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## New Julian-Brooks wrestling team victorious in first meet 54-41

By TJ Trotta

The combined Brooks-Julian wrestling team won their first dual meet 54-41 on Jan. 11. The team, consisting of 10 Julian students and 28 Brooks students, is a new program offered in District 97. Mr. Harvey is the Julian coach. I spoke with Michael Colucci, who came up with the idea of the team last year, and answered some questions about the team and their early success.

**Q:How many people participated in the wrestling team?** Currently we have 38 students total between Julian and Brooks. Julian accounts for 10 of those wrestlers- there is still one week left to join by Friday the 20th! 19 wrestlers were starters and of those we had Walt O'keefe, Frank Skoglund, Landon Cohen, Norlan Davis, Victor Baez, Corey Anderson, Jonathan Nunez and Kayla George all got pins or won! The final score was 54-41, with Oak Park winning by 13 team points

**Q:What was the most interesting part of the experience?** Watching the wrestlers overcome their fears! Those without match experience got out there and wrestled hard. They showed courage and took risks to pull off the win for the team. It was great to see them come together as a team to celebrate.

**Q:What does this mean going forward?** Well, Irving was the two time reigning champion of the conference the past two years. This means we have already defeated the conference title holder, so things look good for our future successes as a team.

**Q:Are you facing any challenges, if so explain?** We do still need wrestlers for our low and high weight classes. We had a uniform run-in, but did a rush order and that will be fixed next week. Having enough time and space for practice has been challenging.

**Q:How can your team grow from this?** I think a win at the start of

the season for a new start is a great way to build confidence. Even if we lost, we still would have gotten confidence from having match experience. However, we got both so our team is growing and confident in the work they have put in. It will make them want to challenge themselves more and develop as wrestlers, but also well rounded and humble individuals.

**Q:Can you list specifically the students and staff from Julian?** Mr. Harvey is the Julian coach. Wrestlers include Walt O'Keefe/ Sam Koransky/ Landon Cohen/ Oskar Wallich/ Barrett Beckwith/ Gabe Ibrahim/ Zane Sufi/ Johann Lubinus/ Frank Skoglund

**Q:How did you get the idea to start the club?** I have wrestled my entire life basically, since middle school. I started coaching after I graduated college with Little Huskies Wrestling Club and Beat the Streets Chicago. I noticed that many of the students who could benefit from wrestling could not make



the clubs practice at night. I figured this could be fixed by offering a wrestling program after school so that students were present and could come straight to practice. We also did not have a sport that was not cut for the winter meaning everyone who joins and sticks to it is on the wrestling team.

MOVIE REVIEW:  
VIOLENT NIGHT

By Anna Forshtay



The movie "Violent Night" came out on December 2. When I went to watch this movie with my family shortly after it came out, I was thrilled to see it. This movie is 1 hour and 52 minutes long and stars the actor David Harbour as the one and only Santa Claus, known to be in the Netflix show, *Stranger Things*. If you don't like horror films or don't want your Christmas to be ruined, I don't recommend it unless you can recover and be completely fine, but for those who do, I say go ahead and watch it because you will be satisfied.

This movie is based on the wealthy family, the Lightstones. As it was Christmas Eve, they all came together at the Lightstone Estate. Everything was going smoothly, until Scrooge and his soldiers decided to come and take over. Since they are wealthy and made of lots of money, Scrooge was headed for their vault, filled with much wealth, but he couldn't just leave them there. As the entire family was afraid and trying to go out into hiding, his soldiers were out to kill the family. The Lightstone daughter, Trudy, was a very smart girl. As her excitement for Santa's visit was keeping her calm, she knew what to do to stay alive. Now, when we start moving into the middle of the movie, this is when Santa saves the day, but not in a way that's innocent. He, he, he...

## Apostol's advisory entrepreneurs combine efforts to raise funds

By TJ Trotta

On December 16th, Julian hosted the Maker's Fair in the Commons. It was an event created in order to create a space for students to share their creations, work as a team, and make some money.

Some students sold cookies, crafts and artwork. One of the most successful projects was produced by the 8th grade Advisory class of Mr. Apostol.

Mr. Apostol's class sold 14 partner hook ring games for \$15. Thus they raised \$210 from the creation. The games were handmade by students based on the direction of Mr. Apostol.

The early success was not without its share of challenges. Everyone had to find their way to contribute. "Not everyone has the same talents to build," said Mr. Apostol. "A lot of steps are involved that people don't necessarily see".

Mr. Apostol did not just do this for the money. He wanted to teach his advisory a lesson. Mr. Apostol said he wanted "students learn to achieve and get what they want through their own independent work, by working as a team"

The money raised will be used to buy a popcorn machine in Mr. Apostol's room - a decision made by the students in the class.





# Teacher Feature: get to know some of your new staff here at Julian

By TJ Trotta  
Staff Writer

**Ms. Kerr**

**Mr. Dagli**

**Ms. Blum**



Where did you work before Julian?

I worked as a Spanish Teacher at Roselle Middle School in Roselle, Illinois.

I taught at schools in Brookfield, Melrose Park, and Northbrook, Illinois.

I taught for 11 years on the Southside of Chicago, mostly high school.

What is the purpose of school?

The purpose of school is to provide a safe space for students to learn about themselves and the world.

The purpose of school, and education in general, is to socialize young people so that they can get along in modern society. It's also a way for students to practice the intellectual habits that will lead to success later in life

A big question. I believe the purpose of school is for students to learn how to problem solve, be creative, be challenged, and make mistakes. School is also for students to gain social and emotional skills. School is a place for students to experience the beauty of diversity and learn how to get along with other people. School is an opportunity to grow, change, and hopefully become prepared for the future.

How important is homework in your opinion?

Homework helps teachers, students, and families see where students are in their learning and support students that may need additional help.

Homework can be a great way to increase learning for students who have the ability to get help with it at home (or take the opportunity to get extra help at school, like the amazing Calculation Corner). For students who don't have that help (or don't take the opportunity to get extra help), it's often very frustrating.

I do not think homework is very important. But, I do think students should be reading, writing, and being creative in their free time.

What is your favorite sport?

My favorite sport is soccer. I liked watching the US Women's National Team and the Chicago Red Stars.

My favorite sport is basketball. I was in elementary school during the two Jordan three-peats, and that special time created a fondness in me for the sport. I am also 6'8" and have not an ounce of athletic ability, but being super tall gives me an advantage at basketball that others don't have. These days I only watch basketball and don't play it.

I am not really into sports. (sorry) I like yoga and dancing

What would your dream home be like?

There would be natural light, a large kitchen, plants in every room, and a garden.

My dream home would be very cozy. It would be centrally located so that I could walk to places, but it would also have to be quiet.

My dream home is my house in Oak Park, that my family and I moved into 2 years ago.

Does technology make us more alone?

I believe technology can make people more alone. However, it can be helpful in connecting people with each other and world events.

Technology builds community in the sense that people who would never meet in real life can bond over shared interests over the internet. On the other hand, human beings are creatures that evolved to communicate face-to-face. If you spend all your time on screens, you are in a sort of closed loop where you don't encounter the kind of new ideas or experiences that you get from being physically present.

I think technology, like all things, requires balance. Too much time spent on a screen is not healthy.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Holiday Gift Basket Program is a big success for Julian advisory classes

By Jack Carroll

This winter Julian again participated in the Holiday Food and Gift Basket program. Together we supported 24 families who may not be able to afford gifts this year. The Holiday Food and Gift Basket (HFGB) program is a program that gets gifts to families who may not be able to get gifts and food this holiday season. Local individuals and families are referred for the program by social workers, social service agencies, schools and churches. Thank you to the advisories and staff who contributed this year:

Principal Christian, Assistant Principal Carr, Assistant Principal Thomas, Assistant Principal Lee

Plus the following teacher advisories: Apostol, Baldassarre, Blum, Cataldo, Chu, Colucci, Cordero, Fleming, Flynn & Williams, Gunnell, Kadlec, Kanwischer, Kiefer, Miller, Morrell, O'Keefe, Santos, Seymour, Villa, Welchko, Williams.

And a special thank you to Ms. Trathan for helping organize this event. See photos below.



# MLB SIGNINGS, TRADES SPORTS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Sydney Kadlec

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(continued) pitching prospect Adam Macko. Hernandez is coming off a year where he hit .267 with 25 homers. In 2021 in Toronto, Hernandez hit .296 with 32 homers and 116 RBIs. Erik Swanson had a year that was so good, he had a below-2 ERA. The Arizona Diamondbacks then got top prospect Gabriel Moreno and OF Lourdes Gurriel Jr. for OF/C Daulton Varsho. The Blue Jays needed a lefty like Varsho who also led all outfielders in runs saved last year. The Diamondbacks get Gabriel Moreno who has an electric arm and can hit for a crazy batting average. Gurriel is a veteran who will bring RBIs and batting average to the club. Also, he has an arm.

## 8. Rangers improve pitching

Jacob deGrom and Nathan Eovaldi are moving to Texas. Both arrived on mega contracts, showing that the Rangers are taking an all-or-nothing approach. DeGrom signed for \$185 million for 5 years. They also retained Martin Perez for a year just under \$20 million. Eovaldi will be in Texas for 2 years worth \$34 million. With 3 pitching stars, this team will be hard to beat this season.

## 7. Cubs restock the lineup

Former Brave, Dansby Swanson signed a huge deal with Chicago. It is a 7 year \$177 million deal. He is super durable and great at defense. He also can hit and put up a good WAR. The Chicago Cubs could make the playoffs this year and Swanson will probably help this team a lot. Mancini and Hosmer will hopefully help make up for the loss of Rizzo. Bellinger and Taillon both will help on defense and if Cody Bellinger can hit, the Cubs will start to win again. This team is still developing but they made the right moves heading into 2023.

## 6. White sox add a lefty bat

Andrew Benintendi is going to Chicago. The White Sox needed a lefty and they got one in a tight market. He's also pretty durable. Benintendi will go to LF and Eloy Jimenez with shift to DH. Benintendi got a 5 year deal for \$75 million. He's extremely underrated for his batting average (.279 over his seven MLB seasons) and he'll be one of the leading players on the Sox for the next five years.

## 5. Padres acquire another shortstop

San Diego were led by Fernando Tatis a short while until we found out he was taking performance enhancing drugs. Then CJ Abrams and Kim Ha-seong split time there until Abrams went to Washington for star player Juan Soto. So the Padres went out and signed Xander Bogaerts to add depth at SS. Kim is an elite defender, so I was surprised when they signed Bogaerts. This means Manny Machado will be at 3B, Bogaerts at

SS, Kim at 2B, and Cronenworth at 1B. This also means Tatis will be an outfielder when he returns. Was the 11 year \$280 million deal worth it for Bogaerts? It's not as good for defense, but the offense will certainly benefit.

## 4. Phillies upgrade at shortstop

If you watched the most recent World Series, you would have noticed that the Phillies were just a little short talent wise to finish on top. Now they want to win. The team, which was led by Kyle Schwarber and Bryce Harper, now has Trea Turner in the mix. They signed him on a 11 year contract worth \$300 million. Expect him to steal bases like crazy this year with the new MLB rules aimed to encourage baserunning.

## 3. Carlos Correa finally agrees to the team he started at

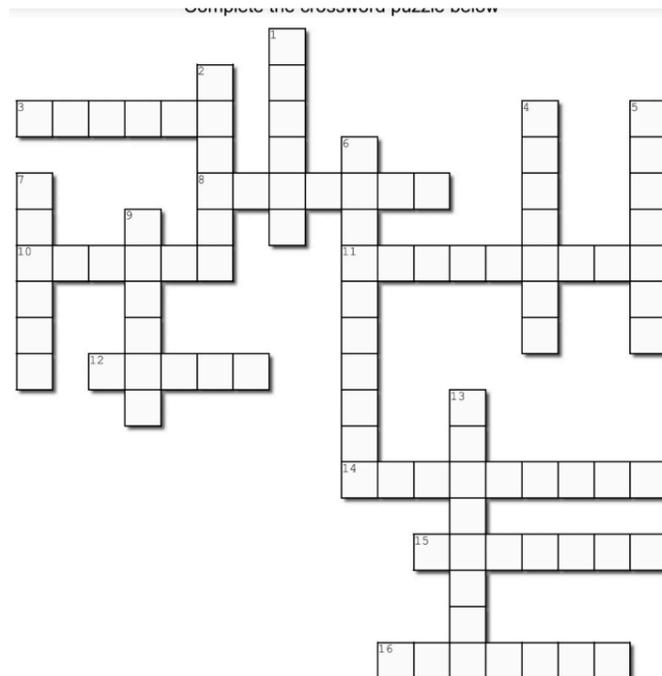
The former Astro signed with Minnesota last year and then opted out and entered the free agent pool. He's known for his elite defense at SS but can hit too. He reportedly signed a 13 year \$350 million deal with the Giants, but the Giants were worried about injuries, so then the Mets offered him a 12 year \$315 million deal. Then, they also backed up a bit because of the same reason. Correa finally agreed a 6 year \$200 million deal with Minnesota, which helped the Twins who were hunting for a shortstop.

## 2. Justin Verlander and Edwin Diaz going to the Mets

Justin Verlander, who is already 39, signed a 2 year, \$86,666,666 deal with the Mets. I would consider him gracefully aging. If you see his stats, he's actually better after the age of 30. Last year was an electric season. He had a 1.75 ERA in 2022. Expect him to be consistent. Edwin Diaz is going to strike out tons of batters next year. He was offered \$102 million for five years. The Mets pitching will probably hold its ground this year. The Mets are probably going to have a better record than the Yankees this year if things work out as planned.

## 1. Aaron Judge comes back to New York

Thirty-year-old Aaron Judge signed with the Yankees on a nine year \$360 million deal. The Giants tried to sign him, but the Yankees offered a ton of money, so Judge signed with the Yankees. I doubt Judge was going to leave this team anyways. It would be hard to imagine the Yankees letting Judge go. He's coming off a 62 homer season and was hitting .311 with a 1.111 OPS. He had 111 walks and ranked first in the league in homers, RBIs, and OPS. He would've gotten the triple crown but he ranked 5th in batting average.



## Across

3. This team has Jalen Hurts as their QB in the playoffs
8. This soccer player recently signed a mega contract with Saudi Arabia
10. David Pastrnak is on this team
11. The \_\_\_ bob cats have had the worst regular season in NBA history
12. Luis Arraez was traded for Pablo \_\_\_\_
14. Last year, Aaron Judge hit \_\_\_ homers this year (Word Form)
15. The 2005 World Series winner was from what city?
16. As of January 27, the \_\_\_ led both the leagues in wins (NBA)

## Down

1. Daulton Varsho was traded last year for Lourdes Gurriel Jr. and Gabriel \_\_\_\_
2. This team won the World Series this year
4. This team lost to the Detroit Lions in their last game of the year
5. The manager of the Celtics is (last name)
6. The Stanley Cup Winners of 2010 are the...
7. Rudy \_\_\_ recently signed with the Timberwolves (Last name)
9. The Denver Broncos recently traded a bunch of players and draft picks for a QB
13. In September 3rd, the Utah Jazz traded away \_\_\_ to Cleveland

## Two movie reviews

By Moses Espinosa

First on the list is the new movie *Avatar: Way of the Water*. This series has been waiting for another movie for ten years! It's a good movie, but very long - about 3 hours. It's worth it because this movie is action-packed and filled with cool stuff. So if you are interested in action and adventure in a fantasy world, then *Avatar* is for

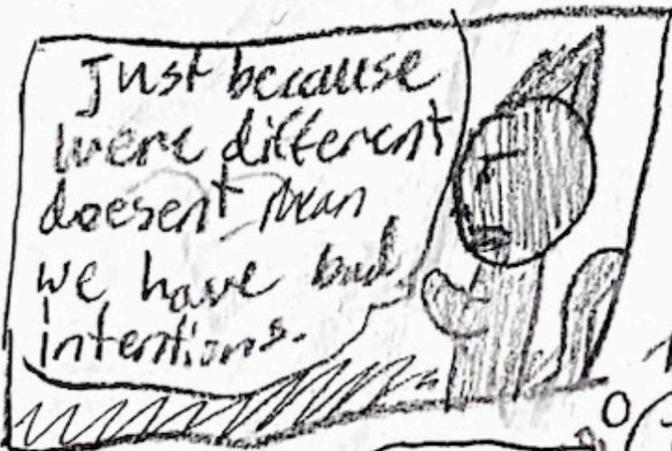
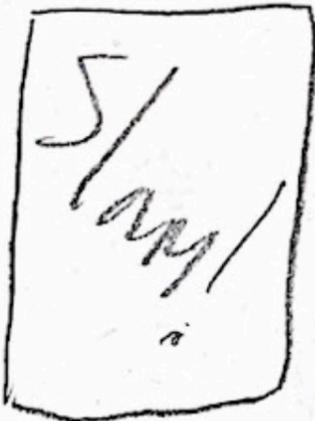
you. But before you watch this one, you should watch the first movie in the series so you can understand what's going on. Also in some theaters, you can watch it in 3D.

Now, second on our list, is a movie that is my favorite out of the two: *Puss and Boots: The Last Wish*. This one is coming from the cinematic world of *Shrek*. And the animations are great. I mean, this movie's

animation is good and you should see it, but basically, it's a fantasy movie about *Puss and Boots* only having one life left because he had nine - thus goes the saying cats have nine lives. And *Puss and Boots* is trying to get his lives back, but there are a bunch of challenges in his way. It's a great adventure movie and you should watch it now while it's still in theaters.

# The Adventures of Friday Miles the Cat

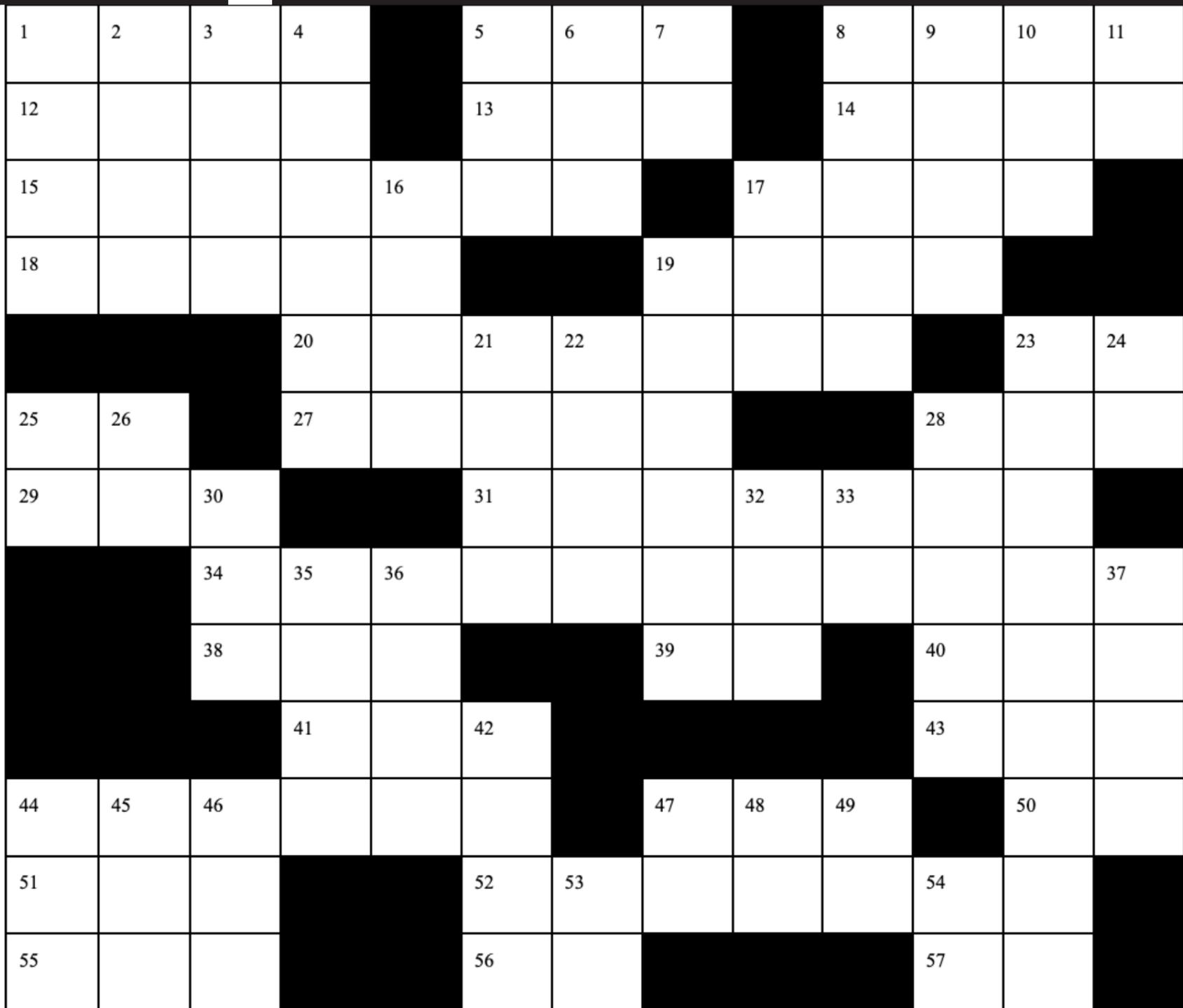
The 13th Edition



Today was a good day.

The end!

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## Across

- 1: Crystals  
 5: Japanese demon  
 8: Tool \_\_\_  
 12: \_\_\_ storm  
 13: \_\_\_ someone, Allow someone to  
 14: Type of street  
 15: Hawaiian \_\_\_  
 17: Flying animal  
 18: Social \_\_\_  
 19: \_\_\_ off, Repel  
 20: Moves slowly, usually because of injury (They are \_\_\_)  
 52: Forever  
 55: Opposite of 56 across  
 56: Yes or \_\_\_  
 57: Next to
- 23: Mo\_\_le  
 \_\_\_nded  
 Tur\_\_ne  
 25: Sound made to quiet someone  
 27: Defeated  
 28: Frying \_\_\_  
 29: \_\_\_ meal  
 31: Given to people with blurry vision  
 34: Low chance of occurring  
 38: \_\_\_ constrictor  
 39: Popular movie about an alien  
 40: \_\_\_ system, environment  
 7: Popular horror movie  
 8: \_\_\_ shot  
 9: Opposite of soft  
 10: Dead \_\_\_
- 41: Dessert pastry  
 43: \_\_\_ dines, type of fish  
 44: Buddy  
 47: Sound of ghosts  
 50: So \_\_\_  
 Fo \_\_\_  
 Go \_\_\_  
 Ho \_\_\_  
 51: \_\_\_ Weasley (Character from Harry Potter)
- 22: Roman weapon  
 23: Essentially  
 24: \_\_\_ or out  
 25: Do-re-mi-fa-\_\_\_-la-ti-do

## Down

- 1: Dark  
 2: Relaxed, at \_\_\_  
 3: Not spicy  
 4: Slow, shelled gastropods  
 5: Opposite of new  
 6: Old gaming console (abbreviation)
- 11: \_\_\_ed  
 \_\_\_stroy  
 \_\_\_ck  
 16: Finger \_\_\_  
 17: Big \_\_\_, clock tower in London  
 19: Ending of a play or movie  
 21: Wizard  
 42: Garden of \_\_\_  
 44: Burn  
 53: \_\_\_wards \_\_\_tal \_\_\_tem
- 26: Sound of laughter  
 28: "For \_\_\_ sake!"  
 30: Bath  
 32: Rest on a chair  
 33: Beginning of the name of a boat  
 35: Being rejected, being told "\_\_\_"  
 45: Fish eggs  
 46: \_\_\_ide  
 54: Chest muscle

Original Crossword Puzzle by Julian 8th grader Koren Switzer.

Submit your completed puzzle to Mr. Kadlec in room C405 for a chance at a Cuzzo's gift card.

