listening to Pink Floyd is that they are listening to rock operas. A rock opera is when all the songs in an album flow into each other and are all connected by a central theme. One of their most famous albums, “The Dark Side of the Moon,” was released on March, 1973, which means that the album is celebrating its 45th year anniversary with this month’s issue.

Pink Floyd: The Dark Side of the Moon

Listen to the album here → [The Dark Side of the Moon](#)

Songs:

1. Speak to Me
2. Breathe
3. On the Run
4. Time
5. Great Gig in the Sky



Continued:

6. Money
7. Us and Them
8. Any Colour You Like
9. Brain Damage
10. Eclipse

The album, “The Dark Side of the Moon”, was written with the intention of describing the different stresses of everyday life. “Speak to Me” and “Breathe” act as introductions to the rest of the album. The next song “On the Run” depicts the travel of everyday life. “Time” represents how growing old is inevitable. “Great Gig in the Sky” is supposed to represent death. “Money” deals with how money corrupts the powerful. “Us and Them” depicts violence and the stupidity of war. “Brain Damage” symbolizes insanity and mental health issues. “Any Colour You Like” and “Eclipse” conclude and bring the whole album together.

Pink Floyd: Today

Pink Floyd released their final album in 1995 called “PULSE”. Then, in 2005, the band got back together and did one last live performance in the U.K.. Currently, Pink Floyd is an inductee in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in the U.S. and the U.K.. For more information about Pink Floyd, click the link below.

[Pink Floyd History](#)



SHATTERED REALITY: SIMULATIONS

Welcome back to this month's article about "Black Mirror", the Netflix sci-fi series about how bizarre the future can become. This time around, I thought it would be interesting to delve into how the show covers simulations, and how that applies to real life. For instance, there's a popular theory that we are currently living in a simulation, and numerous episodes from "Black Mirror" relate to that. According to the "Merriam-Webster Dictionary", a simulation is, "the imitative representation of the functioning of one system or process by the functioning of another"; they are mainly used by companies to model outcomes of their latest project.

"Black Mirror" usually handles simulations in a relatively positive manner; the show depicts them as a way to improve the human lifestyle. Although this may be what we hope to do with simulations someday, it's highly likely that we're already in one. Prominent scientists, such as Neil deGrasse Tyson, see our primarily math-governed reality to be one set up by some superior power. This is known as Simulation Theory.

If we were living in some computer, like the humans found in "The Matrix", what would our purpose be? The possibility of our infutility is the scariest aspect of Simulation Theory. Just like "The Sims", we could just be randomly generated people that teenagers are taking care of, or playing with. Contrarily, we may be a creation designed to see the multiple possibilities of our universe, the multiverse, but could single handedly be wiped out by a computer virus.

There's a myriad of evidence pertaining to our existence in a simulation. As stated earlier, our whole existence seems to be maintained through intertwined systems of mathematical equations, exactly the same as a computer program. All the functions of the universe can be modeled mathematically; there's nothing that doesn't align with data seen before.

Additionally, people occasionally obtain a hyperrealistic sensation where what's happening doesn't feel real, so much so that it causes them to stop in their tracks. Questions such as how we can actually control our bodies so easily start to circulate the mind. How can we breathe? How can we run? How can we play catch with our friend without having to think through every action like we do when recounting our memories for a test or quiz? It's quite strange when you consider "glitches" in the universe.

Many YouTube accounts have uploaded videos showing people or objects that seem to disappear without a trace. Unless it's some UFO or alien we accidentally located (a whole different topic altogether), it could be the computer misplacing coordinates of another program. There are so many odd things that happen in the world, this could offer a plausible explanation to some of them.

I personally don't believe that we're living in a simulation, but it is a potential reality. Everything we find in the world is governed by some math law, such as gravity and light speed. People have odd sensations that are typically unexplainable. Most of life

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seems explainable, but there are some strange phenomena that puzzle everyone. Ultimately, we're here for a reason (whatever it may be), and should make adequate use of our time.



Neo Wakes Up

The main character in "The Matrix" wakes up to find that he has been living in a simulation his whole life.

Photo from sites.google.com



Playtest

"Black Mirror" features an episode where a human ventures into a horror simulation.

Photo from culturedvultures.com



GLITCHED

This photoshopped house shows how truly distorted the world could become with one wrong click.

Photo from viralnova.com



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COMPUTER HINTS

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Managing Windows 10

Use the free tool ShutUp10 by O&O Software to disable many privacy-concerning and generally annoying features built into Windows 10, such as advertising profiling.

<https://www.oo-software.com/en/shutup10>

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By Josh Carstens, Bee
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Google Chrome Tricks

There are several shortcuts built into Chrome that I use on a daily basis. Middle-click (press down your scroll wheel) on links to open them in a new tab. Middle-click on tabs to close them. Use Ctrl+Shift+T to reopen tabs you just closed.

You can also install some very useful extensions at the Chrome Web Store to improve your browsing experience. One of my favorite extensions is Imagus, which will show any full-size image when you hover your mouse over it.

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Spectrum Internet Plans

If you were previously a Time Warner customer and haven't changed your plan since their merger with Charter, call customer support.

Spectrum carried over previous Time Warner customers' existing plans, but they offer their own plans which are faster and cheaper, however you need to manually switch your plan. Keep in mind their slowest plan is 100 Mbps, so if your speed is below that, you are on an outdated plan. You can view your speed at speedof.me.

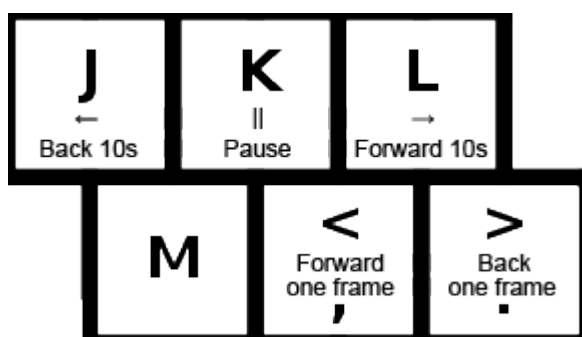
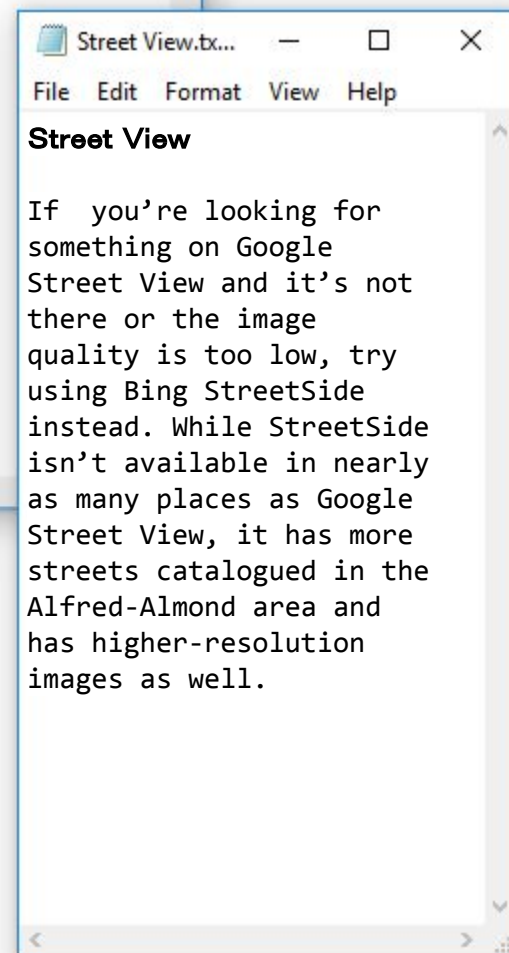
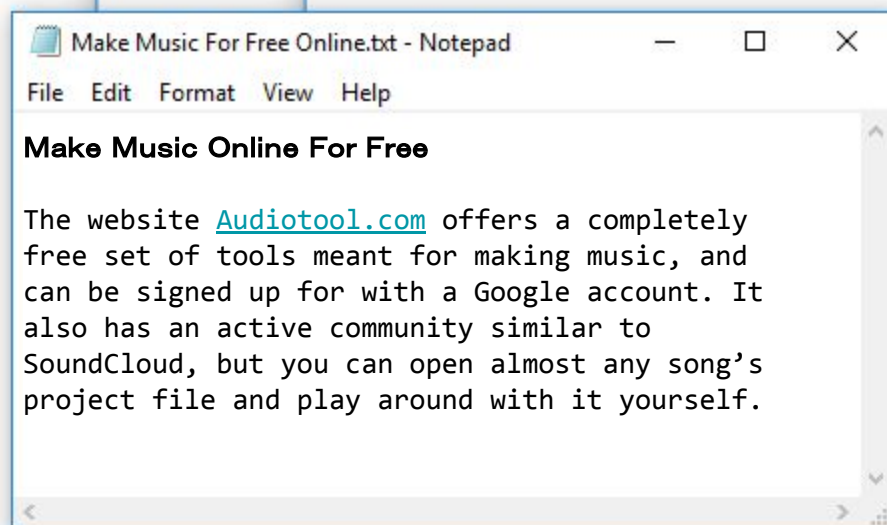
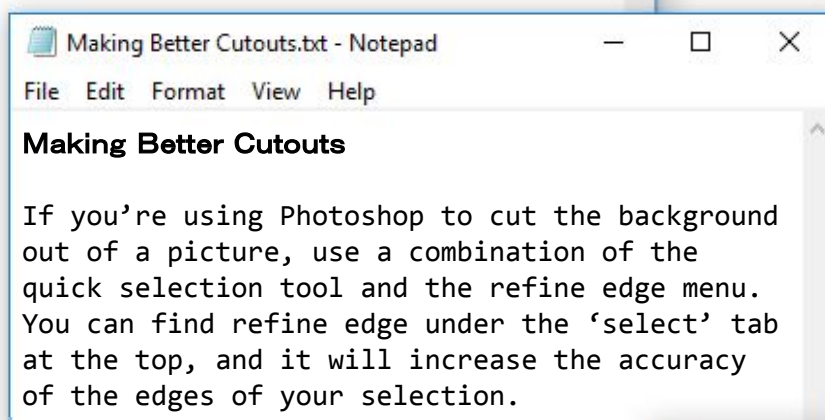
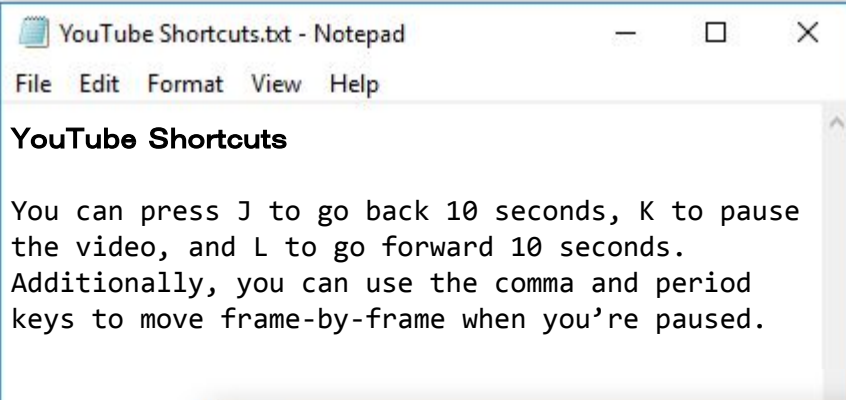
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Quick—Installing Software

The website Ninite.com allows you to install dozens of programs at once using just one customizable installer. Useful for when you get a new computer and need to install all your go-to programs quickly.







Neat Noodles

By: Emily Noone
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National noodle month takes place in March every year. The oldest noodle was discovered in 2005 when a group of archaeologists found a bowl in China that contained a 4,000 year old noodle. Over time, many types of noodles have been made; a few are shown below.

Bucatini



Photo from olioandolive.com

Description: like spaghetti but with a hollow inside

Cooking time: 9 - 13 minutes

Best for: casserole, stir-fry, soup

Ideal sauces and toppings: broth, tomato sauces, meat

Cavatappi



Photo from pasta-rea.com

Description: a corkscrew pasta

Cooking time: 9 - 10 minutes

Best for: sauces, salads

Ideal sauces and toppings: meat, tomato sauces, cheese sauces, vegetables

Noodle Fact

There are more than 600 different pasta shapes produced around the world.

Pappardelle



Photo from nuts.com

Description: a wide, long, flat pasta

Cooking time: 7 - 10 minutes

Best for: sauces

Ideal sauces and toppings: meat sauces, heavy rich sauces



Campanelle



Photo from finecooking.com

Description: bellflower shaped pasta. “Campanelle” literally translates to “bellflowers”.

Cooking time: 7 - 10 minutes

Best for: casserole, sauces

Ideal sauces and toppings: thick sauces, meat sauces, cheese sauces, vegetables, chicken

Acini de Pepe



Photo from recipies.wikia.com

Description: tiny, bead like pasta

Cooking time: 4 - 9 minutes

Best for: soups, salads

Ideal sauces and toppings: broth

Noodle Fact

Before pasta was eaten with sauce, it was eaten by hand.

Ravioli



Photo from borgattis.com

Description: a type of dumpling; a filling inside of two pieces of sealed pasta

Cooking time: 4 - 9 minutes

Best for: sauces

Ideal sauces and toppings: tomato sauce, olive oil

Farfalle



Photo from popsugar.com

Description: pasta shaped like tiny butterflies, “farfalle” means “butterflies” in Italian

Cooking time: 8 - 15 minutes

Best for: sauces

Ideal sauces and toppings: creamy sauces, tomato sauces, cheese sauces



IRISH SODA BREAD

A Cautionary Tale...

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A Brief History

Medieval Ireland was the perfect concoction of resources and climate that brought about the creation of Irish soda bread¹. Ireland's climate is cooler, and more wet than that in the United States. While hard wheats that make flour with high gluten content did not grow well there, soft wheats did. Soft wheats have less protein, and lend themselves to a flaky, yet dense consistency which is exactly like what you find in soda bread. For comparison, a biscuit is similar in consistency to some soda bread you will find. Additionally the abundance of firewood, and other fuels such as heather², lent itself perfectly to the widespread baking of soda bread in Ireland. This same thing didn't occur in the more populous, less wild England or mainland Europe due to the strictly controlled forests.



Sweet 'n Savory

Traditional Irish soda bread can be altered with dried fruit and sugar so that it tastes better.

Photo from www.epicurious.com

Traditionally, soda bread was baked in a pot or casserole over a fire, or on a bakestone where an iron plate rested directly on the embers. These two methods fostered the two main kinds of soda bread still eaten in Ireland today, which are Cake³ and Farl⁴. Despite the fact that both forms of the bread appear all throughout Ireland, those who reside in Southern Ireland typically make cake, while those of Northern Ireland seem to prefer farl.

* 3 and 4 are explained in a picture on the next page. *

My Experience

In America, we have a tainted perception of Irish soda bread being not far off from a cake that would be served as dessert. True Irish "cake" or "farl" is very simple, and quite bland due to the absence of any sugar, raisins, caraway seeds and other dried fruit that have been added over time. This plain bread would've been eaten in thick slices with marmalade or butter for breakfast, could've accompanied a potato and leek soup for lunch, or have been served as cheese sandwiches.

I baked both a traditional and a more common version of Irish soda bread, in order to personally experience the difference between the two. I confirmed that the traditional Irish soda bread is indeed very bland, and quickly becomes quite firm, almost like a rock. The more "American" version of the Irish soda bread that I made using sugar, more buttermilk, and an egg was consequently much more flavorful, however it too quickly developed a thick, tough crust that made it less appetizing as time went on. It should be noted that I am by no means a baker, and made some significant mistakes during this process. To witness my entertaining baking excursion, please check out the video link below.



Entertainment for Everyone

Josh C. has uploaded this video on this youtube channel. For paper copy readers, use the QR code on the next page or go to youtu.be/ztiCg1Ay2Jk. Video Courtesy of Josh. C.

1. Instead of yeast, bread soda (also known as a plain bicarbonate of soda) was used, hence the name soda bread.
2. A purple flower with peat around its roots that act as an effective fuel.



IRISH SODA BREAD



Non-Traditional Irish Soda Bread

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups of all purpose flour
- 4 tablespoons of white sugar
- 1 teaspoon of baking soda
- 1 tablespoon of baking powder
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- ½ cup of butter, softened
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup buttermilk
- ¼ cup melted butter

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375°
2. In a large bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and butter.
3. Stir in 1 cup of buttermilk and egg.
4. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface, and knead for 60 to 90 seconds.
5. Form dough into a round, and place on prepared, lightly greased baking sheet.
6. Combine melted butter with ¼ cup buttermilk, and brush loaf with mixture. Cut an 'X' into the loaf.
7. Bake for 40 to 45 min. Check for doneness with a toothpick by sticking it into the loaf. It is ready when the toothpick comes out clean.
8. Brush the loaf with the butter mixture while baking.

Click [here](#) for the entire recipe.



X Marks the Spot

Irish soda bread recipes often instruct the baker to cut an x in the top. This is done to help the bread expand while it is baking. Photo from allrecipes.com



Cake or Farl?

Technically this is Irish cake, because it is one large round of bread. Irish farl is when you cut the dough into quarters instead of scoring it with an X.

Photo from europeancuisines.com

Traditional Irish Soda Bread

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups of flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 ¾ cups buttermilk

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 425°
2. Combine the flour, baking soda, and salt in a bowl.
3. Gradually stir in buttermilk until dough combines into a slightly sticky ball.
4. Knead dough gently on a slightly flowered surface for roughly 30 seconds.
5. Form dough into a ball and press into an oiled 9 inch cake pan so it reaches the edges. The dough should look like a round disk.
6. Cut an X into the dough about ¼ in deep
7. Cover the pan of dough with another cake pan turned upside down.
8. Bake 30 min covered, then 10 minutes or more uncovered until crust is dark golden brown.

Click [here](#) for the entire recipe.

Tea vs. Coffee

TEA

Coffee

By Abigail Hendee
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- **Can reduce chances of having cancers, strokes, and heart attacks.**

- This is because like coffee, tea contains antioxidants that can reduce swelling in the body and help build the immune system.
- Antioxidants in tea can also improve memory and help reduce bone breakdown.

- **May help maintain and lose weight.**

- More specifically, green tea contains ingredients that assist in the development of muscle cells and lower the amount of fat cells in the body.
- In case you didn't know, one pound of fat takes up more room than one pound of muscle.

- **Can help with mental health.**

- Tea is seen by many people as a calming drink because according to theguardian.com, tea has a lower concentration of caffeine than coffee.
- Many teas are created with the sole purpose of relaxing the mind and body together while decreasing anxiety.

- **May help lower the risk of brain diseases like Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Parkinson's.**

- Scientists believe that this is true because the antioxidants that are in coffee could help to protect the neurons that work with cognitive function, which is the scientific way of saying that your brain is working.

- **May help with weight loss.**

- When comparing the sugar content in coffee to other drinks like sodas and energy drinks, it can be less, but it really depends on how much sugar that is put into the coffee. Some people also like to put sugar and cream into their teas as well. If you drink either without a large amount of sugar/cream, weight loss could happen.

- **Can help prevent Type 2 Diabetes.**

- One type of antioxidant (polyphenols) that coffee contains can help maintain the blood sugar amount at a healthy level.

PROS

TEA

- **Can cause problems for people who are sensitive to caffeine.**
 - Much like coffee, if you have too much caffeine than your body can handle, the body can be overcome with many problems much like the caffeine abuse symptoms.

- **Can cause teeth stains.**
 - It is recommended that after drinking tea, you should drink some water afterwards and brush your teeth to keep your pearly white shine.

- **May cause a decrease in iron levels.**
 - Tannins are a type of antioxidant in tea that is found to conflict with the body's absorption of the iron found in plants like spinach, kale, and broccoli.
 - It is recommended that the best way to avoid this con is to not drink tea while you are eating and to drink in between meals.

CONS

Coffee

- **Raised blood pressure.**
 - The increase in blood pressure is not permanent, however the continuous increase and decrease in the level could put people at risk of heart disease. This is because according to mayoclinic.com, researchers believe caffeine can block a hormone that widens arteries.
- **Possibility of caffeine abuse.**
 - In coffee, there is a drug called caffeine. Caffeine levels have been seen to increase in many drinks like sodas and energy drinks.
 - Caffeine is consumed and then absorbed into the bloodstream which travels to many organs including the brain. Caffeine affects the brain by blocking adenosine, which is a neurotransmitter that calms the body and helps increase tiredness throughout the day.
 - Caffeine abuse can cause insomnia, tremors, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and many more conditions.

The ultimate decision on which beverage to drink is up to you based on what you believe is best for your body and lifestyle.



Carbonated Milk?

In this article I carbonated assorted liquids taken from a poll of about 50 Alfred-Almond students and faculty members. I took the top four answers from the survey asking, "If you could carbonate any liquid in the world, what would you choose?" The top four answers in order were Orange Juice, then Coffee, then (sadly) Milk, and Iced Tea. I then chose strawberry kiwi juice for the fifth one because it was something that I thought would be good. I own a force carbonator that I can carbonate any liquid with. The steps for carbonating are shown below. Pictures were all taken and provided by Chloe Muhleisen.



Step 1: Fill a bottle with a liquid of your choice and squeeze the air out of the bottle



Step 2: Connect the bottle to the CO₂ and let the air into the container.



Step 3: Shake the bottle for about 2 minutes and repeat Step 2 twice



Step 4: Pour the liquid into a glass and drink.



Welch's Strawberry Kiwi Juice. This is the liquid that wasn't chosen through the poll. It wasn't bad. I'm not sure I'd do it again though because I don't think it was worth the \$5 I spent on it.

8.5/10



Arizona Arnold Palmer. Many people requested lemonade and iced tea, so I figured I might as well mix it. I'll be honest I went into this expecting to dislike it, but it was pleasantly refreshing.

8/10



Milk. I certainly wouldn't recommend putting this garbage in your cereal. I don't think it needs a numerical grade because my face shows exactly how it tasted.



Orange Juice. This was the most requested liquid and it was understandable. It was probably my favorite. Thinking about it more, I bet this is why orange soda is a thing.

9/10



Finally, Coffee. I'll be honest I hate coffee. I don't drink coffee ever and this was a punishment. People that like coffee thought it was great, but I am not a fan. At least it was better than the milk.

4/10



By:

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Take Me Home Please

The Allegany SPCA is located just outside of Standards in a small building with many animals located there. They are in the middle of building a new facility just outside of Belmont where they will be able to house more animals. In the meantime though, the SPCA is loaded with animals, some who have been there for over two years now. Below are some of the animals available, but just know that there are far more animals available for adoption and fostering. The SPCA also needs donations; a list of the needed donations can be found [here](#) or to visit their website click [here](#).



Blondie

Relieved from a hoarding situation with 37 other cats, Blondie made her way to the SPCA in 2015. Blondie is a female Shorthair mix who is four years old. Her young spirit is shown when she is lounging out in the sun and greeting visitors with the office cats. Head to the SPCA and visit her, she would love it.

This five year old female Akita/American Blue mix is Winnie. Winnie was surrendered October 27, 2016 and has been at the shelter since. She is very, very vocal and loves to be outside and go on walks. Even a dog who loves to be outside has to come in every now and then, but there is no need to worry because she is completely housetrained. Her ideal future home has no children or other pets. She is nervous around new people so you would have to meet with her a couple of times so she can get to know you.

Winnie



Sissy

This smiling pooch is Sissy. She is six years old Pitbull mix and came to the SPCA May 20, 2016 and loves visitors. She has a medical condition that causes her face to droop and her head to tilt but that doesn't stop her from smiling. She is a puppy at heart and is very active which means she needs an active family to take her home and play with her. She also needs to be in a home with no other pets and no young children.





Jack

Jack is a seven year old male who is a puppy at heart and loves to play. Not only does Jack love attention from you, he also loves hugs. Jack would be best in a household with no children under 12 and no other animals. Even though I was unable to actually meet with him and play, I was able to see how much he loved people visiting him.

Isaac

This seven year old handsome boy came to the shelter October 20, 2017 because his family surrendered him when they had to move. Isaac is a Shorthair mix who is not cat friendly because of bullying from other cats at the SPCA. Though he is afraid of other cats, he is super friendly and loving; he basically jumped all over us to get our attention when we visited.



Dougie

This pointy eared bachelor is Dougie. He is a three year old deaf male Pitbull mix who was surrendered June 3, 2017. Even though Dougie is completely deaf, he is still a happy puppy who doesn't mind speaking up. He loves little children, to play, nap, and watch his light projector. The staff at the SPCA are working with him on basic commands; they have successfully conquered walking on a leash, heel, sit, and stay. Due to still being a young dog, he has a tendency to be very rambunctious when he plays, which requires him to be in a home with no little kids or cats. When I saw Dougie, I fell in love and I think you will too.



Simba

Sadly this is not the Simba from the Lion King, but he is equally as cute. This Simba is a nine year old Shorthair mix who was surrendered December 14, 2016. Due to his owner getting sick, Simba was taken to the SPCA where he would wait for his next family. He is very shy, gentle, and quiet and loves to cuddle. It would be best if he was adopted into a house with no small children or other cats.



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The Golden Games

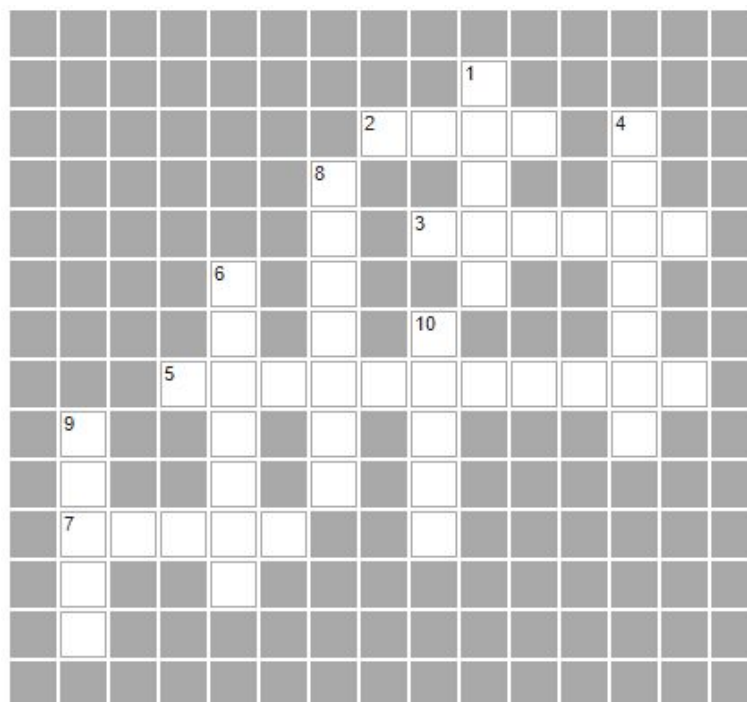


Down

1. The color of growing grass
4. Spectrum of light in the sky after rain
6. One of the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom
8. To find these with 4 leaves is considered lucky
9. Study whose medium is sound
10. People who live in Ireland are _____

Across

2. Folded paper with a special greeting
3. A language spoken in Ireland
5. A social gathering or party
7. Patrick was a _____



S A I V E Y Z Z T M Z E R P C D M Q D K
J O M L J D H Y E W U K F S O V B L Z G
A V D C C G D H Q O R U H R R Q F D X Q
G H Z A E M Z W W P H E L S N X R F B G
W X X V B S M M J J B M N F B R A I I Q
D O A W B R U J K H Z T O U E T Y Y C I
Z R B N N L E O L B W U I B E S S I Q M
Z C V N T G M A K Y R Y T Z F L W Z N N
Z X D S I K U K D L N Q P P Z D P M B B
V N C R G A G W E M Q W C R M E P Z M Y
N A U L A L R A X W R Z C F A D L V P M
L W M A B A F O N X C V N Q V Y G K Z P
G X J D H C Z X S B M X V K C U L W U U
U B D I L C S G B E I X W X H Y F O J W
I Z B O X Y E F M Q X Z J T V U J X C W
S G V Z S B U R C R L A F U T H G D B E
T E X R C A E T P F X E F T L O H A F C
R P H Y L E F N S E S X V Y L R J V H A
E G G K N Y E Y R R L P A D H I K R Q Y
Z W P K C O R M A H S M B Q G U T E E V

CORNBEEF
FOURLEAF CLOVER
GOLD
LEPRECHAUN
LUCK
RAINBOW
SHAMROCK
SODABREAD



The mystery staff member from pages 7-8 is... **Miss Hatch!**
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