

# The Maroon

Argo Community High School  
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## Making Every Issue Count

The mission of Argo Community High School is to **build intelligence and character** by providing an education that prepares students to be **effective citizens, able to succeed in a global society.**

## Does School Spirit Need a Boost?

*By Estrella Salgado '17 & Madison Krzos '17*

As you walk down an Argo hallway, you'll see the usual mix of maroon hoodies, band T-shirts, athletic wear, and Poms skirts. But if you ask a student how proud they are to be an Argonaut, their answers will probably diverge. What's up with Argo pride? The 1800-plus students that go here join activities and (occasionally) come to games, but many feel something is lacking – that mysterious X factor. *The Maroon* turned to teachers for some answers.

**Q: How has Argo spirit changed since you were a student here, or since you first started teaching?**

**Mr. Rodriguez:** I think that it's grown. This year, we had to reorder Argo hoodies three times because they kept selling so fast. When kids want to wear their colors, that shows me that they have spirit. Also, most students are part of a sport or activity.

**Mrs. McCormack** (Class of 2002): I think that it's different seeing it from a teacher's eyes now, but I remember more Argo spirit when I was a student. Homecoming was in three rooms, not just one. Now, kids don't really talk about it much.

**Mr. Toullos** (Class of 1997): I think that a better word is evolved. In the 90's, we had more events in the school, like sumo wrestling and donkey basketball. Now, there's more emphasis on social media. I would say that it has to evolve more, but it's on an optimistic path.

**Mrs. Zywica:** Carving out a little time to do some more spirit events would be a positive change. Argo is a great school, and we should remember that when Argo faculty and students get together, we can accomplish a lot.

**Q: What has been the best Argo spirit event that you've ever seen?**

**Mr. Rodriguez:** My first year as the Activities Director, Pom Pons won State. When they competed at Champaign, so many kids came down to support them. And when the Special Olympics won the basketball tournament last year and the whole school cheered . . . it broke my heart. It was a great moment for everyone.

**Mrs. McCormack:** When I was a freshman,

the homecoming pep rally was outside, and a parachuter landed on the football field! It was very memorable.

**Mr. Toullos:** In 1995, Argo was challenged by the vice principal that we couldn't read one million books. He lost the bet, so he ate two giant live worms in front of the whole school! Major channels NBC and CBS were there.

**Mrs. Zywica:** When I started the first Faculty Talent Show, there were many skeptics. People thought it was a risky operation, but it ended up being a huge success! The line stretched all the way to the pass gate.

**Q: How can Argo boost its school spirit?**

**Mr. Rodriguez:** It all comes down to the kids. Wear your colors, make friends at activities, and just have a great time at Argo. Don't forget: enthusiasm is contagious! If you have any suggestions, don't be afraid to speak up. My door is always open.

**Mrs. McCormack:** We could let students have more input on things at Argo, like where they want the Prom or the cafeteria food.

**Mr. Toullos:** Kids, be proud of where you come from. Kyle Hill always says that he's from Argo. Take ownership of your school and show good character.

**Mrs. Zywica:** Argo could resurrect events that bring faculty and students together, so that school spirit can grow in both areas. We used to have the Faculty vs. Students Scholastic Bowl tournament in the cafeteria, and the kids loved it.

**Q: What sport or club do you think most inspires school spirit?**

**Mr. Rodriguez:** They all do. No matter what they do, the students wear their maroon and whites proudly.

**Mrs. McCormack:** I'd have to say football, because people like hanging out at the Friday night games. But the theater is also very popular; so many students come together to put on the musicals and there's always a crowd to see them.

**Mr. Toullos:** All of our sports and clubs are equally important. From Culinary Club to our Chess Team, every sport and club should have pride in what they do.

- Estrella Salgado

I talked to the radio sponsor Carol McGowan and she told us homecoming week used to be a big deal. People would jump at the opportunity to dress up in their best wacky attire to get pumped for the dance and game. Mr. Cimaglia and he told us some very interesting things: Argo used to have a bonfire during homecoming week right after the powderpuff football game. He also said when

the boys' basketball team won conference for 5 years in a row, every game would be packed with 2,000 students cheering the team on. Argo won the sectional playoffs at Leo and the stands were packed with Argo students and teachers. After the team returned to the school, all the fans were waiting for them in the parking lot to celebrate. The team fed off the energy that everyone was giving them. The team felt support and they performed better on the court when everyone in the school was behind them.

- Madison Kroz

What do you think about school spirit? Is it getting better, or should we Argonauts step up our game? Tweet us your answers: @ArgoMaroon, and don't forget to check out our new web show, *In Tune! with the Maroon*.

## Spring Has Sprung! Things to do this Spring Break

Spring is finally here - the ice mounds are melting, the sun is shining... so now what? If you're not headed on vacation here are some great ideas compiled by *The Maroon* staff:

\* Want to go on a cute and cheesy date over spring break? Why not take your significant other to **Lincoln Park Zoo** for the Easter Egg-Stravaganza on 4/4. You'll be able to eat with the Easter bunny, hunt for eggs, visit animals, and ride the train & carousel! (Rukkia L.)

\* Take advantage of the good weather and beautiful scenery at the **Naperville River Walk**, with a large playground and a covered bridge over the river. At the end of the park continue with your day's adventure: downtown Naperville is full of exciting shops and restaurants. (Geraldine D.)

\* Visit **The Shedd Aquarium**, the largest in the world and home to over 8,000 aquatic animals. Check out exhibits like Waters of the world, Caribbean Reef, Amazing Rising, Wild Reef, Abbot Oceanarium, Polar Play Zone. The aquarium is opened on Weekdays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends.

\* Spend it catching up on **Netflix**! See Estrella's guide to all the good stuff on Netflix right now (page 3). (Geraldine D.)

\* For less than \$20 you can have fun at Main Events' All-You-Can-Play bowling, billiards, laser tag and more, now through April 8th. <http://www.mainevent.com/specials/spring-break-funpass> (Kim D.)

\* Go see a movie, of course! *Kingsman* (Reviewed on pg )and *Spongebob* are still out, while *Cinderella*, the new *Divergent* movie, and the more family-friendly *Home* are coming out soon! (Andrew O.)

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# Argo Welders Compete at MVCC

On Monday February 23rd 2015, a group of welding 3 and 4 students attended the 1st annual Moraine Valley Welding Competition. This event was a great opportunity for the students to get hands on experience with the local community college while learning the welding trade and getting a chance to meet the instructors from Moraine Valley’s welding department. The Argo welders competed against two other schools including students from Lincoln Way West

and Joliet West High Schools. Each school competed in four different areas including, arc welding, oxy-fuel cutting, MIG welding, and a written portion. Argo performed well in all categories and had a great time using the machines and tools provided by the college. The students learned many welding techniques from the experience, while being exposed to all that the welding department has to offer. Overall Argo High School was well represented by the best welders Argo has to offer, and hopefully we will return again to compete next year. Great job guys.

*pictured below:* (Standing) John Baron, Robert Cerazy, Sebastian Murawski, Kyle Zimmerman, Adan Padilla, Marc Ocegueda, Matt Marek, Anthony Velasquez, Mohammed Abdelghani, Nick Hermosillo, Erick Alvarez, Filip Romej, Alex Switalski, (Kneeling) Chris Delgado, Miguel Padilla, Arek Ratulowski, Nick Tonika, Adam Janik



# Book work and Essays Aren’t Enough!

*by: Rachel Burke*

Wake up. Get ready. Go to school. Wait to go home. Go home. Go to sleep. Wake up. Get ready... etc. It’s the same thing day after day, and it’s not even fun. 5/7 days of the week we spend at school, but are we really enjoying ourselves? Kids today aren’t excited to go to school anymore and some dread it. School has become this long 4 years of your life that you just need to get through to be where you really want to be. You only get one life, so why would you spend it just waiting for four years to pass you by?

In elementary school, kids loved going to school and hanging out with friends. We were excited because of all the new things we were going to learn because we were so young and hadn’t seen much yet. In high school, a majority of kids have gone through and seen a lot. Schools should take that as a challenge to show the students things that they’ve never seen before. Everybody’s seen a classroom and a white board. Everybody’s seen a notebook and a textbook. It’s time to show us something new, like the real world. Instead of showing facts on paper, teach us how the facts are

applicable to life.

What ever happened to field trips? What ever happened to interactive learning? People learn by doing and by experiences. High school is the real transition from being a child to becoming an active member in society. Many of us don’t know what we want to do because we don’t know what’s out there. There are so many aspects to education, not just book work. It’s important to test the knowledge on paper, but also in real life. When you’re faced with a tough decision in life, there aren’t multiple choice answers to choose from to find a solution. All the scantrons and essays in the world aren’t going to help you when you’re out in the real world. Tests and essays are an important part of maturing and learning, but not the only part. Students need the chance to branch out and experience all the other benefits of education that schools can offer. Language classes need to take field trips to the more diverse parts of Illinois and experience culture. Science classes need to get out of the classrooms and try some experiments in the fresh air or with natural resources. Literature classes need to see plays and have book chats with authors. This generation has enough time to be secluded on its own with all of this new technology. Schools need to be the place where we can really explore what we want from life and how we can achieve it. Despite the importance of book work and essays, getting out there and experiencing

# Poet Meets with English Classes

Poet Avery Young celebrated Black History Month with The GSA and English classes at Argo. On Monday 2/23 he shared some poetry writing techniques then gave students the time to write their own. On Friday, 2/27 he shared more poetry and heard some students’ poems. He was lively, energetic, and informative. We hope to see Mr. Young again.



the real world is a huge part of maturing and figuring out what the world has to offer, and more importantly, what students can offer the world. Make kids excited about coming to school and our minds will open up so much more.

# Prom on a Budget

*by: Rukkia Liaqat*

Prom is around the corner! Are you going crazy looking for the perfect dress? Do you want to end this year with a bang and look like Blake Lively on the Red Carpet while doing it? If your answer is yes, then Rent the Runway is the perfect website for you! It offers designer dresses, jewelry, and purses for 4 to 8 day rentals. You’ll have a choice from Calvin Klein dresses to Rebecca Minkoff handbags. A prom dress is a once in a life time purchase and spending \$300 to \$600 for a dress that will likely just sit in your closet after prom is ridiculous! Prices on this website range from \$30 to \$800 depending on type and designer. When you have decided what dress you want to rent, they will send you two different sizes of the same dress for the price of one to make sure you have the right size. If the dress does not fit, you are guaranteed a full refund if returned within 24 hours of receiving it. **Do some research** and determine if this low price option is for you.



# Narcissist’s Guide to Social Media

by: *Madison Krzos*

Are you living in the Stone Age and have no presence on social media but would like to start? You’re in luck because I have created a Guide to Social Media! First things first, what social media platform are you interested in? Here’s a brief rundown of each platform:

**Facebook-** Your mom is probably on this, well either your mom or that guy in your English class who acts like a 11 year old. That 11 year old high schooler might post something like this:

“Anybody wanna play me in COD? I’ll pwn you noobz”

**Twitter-** Where 16 year olds go to complain... probably about their parents or about homework. I don’t know why, but high school students think they’re not supposed to get homework for some reason. Here’s a sample tweet of what you might see on Twitter about homework (probably from an honors kid): “so sick of this mastering chem, like why is it even a thing”

(It’s funny because your homework would be done if you got off Twitter and actually did it.)

**Tumblr-** Do you think your opinion is the right one? Are you a raging feminist ready to dominate all of the male population? Tumblr is perfect for you. Tumblr is a blogging platform filled which a bunch of people who think they’re right all the time. If you have a Tumblr you’re probably out in the world saying something like:

“Tumblr is life” or “I’m trying to fall asleep but I can’t get off Tumblr”

If you’re the person out there saying those exact words, you should know having a Tumblr doesn’t make you cool so don’t act like it does.

**Snapchat-** Not really a social media platform, but you can post pictures on your story for all your friends to see. Here’s the problem with that: people will post pictures to make it seem like they’re cool. Don’t post pictures of alcohol or anything like that because nobody really cares. In reality you are the opposite of cool; you’re hot and not in the good way.

**Instagram-** Want to post pictures of yourself or your food? I’m not really sure the relevance of Instagram. I mean, I have one but I have yet to post any pictures. I think it’s because there are too many filters to choose from.

In all seriousness, what you post on social media can affect your future. Colleges look at your profiles and potential employers do also. 43% of employers decided not to hire someone after looking at their social media profiles. 12% of college admissions officers decided not to admit after looking at social media profiles. Don’t be dumb and post stupid things that could hurt your perfectly planned out future because then you would have to go back to the drawing board, and we all know if you have a heavy presence on social media you probably don’t have any sense of reality.

*Narcissist’s Guide cont.*  
What social media platforms do I recommend? None. Social media is filled with narcissistic teenagers who complain about things that they shouldn’t and post things just to seem cool. Save yourself while you can.

# Everyone’s Irish on St. Paddy’s Day, so celebrate!

by: *Geraldine Dagher & Rukkia Liaqat*

If you are looking for a fun way to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day you should definitely check out the St. Patrick’s Day Parade/ River Dyeing Ceremony. The Downtown Parade/Ceremony is being held on March 14, 2015 (Columbus from Balbo to Monroe Chicago, IL 60605). The theme for this year’s parade is “Hometown Heroes” and the best part is that it’s free! Want to know more about the parade? Visit [www.chicagostpatsparade.com](http://www.chicagostpatsparade.com). There’s also the South Side Parade on Sunday, March 15th which starts at 103rd and proceeds down Western Avenue to 115th Street. More information can be found at [www.southsideirishparade.org](http://www.southsideirishparade.org). Go and enjoy the marching bands, dance troupes, gymnasts and many more. Be a part of this celebration!

Another thing to do is take advantage of the day to educate yourself, or at least figure out why St Patrick’s Day is called St Patrick’s Day. Why is green associated with St. Patrick’s Day when he wore blue? What is St. Patrick’s real name? The color green associated with St Patrick’s day originates from the Irish belief that wearing green made a person invisible to leprechauns, fairy creatures who pinched anyone they could see, which was anyone not wearing green. It’s always more fun to celebrate St Patrick’s Day when you know a little more about it.

You can simply sear some green! Go all out with green from head to toe or be subtle with a green ribbon, or tie. Whatever it is you decide to do, make sure it’s something that brings out the fun out of this holiday.

You can also celebrate St. Patrick’s day by enjoying one of Rukkia’s Recipies. Below are some green drinks to share with friends on this holiday:

## St. Paddy’s Day Green Juice:

A green juice that will rock your taste buds while getting your body the leafy greens it needs to stay healthy. Just mix these ingredients in a blender or juicer:

- 1-2 cups of Water (or pure orange juice)
- 1Handful of Spinach (or any other leafy green alternative)
- 1 Kiwi
- 1 Red Apple
- ½ a lemon

## Shamrock Shake:

Create a McDonald’s Shamrock Shake in your own kitchen in a matter of a few minutes. At McDonald’s you can only get Shamrock Shakes in March however if you’re a really big fan of them you can make them all year

round. Begin by putting your ingredients in a blender:

- 1¼ cups of Milk
- 2 cups of Vanilla Ice Cream
- ¼ tsp of Peppermint Extract
- A few drops of Green Food coloring

Once it is all blending you can put it in a fancy cup with some whipped cream and a cherry on top. Enjoy!

## St. Patrick- tini:

Ever wanted to drink a martini but you were just too young? Why not try a mock-tini, or a St. Patrick-tini? First begin by putting your ingredients into a heatproof bowl/pot:

- 1 cup of boiling water
- 1 packet of green jell-o
- ½ packet of unflavored gelatin
- 2-3 scoops of vanilla ice cream

Once the mock-tini is done you can put it into your martini glass and put it in the refrigerator for a couple of hours. Once the jello-o has become firm you can enjoy!

# Muslim Lives Matter

by: *Rachel Burke*

Feb. 12, 2015, three Muslim students at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill were shot and killed. The murderer, Craig Stephan Hicks, who had previously harassed the family for thier appearance, was charged with three accounts of murder. Police said it was because of a dispute over a parking space, but miht consider it a hate crime. The students were a newlywed couple and the woman’s sister. They volunteered on campus frequently and were very happy.

Mainstream media hasn’t been very active in relaying this information. Is this because many Americans associate the word “terrorists” with Muslims? That’s not right. Had the situation been reversed and a Muslim killed three white students, it would have been widely reported. Words similar to terrorism would have been thrown around. However, when innocent Muslims are murdered, very few people talk about it.

Hate crimes like the Chapel Hill shootings are rarely talked about for two reasons. One reason is people have become indifferent to racist crimes and stereotypes and nobody bats an eye at horrendous events like this one. Eric Garner’s murder, although not a Muslim hate crime, was still a hate crime and many people had no opinion on the matter. Like with Treyvon Martin and Mike Brown, hate crimes are just a thing that happens in this society. The other reason is that nobody wants to admit that their judgments are wrong. After 9/11 prejudice against Muslims has skyrocketed. Why won’t people own up to the fact that no race is perfect and we’re all equal.

All lives matter, but it’s not white Americans who are losing their lives to hatred. It’s time the public is educated on these awful events. Without confrontating the issues we can never take the proper steps to overcome injustice. Stop the hate crimes, stop the stereotype that all Muslims are terrorists, and stop assuming racial superiority. Muslim lives matter, and it’s time this country realizes that.



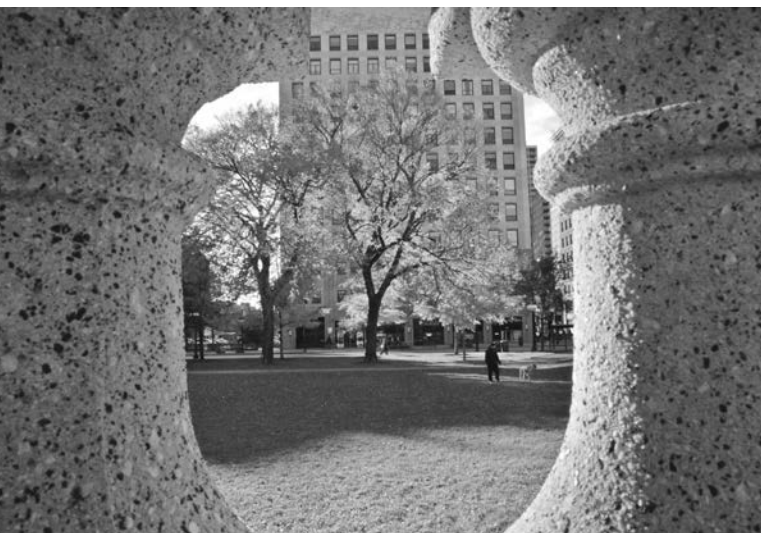
# Student Life

## Creative Corner

**There's ONE MORE ISSUE LEFT for you to showcase your talents in drawing, painting, photography, and poetry. Submissions for the final issue of the year are due to Mrs. Brown in room 246 or at mbrown@argohs.net**



above: Artwork by Anthony DiGerlando



above: 2 photographs by Chris Fudala

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## Numbers

By: Sophie Roth

I am more than just some number;  
I am more than just some rank.  
Society would lead me to believe otherwise,  
But how can a number define you?  
So what if I am ranked high in my class?  
If I were more or less, would my worth change?  
We've been raised to see only numbers  
As if they alone determine our self-worth.  
Grades, GPA, tests...  
Each of these return a number,  
Which society uses to view your worth.  
Ninety to one hundred? Great!  
Eighty to ninety? Eh.  
Seventy to eighty? Work harder!  
Get below that, and you're condemned;  
But shouldn't it be more important  
That you learn rather than push for a number?  
My GPA is above a four,  
And I got a twenty-eight on my ACT.  
Those numbers say that I am superior,  
But why?  
Someone with lower numbers may surpass me;  
Numbers can not see a situation,  
So what about talent or ambition?  
Society would destroy this over numbers.  
Numbers are for math,  
A set constant in equations  
To unravel life's greatest mysteries;  
Numbers are not meant to define.  
A number shows no emotion, no sentence,  
And yet, they are regarded above all.  
Great personality, low numbers? Failure!  
Terrible personality, high numbers? Success!  
It is a fundamentally terrible thing,  
Having your life told in numbers.  
People should be seen as people, not scores.  
And while my numbers may be good,  
I can see those that have been condemned,  
Those who will be written off  
Despite everything they have to offer.  
How is this fair?  
How is it everyone becomes a statistic?  
Can't we just be people?  
I refuse to simply be a number,  
My worth can't be decided in math.  
Personality, morals, sacrifice...  
That is who I am.  
I am not my twenty-eight,  
Or my ranking,  
Or my grade point average.  
I am a person;  
Not some fabricated number.

## Spring Style Watch

by: Kim De La Torre

If you're starting to think spring wardrobe-wise but need some inspiration, look no further. Here are some of the hottest trends off the runway for Spring 2015.

**Hair:**



1. Braids 2. Bombshell Blowout 3. The Wet Look 4. Boho Waves

**Clothes:**



1. Culottes 2. Shirt dresses 3. Military greens 4. One shoulder cuts



The color White (head to toe): ignore the "don't wear white after Labor Day" rule. It's not about when, but about how you wear it!

**Shoes:** Gladiator, Western, and Weave accents in all styles. Flats are big, futuristic styles too!



## We've Got Spirit, How 'Bout You?

One of our articles in this issue deals with the topic of school spirit. How do you think Argo is doing in this category? We've already heard from teachers, now we've heard from you. The Maroon Staff asked fellow Argonauts two questions: 1. How can Argo improve school spirit 2. What is the best school spirit moment you can remember here at Argo? Here's what they had to say:



**Dominika Dembicka**

1. Argo can improve its school spirit by letting students have a little more freedom.
2. The best "school spirit" moments I can remember are the sports assemblies we have.



**Emily Roche**

1. Better Argo wear at less expensive prices.
2. I walked with the speech team across that gym in the last pep assembly. We had a lot of fun!



**Karen Garcia**

1. Argo can have more pep assemblies because they bring everybody together and creates an atmosphere that just pumps you up.
2. I think the pep assembly we had before Homecoming last year turned out very well. People were looking forward to Homecoming and all the activities that came with it. It was also around the time that the football team was getting ready for their big Homecoming game and everybody was excited about it.

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# “Do You Own A Zebra?” One Student’s reflections on coming to Argo from Africa

by: *Geraldine Dagher ‘17*

“Do you own a zebra?” “Do you live in houses?” “Do you have smartphones back home?” “Do you ride elephants to school?” “I think it’s really cool that you speak English!” No, I don’t have a zebra and have never even seen a real one before, but I have seen and touched a harmless crocodile at a reserve - they don’t go around walking on the streets; neither do lions, snakes, or elephants. When I first came to Argo from Ghana, West Africa, these were questions I was asked on more than a few occasions.

We love our phones and our technology like any other teenagers, especially considering the fact that majority of the teenagers are sent to boarding school (living on school campus during the semester) for high school. It’s not a punishment or military school. It’s more our parents’ way of trying to make us more responsible, trusting that we can

take care of ourselves under the supervision of our teachers. It is lots of fun because you get to spend so much time with your friends and they become like family; even when you come home during summer break, you miss them. Despite all the fun, there is a lot of academic work that had to be strictly followed and there were consequences for failing classes, like staying in school longer than you should when your friends went home for break.

Detentions would never work in my school and would be everybody’s excuse to get out of boarding school chores. We had a disciplinary committee in my school and they take up your case and reprimand you accordingly. Ninety nine percent of public and private school students wear uniforms, there was a certain way you had to keep your hair, no makeup is allowed, and some schools, like mine, even told us which kind of earrings we could wear. The educational system demands hard work and discipline comes first. We didn’t even have access to much technology in school, like a laptop cart for almost every class, because Ghana is still a growing country and the economy cannot afford such a luxury. Most of the population in Ghana doesn’t have much, but they are a happy and lively people, and growing up around such people teaches you to appreciate even the simple things in life. Air conditioners are not in every class, maybe just the computer labs and school offices. We didn’t need heat because we had only one kind of climate - a very hot

one - with Ghana being in the tropics with mountains and seas making it a very beautiful place and a top African tourist attraction. We didn’t need three layers of clothes either!

Africans do not talk in clicking sounds, at least not all of them do. Our language is called “Xhosa” and is spoken by people from Southern Africa with different variations; no two languages are the same. In Ghana, we are taught English in school since it was a British colony until only 58 years ago. However, the people in Ghana are divided into ten regions (states) which have tribes of people with their own special African local dialect. Although we do have a democratic government and a president, we still have chiefs amongst our tribes to preserve our culture, like how the British still have a royal family. Most of the time, you know a person’s tribe from their tribe name before you even hear them speak their dialect. Ghanaians over the years have gone through great lengths to ensure that the country’s culture does not fade away, and most Ghanaian historians fear my generation is going to change that because of our interest the Western world and the things it has to offer, but it makes us able to adapt anywhere we go.

Argo has been a great change. Even though I have only been here for a semester and a half, I have been able to feel like a part of the school with great teachers, the nice students, and the great resources Argo has provided to every student.

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## Best of Netflix

by: *Estrella Salgado '17*

No doubt that many of us will turn to our good friend Netflix over spring break. Here's a list of recommendations!

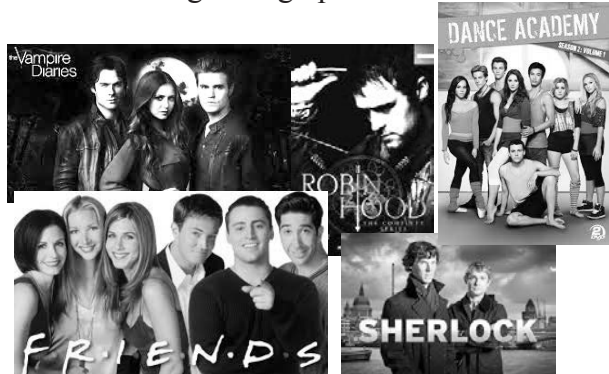
### Movies:

- *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*: I honestly think that the movie was even better than the book!
- *Ida*: Those who don't speak Polish can turn on the subtitles to watch this intriguing, Oscar-winning movie.
- *Clueless*: Enjoy laughing at the outfits, then notice how little high school dramas have changed.
- *Footloose*: You can watch *High School Musical* . . . or you can watch this movie about a teen who moves to a small town where dancing is illegal.
- *Forrest Gump*: Life is like a box of chocolates, and this movie is a definite treat.
- *Stardust*: Neil Gaiman's fantasy novel comes to life in this movie.
- *The Host*: Fear not, this Stephenie Meyer movie has no vampires. Instead, it's set in a dystopian world and has an interesting female lead.
- *Annie*: Did you love Argo's *Annie* musical last year? Then watch this heartwarming film.
- *Blackfish*: This raw documentary will make you want to boycott SeaWorld forever.
- *Instructions Not Included*: Eugenio Derbez is laugh-out-loud funny in this movie about love and family.
- *Breakfast at Tiffany's*: Audrey Hepburn is unforgettable in her 1961 role as fortune hunter Holly Golightly.



### Shows:

- *Friends*: How you doin'? All 10 seasons of the beloved series are available for streaming.
- *Sherlock*: Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman do an amazing job in this reboot of the classic mystery novels.
- *The Vampire Diaries*: Delena or Stelena? Choose your side by watching all 5 seasons of the hit paranormal romance.
- *Robin Hood*: This BBC show puts an exciting twist on the original thief with a heart of gold.
- *Dance Academy*: An Australian show about teens pirouetting their way through the ups and downs of growing up.



## Movie Review: *Kingsman: The Secret Service*

by: *Andrew Ochwat*

At the start of the film, I thought I knew what it was going to be. Not just plot-wise, but the entire thing in general. I imagined an early Bond-type of movie, full of British accents, sarcastic humor, madcap violence, and unbelievable defiance of physics. And as a helicopter whooshed across the screen, firing missiles at an Arabian castle, and as rubble from the explosions bounced across the screen to create the opening titles, all to the sound of Dire Straights' "Money for Nothing," I smiled; I knew I was right.

Not to say that this is all that the film is. Director Matthew Vaughn, of *X-Men: First Class*, has already proved himself to be a master of weaving emotion into his restless storytelling. While it may not be as powerful as *First Class* emotionally, it's even more fun.

Shortly after the explosions that make up the film's opening, we meet Eggsy as a young child. His father was an esteemed member of a secret organization. Whataya know, as a troubled teenager, Eggsy runs into a spot of bother (the British must have rubbed off on me), and calls for help. One thing leads to another, and Eggsy begins training as a member of the organization with help from a man who met him as a boy, Galahad (Colin Firth). While Galahad's new-found protege works to be a "Kingsman," Galahad follows the suspicious character, Mr. Valentine (Samuel L. Jackson), who has given a new SIM-card to every member of the human race. The story evolves from there, with Valentine as the Villain, and Eggsy as the Hero, but how it ends isn't important, it's how it's told.

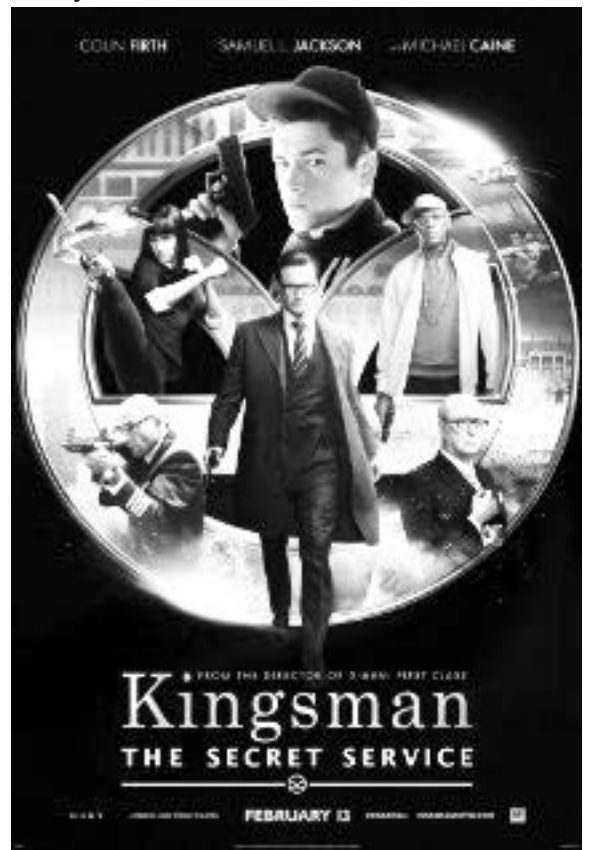
Vaughn references the Bond movie franchise directly during a seemingly pleasant conversation between Valentine and Gallahad, in which Gallahad laments that, "Nowadays, they're all a little serious for my taste. But the old ones... marvelous. Give me a far-fetched theatrical plot any day." This seems to be the vibe of the film: what if Bond movies never got serious? What if they stayed over-the-top and comical? Chances are they would look a lot like this one.

Though it's extremely violent, it isn't taken seriously and therefore isn't disturbing. One of the best scenes in the movie involves a five-minute-long single-shot fighting sequence to "Free Bird." I won't go into details because you'll know it when you see its joyously silly and fun nature.

And while the film is silly and really fun, it knows how to be serious. Plot twists are handled seriously and thoughtfully, the tiniest characters' deaths can be mourned, and even as Valentine's evil plan becomes more and more ridiculous, we can actually understand the sense behind it. And the themes of it – besides obvious criticisms of social media and hurting the environment – are rather unique for an action movie. An emphasis on character

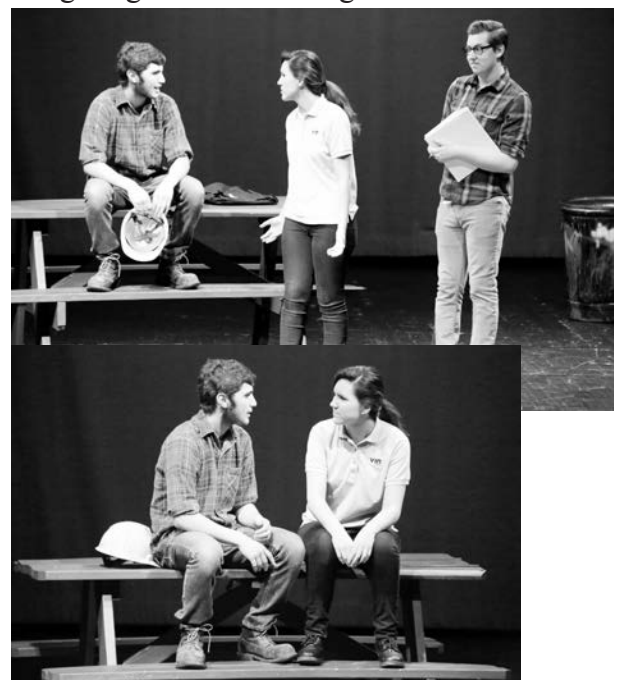
morality is placed throughout, especially the second act, making the characters more likeable as we get to know them.

Aside from being a little overlong, especially in the ending, and having a frustrating over-reliance on countdowns as a plot device, *Kingsman: The Secret Service* is a ridiculously entertaining thrill-ride. Expect to be moved beyond the action and your popcorn and soda. I can only hope that there are more of these movies, because it would make one doozy of a franchise.



## Winter Contest Play: *Tough*

The 36 minute play, *Tough*, is a brief look into the lives of its characters. Traditionally, the winter play is short because this is the play Argo's theater program enters into state competition. *Tough* is about a teenage girl who gets pregnant and the father no longer loves her. Our reviewer, Madison Kroz, thought the acting was great. The lead, Tina, was played by Abigail Pinon, and she sold the role well. Brandon Pease was the comic relief playing Tina's best friend, Jill. Ishaq Atik played Bobby, the guy who got Tina pregnant. The play is left open-ended, leaving the audience not only wanting more, but giving them something to think about.





## Boys' Track

*by: Geraldine Dagher*

The Boys track team has started off on a good note, doing very well in their meets so far. The biggest highlights of the season were finishing first in events at large invitational meets, and seniors Ramazan Xheka and Juan Castillo finishing 1st and 2nd in the 1600 M run at the Bloom Invitational.

While the team prepares for their big meets for the season: 3/14 Argo Indoor Invitational, 3/19 Indoor 6 Team Mini Invitational, and 4/11 Phil Svetich Boys Invitational, they've set targets for the season as well. Mr. Ball, Boys Head Coach stated, "Our goals for every season are to improve each member of the team in their events. The plan is to be the most competitive and successful track team that we can be this year. That includes finishing as high in the conference as possible, finishing as high in the sectional as possible, and qualifying as many athletes for the state meet as possible."

Like any good team, the Boys Track team pushes itself to bring out the best and raise the bar in the name of Argo. The team is well known as a strong team that competes at the very top of invitational and conference meets.

Coach Ball continued to say, "Track is an interesting sport because all levels (varsity and fresh/soph) practice together. This gives the older members of the team a chance to help improve the younger members and give them an example of what successful and hard-working track athletes look like." This season, expect the boys track team to come out strong in conference and improve athletic ability of all the athletes in the program.

## Swinging Into a New Season

*by: Rachel Burke*

Argo's baseball season just started and the teams are still getting used to the new players and trying to feel things out. Coach Strelow said, "I think that there is some potential with our pitching staff. We have some solid arms." There still needs to be some offensive improvements, but it is very early in the season. The teams are anticipating nice weather coming up, but they are also just excited to participate in conference and see how well they play together. Argo students should know that the baseball team has a lot of hard working and dedicated students who are passionate about what they play. If there is anyone hoping to try out next year, here's some advice: play baseball and practice whenever you possibly can, because if you're really in it to win it, you should always try to get better and better. It's never too late to go after what you're passionate about.

## Boys' Water Polo

*by: Kim De La Torre*

Head Coach, Mr. Garcia, hopes for a good season this year. The majority of his main varsity players will be graduating this year so the guys need to make this the best season yet. Some things the boys will primarily focus on is having a strong offence and defense as well as conditioning. This is crucial in order to have a good team and win. Coach Garcia's goal is to have a winning streak this season. Their first game will be on Saturday March 14th against St. Charles East High School. This will be their first time going against them; let's hope they win.

## Boys' Swimming Wrap up

*by: Kim De La Torre*

The boys swim team had a good season. Top finishers in Varsity Diving Sectionals were Manny Prouty winning second place, and Michael Smoter winning eighth place. On JV Divning, Danny Kadlac. got fourth place and Vinny Arias got second place. Top JV finishers for swimming were Chris Mock in the 200 free and 100 back; Jacob Oeieseilski in the 200 medley relay and second place in 100 back; Eddy McGee in 200 medley relay, second place in 200 IM, and first in 100 breast stroke; Danny McGee in 200 medley relay; finally Jerry Nino got third in 500 free. Top Varsity finishers were Andrew Sutkus winning third in 200 free and Jimmy Dimer winning third in 200IM. The last 400 relay of the season got third place at sectionals and were swam by Nizzario Mojica, Luke Oeieseilski, Roberto Dunaway, and Andrew Sutkus. Good job boys!

## Girls' Water Polo

*by: Kim De La Torre*

Coach Lukovic looks forward to his first season at the helm; he hopes the team will gain "a sense of teamwork and taking pride in the effort you give regardless of the outcome." His goals for the season are to improve and have as much fun as possible. Coach Lukovic says, "Practices are going good, but it never feels like it's long enough." The game he most looks forward to this season is Morton High School because, "I went there so any time I play against them I get a little more excited." Currently there are eighteen girls on the team and captains are seniors Desirey Gonzalez and Sophie Roth. The girls suffered a tough loss in their first game of the season losing 8-20. With only a week's worth of practice the girls need to work on running the plays, setting up on defense and offense properly, and speed. Shots were made by Angel Vega, Candace Grossman, and Desirey Gonzales; great plays were also made by Angel Vega.

## Girls' Track

*by: Geraldine Dagher*

The Girls Track Team started strong this season, placing second in their first meet of the season. They are making big preparations for their second eleven-team meet.

The girls track head coach, Ms. Manzke, has lofty plans and goals for the season. She hopes that the team places in the top three in conference, to see the seniors continue to run in college, to improve all the girls' time, and to break records on the running board. With such young team there is also great potential for the future. However, the coach stressed that it not as easy as it sounds. "Running is a sport where you need a lot of dedication," said Coach Manzke, "nowadays girls are involved in many activities other than sports, so it is very hard to get the girls here six days a week from 3pm to 6pm, and on meet days all the way till 10pm. It's just hard with school, honors, and jobs especially in today's world. It is very hard to get dedicated people."

All work and no play makes a very dull team, so the coach and girls make an effort to reward themselves as a team outside of school. They have occasional outings from a weekend pizza or smoothie party to going to watch a UIC football game together as a team. "This year, we are lucky to have a team that is a lot closer. The girls are really good at track meets and they cheer each other on, they really want to see everybody on the team to do well," Said Coach Manzke.

## Boys' Volleyball

*by: Rukkia Liaqat*

Volleyball coaches Josh Scaletta (head varsity), Coach Adam Tinken (head sophomore), and Coach Rich Jercich (assistant coach) have seen a ton of talent and are really pumped for the season. This will be Coach Scaletta's first year running his own program and he is really looking forward to watching the athletes develop over the season. This season will be intense because the boys have great potential and are committed to making this year a great one. Varsity boys' volleyball will be competing for a conference championship and the sophomore team will definitely be playing at an extremely high level. In order for the boys to get the most out of their season they need your support, so come out to the first game against Eisenhower on Monday, March 23. The sophomore game will begin at 4:30pm and varsity will play at 5:30pm. Coach Scaletta also has a message for the team: "With hard work each and every practice, we truly have a great opportunity to do something special this season." And to anyone considering trying out next year, "Get involved! With the sport of men's volleyball rapidly growing, it is important to get involved whether that is playing recreationally or joining one of the several club teams."