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## Editorial

### *Sweet heart o'mine - cheers to the teen age years!*



"Have you ever thought about what protects our hearts? Just a cage of rib bones and other various parts."

Yes, we ARE fragile. We break, we fall, we cry, we hide behind tired eyes and old memories. We care too much or we don't care at all. We use to blame love everytime we forget where our heart is.

Somehow, we're right, because it may be love that makes people happy and its absence that turns all that happiness into nothing. And worse, "nothing" always lasts. I know this line is hackneyed, but that's about it. And we keep believing in that cute "forever" they talk about in fairytales. All in all, we keep believing in... nothing. And falling apart is now part of the routine. How could we fight it with such a

breakable heart?

We're not even trying. We just hope for a better something with our hands behind our back, but still, hopes do die one day and then, there is nothing to do about it. That's great! There would be no pain, no disillusion, no broken promises, and we would be just... empty.

There are so many excuses in the world! Why not use them all? "Somebody broke my heart.", "I hate where I am right now and no changes are allowed". And keep doing nothing about it. Maybe things will get better in time. Or maybe we will end by being immune, living somewhere far away, outer space, no matter what happens here, on Earth. Isn't that simple?

But we have to admit it: pain exists, and there is no way to escape by just staring, crying, waiting for something good to happen - in vain. We don't have to get used to it. I know, it's easy to say, but harder to do. Though, have you ever tried?

Yes, a heart may be undone, destroyed by its most important ones, it may be broken, fooled around, dropped off, but, however, it keeps on working. That means we are NOT that fragile we wish we were. We can go on, learn what we cannot learn in school, live, start again confidently and grow up beautifully. Because all that stuff makes us human beings and there is no reason to hate it.

*Lorena Copil , XI D*

## Interviews

Name : Nicoleta Pitig

Position : School Vice-Principal

1. How did you adjust to being the school vice-principal?

I can't say there was or there is any adjusting, taking into consideration the fact that I've always been a person deeply involved in the school's life, even when I was a school inspector. I have never wanted "the rupture" from the class, from the profession that I have chosen - teaching. I would say that the position of vice-principal brought along new responsibilities, both at an institutional level, but mostly in my relationship with students. From my point of view the position of vice-principal represents a combination between listening to students' wishes and respecting the rigors of the school regulation, a harmonization of individuals for the common benefit.

2. What things do you miss from the time when you were a teacher?

I am and I will always be a teacher devoted to this profession, but every position requires sacrifices. First of all I would like to be able to assign more time for the preparation of the lessons, of the classes that I teach. Geography is a discipline that implies a permanent update of information, a visualisation of the phenomena that occur in nature.

3. What is your relationship with the students?

My relationship with the students is a "democratic" one, of fellowship and mutual respect. I see students as "partners" in the educational process and I think that without them, teachers wouldn't have "the object of work".

4. What are your plans for the future?

My plans for the future are related to maintaining a quality education at the school level, promoting the image of the school among gymnasium pupils from the entire county, setting a collaborative relationship and mutual respect between students and teachers.

5. How would you describe the students in our college?

I would describe them in a few short words: modest, diligent, serious, responsible.

6. What would you like to change in the students' behaviour?

I would like to change the students' attitude towards school, teachers, colleagues, and especially towards themselves; they must not forget their purpose as students - studying.

7. Do you have some tips for us, the students?

If you study hard, you do it for yourselves, not for the school. That's why a thorough training will be beneficial for your future activity.

*Diana Vasile, 12 D*

## Projects & activities

### *The Eco School*

This year in Eco-School project of the Ioan Slavici College, some themes have been proposed : „Nature and biodiversity” , „The Energy” and „Healthy Life”. Our eco-code is : Cleaning, Nature, Implication and Health. One of the recycle’s stages is selective collection ,where the separation and processing of one of the components take place to be converted into useful products. By the selective waste collection we can recycle :bottles, magazines, newspapers ,household packaging. Every Monday the students can bring used batteries ,bulbs, home broken appliances in a specially provided space from A building. So you can contribute to recycling and reduce pollution. THE FUTURE BEGINS TODAY! IT’S TIME TO RECYCLE!

*Miclea Danusia XI D*

*Chiper Tamara XI D*

### *LET'S DO IT ROMANIA!*

The October edition of “Let’s do it Romania!” was organised by our teacher, Mrs Dinga Lacrimioara. The students of our high school “Ioan Slavici” joined the teachers as volunteers to help in her goal to collect the litter from some of the streets. The volunteers were divided into groups. To meet with the hygiene standards, they wore gloves and collected the litter with the help of some pointed sticks; all that was collected was put in plastic bags. The project “Let’s do it Romania!” had a huge impact and success in our country. The volunteers managed to clean an important part from our urban and rural areas from the randomly thrown garbage.

*Ionut Pinteza XI D*

## Cambridge exams

### *Cambridge Exams at CNIS – second anniversary*

In March 2012 we will be hosting the 6th session of Cambridge Exams in our school, which means that we celebrate two years since the Cambridge Exams Closed Centre was set up here, at CNIS. Almost 250 candidates have already taken their FCE or CAE exams, and another 67 are about to do the same, in March. The teachers of English worked hard for the school to be authorised as an examination centre, and they still do, since each session involves a lot of preparation, time and dedication.

Let me tell you about the beginning. Well, it was pretty hard. After getting the approval of the British Council in Cluj-Napoca, we had to convince our colleagues from other high schools that we are trustworthy, that the Cambridge Exams which were to be held at the “Ioan Slavici” National College were the genuine ones. Quite many of them were very supportive, encouraging their students to register for the exams in our school, thus helping us reach the minimum number of candidates needed for a closed centre to be established. During the first session (June 2010) there were candidates from all the major high schools in the city, and the teachers who invigilated were not only coming from CNIS, but also from “Mihai Eminescu” National College, “Doamna Stanca” National College and “Johan Ettinger” German High School. Everything went well and starting with the second session the Closed Centre has been trusted and appreciated by students and teachers from the entire county, and even from Maramureş.

In case you didn't know, the Cambridge Exams are recognised by the Ministry of Education, which means that if you are the happy owner of a Cambridge Certificate, you no longer have to take the Linguistic Competence Exam, as part of the Bacalaureate. But this is only one of the countless advantages of possessing such a diploma. The Cambridge Exams have recently celebrated a century of existence, and over these so many years they have built an outstanding reputation, therefore being approved and accepted by universities all over the world.

If you're planning to take a Cambridge exam, you should know that there are three sessions every year: in March, June and December. To find out the exact dates, the exam fees and the registration procedure, all you have to do is go to the school's website ([www.cnislavici.ro](http://www.cnislavici.ro)). The page called Cambridge exams is constantly updated so that you will know when and how to register.

You might be thinking of studying abroad or getting a scholarship in a foreign country, or you might be going even further and realise how big an advantage holding a Cambridge Certificate would be for your future career. But you could also be putting yourself to test, pushing your brain and ambition really hard, just to find out what you are capable of. Whatever your reasons, I encourage you to give it a try and succeed. After all, not everyone can do it, and if you can, what's stopping you?

*Ioana Văsuț, English teacher*

*Coordinator of the CNIS Closed Centre for Cambridge Exams*



## *Cambridge Exams – first-hand accounts*

I took the Cambridge exam because I am considering going to college in Denmark, and an English Certificate is usually required if you are planning to study in a foreign country. I had been preparing for it for about 3 years and I was astonished to see that I received an A. My amazement was mainly due to the fact that the exam wasn't as easy as I expected. The Reading Part was a little challenging for me, since the time given to solve it wasn't very long and I was nervous about Listening, too. The annoying thing about Listening is that if you miss a part while the tape is played (even the second time), there is nowhere else to search for the answer. But, in the end, what matters is that it all went very well and I became more confident in my knowledge of English.

*Cristina Simionescu, 12 C - CAE*

I mainly took the exam because of its international recognition and prestige. It can be very useful if you're planning to take a course in English at a university, or if you're looking for a job which requires a certain level of skill in the English language. When I found out that I had passed the exam I felt ecstatic because it meant that the hard work I had put beforehand paid off. I think this experience has taught me that if you set your mind to something and you're in the right frame of mind you can achieve it no matter what.

*Anghel Aranyos, 12 C - CAE*

I had wanted to try for the Cambridge exam ever since I was the ninth grade. Fortunately, I passed my FCE one year ago and I felt really happy and enthusiastic about it because I had been trying to improve my English during months. I hope that this certificate will help me in the future but firstly I managed not to take my Baccalaureate Examination in English. I also want to recommend everybody who likes this language to go for this exam because it's an interesting opportunity.

*Raluca Drăgoi, 12 C - FCE*

I took the Cambridge exam in order to test my level of English and have my expertise recognized. After seeing the results I was shocked; I never expected anything over a C much less an A, and for the first 20 minutes I kept yelling YEY YEY YEY...and when I finally came to my senses I was very proud of my achievement. Taking the exam was a valuable experience. Not only did I get to feel the pressure of a real exam, but I also got the chance to compare my skills to my peers', and I must admit I have become a bit more arrogant.

*Ady Grimberg, 12 D - CAE*

The reasons why I took the Cambridge exam are very simple. One of them is that it is a widely acknowledged exam, and the other is that, in the future, I plan on becoming a translator, and English is one of the languages I want to work with. The moment I found out that I passed was a really pleasant one, since the Cambridge exam was one of my first major exams. The feeling of passing it was a really great one, to say the least. And seeing my results at the exam only gave me a boost to try my best to speak English better.

*Cristian Cîmpian, 12 D – CAE*

The Cambridge exam is known worldwide and it is an almost accurate test, showing a person's knowledge of the English language. The reason I took the exam is its utility in other countries, where one can pursue a University or an Academy where you need to have a base knowledge of the English language. I would like to study in another country, where I need this exam, so that is the reason I took it. When I found out that I'd passed, I felt relieved, but also a bit disappointed because I knew for sure I could have accomplished more than that. Experiencing the exam changed me, because it was my first exam and I didn't know what to expect from it. It didn't make me feel stressed, but after all, I've realised that an exam is an important test that requires to be taken seriously.

*Norbert Suranyi, 12 C*

## Our stars

1. Dear Mr. president, tell us about you.

Hello, my name is Ionut Pinteana and I study here since 2009. This is my third year of studying philology English bilingual. As you may know, I was appointed president of Students' Council this year.

2. Well, that truly is something. And tell me, do you have that so-called biggest dream?

My biggest dream? Well, I think that getting admission into a faculty of Law and succeed in this area could be named my biggest dream.

3. What about secret passions?

I don't really have secret passions. I like to get involved in domains of several kinds and learn a little bit of all.

4. As to the presidency, what made you decide to candidate?

The main reason was being the president of CSE of the National College "Ioan Slavici". This fact made me think about the other opportunities that came in sight, brought by this position: being CJE's president.

5. Could you tell me about the projects that CJE takes account of?

There are many developing projects and one of them is about popularize CJE with the young, because there are only a few people who know which is the real activity of it. We hope everyone will see the results of our work soon.

6. Have you ever thought that you'd represent our students?

No, I have never thought about it, but I am a self-confident person and I always give the best of me, so here I am.

7. How do you feel as being the representative of Students' Council?

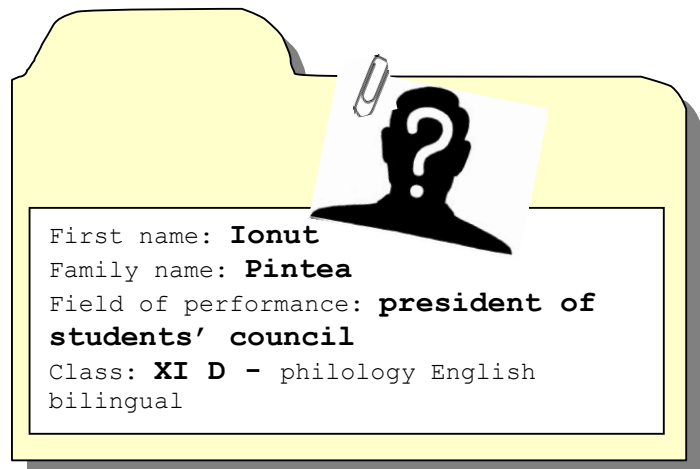
First of all, it makes me think about all the responsibilities that knock at my door, but I will take care of them and I will deliver the goods. At least, I'll do my best.

8. If you had the opportunity to candidate again, would you do it?

Well, if that would be possible, yes, it would be my pleasure. But I cannot do this twice, as the regulation says. Though, I will remain a part of CJE. And what I do regret is not being a part of it sooner.

9. What does CJE mean for you?

CJE, beyond its Organization symbol, is our voice, the students' voice. It is also a way of making friends and meeting people who may have an important role in our lives. I say "our" because CJE is not just me, it's all of us.



*Lorena Copil, XI*

## Our teachers... the freshmen

We asked the teachers who came to our school in September 2011 to give us a short interview and they were kind enough to do it; here are the questions they answered :

1. Which is the funniest thing that happened to you since you are a teacher?
2. Why do you think your students love you?
3. What do you like best about this high school and what would you change?
4. If some day a student asks you "Teacher, please forgive me because I haven't learned for today, I'm not prepared", what will you tell him? Will you forgive him or will you punish him?
5. Can you tell us a strange thing about teachers, maybe a secret that students haven't known until now?
6. If you hadn't been a teacher, what would you have been, what career would you have chosen?
7. How were you as a student and how do you see the students nowadays?
8. How should the relationship between teachers and students be outside the school gates?
9. Tell us a naughty thing you did during high school.
10. Which is the atmosphere in the teacher's room? Is it as you imagined it during high school?

Name: Roxana Chilintan

Subject: English

1. There are many funny things that have happened to me since I became a teacher. But I think that the funniest one was last year, when a student wearing Santa's costume gave me a little present from Santa (a chocolate); at that moment I wasn't sure who the student was and the rest of the class saw this and they burst into laughter.
2. The students should answer this question...maybe because I'm young and because of the fact that we have a good teacher-student relationship.
3. I like this school very much, perhaps the fact that I studied here has a big influence. It is a school with great prestige, with great teachers and with well-educated students.
4. Maybe I would forgive him/her if this thing does not happen every day and he/she has a good reason. This could happen to anyone.
5. Teachers are human beings too.
6. I think something connected to tourism or something about wedding decorations.
7. I was a diligent student and generally I didn't create problems. Students nowadays are bolder and modern and this is not a bad thing. The bad thing is that some of them are not so preoccupied with studying.
8. I think that the teacher-student relationship should be based on friendship and trust.
9. I didn't use to do naughty things.
10. It is how I imagined: calm and peaceful



Name: Ramona Rusti

Subject: Physics

1. About 5 years ago, when I went out sledding with my students. After an hour, I was the one who was frozen and I would have continued sleighing if it weren't 2 o'clock and I had to send my students home (some of them were commuters). I had 5 girls and 23 boys, they were 10th grade. We even had a snow ball fight and made a snowman.
2. Because I am young and I try to get close to them, to understand them and get them interested in studying.
- 3.
4. If he has a very good explanation (reason), I forgive him and I listen to him for another hour.
5. Teachers are also people and they also fail some of the exams from the perfection courses they take.
6. Pharmacist
7. A good and ambitious student; very little students today are ambitious and diligent
8. A normal relation between two adults, where we greet each other and talk in a civilized way
9. The entire class wanted to leave during the last hour (we had history) and for the rest of the semester we had to assume responsibility for what we did (every hour we had a lot to learn).
10. It is a very pleasant atmosphere, yes, exactly as I thought of it in high-school

Name: Adrian Roman

Subject: History

1. Sincerely, I have been teaching for 12 years, time in which a lot of funny things have happened to me
2. I think the students love me for the way I am, for the way I behave in class and for the way I teach.
3. I haven't taught at this school for a long time. I like intelligent students who are involved in the lessons
4. It depends on the reason, if it is a good one, I would forgive him/her
5. We don't have secrets
6. Honestly, I love this job and I would choose it again even if there are many obstacles today
7. I was a student during the communist reign. Fortunately students nowadays don't have to live through what I went through. The teacher-student relationship is better, the student being the center of the educational act.
8. I believe in a respectful relationship.
9. I can't say. It was something related to history. I made a joke, not adequate for that period
10. Honestly, I prefer not to answer to this question

Name: Ioan Popa-Bota

Subject: Religion

1. A wonderful fall in the school yard, at football on ice, being watched by my students. A question of a fifth grade student: "is there a sin-o-meter?"
2. For the open way we discuss personal problems
3. I like the order here, I would change the aspect of the school yard
4. I would forgive him but he would be responsible for the next lessons
5. Teachers are people too, they were student at one time 😊 The secret: they know jokes, too
6. Restorer of art objects
7. Not the best, but not the worst. Present at lessons, but not always; ashamed when I didn't know the answer, and always in love. Today's students: superficial but with a lot of potential
8. More relaxed, but with good manners. You can go with them to a handball match, football, ping pong or tea.
9. Sometimes I was late coming back to the boarding school and I had to jump over the fence to avoid being caught
10. The atmosphere is nice, during the high school I imagined more coffee than there is today.

Name: Claudiu Pitig

Subject: Geography

1. What students say during national exams.
2. Because I talk nice with them, I am very patient and sometimes I use jokes; and maybe because I am too understanding with them.
3. I like the atmosphere in the teacher's room.
4. Maybe I would forgive him if he had good reasons, I wouldn't do it.
5. -
6. Hydrologist.
7. I was pretty serious but students nowadays seem to have a lack of information.
8. It should be a relationship based on respect just like any other person.
9. I told my chemistry teacher another mark at a test when it has been added in the catalogue (instead of 4, I said 5).
10. The atmosphere is very good, during high-school, I imagined it exactly as it is now.

## Literary works

### *Dreams of a Box*

Short Dubby was one of the most famous boxes in the world because he was an actor. Short Dubby was born in China, but he knew all languages and he moved to New York City at the age of three.

One day when Short Dubby was chilling in his apartment in New York City, his phone rang. It was his agent who said: 'Short Dubby, the people from <<Box Addict>> have just called me and they want you to be the main character in their new movie called <<Boxes are forever alone>>. Are you in?'

Short Dubby was so excited that he accepted immediately. He invited all his box-friends to his place in order to have the best party ever. There was a lot of food and great music.

All the boxes were having fun, when suddenly all the lights went off. Short Dubby didn't know what was happening but then a shiny light came out of nowhere and he followed it until he woke up in the street.

He realized that everything had been a dream and that boxes really were forever alone. He was again just an ordinary box that humans liked to fill with useless things.

Short Dubby will always be just a box that travels all over the world, steals food and toys and will always be famous for his fake hands that Sen-Sey gave him.

*Denisa Cotan IX D*

### *A little bit of heaven...*

I had the strangest dream last night...I opened my eyes and there was nothing but a huge black room. I stood up and I saw a large screen, and a sparkling light. Some photos have fallen as if from nowhere before the "movie" started.

There were playing images, print screens with the most important moments in my life... Suddenly, a skinny girl, dressed in a white long dress walked in. She was running away from something, but I couldn't see a thing. I tried to stop her, but in vain, she was way too scared! When she got near the screen, some kind of wings appeared from her dress, and instead of her fear, a calm, relaxed, actually beautiful smile, appeared on her face. I realized that she was very beautiful. Her green eyes, filled with pain but

also with happiness were covered by long black lashes. Her lips were fleshy and pink, just like the petals of a rose. Her long blonde hair was cascading on her shoulders and she approached me...

"I am an angel, she said, I am the angel of joy, happiness and pain. In one word, I'm your angel." I started crying, I didn't know why, but it was the only thing I could do. Fear and gratitude were blending through my mind. Everything was so strange... "I will always be there for you! Don't forget this. Enjoy your life: do whatever you want: party, laugh out loud, dance as if there was no one to see you, love like crazy, cry, live your life fully, no matter if you have five minutes or fifty years left. Life is a gift, don't waste it!"

I suddenly woke up. I was happy for no reason, I felt that my life was precious and I just couldn't lose this...and I don't know why, but from that day on, I live at maximum rates!

*Iana Oprisa IX E*

## *In the magic rain*

I had the strangest dream last night. I was walking along crowded streets and I was wearing a night dress. Stupid!!! Everybody looked strangely at me. That was the first time I had no idea where I was. I had been sitting in the sun for hours when I saw a hidden dwarf in the bushes.

Suddenly, the sun disappeared and the stars were raining. They were colourful and funny. Every star had one dwarf which was singing. For the moment I was scared, but also excited. They started flying with newly discovered golden wings. They came down and took me up to the rainbow like stars. It was a celebration the stars.

After that I saw a bright light in the distance. Because I was curious, I flew there. I fell through in a dark tunnel. From there I actually fell into another dream.

In the other dream I just saw my friends. They were in the park at night. My friends were walking and fighting. I didn't know why. They weren't listening. I was scared because I saw a mysterious car coming towards them. It was as if it was following them.

That car hit one of the girls! Blood, pain, torn clothes, purse, phone. Suddenly, everything was dark and dirty.

I woke up in my bedroom, crying, scared, with the phone in my hand: It was necessary!

*Dalina Ignat IX-E*



## *A Letter*

Dear Anonymous,

I need to talk to somebody, that's why I'm writing to you... I really think about what you've said when you went away. You know... That "spending time with angels" sounded like you will never come back.

I hope you lied. Didn't you? Well, I think it was your turn to fly... But you will be here as soon as possible.

The eternity is not that far. We can have it in a second and then, it becomes our whole life. You've always said that and I'll always remember it. Now that you met her (even if I asked you to stay home and let her wait for you another lifetime), can you tell me how's your life up there? How are those real angels? What does God look like? I know it's stupid to ask something like this, but I only know the living-angels from here.

My friend, I don't know if you will receive this letter; I don't even know if I will send it to you... But I hope you read it now, while I'm writing.

You know? Everything has changed. Even myself is different. Something is missing, something is new, and it is hard for others to say "hello" to those changes that happened since you went away.

Some say you will be here forever and then, they cry saying you're gone and they'll never see you again... Which truth should I believe? I think everyone has his own truth. I have mine too and it sounds like this:

"Death doesn't exist. It's just a myth, a story... Death was invented by a man who had fallen asleep and when he woke up he had a pair of wings. He was so happy 'cause his whole life tried to reach Heaven. Now was his chance. But before, he wrote a note saying:

< I died. I have my own wings. I'm an angel. >"

So, we could give death another name. I don't know... Something like trip, metamorphosis... I will name her "never-ending story". In this way I can keep you forever.

Dear Anonymous,

It's time to go now. I hope you're O.K. up there. And... If angels have dreams, may yours come true.

We'll talk someday but, until then, TAKE CARE!

With a lot of love, ME.

*Lorena Copil XI-D*

## *For children like me*

I already feel that Christmas is here. Maybe because of the pound cakes laying on the little baking tin, or because of the hot oven that carries with it the smell of the coddled apples. All these take me back to the past and I remember long forgotten images and voices. Every single one tells me that it's not going to be long until The Great Night. The night when the boots are polished, when you watch out thinking that maybe you will catch a glimpse of one of Santa's reindeers; you keep repeating again the poem that you are to say, hoping that Santa forgot the last year's stammer. After that you open the door a little bit and put your head outside the corridor. You regret it immediately and go back, asking yourself how somebody could share presents on such snowy, stormy weather. But after that another question comes out: 'How can Santa bring presents to all the children in the world in only one night?'

And then, tinkling bells are heard everywhere, tinkling coming from nowhere. You run with your heart beating fast, hoping that Santa is still there, that you'll be able to feel one more time the heavy hand stroking your hair, that you'll be able to see the fat, rosy cheeks and the kind eyes which cannot give you a clue about his age. So, you hurry, open the door with emotion... but he is not there anymore. You smile gently and think: 'Maybe next year', while your little hands clench in disappointment. But the shadows of regret disappear almost immediately because... 'Look!' the boots are full of all kinds of boxes, colorful and decorated with brightly bows and... the movie stops here.

It doesn't matter how much I try to rummage through the drawers, nothing else comes out in my mind.

This is how I spend every blessed night of the Christmas Eve. It is strange but even if I go through the same experience every year I am still overwhelmed with emotion. Many years have gone by and, despite this, I still believe in Santa Claus.

*Veronica Pop XID*

## *The beginning*

This is so hard for me to express, but at the same time it's killing me inside, so here I go...

It's Friday night, I feel a bit under the weather. Sitting on this new bed, in a new room, feeling like an alien.

A few weeks ago I decided that I needed to start a new chapter of my life. I needed to leave behind all my fear, and instead take the risk to go some place new.

It's different than what I'm used to.

High school is a place full of fun but for me it was like a prison. I was scared. Scared of that new beginning. At first, I tried to be silent, to sit there and watch the other people laughing and having fun. But then I realized that I have the same interests as my desk mate. She is so full of energy and I couldn't be quiet when she started talking about the things I like too.

Then I bring myself back to earth and realize that fear is just in my head. Slowly, I became friend with some of my class-mates. Yes, it wasn't so bad. I'm so different from the others in terms of music, style, ideas. But I'm starting to realize that's ok. It's those little things that make us who we are. As for the experiences, they make us stronger and we should never have regret.

I could go into the past and talk about all my ups and downs, the highs and the seriously low lows. But here, miles away, all of that feels irrelevant now. I feel like I can be someone better. Some things still pinch inside, some memories still make me laugh a little. I still remember some friends. But now, I have new ones. New beginnings.

A semester has gone by already and the fear faded away. I'm still getting used to this new world, I take it day by day. Some days are worse than others, there will be times where I wake up in the middle of the night to learn for history. Other times I'll be able to put things into perspective and know that I can do better.

As each day passes, I feel more secure. High school isn't that bad. It's actually the freedom we, teenagers, want to share through our dreams and hopes.

## *Will you be with me?*

Will you be with me?  
In this world of black and white  
You are here to hold me tight.  
In this world of fool and pain  
You can wipe my tears away.  
When I`m sad you make me smile ,  
When I`m happy you make me fly ...  
And when I`ve had a bad day  
You take me in your fairy tale.  
Now we`re lost , we`re far , we`re dry  
Now I`m sorry and I`m going to cry ...  
Well, you broke my heart again  
Now is sad in my own land ...  
You will fall for me like a bird for a tree  
I will be your precious flower against the gravity  
I will always appreciate your sincerity  
So tell me please ... why don`t you fall for me?  
Do you want me to heal from our past?  
Because I don`t want this nightmare to last ...  
Come with me and be my angel  
Don`t treat me like a traveler stranger...

*Raluca Stan XI-G*

## *Perfection is a lie*

Nobody is perfect  
But everybody tries to be;  
We are nobody's object,  
Just some of us agree.  
The other ones  
Just stand and stare  
And they want to rerun  
Anytime they can.  
The world doesn't really care,



# English *My Love*

Life is usually unfair.  
It's like living with no air,  
Respect is something really rare.  
Perfection is a lie  
That everyone seems to believe;  
You don't need that much to try  
To see the other side of the endless sea.  
Stop being a reflection  
And take some action.  
Open your eyes  
And reach for the sky;  
Become who you are,  
Listen to your heart,  
Follow your dreams,  
Finish your art.

*Denisa Cotan IX D*

## *Tracing patterns*

The sky is too dark  
And the stars so far away;  
Silhouettes dancing in the night,  
Whispers lost in my mind,  
Two hearts colliding with each other,  
Two worlds lost one from another.  
A cry of hope,  
A restless mind  
And countless signs.  
Singing a song,  
Believing gets wrong,  
Searching for something  
That never will come.  
Starting a fight,  
Blasting a life;  
Leaving your home  
You'll always be alone.  
Not knowing if it's right,  
Not knowing is it should.

*Denisa Cotan IX D*

## Articles

### *Computer games, friends or enemies?*

Of course when we are talking about computer games everyone has a different point of view. So let's see if computer games are friends or enemies!

Firstly a lot of people think that computer games are a waste of time. Why? Because instead of spending so much time getting lost in games in front of a screen, we should practice some sports, socialise with our friends and family, read some magazines or newspapers to be informed, or any other activities.

Computer games can be an enemy when we become addicted to them. For sure everyone knows how annoyed we are when we lose a game or when we 'die'. Well when you take these things too seriously and you start swearing and talking to your computer, it's time for you to take it easy and get some fresh air.

I think that another problem would be the fact that computer games can be a waste of money. If you get bored with a game you want to get another one and then you get bored with it too and so on. This way you start wasting your money on computer games just because you want something new and interesting all the time.

On the other hand computer games can be a way of entertaining yourself and they can be fun and exciting especially when we play with a friend or relative, as long as we keep our cool and don't overreact.

In conclusion we make computer games friends or enemies. The most important thing is to remember that, after all, it's just a game!

*Bianca Gardos XI D*

## *Don't give the real life the go-by!*

Aren't you tired of standing in front of your PC playing games all over again, while the world outside is waiting for you to try out living? Or maybe you are in love with those virtual worlds which give you great feelings and reactions, things you can't find out when you meet reality. We can truly mention "love" and "hate" when we talk about computer games. Why? Let's see.

First of all, people, especially teenagers, think that computer games give them the chance to experience a good deal of new things so they can exclaim: "Well, I'm more than awesome now!". But that feeling is just an illusion. The truth is they forget about real life or maybe they are afraid of it. There are people who can't integrate themselves into social groups, so they hide behind computer games. That's not a solution. That's just wasting time and losing their personality.

Then, playing computer games equals wasting money also. Why? Because you grow weary of playing the same game to all eternity and you want to buy some "new stuff". And then other new stuff and so on. It never ends. It becomes an addiction. You start taking no notice of the things that actually matter.

Though, we can talk about some kind of utility of computer games when we refer to strategic or educational ones. We find out things we can put into practice in our real lives or we just develop our cleverness. Or else, playing computer games is also related to what we call "relaxation". And we all need this.

Thereby, I think computer games - like everything on Earth - have both sides: good and bad. We just have to be careful, because otherwise they can make an end of our brain and way of being too. So, my dear ones, don't give the real life the go-by!

*Lorena Copil XI D*

## *Lucid dreaming*

The basic definition of lucid dreaming is being aware that you are dreaming. When lucidity is at a high level, you are aware that everything experienced in the dream is occurring in your mind, that there is no real danger. With low-level lucidity you may be aware that you are dreaming, but not enough to realize that the people are dream representations, or that you can suffer no physical harm.

Lucid dreaming is an extraordinarily vivid form of mental

imagery, so realistic that the trick is to realize it is a mental construct. It is no surprise, therefore, that many people use lucid dreaming to rehearse for success in waking life.

The creative potential of dreams is legendary. The brain is highly active in REM(rapid eye movement) sleep and unconstrained by sensory input .This allows thought to take on forms that are rare in waking life, manifesting as enhanced creativity, or defective thinking depending on one's point of view ( "One man's creativity is another's brain damage." - Roland Fisher ). Another study comparing a various of kinds of experiences including daydreams, memories of actual events, and dreams, found that dreams were judged as being significantly more creative than both daydreams and memories.

Moreover, lucidity in unpleasant dreams or nightmares can transform habitual fear into conscious courage. Dreams of death can actually be insightful experiences about life, rebirth, and transcendence. While awake, sensory and perceptual information governs our model. While dreaming, our bodies are paralyzed and our brain builds a world model based on a secondary source: our assumptions, motivations, and expectations. More importantly, lucid dreams can be inspirations for how to act and improve in reality.

Lucid dreaming is a skill you can develop, like learning a new language (the two essentials are motivation and effort). The best predictor of success with lucid dreaming is the ability to remember dreams. This, too, is a skill you can develop.

Experiment, observe, and persevere- - lucid dreaming is easier than you may think.

*Madalina Negru 11A*

## ***An indispensable gadget – THE MOBILE PHONE***

Mobile phones have become indispensable gadgets for all of us. The world is dominated by technology nowadays, and mobile phones had a huge infusion in it's development. Their advancement goes on. But what about the past? How did mobile phones become so popular?

The Mobile Telephone Service (MTS) appeared for the first time in the 1940s in St Louis, a city on the eastern border of Missouri in the United States. Obviously, there was much need for a mobile operator and there





were very few radio channels. However, MTS was very popular at that time and had a huge success. Later, the Improved Mobile Telephone Service (IMTS) was introduced. It came with more channels and more automatic handling.

Dr Martin Cooper was the person who made the first mobile phone call. A big phone, that probably awakens laughter today is „the grandfather” of I-phones, tablets and fancy mobile phones. The popular text messages were born in the 1990s and the ring tones appeared in this period as well. Later, in 2000, in Finland, mobile phone advertising was launched. Then all the big brands invested in developing and creating many kinds of gadgets.



Today technology is experiencing accelerated improvement. As for mobile phones, there is a huge multiplicity and anybody can get a cool and cheap mobile phone. Our mobile phones today will be considered „dated” in future. Maybe the mobile phone itself will be history one day, who knows?

*Chirila Manuela 11C*

## *The secret from beyond*

Secret tunnels are great. They can be found in USA, Russia, Germany and even in Bucharest. Something that might be of particular interest is that there is one in Satu Mare.

An underground tunnel , kept secret since the Middle Ages, connects the cities and castles of Satu Mare county. More precisely, it connects the castles from Mediesu Aurit to Ardud and Carei. According to some legends, the tunnel goes across Satu Mare , underneath the Somes river. Others believe that it has an entry way under the church near Eminescu high-school. The Lonyai castle in Mediesu Aurit was built between 1620 and 1657 by Zaigmond Lonyai in the most pure renaissance style; style that could be found only in few castles in Slovakia. In this castle the upstairs saloon was fully covered in gold! The legend says, that in the basement, a tunnel was built to connect with the castle in Ardud, which would also have a connection with the one in Carei. Some locals claim that the tunnel goes on to Seini. Unfortunately, there is no proof to approve this theory.

But, you might ask yourself, how was the tunnel discovered? Well, not long ago, back in the 70's when the old bridge over the Somes was blown up and torn apart(near the actual Decebal bridge), a tunnel was found at the foot of the bridge. It was very close to the place where the actual Public Finances headquarter building is. The tunnel was built out of bricks in a vault-like shape and was about one and a half meters high, high enough for a horse to fit in.

But what was its purpose? Considering that it was secret, recently discovered and given what the locals say, it was likely used in case of emergency by the nobles to run from invaders. Some say that even Pinte the Brave used it to escape the prison from Satu Mare! Unfortunately, this tunnel is old and in many parts, the ground collapsed and has made it impossible to access....

There are many legends about this tunnel , but the best one is from a local in Mediesu Aurit who said that Mihai the Brave used it to outrun the Othmans. But what was special about this is the way he did it: he turned the horses' horseshoes backwards in order to confuse the Othmans and make it look as though he only entered the tunnel and never left.

I am proud to have visited the castle in Mediesu Aurit and even though it's in ruins, it's also a place full of history!

*Suceveanu Mircea 11c*

## Reviews

### *In Time*

The last movie I saw is called "In Time". It's a science-fiction movie starring Justin Timberlake and Amanda Seyfried.

In the near future, approximately 2050, people stop aging at 25. Each human being has a physical clock on their left hand, which it's turned on at the age of 25, and starts to count down. Money has no value. Everything is paid in time. Like currency in the real world, time is earned through working, stealing, or in case of wealthy, inheritance. When you run out of time, it means that you die. Rich people can live forever. If your clock shows that you have 100 years, it means that you are a time-millionaire. But poor ones are dying young. Will Salas (Justin Timberlake) is living in the ghetto, with the other poor people. One night he meets a time-millionaire who doesn't want to live any more, but he has 1 century left to live. One night, the time millionaire decides to transfer all of his time to Will's clock while he's sleeping. Will decides to go into a rich time zone and steal time from rich people and give it to poor ones, so they can live as long as the rich people do. He also runs into Sylvia Weis (Amanda Seyfried), daughter of the richest time-millionaire. When Will suddenly changes fortunes, it attracts the attention of the "Time Keepers" (cops). The action begins here.

I would recommend this movie to all the ages. You might find it very interesting. Once you start watching, you won't stop.

*Varga Vasile Andrei XI C*

### **THE MIRRORS**

The last movie I saw was called "The Mirrors". It's a horror movie which is very interesting.

This movie is a remake of a Japanese movie and it is a terrifying horror. Ben Carson works as a security guard at a huge department store that has been closed for a long time because of a devastating fire in which many people were killed. Soon, Ben realizes that the shop is the target of demonstrators wanting compensation for material damages and for the terrible tragedies that happened there. There are unexplained deaths and the store seems to be haunted by an evil spirit. The man is intrigued by an unknown woman who claims that the ghost of her sister, who died in the fire, has returned to earth eager for revenge and is using mirrors as veritable store gateways to

the world of the living.

Amy Carson, Ben's wife is going to break it, refuses to believe him initially when she hears the incredible story. But her eyes see how the whole family is threatened by this evil spirit, which does not face any difficulty in entering their house.

I would recommend this movie to all the ages. Once you start watching you wouldn't stop

*Marchis Cristina*

## *A millionaire's first love*

If you are the type of person who loves romantic dramas, then I absolutely recommend the movie called "A millionaire's first love".

The movie is about a teenage student, whose millionaire father has just deceased and therefore he is about to inherit all the wealth. But he is informed by the family lawyer about his father's will. In order for him to inherit the money, he must first graduate high school in a certain village.

Being the son of a millionaire, he has his ego up and disrespects everybody in that village. He starts to change bit by bit as he falls in love with a cute girl from the same village. The relationship between the characters is genuine and they are really funny because of their childish actions which are at the same time cute!

I recommend this movie to whoever liked the movie called "A walk to remember" and I can guarantee that this movie is as good as that one. It is romantic and at the same time it can make you laugh of their silly behavior. If you are the sensitive type and do not mind crying then this movie is perfect for you and it will make you want to watch it again!

All in all, the movie is entertaining, it is not boring at all and it is a must watch!

*Albert Schonberger, 12 C*

## *Bruce Almighty*

Are you interested in comedies? Than 'Bruce Almighty' is the film that you are looking for. In this film Jim Carrey is given the chance to play on screen the role he has already enjoyed in life. This film is a combination of comedy, love and a little drama, being very captivating.

Bruce (Carrey) is a failed reporter who is frustrated at work, so he rages at the man upstairs. The Divinity (Morgan Freeman) passes his



powers to Bruce, to see if he can do any better. Supernaturally, supercharged, Bruce is doing very well, he has some fantastic appearances on TV, landing the phrase 'Mr. Exclusive' for his amazing stories. But power and popularity go to his head, as do millions of prayers that demand to be answered. Saying 'yes' to all that prays has unforeseen consequences, and Bruce is in danger of losing his girlfriend, Grace (Jennifer Aniston).

'Bruce Almighty' is a smart, surprising blockbuster with theological implications. As we know Jim Carrey, he played his part again very well. Freeman makes a good God with his calm assurance, white suit and gentle voice, embodying the perfect image of contemporary divinity. Jennifer Aniston is Bruce's cute girlfriend who is trying to cheer him up from time to time.

In my opinion if you got a sense of humor and you're a lover, this film suits you perfectly. I was a little upset before watching this movie, but after I watched it I had a cool feeling, probably 'cause I laughed a lot. Even if you are not in a good mood, after watching it, trust me, you'll be. I had a great time watching 'Bruce Almighty', the characters are well structured and it was the best comedy film I've seen in a while. So, all in all, if you want a romantic comedy with some drama, this film is for you.

*Baba Dorel XII C*

## *Of Blood and Honour*

Two factions, two races, a universe based on bloody wars and destruction, a friendship between two deadly enemies which could change the fate of humanity, isn't it hard to believe? The book of Chris Metzen, "Blood and Honour" is just the right example of all this.

The action of the book takes place in the well-known Warcraft universe, in an endless war between the human Alliance and the orcish Horde, who have been fighting for territories ever since they were tricked and brought to the world of Azeroth by the Burning Legion. At the beginning of the book, the main character, Tirion Fordring, is shown as thinking about the hate between the two factions and trying to find an explanation for it. Later, Tirion confronts an orc, Eitrigg, who seems to be just as friendly as him. After the fight, Tirion is seriously injured by the collapsing mill where they fought each other. To his surprise, the orc saves his life. This act of honour forces him to decide once and for all who the men and the monsters are. The human tries to convince the king of the true nature of the orcs, but he is exiled, his ranks are taken, and the orc is taken as prisoner. In the end, Tirion, as he has promised, tries to free him by



confronting his own people, standing against his family and friends, just because of honour.

I think this book is just as amazing as any other Warcraft book and in my opinion it is a must have to everyone who loves Blizzard's Warcraft universe and the Sci-Fi genre.

*Attila Murvai, 12 D*

## ***The Da Vinci Code rips your faith!***

It starts abruptly in Paris. Death approaches from ancient time at the Louvre Museum. The custodian of the museum knows a secret that will divide the world in two parties. A murder inside the Louvre and clues in Da Vinci paintings lead to the discovery of a religious mystery which has been protected by a secret society for two thousand years and which could shake the foundations of Christianity. Dan Brown promises that he will keep us with our breath taken until we have read the last word of his last best-seller: The Da-Vinci Code.

The well-known symbolistics professor Robert Langdon is requested by the French Police to help resolving a quite odd crime. In time the book reveals that Bezu Fache, the captain of the French Police suspects Robert to be the author of the crime, because the custodian Jacques Saunière wrote in his own blood on the floor: 'P.S find Robert Langdon'. Later it is revealed that the so-called post scriptum represents the initials of his granddaughter who he nicknames Princess Sophie. She will help Robert Langdon in his attempt to discover the killer. After Sophie enters the stage, the next couple of chapters go on so rapidly that you barely understand a thing, but in the end you will realize why.

If you want to read this book with pleasure you must be a fan of conspirational theory, sudden change of situations, and Christian mysteries. Despite the position the Roman Catholic Church, it is not the work of devil. You have to be open minded to understand the meaning behind the facts presented by the book.

I would happily recommend it to anyone who has some spare time because it will take you above and beyond all the things you know.

*Paşca Roberto, 12 D*

## *The dark passenger*

This fascinating book entitled “The Dark Passenger” is written by Jeff Lindsay. The story is set in Miami and Los Angeles. The main characters are Dexter Morgen, known as Michael Hall, and Debra Morgen as Jennifer Carpenter. The plot is based on a serial killer of criminals, working as a Miami police forensics expert, who he believes have escaped justice. The characterizations are well written, complex, with adequate but not overbearing back-story.

The novel is full of secrets and surprising moments, engaging the readers. As you keep going, surprises and unexpected twists come into your way, you never know what will happen next, or how it will happen. It keeps you on the edge of your seat. And to spice it up, Lindsay throws in some dark humor here and there. Without doubt it will be remembered as being one of the most well-written novels of this decade for its powerful plot, strong character depiction and its complexity.

I highly recommend this book to all as it will leave you both entertained and pondering on the matters raised in the storyline, but also with a new perspective and ideas that will shatter your world.

*Robert Kodra, 12 C*

## *The Host*

The Host is a science-fiction book I read two years ago. It’s written by Stephenie Meyer and it has a little over 600 pages, though I managed to read it in only 7 days.

The action takes place on planet Earth, where some sort of alien life forms are taking control of our bodies by inserting their own into the human brain and controlling the host just like a puppet. Still, they have no bad intentions. In fact, they eliminated some rules so that ‘humans’ can live in a more peaceful world. Yet the human feelings are something these outsiders have never encountered before. Love, hatred, jealousy, combined with some chatting with the remaining uncontrolled humans, make them wonder if they’re doing the right thing.

This book is truly overwhelming, making even a person who doesn’t like reading, love it. You need quite an advanced vocabulary to understand all the words and put it all together, so if you’re a beginner in English, I advise you to go to the translation. If you’re not into sci-fi, then this is not

the book for you, but if you like adventure, love stories, excitement and if you're open-minded, you will surely enjoy every bit of it, because in this book, everything is a surprise, and offers a new way to view human nature, and human kind altogether.

So don't be afraid of the 600+ pages. I guarantee you that you won't even notice how they fly away. I strongly suggest you read this book, if you want a great experience.

*Norbert Suranyi, 12 C*

## *The theory of chaos*

The theory of chaos is a book about forming a pattern out of a series of events that initially, have no head nor tail. It is written by Edward Lorenz, a famous scientist that has studied all his life different activities of the Earth that had no explanation to the world.

The theory that is mentioned in the book refers to a mechanic that wishes to know more and more about science and does research and reads lots of books in order to find out more about the hidden secrets of this domain. The book is not for everyone, therefore. It includes terms and expressions directly linked to science, and not every person can understand what it is said, unless they have a certain background, read a lot about science and are accustomed with the terms used. Indeed, a certain level of English would be required for the readers to understand the message from the book, and also visualise the plot and the context.

It is the kind of reading that is useful for people who are interested in science, who are in search of adventure, of the unknown, and for those who try to make a pattern, a context out of nothing, who try to imagine what it would be if. It could be a good way to enrich your general knowledge, also because in this kind of book you find things that are known by very few.

As a conclusion, I would like to say that I recommend this book to everyone, but especially to those who are interested in the domain and are curious about things that apparently have no logic, but in the end, form a very well defined pattern.

*Silviu Gafenco, 12 D*

## *Movie Review: 'Real Steel'*

"Real Steel" is "Rocky" with robots that look like "Transformers," managed by a "Raging Bull" washout in need of a "Cinderella Man" comeback that's complicated by "The Champ" and "Paper Moon" sorts of parent-child issues, with a sweet bit of "Wall-E"-styled scrap metal who never pulls his punches. Perhaps "Reel Steel" would be the better title.

The film stars Hugh Jackman, Evangeline Lilly, Dakota Goyo and Atom as, respectively, the-down-on-his-luck-former-boxer-turned-fighting-robot manager, the almost-given-up-on-romance-but-I-can-fix-any-broken-bot-you-drag-in-here beauty, the I-wish-I-had-a-better-dad-but-at-least-he's-in-the-robot-game kid and the won't-someone-just-believe-in-me blue-eyed boxing bot.

Out of that lineup the name to remember is Goyo's. He's a cheeky Canadian youngster with soulful eyes that move from mischief to sadness with a remarkable ease. In the role of 11-year-old, newly motherless Max, he is the saving grace of "Real Steel," helping not only to bring out the humanity in Atom — Max just knows the bot has the circuitry of a champion — but sparking a flicker of life in Jackman, who's had a tough time getting his acting to outshine his muscle-flexing prowess and his model good looks.

Director Shawn Levy, of course, deserves some of the credit for what works. As a filmmaker, Levy has specialized in comedy. With "Real Steel," he moves into the action game. Maybe metal should be his métier, because Levy, with Sugar Ray Leonard adding some punch to the boxing sequences, makes you actually care about the robots, or at least Atom.

The time frame has been slightly fast-forwarded to 2020 and from the looks of it the economy has only gotten worse, with veteran cinematographer Mauro Fiore ("Avatar") capturing a down-market Americana that feels depressingly real. Meanwhile, mass entertainment has gone to extremes, replacing hard bodies with steel robots so that boxing can be even more brutal. Like video games, humans hold the controls, they just don't have to feel the pain.

Charlie (Jackman) is a consistent loser on the circuit, carting around his bots — and pieces — in an 18-wheeler, making bad bets and usually



running out rather than paying up. The one slip-up that surprises him is Max, the son he fathered and had forgotten.

The kid's aunt wants custody; her husband wants a kid, and Charlie wants to make a fast buck. So a backroom deal puts money in Charlie's hands and Max in his care for the summer. The kid's no pushover, he wants a piece of Charlie's take, and after he discovers Atom in a garbage dump, this young bot boxing fanatic wants a shot at getting his guy into the game. And thus the journey toward enlightenment begins.

It's a grungy world of double-dealing with villains of various stripes, the requisite fighting foes to root against with the two-headed Twin Cities, the weirdest; the high-tech monstrous Zeus, the best. The fights do go on and on, but they're more exciting to watch than what Michael Bay's managed with "Transformers."

As Charlie, Jackman is mostly surface gloss — he knows how to work a greasy tee and a bad attitude, glaring and growling at everyone. He softens slightly with Lilly's Bailey (so nice to see her bruised, buff beauty back since "Lost" wrapped). But it is with Goyo that Jackman warms up. Their father-son spats, truly some of the film's best sparring, is what gives it heart. Not "Rocky" heart, or "Raging Bull" heart, mind you, but "Real" enough.

*Razvan Covaci, XI D*

## *Real Steel*

Real Steel is not very innovating though but it's excitingly great and has plenty of heart. There are lot of things to recommend in Real Steel.

The premise isn't really that intriguing. It's boxing replaced by robots. Films with Giant CGI Robots are not innovating since we have Michael Bay's Transformers. But the heart and soul lies to the relationship of Charlie and Max and their robot, Atom. It's fun to watch them. The fighting scenes are pretty exciting. That is what most underdog fighting movies do. The only problem here is the weak major antagonist. It's not really that threatening or a big deal.





The filmmaking is pretty decent. Well shot scenes. The CGI robots and the music score are good enough. Nothing to say about the production design except Charlie's truck. It looks fascinating for some reason. The performances were great. Here in *Real Steel*, Jackman is energetic and somewhat perfect for the role. Dakota Goyo is a bit charming. Chemistry of him and Jackman shines through the film. It's fun to watch them together.

There aren't much new here in *Real Steel* but in the end, it's enjoyable and has plenty of heart. The climax isn't so much overwhelming but it intends to be more heartfelt. Even without thinking much about the robots, there is always human heart in this film. Hugh Jackman does it again. The underdog fighting movie genre does it again. It's really a fun film for the whole family.

*Gabriel Lup XI D*

## Events

An Academy Award (Oscar) is an accolade bestowed by the American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS)[1] to recognize excellence of professionals in the film industry, including directors, actors, and writers. The Oscar statuette is officially named the Academy Award of Merit. The formal ceremony at which the Awards of Merit are presented is one of the most prominent award ceremonies in the world, and is televised live in more than 100 countries annually, however the first broadcast was not until 1954. It is also the oldest award ceremony in the media; its equivalents, the Grammy Awards (for music), Emmy Awards (for television), and Tony Awards (for theatre) are modeled after the Academy. There are currently 24 categories of awards.



The first Academy Awards ceremony was held on May 16, 1929, at the Hotel Roosevelt in Hollywood to honor outstanding film achievements of the 1927/1928 film season and was hosted by Douglas Fairbanks. The first film to win the an Academy Award for Best Picture is Wings. Wings is also the first and the only silent film to win an Academy Award

The most recent ceremony, honoring films in 2010, was held at Hollywood's Kodak Theatre on February 27, 2011. The 84th Academy Awards, honoring films in 2011, will be held at Hollywood's Kodak Theatre on February 26, 2012.

Below we have a list of Academy Award records.

Most awards won by a single film

Three films won 11 Academy Awards. They are:

- ❖ Ben-Hur (1959)
- ❖ Titanic (1997)
- ❖ The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003)

### **Most nominations received by a single film**

- ❖ Two films received 14 nominations. They are:
- ❖ All About Eve (1950)
- ❖ Titanic (1997)

Highest Sweep (Winning every nominated category) - The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) won all 11 categories it was nominated for: Picture, Director, Adapted Screenplay, Original Score, Original Song, Sound Mixing, Art Direction, Makeup, Costume Design, Film Editing, Visual Effects.

Most awards won by a man - Walt Disney won 26 Oscars. He also won the most Oscars in one year, with 4.

**Most awards won by a woman** - Costume designer Edith Head won 8 Oscars.

Directing - John Ford won the most directing awards, with 4

### **Acting**

- ❖ Katharine Hepburn won 4 Academy Awards (all for Best Actress)
- ❖ Three other actors have each won three Academy Awards:
- ❖ Ingrid Bergman (2 Best Actress, 1 Best Supporting Actress)
- ❖ Jack Nicholson (2 Best Actor, 1 Best Supporting Actor)
- ❖ Walter Brennan (3 Best Supporting Actor)

**Youngest winner of an Oscar** - Shirley Temple, age 6 in 1934, who was awarded the inaugural (now retired) non-competitive Academy Juvenile Award in 1934.

**Youngest winner of an acting award** - Tatum O'Neal, age 10 (1973)

**Oldest winner of an acting award** - Jessica Tandy, age 80 (1989)

### **Most nominations without any wins**

Two films received 11 nominations without winning any awards. They are:  
The Turning Point (1977)

The Color Purple (1985)

**Most nominated man** - Walt Disney with 59 nominations.

**Most nominated woman** - Edith Head with 35 nominations.

## Did you know?

### *Did you know that...*

- ❖ Cats have over 100 vocal sounds , while dogs only have about 10?
- ❖ Our eyes are always the same size from birth but our nose and ears never stop growing?
- ❖ Many hamsters only blink one eye at a time?
- ❖ February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon?
- ❖ No word in the English language rhymes with “ month” ?
- ❖ Nasal tissues were originally made as bandages in first world war?
- ❖ The right lung gets more air than the left?
- ❖ A person does on average 2,5 million steps in one year?
- ❖ A glass of hot water freezes faster in a refrigerator than one with cold water?
- ❖ The only time in history when it snowed in the Sahara Desert was in a 18 february 1979?
- ❖ A man is born with 300 bones , but when they grow they have no longer than 206 bones?
- ❖ New Zealand is the only country that contains all climates in the world?
- ❖ A snail can sleep for 3 years?
- ❖ The cell phone which is used more than 1 hour a day causes headaches, depression and low resistance to fatigue?

*Bud Melania 11 a*

### *Some things that you don't know about this world*

- ❖ 1.Ants never sleep. But in the morning they stretch like human to smarten up.
- ❖ 2.Chimpanzees and magpies are the only animals that can recognize themselves in a mirror.
- ❖ 3. The Hoover Dam in the USA was designed to last for at least 2.000 years. The cement which was used for the building will strengthen completely over 500 years.
- ❖ 4. Ireland is the only country where snakes do not exist.
- ❖ 5. The eye of an ostrich is bigger than its own head.
- ❖ 6. The blue whale produces the most powerful sounds of any animal the sound can be heard in water up to 850 km in depth.
- ❖ 7. The youngest parents in the world( an 8 and 9 year old who had 2



- children) lived in China. Their child was born in 1910.
- ❖ 8. It is estimated that there are 1 million cows in the world, 200 million of them live in India where they are considered holy.
  - ❖ 9. There are more creatures living on the surface of a human body than there are people on the planet.
  - ❖ Owls are the only birds that can distinguish the color blue.
  - ❖ An elephant is the same length as the tongue of a blue whale. Also the tongue of the whale is heavier than an adult elephant.
  - ❖ A man forgets in a day almost 80% of what he learns.
  - ❖ The length of time it takes for a snowflake to reach the earth's surface? At least an hour...
  - ❖ 14. For over 4,000 years, no new animal species has been domesticated.
  - ❖ Do you think Romania is a poor country? Think about the fact that one in five people on Earth live on less than \$ 1 per day.
  - ❖ In Santa Fe, New Mexico, the law requires that pets wear a seatbelt in the car.
  - ❖ Do You know how many emails are sent daily around the planet? Over 35 billion ...
  - ❖ For each ton of fish caught in the oceans of the world, people throw three tons of garbage in the same waters.
  - ❖ The largest octopus ever found weighed four tons. It was was hunted in 1878, in the North Atlantic.
  - ❖ All shrimp are born male. Some of them become females when they are adults.
  - ❖ There are more people who learn English in China than there are those who speak officially in the United States (300 million).
  - ❖ If you talk on a mobile phone for an hour, the number of bacteria in your ear will increase by at least 700 times.
  - ❖ A person can have 1.460 dreams per year.
  - ❖ In space, astronauts cannot cry. In the absence of gravity, tears can not flow.
  - ❖ In Bangladesh there is a law that allows authorities to arrest students older than 15 who cheat on their exams.
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- ❖ The most popular male name on the planet is Mohammed.
  - ❖ Each year, more people are killed by donkeys than in air accidents.
  - ❖ Have you wondered which came first, the chicken or the egg? The Bible has already answered this question, according to Genesis 1:20-22.
  - ❖ Every time you lick a stamp, you consume 1 / 10 of a calorie.
  - ❖ 3,000 years ago, most ancient Egyptians lived less than 30 years.

*Negrean Patricia ,XI G*

## Our students .....the freshmen

From the start, I was excited and overwhelmed when I discovered that I was going to change schools, beginning with the ninth grade. Changing schools meant, for me, a change of atmosphere, socializing with new people and making new friends. But , it also meant that I had to start all over again , just like I did in the fifth grade ; new teachers, new routines , new routes that had to be taken every day , practically a new beginning which I couldn't wait for.

The 9th grade started, and the first semester ended with a lot of new friends and a few friendships that I hope will last forever. All in all, it was a relaxed and happy atmosphere that allowed me to study, but not to my full potential, because having fun and practically living your life were important as well.

So, in my opinion, I succeeded to divide my time between having fun with my friends and studying for school. Because that's what high school (and the 9th grade) is all about in the end: experiencing the real world a little with the best of friends and learning the real deal, in a glimpse of how college will be like.

*Andrada Balog - IX E*

Ever since I was a child I was very curious about high school. I've always dreamt of a high school like those in American movies. When the first semester began I was surprised to find teenagers having the same tastes in music as I had; of course I also met people I can't talk to because they are arrogant, they think they are gods. But all in all I like high school because I am a sociable person and I was given the chance to meet a lot of people.

*Raul Murgu - IX E*

For me, entering high school was a big step. I am happy about it and I wouldn't change a thing. I am happy about it and I wouldn't change my class or school. The teachers are great and we are all like a big family. Who knows, maybe one day I will have the opportunity to go somewhere where the main language is English, so what I learn here is extremely useful ; but one thing is certain : I will never forget my first day in the ninth grade!

*Pop Patric - IX E*

One morning, when it all started....different roads, people watching you. You are alone, the only child in the world. You are scared and want to stop everything.

Calm down! All will work out just fine. You will make new friends, so don't be shy and just try to be yourself. You will discover many things that will probably shock you, but don't lose your faith, everything will be just fine. I also think you will have a lot of fun with your new friends, this is the start of your new life ...

*Denisa Barbus - IX E*

A new beginning .....a new class, a new school, new classmates and brand new friends. Everything new and special. That awkward but also pretty much amazing feeling that you get once you start high school. Making new friends, meeting new teachers, everything turns out to be so different. You think you know your life, your limits, yourself, and then, everything changes. So being in high school is being new you .

*Iana Oprisa - IX E*

Hmmm, it's not that hard if you learn. At first I was something like..."oh, no I won't make it in this class!" but I've learnt to trust myself, so everything was easier. Anyway, I hope next year will be better. Ninth grade is a new stage in my life.

*Tiffany Szekely - IX D*

Being in the ninth grade has been pretty different from what I thought it would be. It has been quite difficult to get used to things because I barely knew anyone. I really appreciate our teachers because they know how to make their classes interesting and every teacher has his/her own personality that we are trying to get used to. I've made a lot of new friends, and I am starting to understand what it is like to be in high school.

In conclusion, the ninth grade has been a real trip so far. I am looking forward to the years that will come and the opportunities that high school will give us.

*Denisa Cotan, - IX D*

I have been thinking about how it's going to be in high school since I had to choose one. I knew I would have a lot of things to do and that it will get harder and harder at school but the only thing I didn't think of was the fact that I will change my profile with another one that I've never considered before.

The 9th grade started easy, I got used to the new teachers, to my new school and to the rhythm of studying. But before I knew it I realized that where I was things didn't work out for me, so I changed my profile and I hope everything will be the way I wanted.

*Nona Olah - IX D*

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