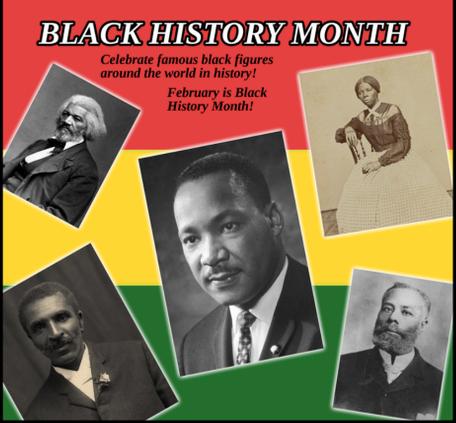




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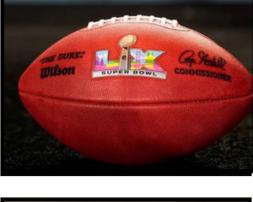
On March 13th, our school will be holding a movie night right after school to raise money for our newspaper. It will be in the Cafeteria. Feel free to bring blankets and pillows!

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Upcoming/Recent Hillside Events



Valentines Dance
2/13/26 | Passed



No School
2/27/26 | Friday



Saint Patrick's Day
3/17/26 | Tuesday

Upcoming Local Sport Games



Girls Basketball Finals

The game will be held at Loy Norrix High School on 3/4/26 at 7pm



Band Festival

12th of March, (3/12/26), will be held at Mattawan High School



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INTRODUCTION



**Hello! And thank you for reading Hillside middle schools official news paper,
Inside Hillside!**

This paper was put together by two classes of talented students, who worked hard to give you this article! The following paper is about many things, from school drama to worldwide events! Its all here! We're excited to show you what we've been working on, so please enjoy! Make sure to thank the students behind the paper; this wouldn't be possible without them!

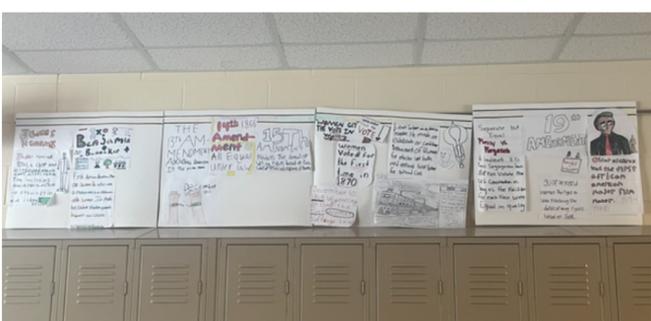
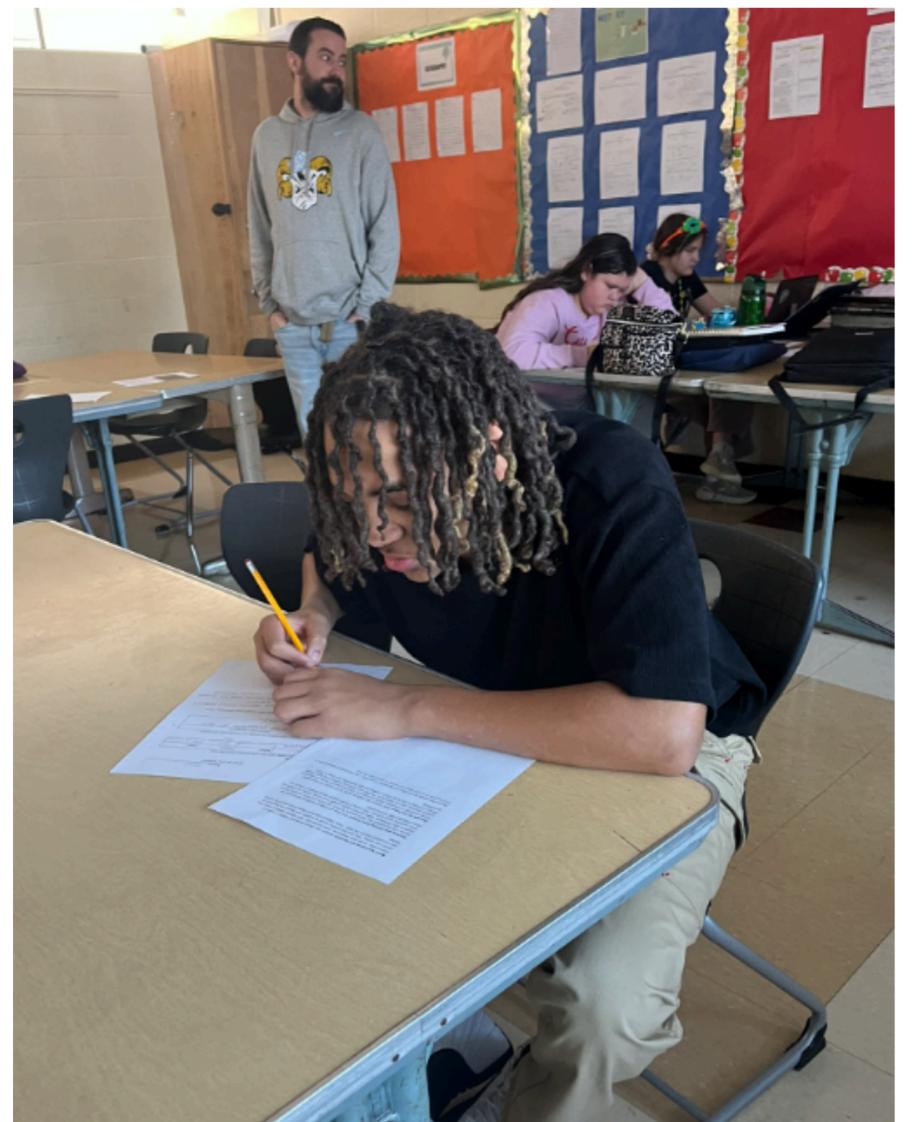
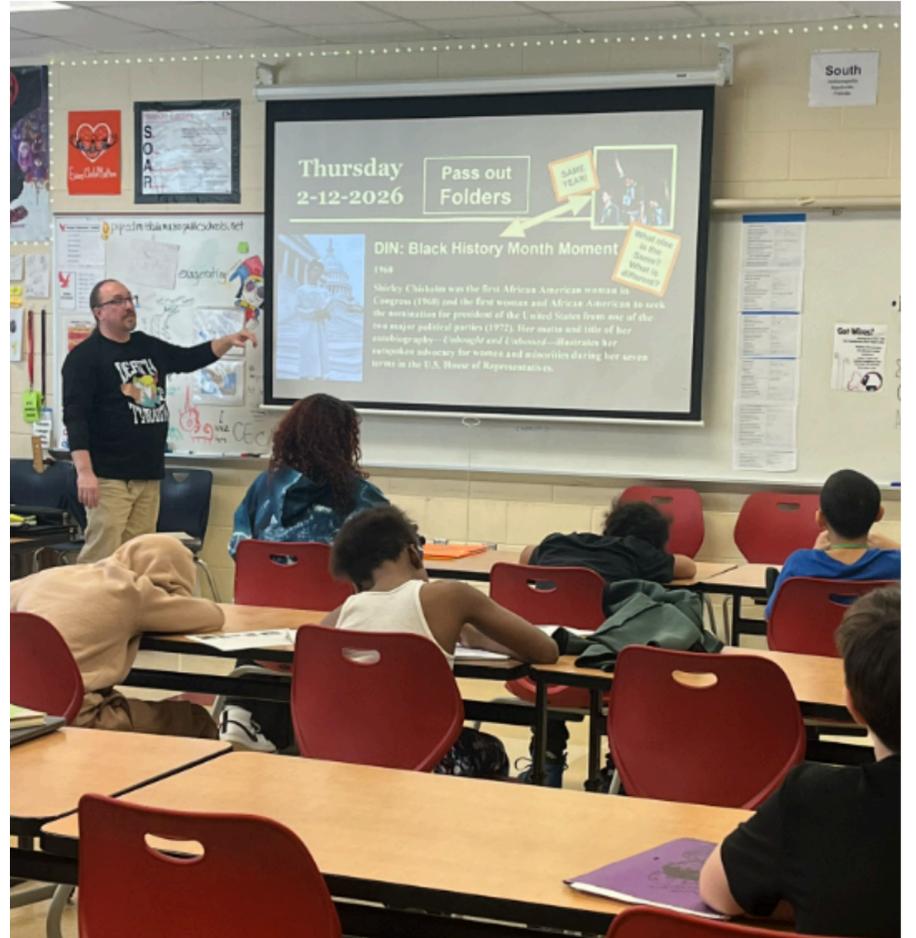


FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mr. Pipe contributed his class into Black History Month by making timelines and posters. They were working hard, and were focused.

Mr. Douth's class is doing a project on how Black people made a difference and how they incorporated themselves for freedom. We are also watching a movie on how black people were getting treated in the Airforce.

Mr. Lafeve's class did an assignment on how black people contributed to making their lives a little more exciting. They listened to old music they made and watched a little clip of them having fun.





I LIKE MY ICE IN MY WATER, NOT IN MY CITY

As of 2026, ICE has not only been controversial, but it has also made many people feel threatened in their own country. ICE has been responsible for six deaths in 2026 alone. On January 5, a 42-year-old, Luis Gustavo Núñez Caceres, was shot while detained at Joe Corley Processing facility. On January 6, a 68-year-old, Luis Beltran Yanez Cruz, who had lived here for 26 years, died while detained at the Imperial Regional facility. On January 14, a 34-year-old, Heber Sánchez Domínguez, died while detained at Robert A, a Deyton facility. On January 14, a 36-year-old Victor Manuel Díaz died at Camp East Montana in El Paso. This is where Mr. Lunas Campos was killed this year. He was the second to die in the facility in January and the third since December, 2025.

At first, we were told Mr. Lunas Campos experienced a sudden medical emergency shortly after becoming “disruptive.” But later, the medical examiner ruled that his death was caused by homicide arising from asphyxia due to neck and torso compression. The DHS then attempted to blame his death on attempted suicide, but according to an unnamed witness, Mr. Lunas Campos was handcuffed while five guards held him down, and one squeezed his neck until he lost consciousness.



Six deaths. In the span of 9 days. And they never admit it; instead, they say it’s self-defense or that it was the victim's fault. Legally ICE has to report deaths that occur in its custody, but the public disclosures often come late and have very little and selective information about what happened. Private investigations have often found evidence that contradicts what Ice told the public, or blatantly disproves it.

ICE has already proven to us that they aren't doing their job correctly; even if they are removing illegal immigrants, the deaths they have caused alongside it aren't worth it. The fact that even middle schoolers no older than fourteen can see the flaws in their actions and words speaks a lot about what they have done, and more about the fact that the only way they respond is by trying to blame someone else instead of accepting they were wrong.



SUPER BOWL HALFTIME LX

This year's Super Bowl LX halftime show, held on February 8, 2026 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California, was an unforgettable spectacle that mixed high energy music, vivid visuals, and cultural pride. The performance, officially titled the Apple Music Super Bowl LX Halftime Show, was headlined by Puerto Rican artist Bad Bunny. Creating a historic moment as he became the first solo Latin artist to lead the halftime show and performed nearly the entire set in Spanish.

The show opened with a dynamic musical performance that immediately set the tone for an engaging and festive presentation. Bad Bunny started his set with his hit, "Tití Me Preguntó," energizing the crowd and showcasing the vibrant sounds of Reggaeton and Latin trap music. Throughout his approximately 13 minute set; he performed a mixture of his own hits and songs that celebrated the broader Latin music tradition.

The stage design is heavily from Puerto Rican everyday life, including scenes that resemble sugarcane fields, neighborhoods, communities, and gatherings, offering viewers around the world a fiber portrait of the culture that shaped the artist's roots in one striking symbolic moment.

The performance celebrated stories and themes that matter deeply in many Latin American and diaspora communities, one segment reference Puerto Rico's ongoing challenges with infrastructure and recovering, weaving social awareness into the joyous atmosphere of the show by doing this on such a massive platform, like the halftime show, drew attention to experiences that are under represented in mainstream US media.

The performance also featured several notable guest appearances. Lady Gaga made a surprise entrance to perform a salsa inspired edition of "Die With A Smile" alongside Bad Bunny, adding an unexpected crossover moment. Additionally, Ricky Martin joined the show for a segment of "Lo Que Le Pasó a Hawaii," further emphasizing the celebration of Latin music and its influence.

In addition to the musical collaborations, a variety of celebrity cameos appeared throughout the show, including artists and performers who danced and interacted with Bad Bunny on stage. These appearances contributed to the overall energy and brought it the appeal of the performance beyond just the music.

The halftime show also included meaningful symbolic gestures. At one point, performers wave flags from countries across the Americas, including a message of unity and inclusion that went beyond national borders, and Bad Bunny held up a football marked with the phrase "Together we are America," a moment that blended artistic flair with a message of unity and inclusion.



The show's cultural footprint stretches beyond the live performance itself. Streaming data from platforms like Apple Music shows that listenership of Bad Bunny songs increased dramatically immediately after the halftime show aired, with multiple tracks topping charts and joining listeners in both English and Spanish speaking regions. This kind of global engagement signals how strongly the audience is connected with the performance.

Many fans celebrated the halftime show for its energy, cultural significance, and joyful atmosphere, viewers on social platforms the performances, lively choreography, and Bad Bunny's charismatic stage presence, describing the show as "joyful" and "all around banger" and "one of the most entertaining halftime show in years." Supporters also shared that the crowd's response inside Levi Stadium was electric with some saying it was "the loudest reaction of the night."

Celebrities and public figures added to the positive feedback, for example Tom Brady, the seven time Super Bowl champion, called the performance "Amazing!!!!!!" on social media. A simple but enthusiastic endorsement from one of NFL's most famous players, other artists and commentators echoed similar statements, saying the halftime show "delivered excitement seen on such a stage."

Yet not everyone was pleased. Critics argue that the performance doesn't resonate with them, some because they preferred more familiar music or English lyrics, others because they felt disconnected from the cultural style, comments like "absolutely hated it" and complaints that the show felt like "the worst performance in a while" illustrated the negative side of the responses online.

Political figures and commentators also weighed in on the conversation bringing even more heat to the debate. The current US president Donald Trump publicly criticized the show calling it "terrible" and "affront to the greatness of America" and arguing that viewers couldn't understand the lyrics because they were mostly in Spanish. These remarks sparked further discussion and backlash from both supporters and critics.

Reactions from some celebrities and influencers added extra layers to the debate. Chris Brown, a well-known RnB performer, publicly claimed the NFL needs him on stage instead, enduring widespread online backlash because of his past and perceived ego. Meanwhile, social media influencers who tried to organize boycotts, faced quick criticisms and even lost followers as fans defended the halftime show.

Overall, this year's Super Bowl halftime show offered more than just entertainment. It delivered a bold and memorable artistic statement with its blend of music design and cultural expression. The show invited viewers, not only to enjoy the spectacle, but to also reflect on how diverse voices and stories enrich this world of music and the broader, cultural conversations of our time. It became a conversation starter about culture, language, and what people want from one of the biggest entertainment moments of the year. Whether fans loved it or didn't, reactions made one thing clear that this year's halftime performance got people talking.





SUPER BOWL RECAP

The Seattle Seahawks Won with a **16 point lead**, they had **29 points** and **England patriots had 13**, although they did Get some early scoring and defensive stops, But **Seattle dominated**, leaving **leading 9-0** halftime with the kicker **Jason Myers** Setting a **completely NEW record!** With **5 field goals with runner back Kenneth Walker III** earned **MVP honors!** But the patriots team made some Great plays to a touchdown pass to Hollins and several rushes by quarterback **Drake Maye**.

In Quarter 1 the Seattle Seahawks took lead 3-0 against the New England patriots, And followed with a 33-yard! Field goal By jason myers the placekicker, with Seattle's defense completely dominating the New England Patriots, which with the Seattle's leaving the new england patriots completely score-less in the first quarter, although the Seattles played strong defensive plays, the New england patriots played some good plays to such as a 21-yard reception by by Kayshon boutte, but the drive ended in a punt, which also quarterback drake maye also managed a 12-yard scramble.

In Quarter 2 the Seattle Seahawks Completely extended their leads over the new england patriots 9-0 at halftime, but largely due because of dominant defensive performances by special teams with some great goals by Jason Myers again which expanded their lead to 9-0, the new england patriots offense continued and continued to struggle against the Seattle Seahawks with the team failing to score.



In the Quarter 3 the Seattle Seahawks extended their lead against the New England Patriots from 9-0 to 12-0 the Patriots offense continued to struggle with offense and defense against the Seattle Seahawks, but the Seattle Seahawks made some phenomenal goals with efficient field goals.

In Quarter 4 the Seattle Seahawks pulled away with 29-13 the New England Patriots clutch din and at least made some points, and quarter back Drake maye making some points, and some other teammates made some great goals too.





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GRAMMY'S

With 9 nominations, Kendrick Lamar won 5 of these, his most notable win being Best Rap Album for *GNX*

Bad Bunny had 6 nominations this year and won 3 Grammys for Best Global Music Performance, Best Música Urbana Album, and Album of the Year. He also made history being the first Spanish-Language artist to be nominated for the top three categories in the same ceremony

Jelly Roll took home 3 Grammys for multiple country categories, including Best Contemporary Country Album, Best Country Duo/Group Performance and Contemporary Christian Music Performance/Song

For her album *MAYHEM* and her single *Abracadabra*, Lady Gaga was nominated 7 times and won twice, winning the award for Best Pop Vocal Album and Best Dance Pop Recording

ARTIST FIRST GRAMMY'S

For Best New Artist, British singer and songwriter Olivia Dean won her first Grammy. Her second album, *The Art of Loving*, peaked at No. 4th on the Billboard 200, solidifying her win

FKA Twigs took home her first Grammy award for Best Dance/Electronic Album for her 2025 Album, *Eusexua*. Not only has she been making music for over a decade, she also became the second black woman to win that category

For her single *Messy*, Lola Young won her first grammy award for the category Best Solo Pop Performance

Yungblud won his first Grammy for the Best Rock Performance. He did a live cover of the song *Changes* from Villa Park, a tribute to Ozzy Osbourne

The rock band Turnstile won their first grammys this year for the Best Rock Album and Best Metal Performance. They also made history being the first band to be nominated across rock, alternative, and metal categories in a single year



BIGGEST SHOCKS AND VIRAL MOMENTS

This year, Sabrina Carpenter had over 6 nominations for some like Album of The Year and Best Pop Solo. A viral moment of her crying was caught after she lost all her nominations, with very different reactions from people.

Lots of people definitely had different opinions on who should've won the grammy for Artist of The Year. Some people were excited that Olivia Dean won, while some said that other nominees, such as Katseye, The Marias, or sombr, should have taken home the award

People were very shocked to see some very important artists not show up this year. Most notably being Ariana Grande, who won a grammy this year for her song *Defying Gravity* with Cynthia Erivo

The artist who won a grammy for Best Remixed Recording, Gesaffelstein, surprised tons of people watching. He wore a completely black, glossy mask under his suit that covered his whole face

The host of the grammys this year, Trevor Noah had a viral meme of him making a joke of Nicki Minaj's absences at the grammys and her recent actions.

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Vaughn Wright



GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Hillside Lady Eagles had some things to say about their game against Mattawan which the eagles won in both games between 7th grade and 8th grade teams. With 6th grader Zayah leading the 7th grade team with 11 points here are some words from her.

“I feel like I did ok today. I could have done better but having the most points was great and I feel like that was amazing.”- Zayah Danzy

Some of the other players also had some things to say about the game and their game play.

“My performance was good and I liked my defense , but the other team kept pushing.” - A'ñayiah Tignes

The 8th grade lady eagles also had something to say about how their game went.

“ I think I did ok in today’s game the only reason this one girl stuck out to me is because she was really tall number 45 . one thing I can do next game is like my attitude it was not good this game” - Larayah McPherson

“ i did really good but i want so more rebound’s I will try to better next game”-iviona

The person with the most points on our 8th grade team was Jurnee Logan
And with that that will be the end of the lady eagles basketball game .



NBA POWER RECAP

1. Oklahoma City Thunder (40-13)

Okc is number one on the list because their dominant defense Throughout the season, Oklahoma has demonstrated high-level play, often appearing almost unstoppable while maintaining top tier status.

2. Detroit pistons (38-13)

The Detroit Pistons have had such a successful season, soaring through the league thanks to their MVP, Cade Cunningham is playing at an NBA level and has been recognized as a top-3 candidate in early 2026 MVP odds, serving as the team's main offensive threat.

3. san antonio spurs (36-16)

Thanks to their team MVP "the alien" victor wembenyama has motivated his team to work harder to assert dominance. The Spurs are one of the few teams in the league that rank in the top 10 on both ends of the floor, creating a balanced, competitive roster.

4. New York Knicks (34-20)

Despite a strong overall record (often second or third in the Eastern Conference), the Knicks have shown a significant skill difference in games against top Eastern Conference opponents, such as the Pistons, before the All Star break, placing them at the 4th spot in the power rankings

5. Denver nuggets (34-20)

As of February 2026, the Nuggets constantly struggle against other elite teams, with a poor record in clutch games against top-tier opponents like the Thunder and Spurs.

6. Boston Celtics they are 35 for 19 with there game record and there leading player is jaylen brown averaging 29.2 points 7.8 rebounds 5.3 assist and 1.3 blocks but the boston celtics are mostly know for jayson tatum

7. Houston rockets (33-19)

Last season the houston rockets were a tier 6 contender however the Rockets have recently been facing devastating injuries. The primary reason for the drop is the loss of key veterans, leaving the roster unbalanced.

8. Cleveland cavaliers (33-21)

the Cavs have maintained a high standing by beating lower-tier teams, but they have struggled to prove they can dominate top-tier opponents.

9. The los angeles lakers (32-21)

The roster lacks sufficient 3-point shooting and athleticism to compete with modern, fast-paced teams, ranking 23rd in made 3s per game at one point.

10. Minnesota Timberwolves (33-22)

Edwards has elevated his game to a superstar level, averaging 25.5 points per game and taking over in clutch situations.





LINDSEY VONN OLYMPIC RUN ENDS IN HEARTBREAK



Lindsey Vonn is the one of the most decorated female Olympic Skiers of all time, with 84 World Cup victories, 4 overall World Cup wins, and one gold and two bronze Olympic medals. Heading into the 2026 Olympics in Italy, she was widely considered to be a medal contender. She was coming off knee replacement surgery in 2024 and a torn hamstring in 2025, but she was stubbornly insisting to compete.

At the start of the downhill, she had difficulty going off the ramp as a result of a torn ACL 9 days earlier. After finally getting her grip on the poles and driving off the ramp, Lindsay Vonn began with decent speed as she descended down her first hill. She then rode down to the second hill when she began to steer too close to a gate, of course staying near the gates is a good thing, but she approached the gate with a lack of control and offset her direction by a pole catching on a gate. 5 inches too close and the pole caught. She barreled through the air and crashed, kicking up snow as a result; a complex fracture on her left tibia and a disqualification followed.

After crashing, Lindsey Vonn has been through three surgeries to repair her broken tibia. She recently posted on instagram with a picture of her leg in a metal brace in a hospital bed, and despite the grim circumstances, Vonn seems to be looking at the bright side. She stated that “I’m making progress, and while it is slow, I know I’ll be ok.” while showing a thumbs-up. This is likely to end Vonn’s career, as she is already 41 and had suffered an ACL tear just nine days before she competed in the race where she broke her tibia. Her father has also publicly stated that he wants her to retire, saying “She’s 41 years old and this is the end of her career,” Alan Kildow said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Monday. “There will be no more ski races for Lindsey Vonn, as long as I have anything to say about it.”



ONLINE SAFETY ACT



In 2025, the UK officially put the *Online Safety Act* into effect. The law requires users of “adult websites” (Gambling, etc.) to give their government ID to enter. However, government corruption and lobbying allowed for the act to spread to ALL WEBSITES in the UK.

Many other countries have put similar laws in place, such as Australia, certain states in America, France, Russia, Italy, Malaysia, and soon, Canada. Most of the time, such as in Canada’s case, it was pressured by the British Government, although in Australia and America, politicians support these ideas.



The act is made to protect children, and while the idea itself seems safe, there’s many ways for it to turn from a good choice to a bad one. The act requires all websites to set safety features on all social media to prevent children from finding any form of adult content, but it also means that adults have to go through a potentially dangerous verification process that can result with their government ID being exposed on the internet if there is a security breach. Acts such as these also are unconstitutional (in the US) as it involves the unreasonable search and seizure of you or your private property, and, since it is used mainly for social media, limits freedom of speech.

Several apps have put in place similar rules, such as Roblox, YouTube, and restricted apps in Australia, require a face scan, and AI will determine your age. These systems are known to fail, as many social media users have used 3d models, their own face, or something along the lines of drawing mustaches on their face, and put them in the wrong age group. This enrages hundreds across the globe.





MOLTBOOK

A new website for AI's is terrible. Made January 28, 2026, Moltbook has been used by AI's to talk with a website design imitating the style of popular social media site, Reddit. People can not talk but only observe and even though it was created only recently, it already has terrible things going on.

In February, 2026, researchers at the security firm Wiz said that they had located a serious security flaw in Moltbook. According to them, a private key in the site's JavaScript was not dealt with correctly, exposing lots of private information from users of Moltbook, mainly millions of API credentials. Wiz wrote "that would allow complete account impersonation of any user on the platform," and access to private talks between different AI.

There have been some theories for it's just humans pulling the strings and that the 'AI' aren't really AI's. Why would they do this? To spread awareness? For fun? We still don't know. Who knows, it might just be a theory.





WEATHER RECAP

Well, welcome to Inside Hillside's weather section, where recaps are done on weather in the past! The first thing worth mentioning within the recap is that large snow storm that impacted us in January. Snow days were all over the place, inches of snow were piling up, winds blew, and temperatures dropped to nearly 20 below freezing in Fahrenheit! Students got several days off of school due to the chaos that ensued from the impact of the snow storm, and several news stations were calling it "historic."

I don't think there has even been a day this January where there wasn't snow on the ground! But, as of recently, snow has finally begun to clear up due to the recent rising of temperatures. But, as weather continuously dips below and above zero, frozen snow will keep refreezing into ice, causing slippery conditions, so just watch your step! After the snow melts, it will be pretty muddy, and hopefully it stays this warm for a while! Finally, after winter, the greens of trees and grass will be in sight once more, and plants will regrow (though that'll take a while.)

To summarize everything, after the massive snow storm of January, snow and ice has been everywhere, but finally, it seems to be clearing up as the temperature grows warmer!





CLAUDETTE COLVIN

Claudette Colvin was the first African American to refuse to move to the back of the bus, stating that it was her constitutional right. She was arrested on March 2, 1955, at the age of 15. She was born September 5, 1939, in Birmingham, Alabama.-

She believed strongly that segregation was wrong. The case was taken up in the Supreme Court, following the district court's ruling on November 13, 1956. One month later, the Supreme Court affirmed the order to Montgomery and the state of Alabama to end bus segregation.

A famous quote

“ I couldn’t move. History had me glued to the seat.”





HILLSIDE DANCE INSIGHTS

On February 13th, Hillside School transformed into a festive venue for this year's much-anticipated Valentine's Day dance. The event brought together students for an evening filled with fun, laughter, and music.

Inside Hillside would like to extend a sincere thank-you to the PTSO for their support in providing concessions that kept the energy high throughout the night. Additionally, a special acknowledgement goes to our very own DJ Chuck, whose vibrant music set the perfect tone for the festivities.

As some of you may recall, Inside Hillside's journalism team interviewed a select number of you to hear your views on Hillside's dances. You all had enlightening opinions and ideas, some of which we would like to share with the rest of Hillside, to show that you were heard and that what you said was taken into consideration.

We asked a few of you the same questions: What you like about the dances, what could improve, and what you would like to see added.

Many of you enjoy the dances, but different aspects, like when Corin Wallace was asked about her favourite part, and she answered, "I like dancing with my friends", while 8th-grade Clinton Lewis said, "playing sports in the gym". But on the otherhand, there are some things that you believe could be improved. Though please keep in mind that while we acknowledge your opinions and/or ideas, this does not mean that we can fix or change them.

One of the frequently brought up sentiments is that dances should have more events. Hillside 7th-grade student, Rosemary Rockhill, stated in an interview that dances should have "events, like arts and crafts". Lance Danzy, an 8th grader, responded, "Food should be cheaper or free," when asked what could be improved about the dances, and Todd Atchison expressed that he "wished that there was more gym time". Your voices were heard, and Inside Hillside will try to figure out how we can make the dances succeeding this a better experience for you.

A final thanks to the students who participated in interviews for their cooperation and for letting us hear your views and share them with our school.