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## Fake News!

In an era full of naive advertisements, propagandist marketing, and ever-dastardly fake news, MFS WordsWorth knows just how vital it is for students and faculty alike to have a news source that they can trust. WordsWorth, through thick and thin, strives to be that news source. For school year after school year, we have brought you the very best in carefully balanced, somberly reported, and masterfully edited school news. And guess what? Some of y'all just won't read it. It seems that—surprise, surprise—in the age of smartphones and instant noodles, the humble news-person finds it hard to scrape up a regular readership.

So, never ones to stand against the zeitgeist, our editorial staff has decided to move WordsWorth in a new direction. Combining the editorial rigor of BuzzFeed, the level-headedness of Fox News, the impartiality of the New York Times, and the journalistic integrity of Der Sturmer, we bring you the very best of Fake News. Enjoy and happy April Fools!

—The WordsWorth Staff

## When Physics Teachers Fly

By Alicia Leung '24, Staff Writer and Elise Trani '24, Staff Writer



US physics teacher Dr. Jennifer Mosher soars over MFS' fields. (Photo taken and graphic made by Alicia Leung '24.)

On March 8, 2021, physics teacher Dr. Jennifer Mosher figured out a science equation to fly. It wasn't something she expected, nor originally intended to find; however, she succeeded in doing the unthinkable.

Flying has always been a dream for Dr. Mosher: "Ever since I was a child, I love looking at geese effortlessly gliding through the air, but I never imagined it could become a reality for me as well." Dr. Mosher continued, "I've also always dreamed about flying cars and quicker transportation

through the air. Now I will be able to utilize my flying abilities to travel easily."

Before making this ground-breaking discovery, Dr. Mosher was actually re-researching a different, though related topic: "I was pondering the idea of making an object accelerate upwards forever, and I wrote all of my thoughts down in the lab notebook I keep here at MFS. After successfully completing this lab, while I was walking to Hartman Hall, my feet started lifting off of the ground, and I began to fly!" said Dr. Mosher.

Although many people, if given the power to fly, might want to use it just for fun, Dr. Mosher actually has plans for her newfound ability. With this amazing, yet accidental, feat of science that allowed her to fulfill her lifelong dream of flying, she aims to help others. "I want to teach others about the joy that flying brings me and learn how to improve the techniques of this ability," said Dr. Mosher.

## Let the Books Burn

By Vani Hanamirian '22, Social Media Editor and Editor-in-Chief of Print Editions

After reading Fahrenheit 451, Upper School English Teacher Debra Galler has decided to host her very own book burning targeted at a specific genre: Spark Notes Books.

The plot of Fahrenheit 451 occurs in a futuristic society which burns books and it's illegal to be caught with them.

Upper School History teacher Jackie Scully, who previously read the book, said, "It was shocking. I can't imagine a world where books are burnt."

A study from MFS WordsWorth revealed that 57% of Moorestown Friends High School students use Spark Notes.

Spark Notes, both in print editions and online editions, quickly shows students chapter by chapter summaries and annotations of numerous novels.

"It takes away the beauty of the book and puts students behind in their education. By not

actually reading the books we assign in the English department, we are unable to have meaningful conversations in class. It will end up harming these students because it is a short fix," explained Galler.

Galler continued by announcing her solution to combat this growing problem: "When the weather gets warmer, [the English department] will gather on the oval and burn all of the SparkNotes books. It is the right decision to make sure our students are learning.

Additionally, it should be noted that Spark Notes is a clear violation of the honor affirmation."

Upper School student Dante Neri '22 spoke on the topic, saying, "I agree that SparkNotes are bad, but I think that Mrs. Galler may have gone crazy."

The burning will take place at a yet-to-be determined date and will of course be livestreamed by MFS WordsWorth.



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## Evan de la Torre Calls a Snow Day for MFS

By Vani Hanamirian '22, Social Media Editor and Editor-in-Chief of Print Editions

At 6:47 PM, with the snow piling up on campus, first grader Evan de la Torre announced that he would be calling a snow day.

On January 2, 2021, Moorestown, New Jersey was hit with several inches of snow. Big piles were seen lining the MFS driveway, and families wondered what this would mean for school the next day. While students patiently waited by their phones for a call from the school, Evan de la Torre, son of Head of School Julia de la Torre, took matters into his own hands.

"I couldn't wait any longer. I knew that the snow day was going to be fun and the piles were building up," said

Evan de la Torre.

Moorestown Friends School has been criticized in the past for waiting until the last minute to call a snow day. Faculty member Mike Schlotterbeck spoke on the subject:

"We have to be 100% certain that the conditions are going to be too bad for parents to get their kids in [to school]. It is usually not a difficult decision, but this time the snow was in between, and we weren't sure when the roads would be cleared. We want the kids to have fun in the snow, but it is our job to help them learn, so we take time making our decision."

Students often find themselves putting



Photo by Vani Hanamirian '22

spoons under their pillows, wearing their pajamas inside out, and completing other superstitions to

hopefully get a snow day.

Junior Jannah McRae said, "I was happy with

the news. The second I got the call from Evan, I was instantly relieved. I usually stay up late working on my homework in case the snow day isn't called. It was reassuring to know the night before, and I hope that they continue to let Evan decide the fate of the snow days early."

MFS began the year in a hybrid system, having half the students in person and half at home. This allowed for the community to host virtual classes on snow days.

"I knew that they would have us do virtual classes and I wanted to sled down the hill outside of my house with my mom and dad. I decided to call a normal snow day with

no classes for anyone. I can now sled all day, but I just don't like climbing back up the hill once I've gone down it," explained de la Torre.

Evan de la Torre decided that this isn't the end of his journey calling snow days, and he is now interested in interning as a part time assistant in the Weather Committee.

"We are excited to have him on our team. He will be a great addition and a new perspective," said Schlotterbeck

Evan shared with the MFS community: "Enjoy your snow day and know more are coming!"

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## Super Bowl LV Streaker Trespases on MFS Campus

By Ishaan Shah '22, Sports Columnist

Yuri Andrade, also known as the Super Bowl LV streaker, was found running throughout the MFS campus in a pro-Shipley wet suit last Friday.

The first known sighting of Andrade was made by Upper School math teacher Laird Ottman.

"I saw [Andrade] running on the Hartman Hall pathway. He stole a student's backpack and made his way to the main building," said Ottman.

Later that day, Andrade was reportedly found



Body Super Bowl LV streaker, Yuri Andrade, was found running throughout the MFS campus. Graphic by Sam Bitman '21

causing disruptions in the basement of the main building. According to Upper School science teacher Andrew Newman, Andrade had entered one of the chemistry classrooms and began to mix chemicals.

"I heard some noises

coming from a room down the hallway. When I peeked in the doorway, I saw [Andrade] mixing some chemicals which caused a loud bang. After the bang, he amazingly disappeared," said Newman.

The next known sighting of Andrade was in a junior gym class that was playing wiffle ball. Those in the gym class reported that Andrade repeatedly ran around the bases as if he hit a home run.

"That was probably one of the most disturbing and odd situations I have ever experienced," commented Caleb Kelly '22.

After numerous complaints, Dean of Students Will Miller decided to take matters into his own

hands. Miller devised a plan to trap Andrade on the middle floor of the main building. Miller blocked off the far end of the hallway while Upper School Director Noah Rachlin sealed the other end of the hallway and Head of School Julia de la Torre guarded the hallway connecting to the Field House.

"Our goal was to bait [Andrade] into walking up the central stairs from the basement," said Miller.

Once Andrade appeared, many students reported seeing Miller chase

Andrade down the hallway. According to multiple faculty members and students, Miller caught up to Andrade and tackled him.

When asked about this, Miller said, "I'm just fast, what can I say?"

After much talk, the administration has officially banned Andrade from stepping onto MFS property ever again.



## Outfoxed by the Filter: de la Torre Trapped in Fox Filter During Meeting

By Elina Shah '24, Staff Writer and Dinah Megibow-Taylor '24, Staff Writer

At the most recent Moorestown Friends Ad Council meeting, Head of School Julia de la Torre appeared

to be using a Zoom face filter which added fox-like features on its users. She was told by many attendees that a filter appeared to be in use, but she was unable to remove it for the entirety of the meeting, leaving her to attend as a fox.

“I was just trying to unmute myself, and then the filter appeared on my face!”

said de la Torre. She said that Associate Head of School Meredith Godley alerted her of this unfortunate accident by unmuting and saying, “There’s a fox on your face! There’s a fox on your face!”

After she became aware of her mistake, de la Torre quickly tried to remove the filter, but this was to no avail. At one point, de la Torre said that she even mistakenly put a virtual background in place

instead of removing

the filter: “I pressed some buttons, and at one point it looked like I was on the beach.”

Although it brought laughter and lightheartedness to the Ad Council meeting, Godley said that this incident did distract a bit from the meeting itself: “Even though the meeting did not cover all the points [Ms. de la Torre] wanted to make, it definitely brought a smile to everyone’s face.”

Despite this, some attendees encouraged

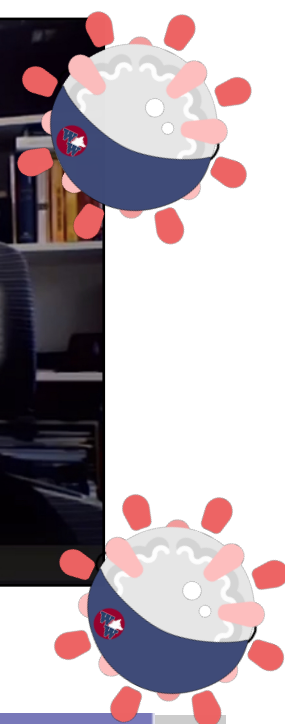
de la Torre to keep it on, and as she noted before, the filter “gave the meeting extra

school spirit.” Members agreed that it was just a lucky coincidence that the

filter applied happened to be the MFS mascot: the fox.



Photo credits: Dinah Megibow-Taylor '24



## Nasatir's COVID Getaway

By Amir Mashaqi '23, Staff Writer

As the length of quarantine grows, the anxiety of many teachers and students grows as well. There is one common solution to escaping this stressful environment that many people think of: taking a vacation. Rob Nasatir, Spanish teacher and Head of the World Language Department, decided to take this idea to heart.

Nasatir has spent numerous hours

googling and asking students for their ideas on how to create the effect of being in his own home using his Zoom background while actually enjoying his day on a beach.

Nasatir first set his plan into action last week when he called the school, alerting them that he would be teaching virtually for personal reasons. Nasatir then grabbed his

phone to take a picture for the background he will be using on Zoom. Afterwards, he bought a ticket to Ibiza, packed his bags, and flew Friday afternoon.

Nasatir then purchased and placed a large tent on the beach to shelter himself from the sun, and secured other items for him to make this possible, such as numerous battery packs, Wi-Fi hotspots, and a fan.

Nasatir spent the next two weeks in Ibiza enjoying the scenery and reading on the beach. Some students questioned why he wasn’t in school, but no one ever questioned where he truly was. When Nasatir returned, no one ever suspected that he had left the country.

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**NO SPIT? NO SHAME.**

MFS' weekly saliva tests can bring a sense of defeat to those who can't satisfy the vial's needs. For all of you who, week after week, must make the treacherous trip to a PCR test, empty vial in hand, I have one message for you:  
**YOU'RE NOT ALONE!**

**Saliva Support Group**

COMMUNITY SUPPORT  
GROUP TRIPS TO PCR TESTS  
ZOOM SUPPORT MEETINGS

Graphic by Rebecca Benjamin '21, Associate Editor-in-Chief of Broadcast/Podcast

## Thomson Crashes Zoom

By Lila Smith '22, News Editor and Political Columnist

Clark Thomson, Head of the MFS History Department, is notorious for his class-crashing habits. However, due to the unforeseen circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, Thomson's tactics have had to adapt with the changing times. MFS Wordsworth spoke with Thomson on how he's adapted his tradition of class-crashing to the new virtual environment.

"I call it Zoom Crashing," said Thomson. "I show up outside a teacher's window and repeatedly bang on it until they and their zoom class

notice me."

Thomson has "Zoom Crashed" multiple teachers all in separate areas. Debra Galler, Head of the MFS English Department, was teaching her AP English students when she heard a banging sound from outside her window. "The one silver lining for me when we got sent home in March was 'Hey, at least Thomson can't interrupt my classes anymore!' I never expected that he would find a way to continue disrupting classes," exclaimed Galler.

However, Thomson has

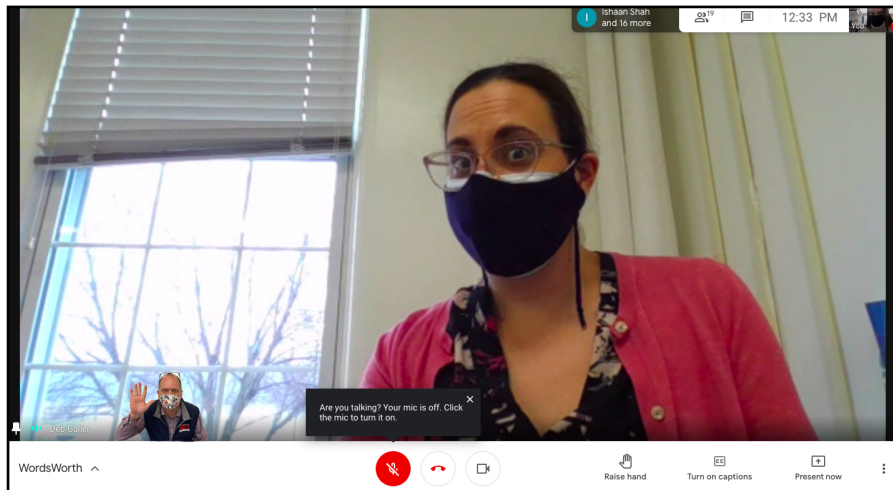


Photo by Lila Smith '22

run into issues with his zoom crashing plan: "I hadn't realized how many of our faculty live in apartments or take their Zooms on the second floor. Because of that, I've invested in a good pair of climbing

gear."

Multiple local news stations have reported sightings of Thomson scaling the sides of apartment complexes. Thomson's escapades have landed him

multiple infractions for violating the peace in the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and he has created multiple enemies with window cleaners.

However, with the return to in-person

classes at MFS, Thomson has returned to his old ways of randomly walking into classrooms. Thomson reflects on the impact COVID-19 has had on his class crashing habits.

"It's so important to find new ways to continue the traditions that bring us joy," said Thomson. "We can not let this virus take away what is most important to us. For me, it's class crashing. I'm so grateful though that I can finally begin to crash classes in-person, the good old-fashioned way."

## Who can Fill a Miramus Spit Tube the Fastest?

By: Esha Patel '23, Features and Opinions Editor

Moorestown Friends has officially announced a new addition to the Upper School's spirit week. Despite the chance that Spirit Week 2021 could be cancelled due to the pandemic, it was recently announced that the event-filled week has been moved to the end of the school year. Since pooled saliva COVID-19 testing has been implemented into the school's weekly schedule, Upper School Dean of Students Will Miller has decided to put a fun twist on the rather unpleasant activity.

Miller told WordsWorth that he worked with administration to create a new event where students compete against their peers to fill their spit tube the fastest. The dean expressed that he is "very excited to see all the different strategies that each grade comes up with."

"I think this event is the perfect addition to Spirit Week, especially given

the rough year we've all had," says Alissa Fox '23. She believes that the competition will be tough given that the student body has already had a fair amount of practice filling the tubes. Unlike Jell-O eating, which has been retired from the set of competitions until further notice, participants will not be allowed to have a friend or peer behind them cheering them on. One station for each grade will be placed 6 feet apart from the others because this is a no-mask event. Each grade will gather in sections at the fields behind their competing peer.

Janiah McRae '22 told WordsWorth that her class has already nominated her to compete in the competition for her grade. "I've tried to test out some different strategies and I've narrowed it down to gathering a bunch of spit in my mouth before the competition starts."

McRae strongly believes that her strategy will guarantee her the first place spot. The competition will be held on Tuesday morning so that the contestants' spit tubes can be sent off and used for testing along with the rest of the school's.

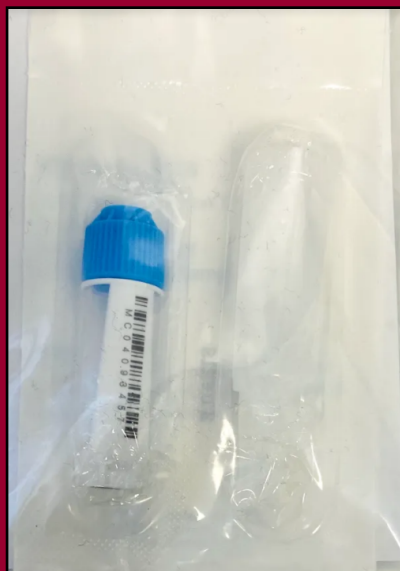


Photo by Esha Patel '23



## MFS Winter Sports Go Undefeated

By Lauren Edelstein '22, Sports Editor

For the first time in MFS history, both the basketball teams and the fencing team were undefeated. These MFS sports repeatedly played against a team with equal talent and skill, yet MFS still ended up on top.

Girls basketball player Blythe O'Connor '22 commented with excitement that "We are unstoppable this year! There was never a moment where I thought that MFS would lose."

Girl's basketball Coach Michael Brunswick is especially proud. He exclaimed: "Even during the close games, I never doubted my girls. I knew MFS would come out victorious."

The Boy's basketball team has not experienced this type of success in the recent years. They were not only excited, but also astonished.

Boys basketball player Peter Tummarello '22 stated, "Boys basketball has never seen so many victories as they did this year. I almost can't believe it!"



Fencer Katerina Kostopoulos '22 commented on how well-matched each bout was: "We fenced against players with exactly the same training as us. And even though they understood our style of play, MFS won each and every match."

MFS Athletic Director Danielle Dayton commented on the teams' victories with enthusiasm: "Girls and Boys basketball and fencing beat their opposing teams with ease: it was almost as if there was a 100% chance that MFS would win."



Photo Vani Hanamrian '22

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## Student Caught Selling COVID-19 Tests

By: Julia Tourtellotte '23, Staff Writer and Emma Vernick '23, Staff Writer

A scandal has emerged in the Upper School: a student has been selling negative COVID-tests to both students and teachers.

Speculations of the mastermind have circulated the Upper School for weeks, and after intense interrogations and a DNA test, the leader of the scheme was found to be none other than sophomore Vanya Weinstock.

Weinstock shocked many with his involvement in such an unholy scheme. Heera Dalal, a sophomore and close friend of Weinstock, commented, "I am still

in shock about this. I just cannot believe that somebody I thought was my best friend could be so heinous and corrupt."

Out of the many students and teachers involved in the scheme, one that is particularly surprising is Dan Sussman. Sussman has been Vanya's most frequent customer, buying a test almost every week. After being caught, Sussman has argued his actions were for the betterment of the student body: "My students need me! If I were to go virtual, my class would fall apart. My actions

may have been wrong, but they can be justified." Undoubtedly, Sussman's actions will have consequences, possibly including termination.

Although many of Weinstock's customers have been unmasked, the culprit himself has gone off the grid in fear of the repercussions, including expulsion and jail time. With the criminal still on the loose, officials have been working to find him. A reward of a \$15 Starbucks gift card has been offered to those who offer any leads.

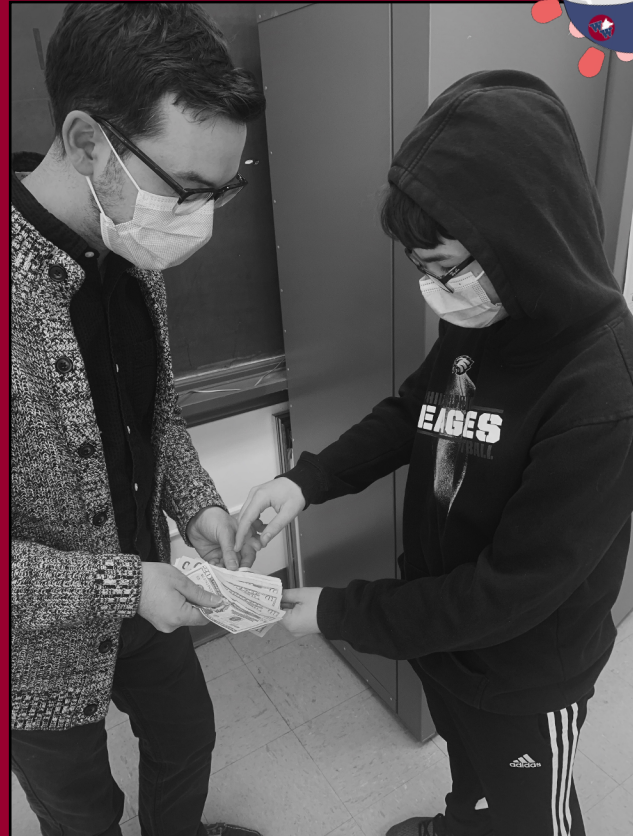


Photo by Julia Tourtellotte '23, Staff Writer



## Mr. Miller Behind Ruvna Hacking

By Michael Huettl '23, Staff Writer

It was recently confirmed that Upper School Dean of Students Will Miller was the culprit in the hacking of the MFS Ruvna health checks to ask his own personal questions instead of the standard health queries. Last week, in order for students to attend school in

person, Ruvna started asking questions about specific baseball teams, Leadership in the Quaker Dimension, and which faculty member's favorite movie was Heat. With the issue under investigation, Miller was discovered when, instead of questioning temperatures or

symptoms, Ruvna started asking students what Mr. Miller's favorite baseball team was or how he likes his coffee. With these largely obscure questions added, MFS recorded a large spike in student at-home attendance and found that many had failed the Ruvna survey

because of the hacked questions. While the hacking had no evil intentions, Miller stated he wanted to have more "fun and amusing" questions to let students attend school in-person and that including his own questions to the health checks added more fun and engagement for

students in the Upper School. Student reactions varied in response to the suspicious questions. Sophomore Andrew Mercantini '23 told Wordsworth that "when I first saw the questions I was in shock. I was even more surprised that I wasn't allowed in simply because I didn't

know Mr. Miller's favorite movie." When discovered that Mr. Miller was behind the hacking, Mercantini reacted stating, "for me personally it was anticlimactic. Once the questions started asking about the Houston Astros, I think most of the Upper School knew who it was."



## In Remembrance Of Spit Deficient People

By Vani Hanamirian '22, Social Media Editor and Editor-in-Chief of Print Editions

Spitting is not easy for everyone. Some members of the MFS community struggle to fill the tube to the required halfway point. WordsWorth wanted to take a moment to honor their struggle in spitting. Here are three students and one faculty member who were unable to fill the tube.



Isabella D.



Diana D.



Nicole J.



Ava V.



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## MFS Sells Campus After Moving To Virtual School Permanently

By Sam Bitman '21, Editor-in-Chief

In a shocking decision, MFS sold their beloved campus on Main Street, Moorestown. The decision was made after what MFS administrators believed was an “extremely successful” virtual school year.

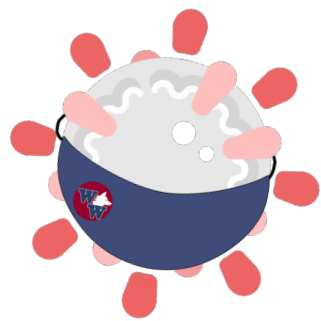
The papers were signed over spring break, but the contract does not actually go into effect until the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Associate Head of School and Academic Dean Meredith Godley explained that “despite what students and teachers may have believed, we actually found that students' learning increased by 1000% when in the virtual classroom. And, teachers seemed to really like teaching from home, especially those with young children.”

There have been mixed opinions about the decision among the students. Mitchell Desman '21 said, “I’m gonna be honest, I don’t really understand the

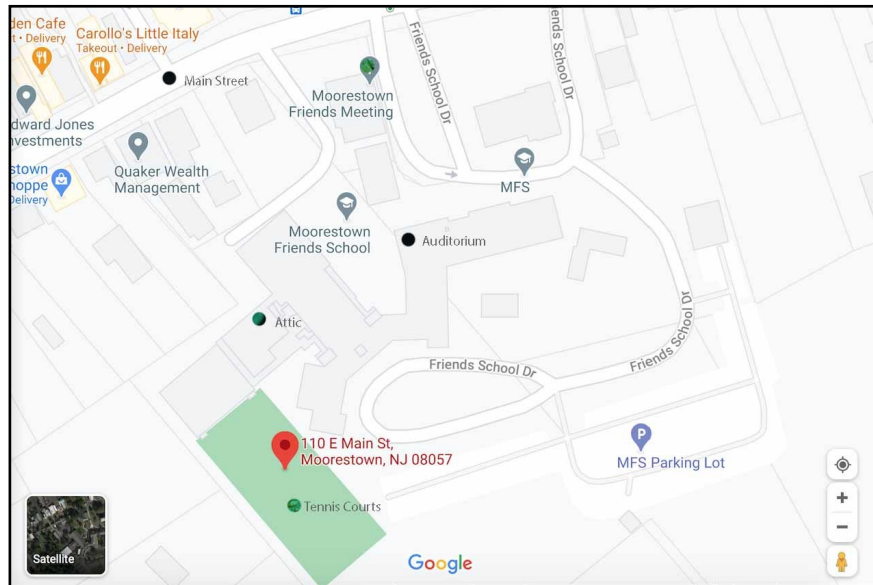
decision at all.” Desman continued, “but then again, I’m graduating at the end of the year so whatever.”

It has yet to be revealed who bought the campus, but rumors are that the campus will be demolished and replaced with a Super Wawa or a Costco.



## Hidden Spaces: Where MFS Seniors Hide During Free Periods

By Liah Morban '21, Staff Writer



Graphic by Vani Hanamirian '22

Unlike typical school years, due to COVID restrictions, seniors can no longer be found lounging around on senior benches during free periods. Instead, they have to find new locations that adhere to social distancing guidelines. WordsWorth was able to meet with a few seniors and discover the best locations to stay during free periods.

Many seniors explained that

going up to Main Street is tiring since most seniors go there for lunch. Olivia Rutherford '21 shared her opinion, saying, “It’s tiring having to go up to Main Street everyday. After a while it no longer seems like a privilege, but more like a constant in our schedule.” She continued, “I’m tired of having to go onto Main Street for hours because of free periods. I don’t want to sit in the auditorium for three hours, but Main Street

isn’t any better at this point.” Bobby Lodge '21 explained that “the attic is the best place to go during free periods. It’s quiet, peaceful, and rarely anyone goes up there.”

Abby Dawson '21 said, “The best place to go during frees is the tennis court. You don’t have to worry about social distancing and you’re able to get fresh air while also getting your work done and enjoying your free period.”

As the school year unfolds, seniors will continue to demonstrate their creativity when choosing a spot during free periods.



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## Summer Chem Creates New Hand Sanitizer

By Aadit Pande '23, Staff Writer

Since the pandemic's outbreak, Upper School Science teacher Mr. Newman and his summer chemistry students have been working throughout the year during lunch on a new hand sanitizer to prevent the virus.

When asked about how he came up with the new solution, Newman explained, “I wanted to come up with an idea where a hand sanitizer could be used for the pandemic. After we ran multiple tests and mixed multiple solutions, we created something extraordinary.”

Newman intends to supply the government with his

solution, hoping it can be distributed worldwide. According to Newman, the hand sanitizer will be dispersed in little packets with refillable devices. He hopes that the sanitizer will be easily accessed for all people, only being one dollar, with stations available to refill the packets that come with the sanitizer.

Newman and student Cooper Greer '23 decided to test the hand sanitizer on themselves.

“It smelled really good as it showed no signs of alcohol and no burning. After that, I didn't show any signs of getting COVID-19 either,” said Greer.

This hand sanitizer, however, is different from all the others. With numerous tests, it is shown to be 99 percent more effective than other sanitizers in preventing viruses like COVID-19. The secret ingredient in

the hand sanitizer is little grains of rice. This is so it can absorb and take away any sights of the virus from your body.

“One day, I hope all of this comes to an end, and life can go back to normal. I also hope this means more students for summer chemistry next year,” said Newman.

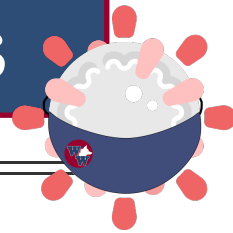


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## MFS Hosts Fashion Show For Students With Unused Prom Attire From Last Year

By Ali Benjamin '23, Staff Writer

Have you always dreamed of sitting front row at New York Fashion Week among the highest class of fashion designers and models? Or better yet, dreamed of walking down the catwalk yourself?

Now, that opportunity is yours for the taking.

Find Moorestown Friends' own on the runway as lower and upperclassmen alike prepare to show off the prom attire that has been hiding away in a closet since last spring, before purchasing .

In May of 2020, many were heartbroken by the news that there

would not be an Upper School prom, especially after purchasing expensive suits and gowns. Fortunately, the juniors heading this year's prom committee recently announced that "all students with previously purchased prom attire who choose to participate in the MFS 2020 Prom Lookbook Fashion Show will take to the catwalk, spanning the length of the Upper School hallway, on Friday, May 14th at 3:30 PM."

The goal of this event is to boost student morale and gather the community together in

a way like never before.

Spot your very own WordsWorth staffers along the red carpet interviewing the MFS models, and keep an ear out as select staff members will be providing commentary on the show. All students who choose to purchase tickets will receive a link to the livestream for both the red carpet and the fashion show.

Act fast! Tickets are selling out, and all proceeds will be going towards the budget for this year's in person prom coming in Spring 2021.



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## INSTAGRAM POLL RESULTS



**Vending Machines With Blankets?**

**83% YES**

"I honestly don't think anyone would be opposed"  
-Lauren Kam '21

**Playground Time for High School?**

**90% YES**

"I think it's unequal treatment that lower schoolers get playground time despite the fact that they have easier class work."  
-Lila Smith '22

**Mandatory Snack Breaks?**

**96% YES**

"I think it's a great idea because it keeps people from sneaking snacks in class and then I have to clean up the crumbs"  
-Dr. Mosher

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## Overheard Conversation At MFS

By Jordan Grabelle '22, Associate Editor-in-Chief of WordsWorth.com and Copy Editor



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## Class of 2021 Set to Repeat Senior Year

By Emma Nei '22, Multimedia Producer

After over a year of officially being in a pandemic, seniors are now set to repeat their school year.

The Class of 2021 collaborated with administration and decided that redoing their senior year would provide them the chance to make up events missed due to the pandemic.

Meredith Godley, Associate Head of School/Academic Dean, commented, "I think a lot of students feel that they've lost so much of their high school experience, and I hope another year would allow those students to find some type of better

closure to their years here at MFS."

Additionally, seniors are expressing gratitude for this opportunity to repeat senior year. Robert Bougazelli '21 said, "I think this is a way for us to finally finish our high school career with an experience that feels more complete. I don't think graduating at the height of a pandemic is the way I want to leave high school."

Missing out on big events like Spirit Week and Prom has been an influential factor while deciding to repeat the year in early December. Matt D'Ottavi '21 explained,

"How can we leave school without having another spirit week? There's no doubt our grade is gonna win Tug o' War."

On the other hand, many seniors do not think repeating senior year is a good idea. Jalyn Lawrence '21 shared, "I really don't want to repeat senior year. I think a lot of us feel like we're ready to be done with high school and move into the next chapter of our lives."

The pandemic has affected so many aspects of people's daily lives and has canceled or changed many of the events we

value in the MFS community like Spirit Week and Thanksgiving Happening. The repetition of senior year for the Class of 2021 is just another plot twist in this unpredictable year.



## Math Finals Set to Happen at the End of the Year

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Math Department Chair Katie LuBrant revealed that math finals will occur at the end of the school year, despite the math department's previous statement.

In an email from the Math Department sent by LuBrant, it stated that one of the reasons math finals were originally cancelled was that "[the math department does not] want to add more stress to your life at this time." But now that the decision to cancel math finals is nullified, students are concerned that this exam will negatively impact their lives and add more weight onto

their shoulders.

"I think it is a terrible decision to have math finals this year, and it will make a lot of students unhappy," said Bella Didie '24. This negative reaction is prevalent among US students and has even inspired a protest against the new decision.

Given the reversal of the cancellation, one cannot help but wonder what this means for the decision regarding finals for other departments.



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