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EVIT, Career Paths East Valley Institute of Technology

by Joe Jackman

Did you know that two out of three students that go to East Valley Institute of Technology get into a college? That's because EVIT has many great benefits!

Some of these benefits are that it's free if you're in high school. Also, it gives you an edge over the competition for trying to get a job.

Joey Hensley [12] believes that the EVIT program will get him to his goal of being a firefighter sooner, "I want to go into wildland firefighting for a couple of years and then transfer into a structural firefighter." These goals led Hensley to join the Fire Science program.

Grant Myroniak [12] is enrolled in the welding program. "I want to become an underwater welder and he hopes by doing this he can serve his country," he said.

"It helps you put your foot in the door career wise," Alana Curtis [12]. "You could get stuff done at your own pace." This is pertinent to a student with a busy schedule; balancing high school, a job, and the medical assistant program.

The EVIT program can be a daunting undertaking, and intimidating at first, but the positives outweigh the negatives. Step out of your comfort zone and speak to the school counselor, Ms. Rameriz about fitting EVIT into your schedule.

Chandler for Change!



by Regina Washington

Chandler 4 Change (C4C) is a non-profit organization, founded by our principal, Mr. Mitchell. The mission of C4C is to build relationships between diverse communities in Chandler that lead to increased opportunity for all. It is about people coming together to take action and to work on systematic issues in our communities. This multicultural organization started around June 18th of 2020.

It began with trying to figure out what Mr. Mitchell could do as the Black Lives Matter movement began to grow. He didn't want to protest and participate in demonstrations (he wanted to leave these acts to the youth of today), instead, he "wanted to figure out a way to help be a part of the change in our community. And in doing so finding different people that were a part of organizations and small businesses that have this love for Chandler, but that were also willing to stand up and have discussions about things that could change for people in Chandler".

Their very first event was in Harrison Park, where they discussed ideas on how to move forward with C4C efforts. Members took time to share thoughts, what has been heard, and considerations for C4C. They shared projects and ideas for C4C to consider, some of those ideas include beautification and/or improvement projects, signage creation for historic communities, and pay-it-forward (acts of kindness). It was determined that there should be some areas that C4C can focus on and have agreed to create committees. These subcommittees were discussed as the key areas of institutional focus C4C will center around.

Some successful C4C projects have included COVID Kits produced by C4C and were distributed around Chandler for maximum impact to underserved communities.

These COVID care kits started as a service-learning project, which later were partnered with several Chandler District schools. Later, participants made patriotic pillowcases to give to youth and veterans. Many students and adult volunteers folded, sewed, ironed, and wrapped over 50 pillowcases!


Another event was the Martin Luther King Caravan January 18th, 2021, partnered with Chandler Men of Action, this event of about 100 cars, bicycles, and motorcycles joined together to drive a 7-mile route through Chandler. Although the city of Chandler was not an official partner, the support of the Chandler police and fire department was a great help in making this event a huge success.

If you're a Chandler resident and are looking for a way to contribute to your community, Chandler 4 Change is always looking for more support. If you're interested, contact chandler4change@gmail.com!

CGCC BACK IN SESSION !



by Aaron Haralson



One of Chandler Early College's main purposes is to provide a smaller and safer environment with a flexible schedule. In addition to these, one of the main perks of attending CEC is the opportunity to take classes at Chandler-Gilbert Community College (CGCC). This offers a wider selection of classes to take for credits or a varied experience compared to what may be offered at other high schools. It also serves as an alternative to Chandler Online Academy for getting credits needed to graduate at CEC. Of course, there is also the attending-a-college-while-in-high-school part and its accompanying perks. Depending on your situation, CGCC may just be your best option.

The college's classes have started back up as of August 23, so many CEC students will find their workload has increased. There are a couple important things to note about CGCC and its policies, whether you're taking classes this semester or some time in the future.

CEC will provide a scholarship to its students that covers the majority of the cost of the classes.

- This scholarship is nonrefundable.
- This means that if you drop a class or are dropped from a class, you will owe back the scholarship money to CEC.
- The normal rate for classes is \$85.00 per credit hour (for example, a 5-credit-hour math class would cost \$425.00).
- You are required to attend your course's first class (or let the professor know beforehand that you cannot be there), or you run the risk of being dropped from the class at the professor's discretion.

Given the above, it's evident that CGCC is a big investment, and while a valuable resource, should not be treated lightly. Many students at CEC find themselves with too little time to take additional classes and instead plan to enroll in the near future. Junior Ashley Hayes states "I'm not taking any right now because I was just really focused on getting all my credits for graduation. In the future I probably will though." Junior Lily Kent, senior Savannah McIntyre and freshman Alexander Warkentin find themselves in a similar situation.

CGCC is a great resource we have available to us at CEC. It certainly presents itself as an attractive option in multiple scenarios. While quite an investment, it may provide enriching experiences.



Arizona State Fair 2021



by Ashely Hayes

The Arizona State Fair is held annually at the Arizona State Fairgrounds in the city of Phoenix. The 88-acre fairgrounds serve as site for the State Fair in October, in addition to the Maricopa County Fair in April, the Arizona National Livestock Show, the Maricopa Home and Garden Show, and a few other events. The event was first held in November of 1884 and has survived through the Great Depression Era, the years of World Wars I & II, as well as most recently, the, COVID-19 pandemic. Since 1946 (almost 75 years), there has not been a cancellation-- until 2020, which was disappointing for a great deal of people. However, customers who purchased tickets or passes for the cancelled 2020 event, might be able to use them for 2021, some sources state. It was claimed in March of this year that moving the event's location to the city of Chandler's Gila River Hotels & Casinos was a plan in progress, but in August the fair announced that there was no longer a plan to move, and that the fair would remain in the city of Phoenix's fairgrounds as usual. The fair is one of the largest in the country, attracting over 1 million visitors each year, and is best known for its large number of rides, prize games, food & sales booths, miscellaneous competitive events, bright lights, concerts, and overall having something special for people of all ages!

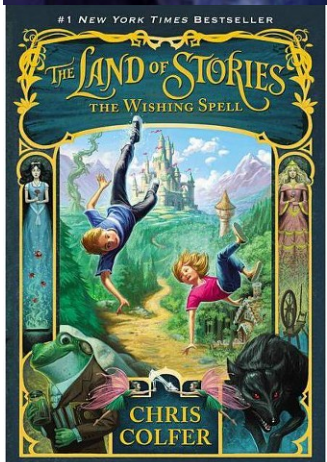
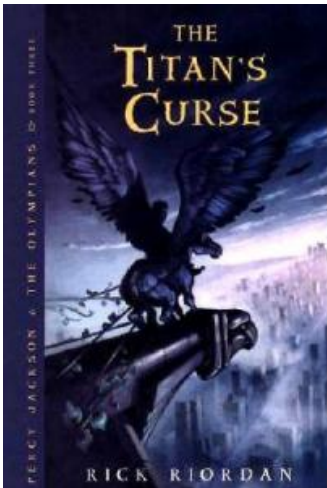
Different people were asked about what they could remember from the Arizona State Fair. Jazmin Mendivil (Grade 11), said that her favorite ride is the ferris wheel, one of the fair's most notable attractions, the massive "La Grande XL" ferris wheel with rather large and enclosed, air conditioned carts can be seen from pretty much any location in the fairgrounds. She also said that "walking around with your friends" is one of the best memories you can make while at the fair. Savannah McIntyre (Grade 12), shared that her favorite ride is "G Force", a bright-light ride that sways, and then spins around in a circle while imitating movements similar to a claw machine, and also that eating a deep-fried oreo at the fair was a good memory of hers. Isela Gonzales (Grade 12), stated "going with my favorite friends and all of the yummy foods", is something memorable to her when it comes to the fair. She also explained that her favorite ride is "The Zipper", a unique ride, with structure comparable to a ferris wheel, with 2-person carts that tumble back and forth as the ride makes rounds rotating. It is undoubtedly fun and gives you a thrilling experience. Another notably famous ride at the fair, like "The Skyride", is a ski-lift that takes you on a trip across the fair that gives you an amazing view of everything in action. It can also be used by people on other occasions, like most of us who would rather take the ride to get to the other side of the fair without having to walk all that way.

As for the competitive and miscellaneous other events, there are a variety of them to choose from on The Arizona State Fair's website, you can read all about them, and also submit an entry online if you decide to enter! "Chalk Art to Cupcake Decoration Demonstrations, Fine Art Wood Carvings, and the photos of iconic and mesmerizing Arizona landscapes", are just a few of the competitive events they offer. There are also tons of resources that demonstrate how to submit an entry form online for those who may not know how to. Live concerts performed at the fair are also something that can really draw customers to attend. Sadly it has been reported that the fair most likely will not be holding any concerts this October, as they usually do, due to "budget shortfalls". It is upsetting, but not surprising.

If you're wondering if attending the Arizona State Fair this October is in your best interest, the answer is that it's totally worth it, and you should if you have the chance to. The fair seems to be the most exciting after dark, with all the glowing lights and music, you are sure to have an amazing and memorable time.

Media Recommendations

by Savannah McIntyre



It seems that nowadays everyone is engrossed in some form of media. Maybe right now you're looking for some new shows to watch, a book to favorite, or a movie to keep you entertained. Whatever it may be, we're here to help.

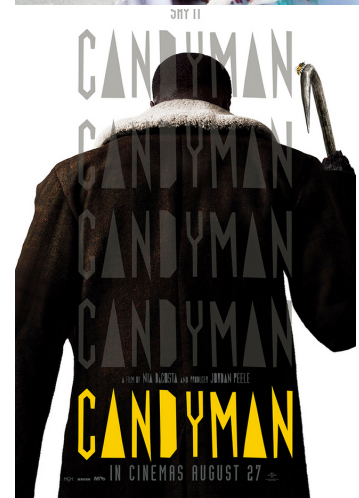
Yes, students are still reading! Here are some of CEC students' favorite books...

As Joe Jackman (11) says, "I like Percy Jackson: The Titans Curse by Rick Riordan. I like it because it's very action-packed, mythological, and there's a nice plot twist." Alyanna Rivera (11) enjoys The Land of Stories series, which follows twins, Alex and Conner, throughout their mystical adventures. And, Emily Myers' favorite book, is The Continent, by Keira Drake.

There have been several movies coming out that have excited students. Jazmin Mendivil (11) has been raving about the new horror film, Candyman. Here's what she has to say about it, "It's good if you like movies that have horror and violence in them." Multiple students have been saying that they're excited about Spider-man: No Way Home. It comes out on December 17th, so, keep your eyes peeled.

Let's not forget about TV shows. What have students been watching? Well, currently I'm watching the anime, Parasyte: The Maxim. It's about a young boy who becomes partially infected by a parasite and has to battle other infected humans. It's slightly gory, so beware if you don't like violence. Eleventh grader Gina Washington's current show recommendations are Sweet Home and Alice in Borderland. "They are spellbinding," She says, "They really capture your attention and pull you in." In addition, Girl From Nowhere is another great show I'd suggest checking out.

Hopefully, you've found something you're interested in checking out. No matter your interests, you're bound to find something you like, even if it's not from our list.



This is Halloween !

by Geoffrey Gordon



Halloween will be around the corner before you know it, so it's time to start thinking about costume ideas.

Take Regina Washington's highly creative and slightly Dark Souls-esque costume.

The costume consists of a woven basket over the wearer's head and a white hooded-robe.

Mrs. Brown likes to participate in group costumes. She won a costume contest for her portrayal of Winifred Sanderson from the movie *Hocus Pocus*.

Sarah and Mary Sanderson are played by Mrs. Brown's friends Mrs. Smithson and Ms. Eaton.



And, now, for probably my favorite costume idea (only because of the effort and commitment) from *Despicable Me 1* and *2*. Here is Evan Ashby's idea Dr. Nefario, a crazy but fun loving scientist and Gru's best friend.

Now for our final costume a human size hotdog. We have our Copy Editor Savannah McIntyre modeling this hilarious costume!



These were some great costume ideas, right? Maybe you will get the wheels going before October 31st!

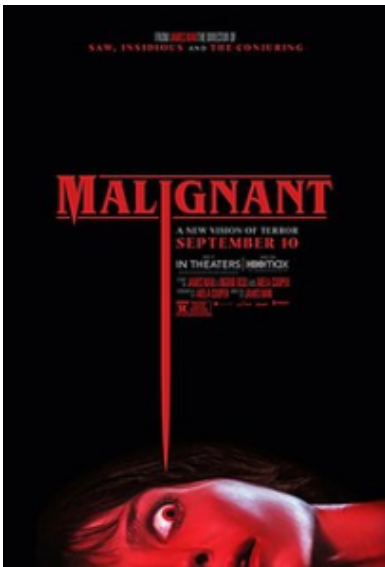
Horror Movie Previews

by Alec Lemons



Halloween Kills:

Halloween Kills is the newest movie in the ongoing Halloween franchise and releases in theatres on October 15, 2021. It follows the events of the last movie, Halloween (2018) where the killer Michael Myers escapes prison after 30 years and goes back to his hometown to once again wreak havoc on the citizens who live there. This movie, along with the previous movie, ignores the events of every Halloween movie except for the original which makes this a reboot series. In this new movie, Michael Myers is left burning in the house that the protagonists Laurie Strode, Karen Nelson, and Allyson Nelson, all left him in to die at the end of the last movie. Unfortunately for them, as they are headed back to town, they see that firemen are going to the house to save anyone who might be burning in the building and accidentally lets Michael out, letting him terrorize town once again. When the townspeople find out he has survived the fire, they protest against Michael in a mob-like fashion with weapons. Everyone in Michael's hometown is out to kill him but he isn't going down without a very bloody fight. I am unsure if this movie will stay true to the series and personally am torn between if I think this movie will be good or not. But all in all, I doubt it will disappoint and give many satisfying scares.



Malignant:

The new up and coming horror movie Malignant looks very similar to some other horror movies directed by James Wan and is releasing to theatres on September 10, 2021. James Wan has made many successful horror movies over the years including The Conjuring, Saw, and Insidious, so he has a very good track record. This new horror movie looks very promising, with a fairly new idea for the plot. The main character, Madison starts to see very realistic visions of murders that are happening. At first, Madison thinks they are just nightmares, but when she checks the news one day, she could recognize a person who was reported dead from the vision she had. Madison keeps having these visions of these murders and finds out that each one is getting closer and closer to where she lives. Madison later learns that the killer's name is Gabriel and immediately thinks that she has a connection to him somehow. After doing research, Madison seems to find out that she had an imaginary friend when she was little named Gabriel. Malignant seems like a great new horror movie and I'm sure it will meet expectations just based on the fact that James Wan directed it. I am very excited to see what it has in store and how James Wan will bring all the practical effects he is using to life to truly scare the audience.



Resident Evil: Welcome to Raccoon City:

There is not a lot of information out about the newest upcoming installment in the Resident Evil movie franchise, Resident Evil: Welcome to Raccoon City. Supposed to be released on November 24th of this year, this live action film will be based on the zombie apocalypse story from the popular Resident Evil game franchise. It will be a live action remake of the events from the first two Resident Evil games and is confirmed to be a reboot of the entire movie series that came before it. So the previous movies do not matter anymore in context of this new movie. Even though the past Resident Evil movies didn't do so hot, I am willing to give this new instalment a chance and I hold moderately high hopes because of the fact that it is a reboot and is based off of the first two Resident Evil games which are both very great and revolutionary horror games.

Bullying: A Societal Burden

by Evan Ashby



Currently, 20.2% of students report being bullied at school, this means that 1 in every 5 students are being bullied at school. Current statistics show that more male students are being physically bullied, while females are being subjects of rumors and purposely being excluded from activities. Almost 50% of students state that they reported the bullying to a trusted adult at school. Despite reporting the bullying to a trusted adult, 40% of students report that they expected the bullying to continue. Reportedly, bullying prevention programs at schools have decreased bullying by 25%. Bullying most often occurs because of race, ethnicity, gender, disabilities, physical appearance, religion, and sexual orientation. Of students ages 9-12, 49.8% state that they have experienced some form of bullying at school. 20.9% of students 9-12 have experienced some form of cyberbullying, have cyberbullied others, or have seen some form of cyberbullying. Of children ages 9-12 who experienced cyberbullying, 69.1% of them stated that it negatively impacted how they feel about themselves, 31.9% stated that it negatively impacted their friendships, 13.1% stated that it negatively impacted physical health, and 6.5% stated that it impacted their schoolwork.

When asked about how they define bullying, Khamara Holmes (9) replied that bullying is, "Being rude to someone honestly verbally abusive and physically abusive, and doing something mean to someone for no reason." The effects of bullying can be drastic, causing an increased risk of depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, lower academic achievement, and dropping out of school. Students that engage in bullying and are victims of bullying themselves are more likely to develop mental health and behavioral problems. Students who experience bullying are twice as likely to experience negative health effects like headaches and stomachaches. Students that self-blame and state that they deserve to be bullied are more likely to face negative outcomes like depression, victimization, and maladjustment. Peer pressure can affect bullying in both positive and negative ways. Peer pressure can be negative when a person's peer group encourages bad behavior like bullying others. But, it can also be positive when the peer group encourages positive and welcoming behavior to other individuals.

Among students ages 12-18, 15% of them report that they have been bullied online or by text. The majority of students being bullied online are in middle school, followed by high school, followed by elementary school. Most cyberbullying comes from threatening comments left online and rumors being spread around. Peer pressure is another reason that bullying is so prevalent in schools and online, usually through social media. When asked about whether or not peer pressure affects cyberbullying as much as in-person bullying, Hailey Adams responded with, "Even more so on the internet because multiple people could see the cyberbullying go on and they are more tempted to do it because it's on the internet rather in person." Reportedly, females experience more rumors being spread about them, while males experience some type of physical threat to them. Additionally, the majority of people being bullied online tend to be bullied at schools as well.

Students that aren't the direct target of bullying can also experience problems, observing bullying can result in adverse mental health outcomes. When asked about how they were affected by bullying, Jazmin Mendivil replied, "Being a social media influencer, it's a lot of hate they will judge you on anything. Also I got bullied in elementary and middle school, and now it's funny how the same bullies wanna be my friend now." Students that witness bullying are more likely to try to stop it if they think that they can do something about the bullying. Students that experience bullying stated that the best way that others can help them is to just be there for them and be supportive. They also stated that help from their peers is much better than help from an educator or just trying to stop it themselves. Two-thirds of children ages 9-12 have stated that they would step in to defend, support, or assist those being bullied online or at school.

Parents, teachers, school staff, and other adult figures all can play a role in the prevention of bullying. Kids should be encouraged to report any bullying, even if it doesn't happen to them to any trusted adult. Even if the adult can't directly help or stop the bullying, they can be there to give support, comfort, or any advice. Students should also know how to stop bullying themselves if they don't want to or can't tell a trusted adult. Students can say, "stop," or they can just walk away from the bully if telling them to stop doesn't work. If neither of those things work to stop the bully, the student can always stay near an adult or groups of other kids. Kids should always be urged to help others if they see bullying occurring. The best thing that a peer can do to help a person being bullied besides telling an adult, is to just be kind to the person being bullied.

If you or someone you know is being bullied, you should contact our new counselor Mrs. Ramirez if you need help. There are also different hotlines that you can call to report bullying or concerns, like the CUSD80 hotline, 480-573-8808. If you need help with cyberbullying, you can always call the cybersmile hotline, 1-800-273-8255.