New Hancock Building to Have Inside Drop-Off Drive Thru—and Coffee!

The new Hancock building, scheduled to open in the fall of 2021, will have an inside drive-thru drop-off for students.

For years, students who live three blocks away have had to wait in a line of cars and walk a few long feet to the main entrance when they get dropped off. But no more.

“We believe in providing our students with the most comfortable school arrival possible,” says one teacher on the building planning committee who actually had to take two CTA busses to get to high school a long, long time ago. “Today’s students aren’t used to being inconvenienced,” he added. “I want to make things even easier for them.”

Now, instead of waiting in line so they get out of the car only when their ride is directly in front of the main entrance and tie up traffic all along 56th Street, students can hop out inside the building that will be perpetually (look it up) set at 76 degrees.

“This will be so good for our mi’jitos and mi’jitas,” one parent said who took a break from texting and driving to talk to us this morning. And for all the students who show up late, the drop off will include a coffee shop called Barrio Bucks, which will open at 8:16 a.m. and remain open all of 1st and 5th periods so everyone who’s late can get their coffee with too much sugar there.

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High School Declares Back of Lunchroom the Designated Smoking Area by Ariel Navarrete

Chicago-II, Our Southwest side school gave up restricting students from smoking vape or wax pens. One school leader says, “I am tired of this sh***. This school is too small. We can’t suspend students left and right, so I am just going to throw in the towel and say f*** it.”

The school has reserved the back of the lunchroom and announced it to be the “smoking area.” Staff is tired of finding students inside their lockers, under the tables, in the stairwell, the bathrooms, and in the teacher’s lounge. Only teachers can smoke there.

“If they’re going to let this take over their lives,” another school leader said, “we need to support our young people with their decisions.”

A student has this to say about the school announcement: “This is great. It really is. I didn’t think there could be other ways to waste my time during AC Lab, but now I can spend my entire lunch and AC Lab time smoking in the back of the lunchroom.”

When we asked parents for a reaction, they said, “My baby?! No, he doesn’t smoke!”

Mother Fearful of Son Going to College Puts Him in Jail by Andres Valencia

Ana, a classic Southwest side mom, has long been aware of how delicate and fragile her son is. She says, “My poor baby could never survive college without my help. He is a very special person who needs to have his clothes washed, food cooked, and most importantly be told how handsome he is.” When questioned about why she placed her son in jail, she said, “I decided to place cocaine in his car and called the police to arrest him. I also bought a monkey online and placed it in the trunk of his car so he would be accused of trafficking monkeys with an addiction to cocaine.”

Over-protective parents all over the world have celebrated her creativity and want to follow her lead. We asked Ana’s son, Antonio, to describe how he feels about his mother imprisoning him. He says, “I never found out where my mom got all of the cocaine. I was surprised to see the police following me. When they stopped me, they did not care about the other drugs I was carrying...I mean about my rights.” Antonio is expected to be free from jail sometime tomorrow. The police are still debating whether to release Antonio or place him in witness protection for fear of what his mother will do next.

Ana still hopes to find a way to prevent her son from going to college and protect him from experiencing any difficulty or pain.

When we call them “cancer sticks” So we call them “JUULpods” instead

By Katie Lopez
CHICAGO, IL — When the question arose about which students are the best at balancing their responsibilities, the answer was obvious: seniors.

Studies done by the University of Chicago have shown that seniors are able to handle everything that comes their way. Thus they are the epitome (look it up) of what it means to balance work and play.

I talked to a current senior and asked her about what kinds of responsibilities she has on a daily basis. She tells me that she takes six AP classes and two college courses. (O.K. she really doesn’t, but that’s what she tells people.)

She also has a part-time job, takes care of her two siblings, and always makes sure she is drinking enough water and having enough exercise. “I always keep track of my responsibilities, like for real. I am never late with my work. Trust me,” she adds, “I am a senior after all. If I can’t implement balance with my work then who can? I even make time to spend most of my time on social media,” says this senior. “I mean every senior at my school knows that the college life will be easier than this because we already know how to balance things.”

According to a historian at Harvard, back in the 1800s schools had made plans to implement rehab centers for procrastination as a way to help students learn to multitask and make time for themselves. “The problem was that they never opened and thus students took matters into their own hands to learn to how to live a harmonious life,” says the researcher.

One science teacher says, “I teach freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors and I can absolutely confirm to you that seniors are the best at turning in their work and projects on time. They even get the best test scores,” he says. This teacher goes on to say that he himself is able to grade papers and submit scores on the same day that they are turned in, take care of his three kids, and work part-time in a tutoring program all while still having time to do what he loves the most: watching college basketball.

In a New York Times article titled “Life Lessons” written by Shelley Peterson, she states that “Learning to balance one’s responsibilities is a key factor in mastering life. Without this, one will have a difficult time reaching goals.” Shelley Peterson reports how “Harvard University found that 95% of high schools are reported to have their life together and 90% are projected to succeed in college because of their extraordinary skills of prioritizing.” Thus there is no doubt about it: seniors are the best when it comes to handling life. College will definitely be a piece of cake for them.
Everyone has relationships they feel take a little more effort to maintain. Be it friendships, romantic relationships, or family relationships, we’ve all been there. Sometimes, a person we care for seems to simply enjoy starting conflict, and we never have the heart to tell them what’s on our mind because then we’re the problem. You may believe bottling up these emotions will only cause further harm, but that’s exactly what you should consider.

Last week, *The Forged Signature* sat down with a self-proclaimed expert we found online to discuss the topic of healthy relationship building among teenagers. When asked about healthy methods to prevent stress in relationships, the expert proclaimed, “You don’t ever want to feel stress in relationships. It’s best to suppress your emotions as much as possible early on to prevent them from causing friction between you and your partner at a later time.”

This “tactic of passive elusion,” as our expert put it, is intended to prevent every problem in all relationships. You may be thinking, “Well, what happens when I bottle up my emotions for too long and my friend starts to notice? What happens when things become tense between us?”

Our expert has an equally revolutionary concept to counter this form of tension as well: “Just give up.”

Our expert says, “When you’re faced with that much conflict between another person and you, it’s just not worth it.”

After all, what do you really gain from gritting your teeth through a friendship or relationship that makes you uncomfortable occasionally; no one needs that type of stress in their life, especially not teenagers. “Does your dad occasionally make dumb jokes around your friends? Do you have friends that only occasionally seem to care about you? Stop trying to get through to them, it’s hopeless! Just. Give. Up,” experts insists.

We were going to get this issue out on April 1, but at Hancock—no one turns in anything on time. (Oh. That hurt, huh?)
By Vanessa Hernandez
Bro. Hancock Goin’ Way Too Far with the Dress Code  by Erika Gamino

Hancock High School has come up with a new set of dress code policies targeting male students. The policy enforced is that no basketball shorts, no tight-fitting jeans, or sweatpants are to be worn inside the school building under any circumstances.

Many of those affected were visibly distressed as one student states, “I just want to be comfortable, but my comfort shouldn’t be seen as me wanting attention.”

While another student, wiping away tears he said were from the dust in the school, not emotion, says, “We are being seen as objects. Why can girls dress however they want and nobody cares about them?”

The final decision was made by female Board members which triggered an outrage over whether the decision should have been discussed with male members of the Board because of the decision’s “finger pointing.”

The female students also were interviewed about this topic saying, “I mean, it doesn’t affect me, so I don’t care about it.” Others with a more passionate point of view said “Why are they targeting these students? We don’t care of their underwear is showing and if they’re flexin’ all the time. If someone says something to them, they like it.”

Many male students are planning to take this unfair policy to the school board and argue that the clothes a man wears at school shouldn’t matter. They will wear their sagging pants, sleeveless shirts, and flex during their presentation because the guys think that’s impressive.

By Brisa Rivera

Read this before you send an angry email that someone will disregard: If you see this “newspaper” abandoned on top of a water fountain, remember it’s the Hancock “College Prep” April Fool’s issue of the school “newspaper.”
The Uncensored Cheat Sheet to Succeeding at School Sports

By Thais Romero

We sat down with John Hancock football star, Juan Doe, to hear the best ways athletic students can be healthy while playing sports.

Q: How long have you playing football?
A: Since I heard about the wonderful football program Hancock has.

Q: What motivated you to start playing sports?
A: Society’s pressure for people to fit into Western beauty standards.

Q: What does your diet consist of?
A: Periods of not eating anything for days to periods of consuming large amounts of junk food. And the occasional steroids every now and then.

Q: How do you stay fit?
A: By counting each calorie eaten and each pound gained.

Q: How do you find the energy to accomplish everything?
A: I don’t. But slurping on coffee, protein shakes, and energy drinks helps.

Q: Are you aware that 3-12% of adolescent males and 1-2% adolescent females admit to using anabolic steroids at some time during their life?
A: That few?

Q: Do you know that 1 in 5 teens reports that at least one friend uses steroids?
A: All my friends used them.

Q: Are you in other extracurricular activities?
A: Along with 9 AP classes I’m taking and my part-time job, I’m also the vice-president of the student council, in chess club, Japan club, underwater robotics, math club, and track. But I never end up going to any actual meetings for any of them.

Q: Any advice you'd like to give to other students that are also doing sports?
A: Be best.

By Sofia Prado
**Satire? Sarcasm? What’s the difference?**

SATIRE is humorous criticism intended to make the audience think seriously about something. All parts of the rhetorical triangle connect in these cases:

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SARCASM, on the other hand, is humorous criticism that is demeaning, intended only to hurt someone’s feelings. At least one disconnect exists in the rhetorical triangle:

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These connections are what allow us to joke with close family and friends about sensitive topics but not joke with people we do not know well. Satire involves joking about what we know with those we have some trust. Write to The Signature and tell us who or what you think one of the pieces in this issue is criticizing. In other words, “What’s the subtext? Why?” Hand it to your English teacher or Mr. Salazar in 201.

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