Letter to the Readers,

This is our very first edition of the GPA Scoop and we appreciate your patience. We have incorporated different writers to make this edition appeal to everyone’s interests. We have pieces from what to wear and Not to wear to how to start your new year off right. We have interesting articles about the “Shining Diamonds” this month that we hope will capture your attention. As a club, we are constantly opening ourselves up to new possibilities whether it be new writers or new pieces. Your creativity is always welcomed, so enjoy this edition and keep your eyes open to try and win this month’s prize!

Enjoy,
Selena & Ashley
GPA Scoop Editors
Message from Mrs. Niles - Outler

I understand that this year has been an awkward year with all of the changes, but I am so proud of the way GPA students have risen to the occasion! For instance, there has been an increase in the number of students taking college courses. For the first semester Honor Roll, there were 18 students with distinction, 11 students with high honors, and 68 students with honors. Also, college acceptance letters are coming in everyday. The GPA Choir performed for the first time at the MCC Christmas Program and a mural designed by GPA students will be showcased at the Charter Oak Cultural Center on February 28th and displayed at the Hartford Board of Education. I am anxious to see what the upcoming accomplishments will be! Keep up the good work!

GPA News

Valentine Day Sale
February 14, 2013

Dress Down Day
February 15, 2013

Student-Faculty Game
February 15, 2013

GPA Art Show at Charter Oak Cultural Center
February 28, 2013
6:00PM – 8:00PM

Birthdays

February 16 - Sierra Rice
February 18 - Kailah McCall
February 19 - Kani Le’Ajah Blake
February 19 - Robert Lopez
February 19 - Josue Salgado
February 19 - Mattea Whitford
February 20 - Lanie Miranda
February 21 - Julian Serrano
February 22 - Kevin Francis
February 23 - Matthew Currin
February 24 - Joseph Fultz
February 26- Shai Devine
February 26 - Brianna Johnson
February 28- Marvin Scott
Did You Know?

80% of teenagers check their cellphone before even brushing their teeth in the morning. You do that too!? 

If you had 1 Billion dollars and spent $1,000 per day, it would take you 2,749 years to spend it all.


Textaphrenia: It’s a condition found in teens, which they have heard or felt a new text message vibration when there is no message.

Weird Facts

There are enough restaurants in New York City for one person to eat out every night for 54 years and never visit the same place twice.

There’s a “Rainbow Tree” that sheds its outer bark to reveal bright green inner bark that then matures to blue, purple, orange, and red. To see a “rainbow tree” you will need to visit our 50th state of Hawai’i, whose nickname happens to be the Rainbow State.
As a freshmen, Obdulio Santiago, is a very strong student according to his teachers. But, that’s not all there is to Obdulio. He also has a blue belt in Judo (Martial Arts) and is nationally ranked, giving him the opportunity to travel because of his commitment to working hard and accomplishments. Even with Judo in his life, Obdulio still makes his education a top priority. He works hard, tries his best, studies, demonstrates good citizenship and creates great relationships with his teachers. When asked about his inspiration, he states it had a lot to do with his brother. Due to their friendly brother rivalry, he is inspired by his brother to find success in all that he does. Obdulio plans to attend Full Sail University in Florida and study Graphic Design in order to become a Computer Programmer or a Game Developer. Well, GPA sees all this and more for Obdulio!

Nataly D’oleo is a new sophomore to Great Path Academy and already she has accomplished so much. She continually demonstrates how much of a hard and determined worker she is and she always gets her work done. In her free time she likes to draw and read. She is currently in love with the book series, House of Night. Nataly puts school above all her other loves because she knows how easily she can get distracted. She claims her mother is the reason she is so focused because her mother tends to keep her on task. Nataly wants to go to either Princeton or Yale and works hard to achieve her goal of becoming a doctor in a practice she has not yet chosen. Well, GPA has no doubt that this sophomore is well on her way!
Sierra Rice

Sierra is a junior at GPA and is spending her time doing something beneficial. She is constantly broadening her knowledge by reading & focusing on her school work. Sierra has continually proved she is a hard worker, determined and passionate about all that she does. She keeps her school work as her top priority and everything else is balanced around it. Sierra says that her mother is the reason she works so hard. She believes her mother is living proof that hard work pays off. Sierra plans to go to Springfield College and study Biology. She wants to eventually go to UCONN Dental School and become a Orthodontist.

Shakira Lugo

For Shakira it’s her final year as a student at Great Path Academy and she is making something of it. As busy as Shakira is with her studies, she still makes time to volunteer at her church and stay true to her passion for music and playing Bass. She states that even with her love of volunteering and music, her top priority is her education with college right around the corner. Shakira is working hard to get into Yale and study criminal law. She wants to be a Criminal Lawyer and Prosecutor and maybe one day, have a law firm. Shakira also says her mother is her inspiration and she owes part of her success in school to her. We say Shakira, is on a great path!
FASHION

What’s your style?

For those of you who didn’t know, Fashion is a choice. It’s filled with decisions on what’s hot and what’s not. Things like the right shoes and clutch will make or break you. But the thing about fashion is that there are so many different styles to choose from. If you want to be a rebel, pick up some stone-washed shorts and fishnets. Your chic? Get some stripes and cardigans. Want to be vintage? Graphic sweaters and tees are your best bet. But if you don’t know your style, there are plenty of ways to figure it out and plenty of people to help.

The best way to figure out what you like is to channel your personality. What fashion experts have found is that the way a person carries themselves is evident in the way they dress. If you’re an introvert, that most likely means you don’t like to be in the spotlight. So your choices of outfits won’t be the showstopper but that’s not always a bad thing. Always remember that a showstopper doesn’t necessarily mean the best outfit in the room, it could also be the most horrendous. If you like simple and comfort, maybe sweaters and knitwear is your style.

Keep in mind though, that you don’t have to belong to one category. You can always switch it up. Just don’t try too hard because just like how your personality is evident in your outfit, trying too hard is too. Always remember it’s not the clothes that make you, it’s how you wear it that makes the statement. Confidence is a must because when your walking down that hall or into a room, that’s the first thing people will see, not the clothes. So be free and adventurous when it comes to clothes, and stay true to your style!

By Selena Coley | Graphics courtesy of Google Images
A jean jacket is the most universal clothing item that you can have in your closet. A Jean Jacket goes with everything and is always chick.

Scarves and Shoes are the best way to brighten your outfit. A scarf can add style and flair to a simple attire and a pair of Toms or a nice flat bring some color to your appearance. It’s okay to add something different as long as they compliment the outfit!

Guys, it is never needed to have your pants on the ground. After all it is not appealing to the females and we know that it is not comfortable.
Starting in the spring semester, sophomores that have passed the Accuplacer Placement Test will have the opportunity to enroll in college classes provided at Manchester Community College. This is the first time this is happening at GPA and it can be very helpful to students later on in their education. Some tips for the sophomore class and to any juniors and seniors entering MCC classes for the first time are to be prepared, manage your time, and let your professor know if you are having difficulty in the class.

Being prepared for your college class is important because it is gives a good impression with your professor. It shows that you are serious about the course and that you are ready to learn.Another thing you must remember is time management. The work you receive from your professor may seem like a lot, but you can get it done if you pace yourself. Since your MCC class isn’t every day, you have a couple of nights to finish the assignments given to you. Keep in mind that the work load in college with a full schedule is going to be a lot more so this is just preparing you for the future. Now, if you find that your college class is harder than you expected it to be, or if you are having difficulty with the work, please don’t hesitate to speak with the professor or your guidance counselor here at GPA. They should be able to help you figure out the best plan to make your college experience easier and shape it with who you are as a learner.

If you have any further questions pertaining to your college classes, please feel free to ask your guidance counselor or one of your peers who has had a college class before. They should be able to offer good insight and advice.
*Reminders*

The New Semester is here. For some of you, this is the time to plant your last footsteps in GPA. Remember to keep up your work, follow the rules, and stay focused. High School may be ending, but your lives are just beginning.

**Tips to Prepare For the Accuplacer:**

⇒ Ask Questions about what the test is on, how it works, approximate question count or other things. These questions are influential because they will help you be prepared so that there are no surprises.

⇒ Ask For Help: not everyone excels in every subject. Maybe your better in math than reading, so why not ask for extra help from teachers and friends.

⇒ Practice Tests! These tests are the best way to ensure there is no surprises when it comes to the Accuplacer. When taking the test, there will be different styles of questioning and how the sections are split up. The Practice Tests show you this so you can familiarize yourself with the questions.

⇒ Sleep: it is a known fact that good sleep and breakfast helps your mind run smoothly. Don’t cram and try to use stress relievers. It is just a test so just try your best!

- **Safety** -

Unfortunately, the world we live in isn’t entirely safe. We are at risk of harm every day and everywhere. Due to the tragic and fatal events that took place on Friday, December 14th right in Newton, CT, the issue of our safety has been fresh in the minds of our teachers, parents and especially us. Something to remember when you come to school is to always be where you are supposed to be. It is safer for you if your whereabouts for the school day are known. If you need to go anywhere other than where you are supposed to be, please make sure you have a pass and please go where you say you are going. Always take fire drills and lock down drills seriously. They are in place for our protection. These rules are in place for a reason and it is our job as students to follow them.
It’s Time to Turn A New Leaf.

Many people look at the New Year as a fresh start, time to start over and start a new beginning. Others don’t see that much of a difference between last year and the upcoming New Year. You will see some people around you try to set goals for the New Year (also known as a New Year resolution). Some people work very hard to achieve these goals but most set goals they never pay any attention to. A lot of people that are successful today set goals for themselves that they know they can achieve. These goals are realistic, they may not easy for them but they put their best foot forward to achieve them. This year some of our former Great Path students set some of their own New Year resolutions.

Mrs. Cabera-Zayas personal goal is to eat less and work out more. When it comes to her students, she wants to ensure they get the support they need and all her seniors get accepted into a 4-year college or program.

Ashley Williams, a junior, this year at Great Path’s New Year’s resolution was to continue to focus on school and strive for success. She also will continue to study for SAT's.

A lot of students at Great Path seem to have very good goals set for them in life. Great Path is a school that helps prepare you for the future and the way things are looking I think these kids will get there in no time. I believe you have to set goals for example like New Year’s Resolutions that you can follow and obtain. These resolutions or goals should always be realistic.
A good idea to keep in mind is, if you work on little goals then you will be able to achieve bigger ones in life. Nothing comes easy and you have to take little steps to get to the top. These are some more students who see that:

Briana Tinsley’s New Year resolution is to make sure she completes all her work and mainly focuses on herself. This is her last year at Great Path and it is very important to her that she goes to college, especially Quinnipiac.

Selena Coley New Year’s resolution this year is to get a job, apply for college, get her license and learn how to become more flexible.

Malcolm X once said, “Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” In this quote he was trying to say that if you don’t prepare for your future then how do you expect to be successful in life? If you have a dream you have to go for it. No one will just hand it to you. Setting these New Years resolutions and actually working on achieving them will help you be very successful in life. This year for Great Path our New Year’s Resolution as a school should be to come together as one and build a community based relationship with one another. We should also set a high goal of achieving all academic requirements and making sure we are getting the best education possible. Teachers should put their best foot forward and also students should do the same so we can achieve this resolution.
2012 was a crazy year in sports from the NBA, to the NFL, the Olympics, and College Basketball. Here is a look back at the top sports moments of 2012!

The Miami Heat Wins a Championship!

Unfortunately, after much hope and anticipation the Miami Heat lost to the Dallas Mavericks during the NBA Finals of 2011 and the Mavericks were crowned champions. It was such a disappointment for Lebron, seeing that when he was traded from the Cavaliers to the Heat he said that him, Dwayne Wade, and Chris Bosh would win not 1 but 8 championships. Fortunately during the 2012 NBA Finals the Miami Heat were given another chance at winning the title. On game 5 of the 2012 NBA Finals the Miami Heat won a championship against Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook, and the Oklahoma City Thunder. The Heat won the series 4-1 and Lebron was named Finals MVP and he won his first ring.

The 2012 Summer Olympics

The 2012 Summer Olympics in London was one of the best Olympics for the United States of America. The American players prevailed in Basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, swimming, and tennis and track. Both the USA women and men's basketball teams brought home gold. For swimming 17-year old, Missy Franklin won 4 gold medals and both Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte won gold. For gymnastics, Gabby Douglas, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman, Kyla Ross, and Jordan Weiber are now known as the Fierce Five for winning Team gold. Gabby Douglas made history when she became the first African American gymnast to win gold in both the individual all-around competition and team competitions. All together, the United States brought home 46 gold, 29 silver, and 29 bronze.

UConn Huskies

Since 1990 with the help of Jim Calhoun, the UConn Men's basketball team has won 7 Big East tournament championships. Jim Calhoun was a great coach and in September of 2012 he announced his retirement as head coach. One his most successful and memorable years would be 2011. That year he won the Big East Tournament. That year UConn became the first school to win 5 conference tournament games in 5 days. Now the Huskies are still trying to live up to their legacy with new head coach Kevin Ollie. He has a 5 year $7 million dollar contract with UConn and he plans to win a championship with the Huskies.
“NOTHING BUT NET!”

Student Athlete Profiles

Now many of you know we have a lot of student athletes in this school. This month’s edition is about all the basketball players that we have. All these students’ profiles show how they dedicate themselves to the sport and school achievements.

*Emmanuel I - 12th grade 6’3
Q: What team do you play for?
A: East Hartford High
Q: How would you describe yourself as a player?
A: “I would say I’m versatile and fierce.”
Q: Future plans?
A: “Plan on going to college and play college ball. No specific team yet.”

*Phil A - 12th grade 5’9
Q: What team do you play for?
A: AAU- West Hartford Magic
Q: Describe yourself as a player.
A: “I’m more of a passer. I consider everyone first.”
Q: Future plans?
A: “Go to a prep school and hopefully get a scholarship.”

*Devin J - 12th grade 6’1
Q: Whom do you admire?
A: “My mom because she is a strong lady.”
Q: Describe yourself as a player.
A: “I work hard, I’m committed, and I play good defense. All I care about is winning.”

With all that being said these students work hard at what they do. Some make time for what they see as fun but some of them take it very serious. They make sure that they do all the work they are supposed to when it comes to school, so they can do what they need to on the court. The newspaper would like to wish all the senior players good luck. They are on their way to college and could be under great pressure. As long as they take it easy they should be all good. In conclusion, all these players are on a great road to success and they should definitely continue it.
Favorite Teen TV Shows of 2012
As we look back on the year 2012, we can all agree that there was plenty on TV that kept us all entertained. From *Jersey Shore* to *American Dad*, we all seemed to be glued to the tube this year. So what shows was everyone making sure they watched before they went to bed, or recorded to watch the next day? Well, according to my sources, the top five shows teens across the nation were tuned into were:

**The Vampire Diaries**: Yes, we have become obsessed with vampires and romance. Whenever we watched the show, we were taken to a world where vampires have “come out of the coffin.”

**Storyline**: After 145 years, the virtuous vampire Stefan Salvatore (Paul Wesley) returns to his hometown of Mystic Falls, Virginia and falls for the beautiful Elena Gilbert (Nina Dobrev), a girl with a tragic past and uncanny resemblance to his lost love Katherine. Always close on Stefan's heels is his vampire brother Damon (Ian Somerhalder), a ruthless killer who also loved Katherine and is determined to make Stefan's after-life a living hell in any way he can. But underneath the surface of the sleepy town is a world of mystery, magic, and intrigue, where no one is safe and everyone is hiding a secret…

**Pretty Little Liars**: Teenagers everywhere fell in love with four teen girls trying to solve the mystery of the death of their best friend. Episode after episode, we always remain at the edge of our seats.

**Storyline**: A clique of teenage girls drift apart after the group's leader, Alison, goes missing. Her body is found and the girls are reunited at her funeral. All four begin receiving text messages from the mysterious 'A', who seems to know many of the group's deepest secrets, some of which only the late Alison had knowledge of. The girls join forces against A's scheming and try to uncover the mystery of Alison's death.

**New Girl**: Who would not be in love with a television show where a lucky girl gets to share a living space with three guys? Is it just me or is this every girl’s dream?

**Storyline**: Jess - a bubbly offbeat teacher who is known to burst into spontaneous song - catches her boyfriend with another woman, and needs a new place to live. She moves into a loft with three single guys she’s never met before. Nick is a jaded law-school dropout, who usually just wants to be left alone. Schmidt is a flashy businessman, who believes he is a gift to women. Winston is a former athlete who doesn’t know what to do, but really needs to win whatever it is. Can this dysfunctional group handle the
**Gossip Girl**: It’s no secret that we love watching TV about other peoples’ problems besides our own. But for some reason, we are addicted to watching rich people and their problems.

**Storyline**: The Upper East Side is thrown for a loop when Gossip Girl reports that Serena Van der Woodsen (Blake Lively), Manhattan’s most notorious party girl, has arrived back in town after a mysterious absence where no one knows where she was or why she left. Not even Serena’s closest friend, Blair Waldorf (Leighton Meester), knew her whereabouts and is shocked to learn Serena has returned. However, their once close friendship is complicated upon Serena’s return, strained now that Serena is the center of attention and Blair has been cast from the limelight. The revelation that Serena had a fling with Blair’s boyfriend Nate Archibald (Chace Crawford) is the most shocking of all. Also ruling the Upper East Side is Chuck Bass (Ed Westwick), son of the wealthy and powerful Bart Bass and a friend of Nate’s since childhood. Chuck leads a reckless life, which often leads Nate down a similar path of darkness and destruction.

**Teen Wolf**: Let’s face it, we are not just obsessed with vampires, but also with cute teen boy werewolves like Scott McCall. It’s just something about the way he transforms from a hunky teen boy to a blood thirsty werewolf that keeps us watching the show week after week!

**Storyline**: Awkward teen Scott McCall’s life changes forever when he is bitten by a werewolf and becomes one himself. Some changes are positive - increased prowess in sports, super-hearing and a boost in confidence. But there are problems and dangers that come along with being a lycanthrope.

**Music**: You see all those kids walking into GPA every morning with their headphones in? Do you ever wonder what they are listening to? Well they might be listening to One Direction, Adele, 2 Chainz, or Kendrick Lamar.

English-Irish pop boy band One Direction had a break out year with their hits "One thing” and "What makes you beautiful." They were named Billboards top new artist of 2012 and we are sure to hear much more from the boy band in 2013.

The very talented Adele also had a great year. Her second album titled "21” and song "Someone like you" won her 6 Grammys. She was named Billboards artist of the year. Adele is expected to do big things in 2013. Rapper 2 Chainz had an amazing year as well. His first studio album titled "Based on a T.R.U. Story” was released in 2012 and it debuted at number 1. He was featured on about 20 songs in 2012 alone and his first tour is set to start in August of this year.

Another rapper that had a good year is the extremely talented Kendrick Lamar. His debut album "Good Kid M.a.a.d City” went gold in a matter of weeks. He had one of the best break out years in a long time. He went from free- styling on a cypher at the BET awards in 2011 to performing and receiving an award in 2012. In 2013 he is also expected to have another great year.
Ring In the New

Change is an inevitable rite of passage in high school. Freshmen are entering into a new life and must change to establish themselves as travelers on a four-year-long journey. Sophomores and juniors are now upperclassmen, one step closer to graduation, one year older than last year. Seniors especially experience change now that the second semester is here – college applications, Capstone projects, and dealing with the idea that in a few short months you’re going to be in the real world.

All that will make you into a different person.

High school changes you whether you like it or now, from when you walked into the doors until the very end. Even if you are just a Freshman who’s been here a brief four months, you’ve undergone a transformation and that’s not always a bad thing. As we start the year of 2013, everyone adopts their own New Year’s resolutions. Resolutions are nice because they’re a form of determinate change. It’s all about how you shape your own life. Now is the best time to start doing something new. Take the big steps if you want to – think about what you want in life and make an effort to add some more good to it. Make a new friend. Talk to more people. Visit unusually fun places.

Think about the way you react to things throughout the day. If you usually blow up, simmer down and take things in stride. If you’re quiet about things you should have a say in, speak up where you would be silent before. The best thing would be to start with the little things. Have you been wearing the same hair style the past four months?

Take a few hours to sit down and make it different.

Something I recommend is a practice that’s usually fun and reduces stress is to find some new music to listen to. The genre of music you like does not define you, but your favorite artists or bands are part of who you are. Trying out new music is always interesting. Some of it’s really bad, and sometimes you find a new favorite song that you’ll remember for the rest of your life as the song that helped you get through the rest of high school.

Change doesn’t always have to be big, but it’s not always simple either. If you’re going to be a new person tomorrow compared to who you were yesterday, why not decide who that’s going to be?

Amanda Bednarz
Professional Texters

Texting has become a crucial form of communication for teenagers in this generation. We do it during class, while eating out at a restaurant, late at night when our parents are asleep. We do it anywhere and anytime we possibly can. Everywhere we look someone’s holding onto a cell phone and letting their thumbs do the talking. Unfortunately, we go to great extremes to send a simple text message. As soon as we get a text notification or alert, we have a desire to instantly read it, even if we’re on the road. We all know texting while driving is dangerous and wrong, so why do we still do it anyway? And what will it take for people to stop? Having to pay thousands of dollars to fix a damaged car or the death of someone else?

Teenagers don’t get to fully experience the world that we are living in because of technology. Most of us prefer to stay home and watch TV, use the computer and of course text. It’s like we have become anti-social to the world. Although texting isn’t going to fully replace face-to-face conversations and friendships, it still changes the way we communicate. The real issue is that we hide from real human interactions behind the wall of technology. Teenagers are now able to admit things over text messages that they wouldn’t admit over the phone or in person. For example, breaking up with a significant other has now become easier and less personal. The world of texting can be so comfortable and safe, but we don’t really learn anything. Not to mention, language suffers greatly because of how we replaced writing out full words with acronyms such as “lol,” “btw” and “lml”.

The media has many stories about how we teenagers have become dependent on technology, how texting has become a huge distraction for us and how it can lead to severe health issues and maybe even unemployment. The trend has started to worry physicians and psychologists, who say it is leading to anxiety, distraction in school, failing grades, repetitive stress injuries and sleep deprivation. With all the unlimited texting plans offered by carriers like AT&T, T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless, American teenagers send and receive 3,146 text messages a month. I am sure some of our parents complain about our constant texting, but in all honesty we are doing them a favor. We are saving them money, by texting instead of calling friends. We deserve some credit for all the hard work we put in to saving our families’ money. We do such a good job at balancing school and this full time money saving activity. Who do you know that doesn’t want to save money?

Our parents need to sit back and realize what a wonderful job we’re doing. A “Thank You” or “Keep up the Good Work” would be nice.

~ Ashley Williams
Co President/Editor
The Scoop - Great Path Academy Newspaper Club
Dear Drug Free,

First of all, it's good to know that you hang out with the right people. Your mother seems frantic to make sure you're safe. Unfortunately, she may have gone overboard, and instead of opening a dialogue with you, she is slamming the door shut. The way around this is for you to do what your mother cannot: ask her why she doesn't trust you. Listen to the answer and engage in a conversation instead of a lecture. Here's how you can start: "Mom, I know how worried you are about drugs at my school. What was it like when you were in high school?" Listen to her description and say to her, "For all the kids who do use drugs, there is an equal amount who don't. I know you worry, but my friends and I are those kids." Tell your mom how lucky you feel and assure her that she has done a solid job of raising you. You can also allay your parents' fears by allowing them to get to know your friends through inviting them over.

Love,
Bella xoxo
Dear Bella,

I'm currently in a new relationship and I think it's awesome. Honestly I never really liked him when I saw him around school, but one day it just all changed :) I'm kind of sad that we don't have any classes together but whenever I see him in the hallways I get so excited. It's like an overwhelming feeling of happiness takes over. His hugs are the greatest. Sometimes I forget I have class when we meet in pass time. My friends are always complaining that we're kissing and hugging too much and I'm not getting to class on time. I personally think they're just jealous of us. If they were my real friends they should be supportive right?

- In Love

Dear In love,

If I'm reading correctly you said you guys are in a new relationship. How are you in love? It's not time to be claiming love yet. I think your friends are right. You're in school and too much PDA is not appropriate. You're here to learn and to enjoy the company of your friends. Your friends complaining is just them looking out for you. You being totally consumed by this boy leaves little room and drive for you to want to learn. Also understand that this boy that your "in love" with will mostly not be around for long, but your real friends will.

Love,
Bella xoxo

Dear Bella,

Hey I'm writing to you because I don't know what is my life's purpose? Actually, I feel like I'm going nowhere and I don't know what to do to change my life. I feel stuck. I come to school every day with the aim of doing my work and doing it well. I'm just as confused as to what I want to do when I leave high school. I'm a junior now and I feel like my deadline is approaching. I'm grateful for all the opportunities that GPA has to offer me, but I feel like I'm not using them as much as I should. I really need some help. Any advice?

- Confused Junior

Dear Confused Junior,

Don't worry you're going to get through this. I can understand the frustration you might be having right now, but everything will be ok. You have several options for help here at GPA. Our guidance department is 100% ready and available to guide you step by step to a successful career choice. They have all the information and resources you will need to get your decision. You have the option of just sitting with a teacher that you're comfortable speaking with and letting them know how your feeling and listen to the advice they have. Or you could just simply sit and think within yourself. Decide on something that you do that brings you the most joy, as it will only make things even better. Enjoying your career only results in a happier you.

Love,
Bella xoxo
Compliment Wall
The GPA Scoop is starting a new piece and needs your help! The Compliment Wall will be used as a way for GPA students to communicate and encourage one another. Just slip a compliment into the Compliment Box found in the Main Office. You can be anonymous or yourself. Together we can start something new.

The Thank Tank
A special thanks goes out to Professor Davis! She was a major factor in publishing this newspaper. Without her help and connections, this would not be possible. We appreciate your help and time Ms. Davis and hope to continue working with you. Your professional insight is always welcomed and of importance to us.

Thank You Again!

Want to Join the Newspaper Club?

Meet with one of the editors! Selena Coley or Ashley Williams will love to hear your ideas. We are constantly trying to include more voices. If they aren’t around, feel free to speak with Mr. Buder or Mr. Cronin, for they are the faculty advisors for the GPA Scoop, a student run/operated newspaper publication. You don’t have to be a perfect writer or an amazing painter. All you need is ambition, the ability to follow through on a commitment, and enjoy working with others in a teamwork atmosphere. If you’re unsure what you want to do, we can help you. Just take the time to talk to us!
Breanna Filigrano’s mysterious drawing enticed us so much, we had to show others how incredibly talented she is!

If you have a special skill that needs to be broadcasted, the Scoop is the best place to SHOWCASE it. So be Bold and show us what you can do!

Thanks for reading guys.

~ GPA Newspaper Club
**A Day In GPA**

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**Riddle**

The more you take, the more you leave behind. What is it?

Keep in mind, the answer is hidden within the GPA Scoop! Read & find it, and the first person to submit the right answer and enter it to Mr. Buder or Mr. Cronin’s mailbox located in the office, will receive a prize.