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In this issue: Avengers: Infinity War, Students of the month, an interview with Mr. Ray, Fortnite, and more!

The Clifton Chronicle Arrives!

The Clifton Chronicle Wants You!

Over the past few months students from our Newspaper Club and our newly formed Cub Academy have been working hard to create this first issue of *The Clifton Chronicle*. Students come up with ideas, revise, write, revise, interview, and revise some more. Our “Cubs on Special Assignment” visit classrooms during Cub Academy to conduct interviews, but may also approach students and staff at random during lunch when conducting polls and surveys.

We hope that in the future *The Clifton Chronicle* will grow and include far more information than this first issue. The members of our writing staff also hope that they will be able to publish far more often, perhaps monthly. We need help and for this reason we are actively recruiting members. We hope to add your voice and point of view to the paper.

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Meetings: Fridays at Lunch in Room 3

Advisors: Mrs. Bravo and Mr. Cardet

Requirements: Be willing to write.



Fortnite Frenzy Takes Over Clifton

By: Wolfe Nelson and Adrian Ramos

Fortnite is one of the most popular video games right now. I just started playing, but I have found out why it is so addicting and popular with students at Clifton and everywhere else. Fortnite is a battle royale game where you could play two modes.

Battle royale mode is where you get in a game of 100 people who jump out of a plane and fight until

there is only one person left. The last person standing is the winner. Games usually last ten to fifteen minutes, unless there is a “bush camper”, which is a player who just hides in a bush. You can play solo, as part of a duo, or as a squad with your real life friends.

Save the world is where you save people from a zombie called Husk. There are also many other types of zombies. In save the world mode you build bases and defend a rocketship. Save the world is a longer game.

Fortnite was released for Microsoft Windows, MacOS, PlayStation 4 and Xbox One on July 25, 2017. Fortnite Mobile was released on March 10, 2018, but it is not available for Androids.

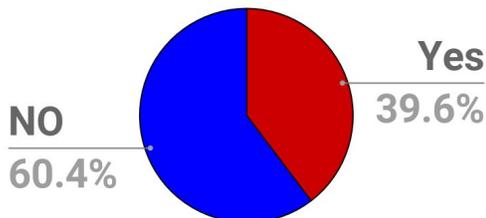
Famous Fortnite players are Ninja, Myth, and Ali-a who are famous on YouTube and Twitch. People play in a variety of locations such as at home, school, and just about anywhere else.

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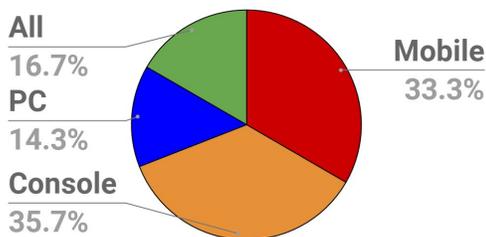
Results: The Fortnite Survey

By: Jonathan Camargo

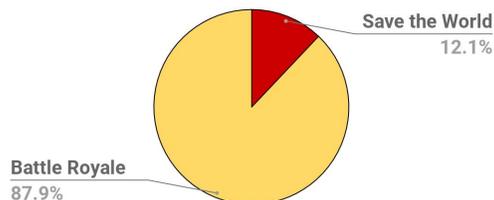
Do you play Fortnite?



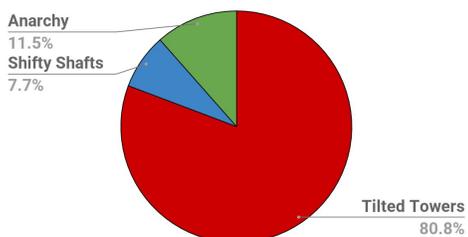
How do you play Fortnite?



What mode do you play?



What location do you go to?



Tips for New Players

Interviews by: C.C. Lunch Staff

Andres R: Just start playing.

Hunter: Get good!

Anonymous: Play squads, jump, and shoot in 1 vs 1.

Riley and Ramon: Land in Moisty Mire, get a lot of wood, and practice building.

Anonymous: Don't die and run away!

Adrian: Just camp in a bush

Eli: Watch your guard.

Tiber R.: Be smart about your plays.

Jeremiah: Build fast and get a lot of kills.

Sean: Make sure you land alone and find a weapon within five minutes.

David: If you are playing solo, hide.

Joseph: Never stay still. Keep ammo and materials high. Don't camp unless you build a fort.

Rhiley: Get good weapons like epics and just shoot.

Anonymous: Don't start! I repeat, don't start! You will get addicted and your grades will drop! You have been warned!

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Special thanks: To all the teachers for allowing us to visit Cub Academies to interview students and staff! If you want to promote your events, please e-mail Mrs. Bravo to make arrangements.



Let's Get Excited for Avengers:Infinity War!

By: Gabe Thomas

Disney and Marvel have pulled off an unprecedented feat with their 18-film long MCU or "Marvel Cinematic Universe." From the release of Iron Man in May of 2008 to this February's Black Panther, Marvel has introduced the public to numerous characters many would not have gotten the chance to learn about otherwise.

Last year was a very funny year for the MCU with the triple threat releases of Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2, SpiderMan: Homecoming, and Thor: Ragnarok which were all very comedy centered. Some miss the grittier days of the Marvel universe, and at the end of this April, it looks like we will be getting a return to form.

Everybody and their mother is ready for Infinity War, which pits all of our favorite colorful comic book characters against the evil mad titan Thanos, who will have limitless powers once he has the six infinity stones, housed in the almighty Infinity Gauntlet.

This latest and biggest installment packs in more characters than any other film before. And it's not just the Avengers either. The Guardians of the Galaxy are tagging along for the ride as well, because Thanos truly is a force to be reckoned with.

When he reaches his maximum potential, Thanos will be unstoppable. With the unlimited energy of the space stone, the life-giving abilities of the mind stone, the dark matter powers of the reality stone, the planet-destroying power stone, the time-shifting time stone and of course, the mysterious soul stone.

This is one of the biggest points of controversy. Where is the Soul Stone? It is the only one we have never seen and its location is driving all the nerds mad. Some signs point to Wakanda, others think Tony Stark (Iron Man) has the stone. The suspense and the wait is killing us.

Where is the soul stone? Will Thanos destroy our protectors and if so, which ones? Never before have Earth's heroes faced such danger. April 27th is when we must all assemble in theaters, and all our questions will be answered. Until then, let the speculation and excitement run rampant. Signing off.



A Conversation with Mr. Ray

By: Gabe Thomas and Victoria Sylvester

Mr. Ray was nominated to be March 2018's teacher of the month, and it's not hard to see why. When we interviewed him, we learned a lot about him that most people probably don't know. We came up with the top ten things you should know about Mr. Ray.

1. Mr. Ray is sort of a jack-of-all-trades. He teaches history, PE teacher, and is probably best known for being the Clifton Renaissance Leadership teacher.
 2. When we spoke to Mr. Ray, he made it clear that he is very passionate about all of the subjects he teaches, he has a very special place in his heart for renaissance, and all the responsibilities that come with that.
 3. At 29 years old, his son was born, and it helped give him a new perspective on his life. That is when he decided to become a teacher.
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4. Mr. Ray has lots of special talents besides teaching. He enjoys: writing, playing guitar, acting, or being active in the outdoors

5. Some of his hobbies are: mountain biking, surfing, playing guitar, and playing sports.

6. Mr. Ray is an avid fan of AMC's long-running *Walking Dead* as well as Netflix's *Stranger Things*.

7. If he was a student and needed to pick a CUB Academy, Mr. Ray would opt for either Chess Club with Coach Schmidt or Soccer with Mr. Campos.

8. Since he was born and raised in Arizona, he roots for the Sun Devils, Arizona Cardinals, Phoenix Suns, and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

9. Mr. Ray's dream car is a Lamborghini.

10. When he was in his late teens and early twenties, Mr. Ray actually landed some movie and TV roles. That's right, Mr. Ray has a background in acting!

It was a pleasure talking to Mr. Ray and getting to know him better. Being the talented, caring, and outgoing guy he is, we can plainly see what makes him such a great teacher.

Lady Cubs Softball Season Starts

By: Celeste Garcia and Samantha Ortiz

This Spring, at Clifton Middle School, softball has started.

The softball team has 12 girls: Aurora Alcaraz, Lucero Alcaraz, Samantha Ortiz, Natalie Huelster, Emily McCarthy, Kate Nelson, Natalie Cote, Brooklyn McCrary, Samantha Milazzo, Brooklyn Hernandez, Jenna Anaya, and Savannah Almiron. For most girls, this is their first time playing on a school softball team.

On Tuesday, April 18th, the team went up against Foothills. It was a great game overall. The girls played hard, made good plays, got in some good hits, and some outs. At the top of the last inning, they were tied at 6-6. They ended up losing 6-8, but they got a lot of great experience.

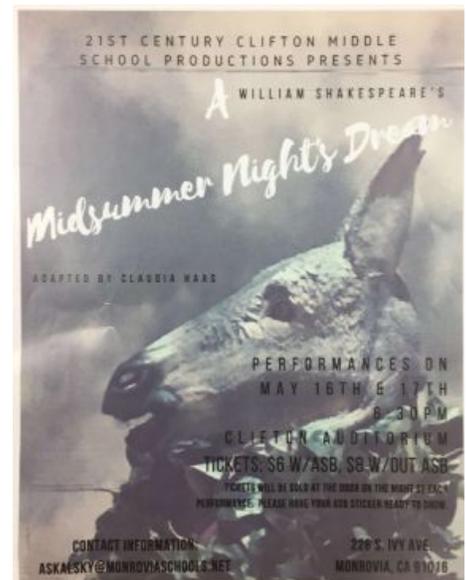
Practices take place on the softball field every Wednesday at 2:00. Most of the games take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30pm. The regular season starts on 4/11/18 and ends on 5/9/18. If the girls make it to the playoffs, the season will end on 5/17/18.

The schedule is listed here. Come out and support the Clifton softball team!



Softball schedule:

4/17 vs. Foothills Loss 8-6
4/24 vs. Dana Win 10-5
4/25 vs. Santa Fe Win 13-8
5/1 vs. 1st Ave
5/3 vs. Northview
5/15 Playoffs TBD
5/17 Finals TBD



Spring drama production:
"A Midsummer Night's Dream"

When: May 16th & 17th
6:30PM

Where: Clifton Auditorium

How much: \$6 w/ASB \$8
w/out

If You Enjoy *Hunger Games*, Check out *Legend*

By: Angelina Hamilton



In the year 2054, the United States of America after has split into two major states called the Republic and the Colonies, that are constantly at war with one another.

The Republic, on the west side, has a corrupt government dictated by the terrible Elector Primo. The horrifying regime forces its ten year old children to take part in a Trial. The Trial is mainly comprised of physical tests for the military that score up to 1500. These tests determine whether you are a high ranking member in the Republic military or a factory worker. While all this is going on, a mysterious plague is going through the slums of the Republic.

The book switches back and forth between two perspectives. Day is the Republic's most famous criminal. June is a wealthy Republic prodigy who's born to be in the top of the military and has also received a perfect 1500 on her Trial.

The two teenagers cross paths

when June's brother Metias is murdered and Day is the prime suspect.

June seeks out in search of revenge for Metias' murder. Meanwhile, Day looks to steal money for a cure for his brother Eden, who has been struck by the plague.

On her quest, June, finds out that the Republic isn't what she thought and neither is Day.

Analysis: This book is a perfect combination of action and romance. It also provides an interesting picture of America's future.

The main lesson in this book is to not always trust what you've been told. It also emphasizes sympathizing before judging others.

This book is recommended if you are a major *Hunger Games* fan and are searching for a book worth your while. *Legend* is a book that will leave you wanting to run to the library to get the second book of the series *Prodigy*; at least that's what I did.

Random joke:

Why can't you trust atoms?

Because they make up everything.



Compiled by: Hunter Jacques with help from Renaissance Leadership

Dates to remember:

May:

- 4th: Star Wars Spirit Dress
- May 4th: Track meet
- 11th: CPR Snowcone Friday
- 4th-18th: Math state testing
- 14th: Dance ticket sales
- 16 & 17: Drama Production
- 18th: Under The Sea Dance
- 18-21: Monrovia Days
- 25th: Staff .VS. Student, 8th Graders
- 25th: "Dancing with the Staff"
- 28th: No School Memorial Day**
- 29th: Hawaiian Spirit Dress
- 30th: Twin Day and BBQ
- 31st: Door Decoration
- 31st: Favorite band spirit dress

June:

- 1st: Neon Day and Magic Mountain trip
- 4-6: Final Exams
- 6: Last day of school**

MARCH AND APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Interviews by: Adrian Ramos, Wolfe Nelson, and Rhiley Williams

Andrew Cito

Food: Cheeseburger
Show: SportsCenter

Ashley Pitcher

Favorite food: Pasta
Favorite Show: SpongeBob

Nick Milazzo

Advice: Be yourself at all times.
Favorite food: Bacon Cheeseburgers
Favorite Show: Stranger Things

Leslie Santiago

Food: Burrito
Movie: Zombies

Monica Sanchez

Food: Pizza
Show: 13 Reasons Why

Courtney

Spilker

Advice: Be CPR all the time.
Favorite food: Fries
Favorite Show: Stranger Things

Jared Little

Advice: Work hard and pay attention.
Favorite food: Tacos
Favorite Show: How I Met Your Mother

Marcel Kortylewsky

Advice: Always try your best and help others.
Favorite food: Anything that tastes good.
Favorite Show: The Office

Isabella Hurtado

Advice: Do good.
Favorite food: Oke Poke
Favorite Show: Little Witch Academia

Abriana Quintanilla

Advice: Study, get good grades, and be kind.
Favorite food: Alfredo pasta

Alexa Sanchez

Advice: Do your best.
Food: Hot Dogs
Show: SpongeBob

Alexia Holt

Advice: Don't talk in class.
Food: Bananas
Show: Jane the Virgin

Carlos Alvarado

Food: Lasagna
Movie: Grown Ups

Alan Jaime

Advice: Study more often and don't disrupt others.
Food: Quesadillas

Anaiz Medina

Advice: Work hard, study, be CPR
Food: Mexican food
Show: The Office

Andrew Lygre

Advice: Study and work hard.
Food: Milkshake
Show: Freeform

Other students of the month who we were not able to reach for comments: Ashlyn Dena-Roman, Andrea Ibarra, Janice Spaeth, Aubrey Wade, Ryan Gero, Dani Simpson, and Nicholas Bednarzcyk

Netflix Review: A Series of Unfortunate Events

By: Angelina Hamilton

Netflix launched Lemony Snicket's book series *A Series of Unfortunate Events* as a Netflix Original on January 13, 2017. With world-renowned comedic actor Neil Patrick Harris starring as the antagonist Count Olaf, Netflix captures the spirit of the best-selling books in a suspenseful and captivating way. While this show can be a bit disheartening to watch, it is also balanced with humor coming from Count Olaf and his mischievous theatre troupe who are plotting to get a hold of the Baudelaire fortune.

If you haven't read the series, the story begins with the Baudelaire children; Violet, Klaus, and Sunny. Violet is a brilliant 14 year old girl and has a great passion for inventing. Klaus is a bright boy who's 12 years old and loves to read. Sunny is a baby with four very sharp teeth who likes biting hard objects like rocks.

One day the Baudelaire kids went to the beach and were unexpectedly informed that their parents had died in a fire that engulfed their home. The children can't use their fortune until Violet turns 18. The orphans must move in with



Count Olaf, a distant relative. Little do they know that this evil new guardian will do *anything* to get his hands on their enormous fortune.

I would recommend this show to anyone who is ready to binge-watch. I've often used the phrase watching, "Just another episode..." until I actually found myself watching the credits roll for the last episode of season 2. It will always leave you throwing your popcorn up in the air at *another* one of Count Olaf's schemes. Although season 2 was just launched, I'm already waiting for what happens next in season 3. I love this show and if you watch it, I think you will too.

The Latest in the Legend of Zelda

By: Maya Grubb

In *Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild*, the main character, Link, needs to rescue princess Zelda from Ganon, the evil wizard and save the land of Hyrule. *Breath of the Wild* is the most open-world Zelda ever.

An open-world game lets players explore more of the map than in other types of game.

There are many characters in the game. Link is the main character and Hyrule champion. Link's signature weapon is the Master Sword, also known as the "sword that seals the darkness". Unlike other swords, the master sword doesn't break. You can find the master sword in Korok Forest after going through a maze.

Princess Zelda is not just a damsel in distress; She is powerful and tough. Nympha is the Zora champion. Zora are a type of water creature that have healing powers. She also has a crush on Link. Calamity Ganon is the the villain of it all.

Legend of Zelda was created by Shigeru Miyamoto and bought by Nintendo in 1986. If you are a fan of the series, and feel confident enough to take on this game, you are in for a lot of fun.

