

Canandaigua Middle School Newspaper

## Technology In Our Lives

By Julia Potter

Technology plays a big role in our daily lives. We use it as a source of entertainment, learning, communication, and for many other things. Three commonly used electronics are phones, computers, and televisions.

Did you know that 77% of people in the United States own a smartphone? That's a lot of people! There are multiple smartphone brands such as Apple, Google, and Samsung. Smartphones are used for texting, calling, games, social media, and pictures, unlike other phones which can only text and call.

The average person spends approximately 2 hours and 40 minutes on their computer per day. Computers are used to play games, search, study, use social media, etc. They have become more light-weight and portable over the years. Some computers are also touchscreens, which means you can use your fingers to input data.

The word television comes from the prefix tele- which means far. So television means far vision. On television, you can watch news, cartoons, game shows, and other things.

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## Cultural Appropriation

By Jey Bellamy

2018 is a time for new trends and new people to meet. Unfortunately, there are still current issues that still have not been resolved. One of them is cultural appropriation. Cultural appropriation is taking someone's culture and using it as a fashion statement, costume, etc. For example, Katy Perry, a repeat offender with cultural appropriation, has offended the Asian community and a number of African Americans as well. Early in 2013, Katy Perry released the video for her song "This Is How We Do," where she's seen wearing a head full of cornrows, a typical hairstyle worn in the black community.

Perry said she didn't realize the significance of cornrows until speaking with her stylist about the "history" of black hair. Braids and cornrows are nothing new, but when cornrows or braids hit mainstream media, things can get changed. In the black community, cornrows are used for convenience or a protective style, but back in Africa, the intricate braiding told what tribe you were in, your social status, and how much money you have. Perry has apologized and even did an interview with civil rights activist DeRay McKesson on his podcast.

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## European Vacation Part III

By: Olivia Dramer

Yet another article about my trip to Europe this past summer. Writing about this is basically like taking another trip, just going back to 2017, not Europe; but it would be pretty nice to head back at this particular time.

The last place my family and I traveled to was Austria, which was by far my favorite place during the vacation. If you don't know, Austria is right on the border of Germany and Italy. It is mostly known for the Austrian Alps, enormous mountains towering over the small towns scattered around Austria. The cabin we stayed in was about 1/3 of the way up a mountain, and was surrounded by mountains, one of which we climbed. The views from the tops of the mountains are astonishing. Looking down into a valley, or looking over mountains, was a truly breathtaking view. There were many small shops, restaurants, street vendors, and hotels scattered around the streets of Austria. Many products such as food and souvenirs showed their culture. There were many mountain based and historic items, but the food practically made their culture explode in your face.

A main dish at most every restaurant was wienerschnitzel (veen-er-sh-nit-zel), a true German dish. Wienerschnitzel is breaded meat, such as pork, veal, or chicken. Even with their amazing wienerschnitzel, Austria did well with making the food of other cultures too. The Italian food in Austria was better than the food in Italy! That's not saying much since the food in Italy was bad, but let's just say the food in Austria was great.

Moving from food-based subjects, there were many activities to do in Austria. In addition to climbing mountains, you can also walk over suspension bridges, or simply ride a gondola up a mountain and enjoy the views.

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## Modified Spring Sports

**Modified sports are for 7-8 graders, and sometimes 9th graders. Learning the skills and rules of the game, and working as a team is the purpose of modified sports. The modified spring sports at Canandaigua Middle School are lacrosse, baseball, softball, tennis, and track. The season is from April to May.**

**Lacrosse is split into a boys and a girls team, and the girls team is split again into a red and a grey team. The coaches for the boys team are Jeff Welch and Adam Stoler. The girls coaches are Eric Ward and Kristen Kelly. Baseball has a Freshman / Modified A section. The coaches are Steven Verbridge and Matt Walters. Softball just has one modified section, and the coaches are Bill Bowe and Kristen Muscato. Spring tennis is for boys only. Girls tennis is in the Fall. The coach for Spring tennis is Mark Annesi. Track and field is for both boys and girls. Matt Oberst, Daina Marsh, Paul Sedita, Mark Sutter, Jack Coons and Taylor Spollio coach Varsity. Mike Mahar, Taylor Eike, Chuck DeTaeye, and Matt McGrath coach Modified. Check out their schedules on the Canandaigua Schools website. Please get involved and support our teams!**

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Modern day televisions allow you to record shows, access the Internet, play games and use video on demand services (Netflix, YouTube). People watch TV for hours; although, doctors recommend watching one hour a day or less.

There are many different kinds of technology in the world. These are just a few of them, and more will be invented in the future. The world would be very different if there was no technology in our lives.

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There are also activities scattered around the towns and villages such as swimming and playgrounds. My favorite activity besides climbing mountains was riding mountain coasters. Mountain coasters are basically roller coasters, except they are traveling down a mountain. Luckily, you can ride one up instead of climbing the mountain. They have two levers that you push forward to move. The farther you push, the faster your car will go.

In conclusion, Austria is an amazing place that everyone should go to if they have the chance. The people also speak English, so you don't need a German dictionary.



## Canandaigua Summer Destinations

By Julia Potter

Summer is approaching, and many people are going places on vacation. If you're not going anywhere special during break (or want to go this summer), check out one of these places in Canandaigua:

- **Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park** is an estate with nine formal gardens, a greenhouse complex, and a Victorian mansion.
- **Granger Homestead and Carriage Museum** is a museum where you can listen to the stories of the Grangers that lived on the estate.
- **Kershaw Park** is a park alongside Canandaigua Lake. There is a playground, a place to swim, and they sometimes hold concerts there.
- **Roseland Bowl & Arcade** is a bowling center and an arcade where you can exchange tickets for prizes. They have food such as nachos and milkshakes.
- **Richard P. Outhouse Memorial Park** is a park that features a pirate ship playground, swings, and little dinosaur statues you can climb on.

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There is nothing wrong with wanting to embrace the black culture, but please do your research and understand the significance behind it first. Wearing African accessories or clothing just because it looks nice is disrespectful to the culture. For years black people who are seen wearing styles like this are bashed and called "ghetto," but when a non-black person wears something from black culture, they are praised for wearing something "exotic" and wearing something "highly fashionable."

Coachella is probably one of the most anticipated events people go to every year. Coachella is an annual music festival that is known for fashion, food, and of course, music. But, Coachella is always breaking the internet for the "unique" clothing choices that are always on display. Starting off with the Native American appropriation, a typical thing you might find. Native Americans were the first Americans and still are here in the U.S. today. So every year at Coachella there is bound to be someone wearing a Native American war bonnet. War bonnets (also called headdresses) are feathered headgear typically worn by the male leaders of the American Plains Indians Nations who have earned respect in their tribe. Originally they were worn while in battle but are now used for ceremonial occasions. Many females are seen wearing them with feather earrings or bandanas for added decoration;

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# Seven Amazing Animals (Part 1)

By Jack Johnson

Dogs - Dogs were originally wolves and through evolution they were domesticated like a number of foxes in Russia. (See #8) Dogs have many breeds (or sub-species), and they all are very different. Some breeds were bred to do certain things like hunting and aiding people with disabilities. Because there are so many differences, and having the ability to do tasks, is what makes dogs amazing!



Octopuses - Octopuses are almost the most versatile and smartest animals ever. They can squirt ink at enemies or predators and are able to fit into small spaces. Amazingly, they can survive out of water, and if put in the same tank, can kill a shark. Due to these traits, octopuses are amazing.



Goats - Goats are mammals that can be farm animals but also live in the mountains. In the mountains, they have amazing jumping abilities, and the males battle for mating rights by clashing into each other with their horns. As farm animals though, they can give milk and meat. You can make cheese out of the milk. This is why they are amazing.



## Ragtime the Musical - Presented By Academy Actors

By Logan Schojan

Ragtime is a musical the high school put on. It's based off a book by Terrence McNally. Original lyrics were by Lynn Ahrens, and original music by Stephen Flaherty. The musical includes marches, cakewalks, gospel, and ragtime. The musical the high school amazingly put on for us, was based on the 1975 novel by E. L. Doctorow, Ragtime uniquely tells the story of three groups of people in the United States in the early 20th century: the African Americans were represented by Coalhouse Walker Jr. (a Harlem musician); higher-class citizens, represented by Mother (the matriarch of a white higher-class family in New Rochelle, New York); and Eastern European immigrants, represented by Tateh and his daughter (Jewish immigrants from Latvia). There are also many historical figures including Harry Houdini, Evelyn Nesbit, and Booker T. Washington. Even people like, J. P. Morgan, Henry Ford, Stanford White, Harry Kendall Thaw, Admiral Peary, and Matthew Henson. Also, Emma Goldman is represented in this wonderful telling of African American's, Jewish immigrants, and white higher-class citizens.

The teaser was very interesting, and I couldn't wait to see the musical. When I went to see it, I was squirming in my seat waiting for it to start. When it started, I was dancing in my seat at the first song. Throughout the entire musical I watched with enthusiasm. I saw people I knew, and they were awesome.

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which has offended many Native Americans.

Cultural appropriation is something that can eventually be resolved. Many people argue that cultural appropriation doesn't exist; that's fine. But, it's usually the people who's culture isn't often appropriated making this argument. Not everyone will get offended when someone wears a hijab or decides to wear cornrows, but you never know who might. Embracing someone's culture can be nice, but always take precaution and do research on the item you decide to wear.

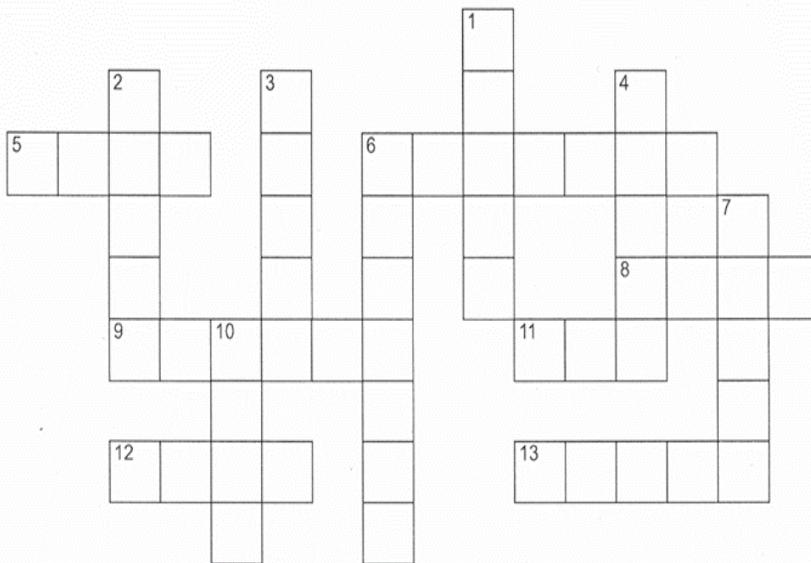
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I thought the sets were exquisite and amazing, and everyone did a great job on them. I thought the Model T. car was an awesome touch to the musical.

The musical was emotional, happy, and exciting. It left you with suspense at some parts, and (if you're a crier) it also left you crying. It was grand, and to anyone who saw it, you know what I'm talking about. If I could see it again, I would. What a great show--performers and crew/techies!

### CMS Crossword



#### ACROSS

- 5 In the cafeteria every day
- 6 Students go to these
- 8 Opposite of short
- 9 What CMS is
- 11 Most people ride this
- 12 What is on the sides of our school
- 13 What you write on

#### DOWN

- 1 What you sit in
- 2 A reason to stay after school
- 3 Something you say often (like Hi)
- 4 A more important quiz
- 6 What is over a floor
- 7 What you walk on
- 10 What you walk in



# Art Section

