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Letter from the Editor

Jace Joss

Hi Scotties! Welcome to the first issue of this year's Scottie Sunrise. My name is Jace, and I'm so glad to have the opportunity to write to you as editor-in-chief of the Scottie Sunrise Newspaper Club. I know that our club will create the best publication that DeLaura has ever seen. To share a little about myself, I've only lived in this area for a short time. My story began in Daytona, which is just up the coast from where we are now. After a period of time, my dad got a job in New York and we moved there. After we were fully moved in, my little brother was born, and yet again another job popped up with better pay and more opportunities in Oregon. Then after that we moved to Washington and then to West Virginia. I recall West Virginia the most because of the 5 years living there. Most recently, my dad got a job here- which is why I can now write to you. After being in many places, I am glad to be here. My parents tell me and my brothers that this is the final Joss house. I'm thrilled to be here representing DeLaura as a straight A student and as the Scottie Sunrise editor-in-chief.

If you are a 7th grader, this may be your first time reading the

Scottie Sunrise. Let me share with you a little about our publication... Newspaper Club produces a newspaper every month that is distributed on the last Friday of each month. There are unique articles depending on the month of the year. For example in this month's issue, you'll notice our logo, poll, and some articles are Halloween themed. You can always count on articles that describe school wide events. Also, as an extra bonus for reading the newspapers, you get a chance to find the "golden ticket" folded within a few special papers. If you discover the ticket, you could receive a prize!

It's not too late to join. I want to personally invite you to Newspaper Club because I feel that it is a way for anyone to show their talents, make friends, and be a part of the school community. As a returning member, I've seen many different people before me; and I can tell how people have advanced in many ways through this club. I hope that you guys can come and see that for yourself. We meet every Friday at 8:45 in the morning in Mrs. Kidd's room (224). If you want a chance to show the school your talents, join us!

Band Concert

Karen Hattie

On October 13th, DeLaura's band students had their first band concert of the year! The Beginning Band and Intermediate Band played lines out of their book. Concert band played "Imperium" by Michael Sweeny. The Symphonic Band played "Chorale Elegant" by Elena Roussanova, and "Chester Variations" by Elliot Del Borgo. The Jazz Band played "Second

Line" by Willie Norman Sinegal and "Mr. PC" by John Coltrane with solos featuring Jace Joss on the Alto sax, Edgar Lopez on the trumpet, Karen Hattie on the Tenor sax, and Alex Ladner on the Bari sax. Make sure to mark your calendars for the next band concert- scheduled for December 7th at 7:00 PM in Satellite High's auditorium.

Book Review

Scout Kelly and Luca Diniz

What if you had no memory of the past and you were always on the run? Well that's Katrina's life, in *Concealed*, written by Christina Diaz Gonzalez. Being in the Witness Protection Agency, Katrina and her parents are always relocating to new homes and coming up with new names. Katrina never knew who they were running from, but she figured it must be someone who wants her and her family dead. In their new home she meets a new friend, Parker, but she knows this friendship won't last long. So, she tries to make the best of it in this new life. One day a picture of her is uploaded to the web and the next day her mom is arrested while her dad runs away. She now needs to embark on a dangerous rescue

mission to get her parents back. As she starts to learn more stuff about their past lives, she starts to realize she is part of a much bigger picture. This book is perfect for mystery lovers, with a mystery peeking around each page. If you love mystery and suspense, then stop by the library and check out *Concealed*. It just so happens to be one of this year's Sunshine State Young Reader Awards books. Also, if you read *Concealed* and blog on DeLaura's media center's page, you will be invited to meet Christina Diaz Gonzalez! The author is coming to DeLaura in early 2023. By taking the time to blog, you will have the opportunity to hear a wonderful speech from her and maybe even get your book signed!

Students and Teachers of the Month

Logan Lee and Alexandra Barnes
Congratulations to Keliana and Kanoa for winning student of the month for September! The student of the month is selected through a drawing using the redeemed Scottie Superhero Passes. Keep demonstrating our core values of kindness, honesty, respect and hard work and you might also have the chance of earning student of

the month! Keep an eye out for October's winners! Congratulations are also in order for Ms. Rice and Ms. McWilliams as our student-voted teachers of the month! Ms. Rice has been teaching for 30 years and most enjoys teaching life science. Ms. McWilliams has been teaching 31 years and most appreciates interacting with the kids.

Legendary Band Review

Logan Lee

Attention all music lovers! Are you a fan of rock? If so, keep reading for this month's band review on the legendary group Queen. Even though this band was popular in the 1970s, it can still make you feel very upbeat- and sometimes even classy. The kind of music they play can range from somewhat slow to a little more fast paced. This is

the perfect band for people who want to get work done or need some motivation. If you're looking for some suggestions to add to your playlist, check out some of my favorite picks: Another One Bites the Dust, Flash, Under Pressure, Killer Queen, Bohemian Rhapsody, and Don't Stop Me Now. Happy listening, Scotties!

The History of Halloween

Kiersten Denzel, Bella Maher, & Leah Vallandigham

Everyone loves Halloween, but many of us don't know the history behind the holiday. For many of us, it gives us the chance to go door to door asking for candy. Halloween was a festival of Samhain which was among the Celts of ancient Britain and Ireland. Over 2,000 years ago, the Celts celebrated the end of the harvest season

on Oct. 31. They believed that on that night, ghosts returned to earth to wreak havoc on their crops and possess the living. People would light fires or wear costumes in the past to ward off ghosts and Halloween spirits. The Halloween that we know today isn't like that anymore... Now we get to dress up as characters, have fun, and eat candy! Happy trick or treating, Scotties!

Scottie Tales-- Halloween Edition

Alexandra Barnes

I run around the corner, desperate to get away from the shadow chasing me. The screams drown out any thought, and the relieved pain is crippling. The ground turns red and I feel this is the end when...

"Scottie! Where are you boy?" I wake up, frantic, and as my heart slows, I realize it was all a dream. Starving, I trot downstairs to my pet human, Keliana. All dreams aside, I cannot shirk my duties as the annoying Scottish Terrier of the neighborhood. I round the corner into the kitchen, and see Keliana's mom packing her lunch. I start towards her when I see a shadow standing over her. I blink, and it's gone, but I change directions toward the door, just in case. I see Keliana in the background as she styles her hair, brushes her teeth, and checks social media simultaneously. I stare in awe, wondering how humans got so advanced. Suddenly, I see the grotesque shadow again, this time in a

strangling hold over Keliana. My eyes grow wide as I sprint outside. My heart races and I whirl around to see the monster behind me, so I pick up my pace. The ground turns red and I hear every scream, relive every horrific moment, and feel every terrible feeling from my dream. I run faster than I ever have before, and I reach the corner, when suddenly... I wake up. Keliana's voice is calling for me, and I realize... I've lived this before... **Hey Scotties! I took a shot at writing a horror story, so why don't you? Fredrick Brown wrote the shortest horror story ever recorded in 1948, with just two sentences. Brown wrote "The last man on Earth sat alone in a room. There was a knock on the door..." I challenge you all to write a two sentence horror story and email it to me at 2204056@share.brevardschools.org. Your horror story could be featured in next month's issue!

Native American Heritage Month

Scout Kelly

November is Native American Heritage Month; and because it's upcoming, now's a great time to celebrate the histories, diverse cultures, and the contributions of this nation's original people. In your civics and history classes, you have likely learned about the Native American people, including the contributions they made to the ances-

tors of our society. As a result of all these contributions, we celebrate Native American Heritage Month and you can celebrate by studying the arts of Native Americans, watching documentaries, and attending educational events such as the Native Rhythms festival on November 11th in Wickham park! To learn more, go to nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov!

October Poll

Alex Helmers

The Scottie Sunrise would like to hear from you! In honor of Halloween, this month's poll is all about your favorite candy.

To access the voting, just scan the QR code. The results will be posted in the next issue along with a new poll! Happy voting, Scotties!



The FlipSide

DeLaura Basketball Highlights with our Sporty Scotties

Colin Thron, Dana McCoy, Alexandra Barnes

This year, both the boys and girls basketball teams have had outstanding results in their seasons. Both teams have played great games against fierce competition. The girls' team this season has had a record shattering season; they are undefeated! This undefeated record has not occurred in over 20 years! The boys have also had a great season with a record of 9-4. Playoffs are on Thursday, November 3rd. The girls will be playing on their home court! The boys will travel depending on their ranking. We thought you might like to hear from some of our all star players. When asked how they feel the team is doing and who deserves the MVP, Van G. commented, "We are doing great! Offense is getting better. I would say the MVP so far is Nathan." Izzy O. said, "We are doing really well this season, and we are the only undefeated team right now. I wouldn't say anyone is the MVP, because we all work together." Logan B. replied, "Our team is very good when we work together. Nate is the MVP." Ana B. said, "Our team is doing pretty well this season... I would say the MVP is definitely Avery, because she does very well in the game and is just a very good sport. Thanks Avery!" The players then shared how they felt about their own performance this season. Kayla M. stated, "I think I played to the best of my ability, and I

have had a great season." Nathan commented, "I feel like I could do better." Sam G. replied, "I think I've been doing pretty good. I am going to Satellite next year... but if I could come back, I would." Dylan M. said, "I did good. I'm coming back next season!" As the season draws to a close, the basketball players gave insight on how it felt heading into the season. Van G. said, "I think the hardest part was making it onto the team. We're doing a lot better, and I think we definitely have a chance at the playoffs!" Kayla M. stated, "When we go into a game, I think we are ready. High hopes we'll do great at the playoffs." Logan B. commented, "We are all getting better as a team." Sam G. answered, "I felt nervous and excited at first, but now I love it." When asked if they wanted to share any last thoughts with their readers, Kayla M. contributed encouragement saying, "Playing a school sport can really help someone in making friends and helping people become more open and carefree." Izzy O. wanted to remind you all to "Stay positive..." Lexi B. said, "What's up gang?! Remember practice makes perfect and never stop chasing your dreams! Our Scottie basketball players can always use your encouragement. Make sure to wish them luck when you see them in the halls and come cheer during the playoffs!"

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Newsy News

Jace Joss

We're back for another great year at DeLaura! As always, it's Jace Joss, your news writer and now Editor in Chief of the Scottie Sunrise. Just like last year, I will be bringing you world news. To begin, some reporters from CNN are claiming that North Korea intends to practice nuclear warfare- which could have impacts around the world. Next on the agenda is the aftermath from Hurricane Ian which devastated many on the western side of Florida. Unfortunately there are

Chorus Concert

Leena Swartz

DeLaura's chorus put on a lovely performance at the fall concert. Favorite performances included "Syahamba" and "In the Evening"- both performed by Treble Choir. When asked which piece was their favorite, Ava stated "Stormy Weather", performed by Baby Blue Show Choir. Vanessa loved "In the Evening" because "it was really pretty." Mrs. Benincasa, the choir director, believed the concert went well overall, stating, "The sound was amazing for early in the year. There

Up-to-Date

Alexandra Barnes

There are a lot of things to look forward to this November... Library Leaders, Book Club, and a Game Club are all starting in November. An NJHS meeting is being held on the 2nd, so members- don't forget to attend! DeLaura has many clubs to choose from, so make sure to check out the calendar posted on DeLaura's website.

Jellyfish and the Monster

Facil Vargas



over 110 people presumed dead. While refugees continue to leave Ukraine, almost 6 million Venezuelan immigrants have also fled their country. Without food, shelter, medical care, or knowledge of the land, most are resorting to finding new ways to survive. Many children are not in school and elderly are not getting the healthcare they need. Some are trying to help- including organizations such as major bank companies and main government organizations from the U.N.

were definitely some audience etiquette issues for my first time students, but I think we've addressed it in class and they've learned what the right thing to do is. Part of the performance is also watching, listening, and reflecting on what to improve." Speaking of improvement, Mrs. Benincasa is looking forward to the next performance, "I would only say that as my students get more experienced, they loosen up and have fun! It is a process and I expect the next concert on December 15th will be even better!"

Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11th, honoring the members of the United States armed forces. The All-County Chorus concert is on the 17th. Of course, we can't forget about Thanksgiving... We have the last full week of the month off as we give thanks for the three f's- family, friends, and food! Have a Nifty November and a Triumphantly full Thanksgiving!

Mental Health Awareness

Alex Helmers

A lot of people struggle with mental illness at some point in their life. Some people may seek guidance, and others may continue to suffer quietly, not knowing that what they're going through may need assistance. During middle school, it is common for bullying and harassment to occur, and this can have a negative impact on someone's mental health. Victims of bullying may think it is their fault or blame themselves for what is happening, either at home or at school, even if it really isn't. You can only control your own actions and you cannot take responsibility for the actions of others. Mrs. Baffa says that some of the most common causes for stress are school work, social issues, family issues, and bullying. If you experience any of these and it gets overwhelming, Mrs. Baffa suggests trying some deep breathing, mindfulness, and talk to someone you trust. If someone comes to you with their concerns, don't be scared to let them know if you're uncomfortable.

New Teacher Spotlight- Ms. Lohman

Alexandra Barnes

DeLaura has a few new faces around campus this year- from our incoming 7th graders, to new teachers, and even our new principal, Mr. Corso and dean, Mr. Kohler! We look forward to featuring some of our new Scotties in future issues. For this first issue, we took the opportunity to talk with Ms. Lohman, DeLaura's orchestra teacher. When asked about her first impressions on DeLaura and how she's feeling now, Ms. Lohman stated, "I was as nervous as any 7th grader. I went to DeLaura myself, and loved the school. I was really happy to see the love that has gone into the building since then." Ms. Lohman is thrilled to be here. She explained, "I think I have the best job. My orchestra kids are kind, focused, and determined to learn. The culture teachers try to create gets kids excited to learn, and I love that." Needless to say, there is a big difference between being a student here and being a teacher. Ms.

To be a good listener, you need to be comfortable as well. Always go to the guidance office if your friends discuss serious issues. Being sad is okay! Don't be afraid to experience emotions or ask for help. If you don't feel comfortable going to anybody to talk about how you're feeling, it may be a good idea to journal or do some form of art to express your feelings. Bottling your emotions only causes them to be more prominent in the future. Getting help may seem hard, but people will be there for you every step of the way, whether you realize it or not. Don't forget! You can always seek help at guidance with Mrs. Baffa or Mrs. Haley. If someone is experiencing bullying, assault, or harassment, you can fill out an incident report at guidance which will go to the dean. A few ideas for coping or calming down could be deep breathing, self care, drawing, reading, playing an instrument, journaling, exercising, or, of course, talking about your feelings! Stay healthy, Scotties!