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Fall Break: The Name Change from "Thanksgiving" Break, Explained

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After months of essays, tests, and assignments, we finally received a full week of time off—the very much needed Fall Break of 2022; however, did you notice that I used “Fall” break instead of “Thanksgiving” break? Well, this year is the first year where Milton has officially changed the name of the break in late November, traditionally recognized for the celebration of the American holiday, Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving started within the

colonist populations in America and Canada as a prayer for good harvests and military victories; moreover, in America, Thanksgiving is modeled off of a dinner of peace and reconciliation between the Natives and the Pilgrims, dating back to 1621, according to Britannica. Also according to Britannica, every year, Americans and Canadians, as well as those in Grenada, St. Lucia, and Liberia, celebrate Thanksgiving on the third Thursday of the month of November. Thanksgiving has been such a long lasting tradition in America, so why has Milton decided to switch the name to “Fall” break? While the facts stated previously might make the decision seem unjustified, there are plenty of reasons for the change in name.

I reached out to Mr. Bland for a response, and I conducted an interview with him. I asked 5 questions about the decision making process. He replied “the decision wasn’t intentional

Gotcha: Everyone's Favorite Bloodbath

CALLUM HEGERATY '25

Ah, the sweet sights of mud week: cross country runners reaching PR pace across the quad, “friends” forfeiting fellow students’ schedules to the highest bidder, and middle schoolers petrified of being trampled by sprinting upperclassmen. A staple of every school year, Milton Academy’s very own Gotcha Game commenced this week, and, before dissecting all of this edition’s drama, action, and scandals, we must first take a step back and consider the game’s history.

Over 20 years ago, the head monitors first unveiled a tagging game dubbed “Gotcha,” originally entailing students’ running all across campus with slips of paper that contained the name and class of their target. If tagged, you simply gave your note to the person who tagged you so they could start hunting their next victim. Unfortunately, though, the students whom the school entrusted with that magical slip of paper were the same ones who couldn’t last a day without the Schoology calendar to dictate their life, so papers got lost, and often. Moreover, what was to stop students from simply swapping papers with their friends to get an easier target? Gotcha had become too much of a hassle, so the game quickly evolved and started using email. Yet this unwieldy, slow system still left much to be desired, so, in 2014, James Little ‘15 introduced an official website that drastically transformed Gotcha into a game resembling the rapidly paced, thrilling one we know today. This year, Milton’s own Programming club has upgraded Gotcha even further with their new smartphone app. Joey Mus-salli ‘25, a member, says that the club wanted to make “an easy interface for people to use” and also provide all of the statistics with “a clean design” to kindle the utmost action and shenanigans. The club also has some exciting plans for the future, including “some

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The Transcript Discrepancy

Milton Academy has a long history as one of the most prestigious boarding schools in New England, and it doesn't seem like that reputation will be slipping anytime soon. We continue to send our seniors to great colleges and provide our students with unique opportunities. With a full boarding tuition of \$64,800, parents don't send their children here for a breezy high school experience—they want them to be pushed to improve intellectually. College admissions are tough, and parents eye Milton as an institution that will prepare their kids well. But is Milton as demanding an institution as its reputation would imply?

For most of us, the answer is simple, illustrated by the copious amount of caffeine we ingest and the fruitless all-nighters we pull. It's more than evident that we as a student body are under a tremendous amount of pressure, for the most part. A select few of us, beneficiaries of the random registrar system and sheer, dumb luck, have it relatively easy.

Between different departments, grading scales can vary greatly. A look at Milton's 2022-23 college profile reveals that there's a significantly higher

proportion of grades below A- in Junior English classes compared to other classes (with the notable exception of U.S. History, a class known around campus for its difficulty, and regular Biology).

Even the English department by itself has obvious grade discrepancies. Grading essays is a naturally subjective process, and Milton's lack of a uniform curriculum provides students a more unique experience and allows teachers to teach in a more specified way. However, more variety in content and teaching also means more variety in grades. At the end of the day, some teachers will simply be harder than others: an A+ for one person will require much more effort than an A- for another. While these students' skill levels and effort levels could be the same level, there's a league of difference between the students' transcripts. College admissions officers don't have the time to research the intricacies of each Milton section—the transcript gives a grade, and they'll take that at face value.

However, English isn't the only department with a wide range of teaching styles. Some math teachers, for example, don't believe in tests, and students are

given all but free As. In other sections of the same class, students can find themselves spending hours studying for quizzes and exams and writing hard problem sets. The language department sees a similar discrepancy. Last spring semester, some Spanish classes watched three movies during class time. Others saw students working into the night to finish their Spanish readings and complete her projects and presentations. Teachers' style differences in no way express that one of us has a better grasp of the language than the other, but a transcript does.

The lack of uniformity among sections of the same course provides in no way the equity Milton strives to achieve, and a system in which some students are struggling to keep up with their peers through no fault but that of the random class selection system will never be fair. Until we have a greater degree of communication throughout each department surrounding the expectations and requirements of each student, our transcripts will never quite be an accurate portrayal of our Milton education.

Fall Break

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but rather made sense.” Over the past several years, Milton has shifted away from holiday named breaks. We have a summer break, spring break, and a relatively new winter break (formerly Christmas Break). His response summarized the point of consistency, and how having one break named after a holiday and the other three named seasonally illustrates inconsistency. With this information in mind, the “Administrative team of the school” who look over the school as well as any school wide changes decided to initiate the name change effective this year. When I questioned why the name change became a visible option this year, Mr. Bland replied that no one event influenced the change of name, but rather the desire to be consistent. He also responded that as new faculty and staff members are brought into the Milton community, they can influence change by questioning long-standing consistencies which more veteran members of Milton can’t see the significance of. Mr. Bland also acknowledged that the decision process occurred relatively quickly, and that the issue of a name change was not on the map before last year.

The last question I asked Mr. Bland related with Milton’s DEIJ commitment and message. Mr. Bland stated that the main reason for the name change with the DEIJ is to be conscious that not everyone celebrates Thanksgiving, a factor which ultimately was a factor in the decision to change the name of the break away from Thanksgiving.

First of all, Thanksgiving is not a worldwide holiday, as it is celebrated in only five countries across the globe. Milton has a large international student body, around 15%, many of whom don’t celebrate the largely American and Canadian holiday. So, when they arrive back home, they’re not celebrating Thanksgiving, gorging themselves with turkey and mash potatoes, but rather enjoying time with family and friends whom they haven’t seen in months. With such an international student body, the institution of Milton Academy must adhere to international cultures and traditions, not only the ones here in the United States. Some examples of Milton’s increasing

openness to international cultures include the open celebrations of international holidays, as well as international affinity spaces and clubs.

While Mr. Bland didn’t mention anything about the Native - colonizer history and relationship, the relations between the two weren’t friendly forever. Peace between the Wamponoag and Pilgrims did last for about a decade or so after the first Thanksgiving, but after, conflict begun to arise between the two groups, leading to eventual Native devastation and many unjustifiable acts of violence and torture.

Overall, the name change to “Fall Break” symbolizes consistency and Milton’s underlying message of inclusivity. While the change from Thanksgiving to Fall Break may seem like a relatively insignificant change in most people’s eyes, hopefully community members can become more informed on our nation’s history, as well

Gotcha

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form of power-ups” for players.

Although the app certainly helped clarify the stakes of each tag and tag out, Gotcha has been a breeding ground for drama ever since its first running. As we reflect on this year’s controversy, let us not forget all of the drama and action that last year’s running of the game created.

Jack Truesdale ‘23 began mud week of 2021 with one goal on his mind: victory.

His relatively open schedule that week allowed for optimal prey-hunting time in the large gaps between classes, and he made sure to optimize every minute of the day. He carefully strategized each tag, including his standoff on Tuesday of Gotcha week when he inconspicuously waited for Axel Portnoy ‘25 to finish his entire lunch in Forbes Dining Hall (a safe zone) before tagging him at the exact moment he stepped outside.

However, tagging other targets isn’t the sole objective of Gotcha: one must also avoid getting tagged out. Throughout the whole week last year, Jack Truesdale was evading capture, carefully sneaking from class to class trying not to be noticed by his hunter, even though this task became extremely difficult as his name made a home at the top of the leaderboard and Jack became Milton Academy’s most want-

ed man for a few days. On Wednesday afternoon, the instagram account “peopleofthead” leaked his schedule to the whole student body, and a crowd gathered the next day in front of Jack’s English classroom. According to his schedule, he should have arrived at English class at that time, but he was nowhere to be found. As it turned out, on Wednesday night, Jack had emailed his English teacher, pleading him to let Jack arrive to class ten minutes late because of his colossal risk of getting tagged. His teacher eventually agreed, and Jack entered the classroom safely after the crowd had dispersed to reach their own commitments during that period.

Ultimately, despite Jack Truesdale’s best efforts, it was Sarah George ‘22 who claimed the annually-awarded Gotcha T-Shirt after some stark controversy, including barging into an English lesson to tag a target and some unconfirmed allegations of paying for schedules. The head monitors nonetheless pronounced her winner after indicating in their speech that they had conducted an “investigation” and could confidently say she deserved to be crowned champion.

Some of these tales, however, do highlight what a massive disruption Gotcha is to regular school. Many teachers frown upon it as a silly game that detracts from learning, but the disruptive tradition is too adored by students for the administration to have any hope of ever discontinuing it.



Recent Developments Surrounding Ukraine

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ABC NEWS

Nine months after Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine, the world faces questions about how different nations address the conflict and how the invasion impacts everyone else. Currently, four regions of Ukraine—Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson—are under partial or nearly complete Russian control. As Ukrainian forces continue to advance to the south, Russia is preparing for defensive positions across the Kherson region after evacuating the residents. Back in 2014, Russia invaded and annexed Ukraine's southern peninsular region of Crimea. Though bad weather holds back Ukrainian counter attacks in Kherson, their forces have made smaller gains in the east. Amidst the fighting, Ukrainians will continue to endure more atrocities and trials in the coming months; as such, the rest of the world is making decisions about how to address the conflict as they face its impact on the global supply chains.

Recently, the foreign ministers of France, the United Kingdom, and the United States released a joint statement, reiterating their “steadfast support for Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity in the face of Russia’s ongoing aggression. We

remain committed to continue supporting Ukraine’s efforts to defend its territory for as long as it takes.” Additionally, they expressed their dedication to “security, economic, and humanitarian assistance in the face of President Putin’s brutal war of aggression.” According to the Department of Defense, the US has committed \$18.2 billion in security assistance to Ukraine since January 2021. At the same time, the G-7 minister backed support for Ukraine. They plan to implement additional punishments to the Kremlin, setting a price cap for Russian oil for example, and they also pledged to help Kyiv and other war-affected countries by rebuilding food and energy infrastructure.

At the same time, Iranian-made drones have been dive bombing Kyiv. However, according to AP, Iran’s foreign minister Amirabdollahian insisted that “[they] gave a limited number of drones to Russia months before the Ukraine war.” While Iran tends to boast of its drone sales to global powers, Amirabdollahian asserts that Iran remains committed to stopping the conflict, saying that “If it is proven to us that Russia used Iranian drones in the war against Ukraine, we will not be indifferent

to this issue.”

The international response to the war overlaps with the war’s impact on the global supply chain. Specifically, Ukraine’s exportation of grain and sunflower oil which account for about 10% and 50% of global exports, respectively, have been impeded by the war as its vital ports are blocked.

As Ukraine continues to endure and push back against Russian aggression, other nations, neighboring or far, grapple with the extent to which they should involve themselves with the war. Many countries are publicly denouncing Russia’s invasion but some believe they have not done enough to help support Ukraine. For example, according to the New York Times, the US has sent hundreds of millions of dollars in military aid “to stand behind the Ukrainian people.” Additionally, the US government, too, sanctioned many banks, chain brands, businesses, and major industrial military firms. Thus, though the US has claimed to not interfere with the Russia-Ukraine war, the US has taken action that indirectly influences Russia’s economy.

Student Disengagement: A Problem That Needs to be Addressed

TERESA LI '26

As more and more teachers report the problem of poor attendance, missing/late homework, and failed exams, a new crisis has come to the rise: student disengagement. As a result of the pandemic, both teaching and learning have been raised to a more difficult level, therefore many teachers have adopted a more relaxed course structure in response to the situation. This has become one of the major causes of student disengagement and many have expressed concerns about the current circumstance. In my opinion, I believe that student disengagement should be concerning because it negatively affects one's education, the situation will worsen as time progresses, and society as a whole will be in danger.

Student disengagement leads to distracted students and an overall idle class environment which directly hinders the learning of a child and therefore their future earnings. A positive learning environment and fruitful discussions with peers are both essential factors of learning, yet if students do not engage in class neither of these aspects will be achieved. With a lack of proper education, the future earnings of these students are going to drop drastically. A recent study indicates that children will lose on average £40,000 in lifetime earnings due to the pandemic. In total, this amounts for 350 billion pounds which is nearly four times the government's budget for education per year. Finding jobs as a whole might also be a problem for those that do not have a college degree.

Hence, people should be worried about the problem of student disengagement as it would seriously affect one's future earnings.

Moreover, the problem with student disengagement is going to deteriorate quickly, with no signs of stopping. As the number of students who detach themselves from learning increases, the situation is simply going to get worse with people jumping on the bandwagon. Peers are often the people who would influence one the most, so when one sees that their classmates aren't involving themselves in class, they are likely to do so as well. Even if there is only a small minority of students who are disengaged, this state is going to spread to more people and the effect will skyrocket. Not to mention there are already millions of students that are showing signs of disengagement. In addition, even after students returned back on campus, their performances remained low. This proves that then the crisis of student disengagement will continue and only worsen in the future, pushing those deleterious effects on more people.

With large numbers of students either dropping school as a whole or not focusing in class, the future society looks despondent for the educational industry. The college industry is worth \$562 billion in the US currently. However, if many choose to not attend college in the future, the need for such an industry decreases, leading to great economic shrinkage. The future of colleges is likely to become affordable and more democratized. For example, MBAs cost \$200,000 per year whereas online alternatives only costs \$800 per year. All such factors add up to cause great industry falls. Thus, the best solution that we can grasp would be to fundamentally stop the problem by taking student disengagement as an immediate concern.

In conclusion, student disengagement should be a problem that is of great importance to everyone as it impedes the learning of students whilst having a broad range of influence, and stops society from being able to progress in the future.

Is a Divided Government Good for the United States?

ROHAN SHAH '26

When I hear the term "divided government," the United States comes to mind. In the US, the government is separated into three branches: the executive, judicial, and legislative, and each branch is divided into two main political parties, the Democrats and the Republicans. A divided government occurs when the executive branch or the president follows one political party, and the legislative branch (House of Representatives and Senate) follows another.

As midterm elections are currently going on, the House of Representatives is predicted to have a Republican majority, while the Senate will favor either democrats or republicans. This will make a difference because the legislative branch will either be split or favor the Republicans, while the executive branch will be democratic, depending on the outcome of Nevada and Georgia. There are advantages and disadvantages, but I believe that a split government is unsuitable for the US because it prevents the introduction of new policies and reform.

For example, the student loan bill created in the summer of 2022 by President Biden to discharge certain student loans has yet to be passed because of a Supreme court blockage. Not only does this affect us, future college students, but also the 42.8 million students who are already in debt.

For instance of a split government in the US was in 1993, during the Clinton administration.

Congress wanted to pass healthcare reform, but President Clinton denied this bill twice, citing his focus on the economy and budget instead of healthcare. As a result, many families in the US are still in debt, and thousands more families are still battling to pay their medical bills. This might surprise others, but denying healthcare was a Republican idea, while Clinton was democratic. The reasoning behind this was that the ideology of each party changed as the years passed by.

However, there are still advantages to having a divided government. Separations encourage the policing of those in power and limit spending and the expansion of undesirable laws. This ensures that every policy passed is supported by both parties and their supporters. For instance, the CARES act (created on March 24, 2020 by President Trump), providing economic assistance to American workers and families during COVID-19, was passed during a split government. It showed to be effective in helping the community and spreading relief. In conclusion, a divided government has both its pros and cons. Due to the nature of political parties, in the US, a split government comes and goes. We will likely see a divided government during this election cycle, but I think that this is not ideal because it prevents the enactment of necessary policies and reforms.

Book Recommendations

KAILIN SHI '25

I've observed that when students pass a certain age, many stop reading for enjoyment (myself included). At a certain point in my life, I came to the disappointing realization that I never had a reason to pick up a novel besides for school; I no longer read for myself. Hence, one of my new year resolutions this year was to pick up reading again. Almost 365 days after setting this goal, I'm proud to say

that I've begun to find my love for reading again. Here are a few books that helped remind me that good literature doesn't always have to be incredibly dense or tiring.

Tuesdays with Morrie
by Mitch Albom

In less than 200 pages, Mitch Albom's breakout memoir lays out the true story of the author's life-changing lessons with his dying professor, Morrie Schwartz. When Mitch discovered that Morrie was in the last stage of his life, he decided to visit Morrie once a week; for sixteen Tuesdays, the two exchange life lessons about forgiveness, perseverance, and love. Since its publishing, "Tuesdays with Morrie" has sold nearly 18 million copies globally and has been translated into 48 languages. This read is a great choice for feel-good, light reading; the simplicity of Albom's storytelling feels honest and almost conversational. The wonderful anecdotes and gentle humor allow the novel to remain lighthearted even when approaching heavy topics. Though there are moments when the book preaches too much, *Tuesdays with Morrie* is sure to bring a tear to your eye and leave you touched by its relentless optimism and wit.

The Memory Police
by Yoko Ogawa

The *Memory Police* is a science fiction novel about an island where everyday objects, such as maps, calendars, or flowers, inevitably begin to lose meaning. For example, the unnamed narrator awakens one day to find herself unable to recognize birds, despite being able to recall many meaningful memories associated with the creatures. As the residents of the island watch flocks of "little brown creatures" disappear into the horizon, this disappearance isn't able to elicit any feeling in them at all. As each object disappears, so do the layers of personal meaning that they used to conjure in each resident; gradually, the identity of each resident becomes translucent.

There is an excitingly sinister air that permeates the novel; simulta-

neously, its vulnerable, patient depictions are surprisingly comforting. Though the science-fiction genre definitely isn't known for being light reading, Ogawa's effortless writing helps make this novel a lot less dense than most other science fiction works. That being said, the straightforwardness of Ogawa's writing does not detract from its precision and fluidity. Admittedly, the novel starts off slow. However, the story burns well; the force of its ending is both startling and consoling.

The Woman in the Window
by A. J. Finn

This #1 Bestseller is an unsettling psychological thriller that keeps the reader engaged to the end. Anna Fox is a solitary psychologist who confines herself to her home, spending the day away with bottles of wine, old movies, online chess, and neighborhood spying. Anna's perception of reality begins to spiral when she witnesses a horrific act of violence that no one except herself seems to have noticed. *The Woman in the Window* has received extraordinary praise from notable figures such as Gillian Flynn (*Gone Girl*) and Stephen King. The latter exclaimed in a *New York Times* interview: "The *Woman in the Window* is one of those rare books that really is unputdownable."

The *Woman in the Window* moves slowly at first; however, the initial lack of clear answers helps build an absorbing atmosphere of mystery. Though the book is long, reaching 496 pages and 100 chapters, it reads quickly, consisting mostly of dialogue and brisk writing. What truly draws the reader in is the narrator's unrelatability; as Anna's perceptions of reality begin to collapse and conflict, readers start to ask questions: is anything the way it appears to be?

Symptoms of the TikTok Disease on the Music Industry

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NEW YORK TIMES

“Crazy” by Gnarlz Barkley, “Potential Breakup Song” by Aly & AJ, “Dreams” by Fleetwood Mac, “Hayloft” by Mother Mother, and perhaps the most popular “Running Up That Hill (A Deal with God)” by Kate Bush—these songs all have one thing in common: they all rose to fame through TikTok despite being released many years ago. Being one of the most downloaded apps in the world, TikTok has undoubtedly given fame to not only new artists but also old ones.

For example, I think “Bad Habit” by Steve Lacy is a phenomenal song with a groovy and catchy beat. However, that said, at his most recent concert, a crowd of 10,000 people could only sing one line back to him: “I bite my tongue; it’s a bad habit.” Despite driving these songs up to the charts, TikTok has not only ruined the creation of music but has also devalued the appreciation of existing work.

Over the past two or three years, especially amid the lockdown, TikTok has risen to fame and regained its title as the “No. 1 platform that drives [listeners] to stream.” according to CNBC.

As a stepping stone for underground and upcoming artists, TikTok has become essential for promotional reasons—radio stations have become all but obsolete in a world that allows listeners to voluntarily hear a song 40 times a day without realizing it—even if audiences end up hearing only the chorus.

However, TikTok being the vehicle that drives modern songs to popularization has resulted in a change in economic interest for music and art labels, thereby creating new creative pressures on emerging artists. The platform is favorable for those with short attention spans, who lose interest after a give or take of 10 seconds, but for that reason, the structural focus of songs has shifted from one that heavily foregrounds the build-up of full comprehensive songs to one that focuses on constructing a 20-second clip that can constantly be replayed.

Oftentimes, after repeatedly hearing a catchy phrase on TikTok, users are still wholly unable to put a face or name to the song. Even when they go the extra mile to hear the unedited and authentic version of the song, viewers are left disappointed, as their predeter-

mined perceptions don’t nearly meet their expectations. On the other hand, due to the unpredictable TikTok algorithm and time restrictions, artists have started putting more work towards writing the catchy melody than they do on the actual crux and depth of the song. It makes one wonder if we could have a “Stairway to Heaven” or “Bohemian Rhapsody” today – multi-phased songs which tell their stories over 5+ minutes. Even “Sicko Mode,” from just a few years ago, goes down as a relic from the pre-TikTok era with its sheer lack of repetition.

In doing so, songs become mere ploys to reach maximum economic gain and lose the sense of enjoyment and nostalgia frequently associated with the music industry.

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The Astros Win the World Series (For Real This Time?)

VALERIE GU '25



CNN

Last Saturday, the Houston Astros went 4-1 against the Philadelphia Phillies to win the 2022 World Series in only six games, earning their second championship title. The entire Greater Houston area received a day off from school as a crowd of more than 1 million fans attended the festive victory parade last Monday. However, could their untainted win this year possibly redeem their foul reputation from years past?

The Houston Astros won their first World Series in 2017 against the Los Angeles Dodgers, only to be exposed for cheating. Sign-stealing, relaying to a base runner the signs being given by the opposing catcher to the pitcher or the coach, has always been common in baseball through legal and illegal methods. In the 2017 Finals, the Astros were caught using cameras, monitors, and phones to steal the signals given by the opposing catcher, relaying the signals to the batter through various methods, including banging on trash cans

in specific rhythms. The MLB allowed the Astros to keep their championship, but the Astros lost some draft picks and had to fire three managers for their involvement. Only five members from the 2017 team remain on the Astros today. The scandal was well known by all fans, whether it be those who do or do not watch baseball, and the reputation of the Astros tanked due to their feeble apology and weak punishment.

The Astros had an amazing lineup this year, including Jose Altuve (2B), Jeremy Peña (SS), Yordan Alvarez (LF), Alex Bregman (3B), Kyle Tucker (RF), Christian Vazquez (DH), Trey Mancini (1B), Chas McCormick (CF), and Martin Maldonado (C). The team was led by 73-year-old Dusty Baker, who became the oldest manager to win the World Series. Prior to their win, Baker was known for being the major leaguer with the most games won without managing a World Champion. Jeremy Peña, the new shortstop who replaced Carlos Correa,

became the first rookie to win the World Series MVP title and the ninth player to win both Championship MVP and World Series MVP in the same year. Additionally, two players were awarded the Silver Slugger award, José Altuve and Yordan Alvarez. This award was Altuve's sixth Silver Slugger; he won 5 consecutive times from 2014 to 2018 and is a three-time batting champion. Yordan Alvarez hit a 450-foot home run in the sixth inning, securing the championship with a 3-run home run. The lucky fan who caught the home run ball refused a \$100,000 dollar offer for it.

The Astros' reputation will always be stained by the 2017 scandal, even after huge changes to their cast. While multiple news outlets claim that the 2022 Astros have become the "MLB standard for redemption", Astros haters will forever accuse the team of cheating. Despite their mistakes, Houston's clean win is evidence that they are moving in the right direction as a franchise.

Weekend Athletic Schedule

Friday, December 2

- 5 pm → 1st Boys' Basketball vs Governor's @ Zero Gravity Prep Tournament
- 5 pm → 1st Boys' Hockey vs St. Sebastian's
- 5 pm → 1st Girls' Basketball vs Beaver
- 5 pm → 2nd Girls' Basketball vs Beaver (Scrimmage)
- 5:30 pm → 1st Boys' Wrestling @ Middlesex

Saturday, December 3

- 1st Boys' Squash @ Jackson Tournament @ Brooks School
- 3:15 pm → 1st Girls' Squash vs Phillips Andover
- 3:15 pm → 2nd Girls' Squash vs Phillips Andover
- 3:15 pm → 2nd Boys' Basketball vs Governor's
- 4 pm → 1st Girls' Basketball vs New Hampton School
- 4 pm → 1st Girls' Hockey vs New Hampton School
- 4:30 pm → 2nd Girls' Hockey @ Governor's

What We Are Thankful For!

1. 5-min Commutes to Health Center
2. Donut eating contests
3. Hype Squad's Enthusiasm

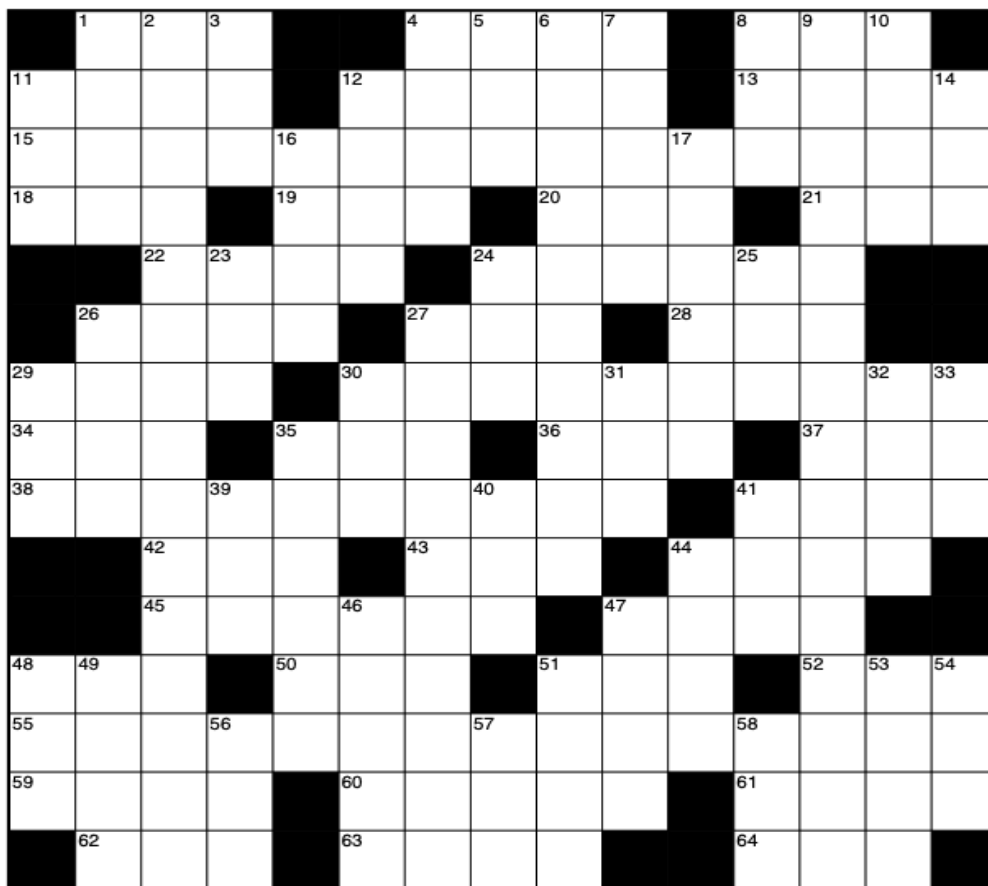


4. Gotcha. Betrayals.
5. Back Stu Door Sabotage of IAs.
6. @peopleoftheacad
7. Post-insomnia grazing of the check-in keyboard in the dean's office
8. Afternoon stomach drops caused by Apple products smashing the bleachers
9. The repugnant, ungodly stank of ~~shit~~ fertilizer on a crisp Tuesday morning
- 10.



11. The Palmer-Stang Love Triangle (the most stable relationship in this institution)
12. The Milton Measure #keepyoureneminescloser

Around the World



ACROSS

- 1 First "overbuild" American company
- 4 Aerosol sprays, abbr.
- 8 Suffix denoting a person's association to something
- 11 ____ Strip, piece of Palestine that borders the Mediterranean
- 12 ____ Vista, city south of San Diego
- 13 Type of rug
- 15 World famous desert
- 18 Detroit-based SUV manufacturer
- 19 Bad ____, or undeserved reputation
- 20 WHO governing body
- 21 Card game with +4 card
- 22 Grasp
- 24 Only carbon negative country in the world
- 26 Extinct flightless bird known for being dumb
- 27 Pro basketball league
- 28 3, to Caesar
- 29 Model for a photo

- 30 Largest city in Delaware
- 34 Verizon-marketed online service company
- 35 Supercell base building game, abbr.
- 36 Peter Griffin's daughter
- 37 Italian oil supercompany
- 38 Reproduced, for animals
- 41 1650, in Rome
- 42 ____doo dolls
- 43 Profitability of a company based on the amount of revenue it generates, abbr.
- 44 Just in ____
- 45 American train company
- 47 Clump of blood
- 48 Board game designed by James Ernest
- 50 Slang for cigarette
- 51 Slang for lover
- 52 ____ Dhabi, capital of the UAE

- 55 Idiom denoting a person in an unfamiliar environment
- 59 One of China's Four Great Ancient Capitals
- 60 ____ Harrison, lost to Lindsey Graham in 2020 SC senate election
- 61 Actual
- 62 Up a notch, abbr.
- 63 Brady Bunch actress ____ Davis
- 64 Abbr. companies use to denote when they were created

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- 1 Spanish golfer
- 2 Person from a now-dissolved Eastern European nation
- 3 "N.Y. State of Mind" Rapper
- 4 Fellow, in London
- 5 Dog hair
- 6 Tool used for driving and removing nails

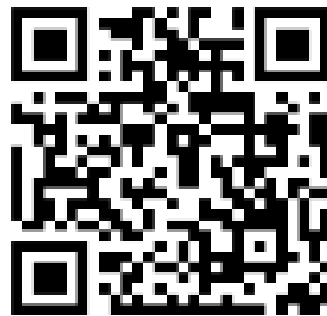
- 7 Holy person in Hinduism
- 8 Multinational satellite
- 9 Country home to the Mississippi River
- 10 Obtain, as in money
- 11 Textspeak for "see you later"
- 12 Country south of Libya
- 14 Pontiac muscle car
- 16 Singer-Songwriter ____ Guthrie
- 17 Consuming
- 23 ____ to Joy
- 24 Plastic surgery with South American country in its name, abbr.
- 25 American finance and insurance company based in NYC
- 26 What you open to enter a room
- 27 Person from a country with Managua as its capital
- 29 Soft food for babies
- 30 Sorrow
- 31 dulles airport code
- 32 ____ upon a time
- 33 Zero
- 35 Body part where legs join
- 39 URL ender
- 40 Tik-____ video-sharing app
- 41 ____ Zedong, former Chairman
- 44 Lower aft corner of a sail
- 46 La ____, autonomous community in Spain known for wine
- 47 Breakfast/coffee restaurant
- 48 The Stamp Act implemented one
- 49 Throw ____, or have a tantrum
- 51 Explosive device
- 53 Defeat
- 54 Website link
- 56 NBC comedy skit program
- 57 Chemical element Sn
- 58 To be, conjugated for "they"

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