



The Comet Newsletter

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A New Year at CMS

After a much-needed break from school, we're returning for the 2019-2020 school year. Our team is excited to see many new faces who are joining Clarksville Middle's student body! Since it's been such a long time since our last issue, let's reintroduce ourselves.

The Comet is a monthly newsletter that highlights important events happening in or around CMS. Our team currently consists of eight dedicated students, but we would love support! If you're interested in writing articles, journalism, editing, photography, or all of the above, you'll be a great addition to *The Comet*. Simply email thecometnewsletter@gmail.com and express your interest in joining our team. There's no limit to what you can put in our newsletter, because every aspect of it is made for students, by students.

Last year, *The Comet* featured various sections, including Book Nook, Sports Time, and Trending Today. These are long-running favorites, so we've decided to continue with them. However, we're always looking for new inspiration for sections. If you have an amazing idea for a section, contact us! You could be writing and managing it all by yourself.

- Naomi Ling



Book Nook

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author Marissa Meyer is the show-stopping series *Lunar Chronicles*. Indulged with dramatic plot twists, witty characters, and a creative plot, the *Lunar Chronicles* has been able to capture the attention of thousands of readers. The *Lunar Chronicles* is truly a page turner -- comprised with adventurous stories, the novel is narrated from the perspective of four teen girls.

The *Lunar Chronicles* takes place after the World War IV. Earth is now plagued with a deadly disease called letumosis, while juggling an alliance with the ruthless ruler, Queen Levana Blackburn of Luna, the Moon. According to Queen Levana, she is hoping to create an alliance with Earth through a marriage with Prince Kai of the Eastern Commonwealth. In reality, Queen Levana intends to take over Earth in the process. Read the series to see how each of the four teenagers play a role in the destruction of Queen Levana.

Each month, there will be a summary of each of the books in the series.

- Shruti Vadlakonda

Sports Time!

Hi everyone! If you like sports, this is the section to read. First, in basketball, Anthony Davis was traded from the Pelicans to join LeBron James of the Lakers. He was traded for Josh Hart, Brandon Ingram, and Lonzo Ball. Also, Paul George and Kawai Leonard now play for the Clippers. Lastly, Kyrie Irving and Kevin Durant both chose to play for the Nets, so this upcoming season should be very exciting!

Next, on the downside, the Baltimore



Orioles are having one of the worst seasons in baseball history with a current record of 44 wins and 89 losses. I hope they will get better over the next few years!

In football, Andrew Luck, the quarterback of the Colts, retired at the age of 29. This was a surprise to many fans, as he is fairly young. Thanks for reading, and good luck during the school year!

- Justin Blackman

Travel

Hey everyone! In this section you will read about some travel experiences of my own and some travel experiences that I would hope to experience sometime in the future!

This summer I was able to experience flying alone. I decided that I would fly back to Boulder, Colorado and visit family friends. To be honest, I thought that flying alone would somehow change my life forever and show me a new perspective of life or something but it turns out, it wasn't all that different.

On the day of my departure, my mom was able to go to the gate with me. At the gate, I was lucky enough to meet a girl who would also be flying alone. I also slept a lot on the plane. I didn't really talk much with anyone, so I wouldn't exactly call it enjoyable.

During my one week back in Colorado, I went to some popular places in downtown Boulder, and even got to go hiking in the Rockies. The weather in Colorado is nice and cool, as well as pretty dry. I'm sure some people have heard of Pearl Street, a popular street in Boulder with lots of stores, restaurants, and even galleries. Most of the shops are souvenir stores, but walking down the street is really great. Not only are there great eating options on Pearl St., but the areas surrounding it also has some good food.



Hiking in the Rockies was definitely my favorite part of the trip. I didn't hike up very high, since the elevation was only around 10,000 feet at The Loch. The Loch, a really beautiful lake, is definitely worth hiking to. Even though I went in July, there was still some snow there. It was so cold and windy at the top, but the view was what made it worth going to.

- Alyssa Ma

Trending Today

Hi guys and welcome back to Trending Today!

Sorry *Friends* fans, *Friends* will be taken off of Netflix at the beginning of 2020. It is being moved to Warner Brothers' streaming service, HBO Max. But never fear -- to celebrate its 25th anniversary, *Friends* episodes will be shown on the big screen. On September 23rd, September 28th, and October 2nd, thousands of theaters across the country will be screening iconic episodes of *Friends*, including exclusive interviews and never before seen content.

Also in pop culture news, Taylor Swift dropped a new album, *Lover*, which is surpassing records, some of which were previously set by her last album, *Reputation*. She went on to win Video of the Year and Video For Good at the VMAs for her single "You Need To Calm Down," which many interpret is for LGBTQ+ rights.



- Kylie Stuart

Meme Review

In celebration of the new school year, Meme Review will be starting the year right with a lightning round of all the memes you may or may not have missed over break.

1. Me and the Boys
2. You're Breathtaking
3. Stonks/Stinks



4. No, I don't think I will
5. Gone, reduced to atoms
6. You know, I'm something of a scientist myself
7. Y shame



8. Well now I'm not gonna do it
9. [Everyone Liked That]
10. Baseball Cat/Souptime Frog
11. And That's a Fact
12. You have become the very thing you swore to destroy
13. I see this as an absolute win!
14. Is it possible to learn this power?
15. We were on the verge of greatness, we were this close
16. Carefully, he's a hero



17. We did it! We time traveled!
18. I'm gonna do what's called a pro-gamer move
19. Modern Problems require Modern Solutions
20. Well boys, we did it, (blank) is no more

21. Yeah, this is big brain time
22. I see no god up here, other than me



23. My goodness, what an idea, why didn't I think of that
24. Don't do that, don't give me hope
25. We've been tricked, We've been backstabbed and we've been quite possibly bamboozled
26. 'Chuckles' I'm in danger
27. I don't need sleep, I need answers
28. They called me a madman
29. Say sike right now
30. You fool! You fell victim to one of the classic blunders
31. Wack
32. We've got a city to burn
33. I am speed
34. Observe



35. I tip my hat to you, one legend to another
36. It ain't much, but it's honest work
37. Metronome
38. Bro, I'm straight up not having a good time
39. I'm kinda a gamer
40. Just like the simulations
41. Because that's what heroes do
42. You are not a clown, you are the entire circus
43. Pathetic
44. "You can't defeat me"
45. Now this is an Avengers level threat



46. Aw yeah, it's all coming together now

47. Creeper? Aw man

- Estelle Chen

Paw Patrol

Are Mosquitoes Picky Eaters?

If you're like me, you might be coming back to school with your arms and legs covered in mosquito bites. But there is a seemingly large range of mosquito bites a person can get; how come?

Well, it turns out that mosquitoes have a method to their madness. *Live Science* says that when humans breathe out, "the carbon dioxide from our lungs doesn't immediately blend with the air. It temporarily stays in plumes that mosquitoes follow like breadcrumbs." Breathing out in larger quantities, or more often, can lead to more mosquitoes in your radar.

In the summer, it's not hard to work up a sweat while the sun's beating down on you, especially when participating in an outdoor sport. Unfortunately, lactic acid, released by sweat, is a major mosquito attractor. But even knowing this, there's not much you can do to prevent sweating when in the blistering heat.



With two people in my family that have Type A and two people with Type O blood, there is a drastic difference in the amount of mosquito bites the two

groups receive. Statistics say that mosquitoes prefer Type O over Type B, and Type B over Type A blood. I guess whether mosquitoes like us or not is in our blood and also our genes. On the lucky side, there are people who are not sensitive at all to mosquito bites while others are severely allergic. Most people with normal genes develop “common symptoms, a red bump and itching” that “aren’t caused by the bite itself, but by the reaction of your body’s immune system to proteins in the mosquito’s saliva,” according to *Healthline*. Through genes, some people’s bodies will react differently to bug bites.

As ironic as it is, mosquito bites during summer are so frequent they are almost nostalgic. Even with all these reasons why mosquitoes may like or dislike you more than the average person, it’s safe to say that maybe the best plan is to just stay indoors.

- Estelle Chen

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