

WINNING WITH WATER

Seniors TJ Newman and Dylan Yarmul compete in senior assassin to try and come out on top

As traditions seem to grow and grow, one of the more well known traditions has made its way to Castle View; senior assassin. A battle of duo senior teams that have to eliminate other teams with water in order to win the big prize, a pot of money that's worth over 1,500 dollars. For seniors Timothy Nemwan and Dylan Yarmul, a great friendship and competitiveness put them in the competition.

"I wanted to become a team because Dylan is one of my tight friends and we've always been so competitive together. I also really think we have a great chance to win it all," Newman said.

As senior assassin has some pretty specific rules, they need to be followed in order to be a contending team. Newman believes that the rules are good where they are, except for purge day.

"For the most part, I think they're pretty fair. I feel like purge day should be more often so more people get out faster. It would be much more fast-paced and fun if it was," Newman said.

Although senior assassin is a very competitive game, of course, it is lots of fun. Newman finds lots of fun behind all of the competitiveness.

"Running from someone is also very fun too, even though it may be really scary," Newman said.

What causes all of the competition must be something big, such as a big pot of money for the victorious duo. Newman feels very

confident in him and his teammate winning it all.

"I totally feel confident. I feel like I am much more competitive than anyone in the game, and that definitely gives me an advantage. Not only that, but I've been planning what I'm going to do before senior assassin even started. I'm more prepared than anyone," Newman said.

Seniors TJ and Dylan show no signs of slowing down, and really seem to be playing to come out on top.

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banning & CENSORSHIP

An increasing number of books are being banned from schools in the United States for their divisive content. Ms. Bailey Bintner, an English teacher at Castle View High School, believes that banning books may strike a conversation in the classroom.

"It does pose some interesting questions in the classroom because it's a really interesting topic to bring up," Bintner said. "It's a really good way to get kids thinking, 'why do we ban books? Is that moral? Is it ethical? Is that really the right thing to do just because someone doesn't agree with what is in the book?'"

Parents who oppose these books argue that the themes in these novels are problematic for students. Bintner hopes not as many books will be banned.

"I would hope that we wouldn't ban books more in the future just because we would be more self-aware," Bintner said.

According to a New York Times article about parental control over banned books, many book bans are due to the fact that parents desire that control over their children's lives, whether it's academic or personal.

"It makes us more knowledgeable. I think from any text there is

something that can be taken away from it that is a value that can be used either personally from your own life, or that you can take into society," Bintner said.

Bintner believes students should be exposed to controversial topics and the harsh truths of society.

"I don't think it's fair to put a cap on knowledge and information and what you can be exposed to. If we don't learn about history it will repeat itself," Bintner said.

Banned books have been an ongoing controversial issue that may not be talked about enough. According to Bintner, The increasing number of books being censored and banned presents students with limited perspectives.

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women's HISTORY MONTH

A look into the meaningful month for women across the world

Women's History Month is a time when many women recognize those before them and appreciate some of the strides that society has made.

According to junior Karla Castillo, "While I don't believe that men and women have hit an equilibrium, we have made improvements (at least we have in the United States). It's important to celebrate those accomplishments and appreciate those who have helped us reach those accomplishments."

Although there are still prominent issues that need to be addressed such as the wage gap, femicide, and quite frankly the normalized misogyny that is woven into the lives of many women on a daily basis, society has progressed in certain ways. This can be clearly portrayed through a common appreciation of how far we have come in society.

"To me, [Women's History Month] means to celebrate the accomplishments from rising from oppression. To honor and thank the women who went above and beyond and still do pursue equality for women," said sophomore Sydney Bowen.

For many women, this month is a time for them to uplift themselves and others that identify under the feminine umbrella. This can be demonstrated through appreciating themselves, their role models, their mothers, their sisters, their friends, and any other women in their lives.

"My mom is a big role model to me. She has done so much to support me and everything that I do," Castillo said. "My grandma is a strong role model in my life, for the fact that she worked her way from a small town in England to raise four

accomplished kids," Bowen said.

Intersectionality may also be one of the most important aspects of Women's History Month.

The term 'intersectionality' refers to "the interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, and gender as they apply to a given individual or group." This term explains how a queer man of color can face oppression based on sexuality and race, but he will not face oppression based on his gender; or how a white woman can be discriminated against on the basis of gender, but never on the basis of race.

If feminism isn't intersectional and inclusive of all marginalized groups, then it isn't feminism. Intersectionality may be very important when it comes to representation as well.

For junior Jiana Kopp, Women's History Month is a time when we should be "recognizing women all over the world. Not only does this month give us a chance to realize what so many unrecognized women have done for us, but it also gives millions of women the representation they might not always receive."

Looking back at the pioneers that established many women's rights, the significance of intersectionality is made even more clear. Some of these pioneers include Coretta Scott King and Angela Davis, who not only fought for women's rights but were activists in the Civil Rights movement and also stood up for equality on the basis of gender identity and sexual orientation.

According to Ms. Lilly Reyes, one of the Spanish teachers representation is important because it puts a spotlight on women with different experiences and may act as a beacon of hope for women who share those same experiences.

"Women who, despite their gender, skin color, or nationality, have shown us that dreams can come true with dedication and effort," Reyes said.

Some women might say that the best part about being a woman is their universal effort to always rise above, which is shown in how they may overcome obstacles that are thrown their way.

"Women deal with a lot of stuff on an everyday basis, but rather than letting those things tear us down, we learn from them and grow stronger," said Reyes.

Although society has progressed, there are still many women's issues that may need to be addressed.

"A women's issue that is important to me is human and sex trafficking for young women. There are millions of young girls globally that go missing and are sold into trafficking for money. Women are so undervalued that being sold into sex slavery is a daily occurrence that is unacceptable, yet normalized," Castillo said.

As society continues to progress, full gender equality may become more achievable. Although there is more work that needs to be done, it is important to recognize the notable strides that have been made along with the women who made them.



WOMEN'S MARCH: Protesters at a Women's March in Denver dissent against many prominent women's issues. The significant issue of consent is one that many women hold close to their hearts. If you or someone you know has dealt with sexual assault, call 1-800-656-4673 to talk to a trusted professional.