

Sea IN a Shark

Marine biology classes dissect sharks

Students in Marine Biology did many dissections over the year, but none came close to the excitement of cutting into a shark. "We took notes on sharks for a while before we actually got to dissect them," James Cain (11) said. Finally, after weeks of preparing for the dissection, they began. There were certain steps and anatomy that stood out more than the rest. "Cutting the brain out of them was super cool because like brains are cool," Cain said. Although most of the dissection was super fun, according to the students, there were still many parts that some found disgusting. "The grossest part was probably pulling the stomach contents out," Natalie Salt (12) said. Despite the less appealing aspects of the dissection, students said they had a great time and were met with many surprises along the way. "I would say my favorite part was definitely getting to hold the baby sharks that we found in the shark's stomach," Salt said. Many students thought that the dissection was not only fun, but helped them truly understand anatomy more than they would in a traditional lecture. "You have to experience it first hand and actually get to touch the stuff because it helps you understand it better," Cain said.



DIVING IN DEEP James Cain (11) opens his initial incision into a shark. This was Cain's favorite dissection of the year. "It was so much better and bigger than all of the other stuff," Cain said. **FISH OUT OF WATER** Natalie Salt (12) and Ella Miller (12) carefully open the respiratory system. "I thought it was the most interesting dissection of the year and preparing for it was actually really interesting," Miller said.



IT TAKES GUTS James Cain (11) pulls out the insides of a shark's stomach. There were parts of the dissection that were both good and bad. "Taking the guts out of the stomach was pretty gross, but also super cool," said Cain.

Another evacuation?

Glycol leak leads to dysfunctional school day



SORRY, WE'RE CLOSED Students evacuate the building before attending any classes due to a chemical leak in the HVAC system on Feb. 3. The district sent out an evacuation notice, which caused many students call their parents for a ride home. "Everyone just all of the sudden kind of left in a panic," Thomas Christopher (9) said.

Students evacuated their classrooms because of a chemical leak in the school's HVAC system on Feb. 3. "I was already in my second period class when everyone was getting called down to the gym," Thomas Christopher (9) said. "I knew something was happening because I had smelled something." Just before school began, teachers guided students down to the auditorium and gym to give announcements and updates about the leak. "I had just got to school when everyone was going to the auditorium, so it was confusing to me because I didn't know what to do," Aiya Daniel (12) said. After waiting in limbo, the school district text messaged and emailed the community, saying to evacuate Monarch. This led to confusion as many students left for home. "I stayed for two hours," Christopher said. "I didn't have a ride, and I heard the buses were coming but in the end they didn't come. That's when I called one of my parents to pick me up."

this is the week of FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 4

MONDAY

"I'm really excited for baseball tryouts after school today."
— Diego Guerrero (9)

"I like how we're all in pajamas, and I have gotten to see all my friends."
— MJ Macías Romero (11)

TUESDAY

"Coming to school and being able to see people."
— Jolie Fasullo (11)

"I did pretty good on my Spanish test."
— Lochlan Cole (10)

WEDNESDAY

"It was really funny seeing all the people being creative and bringing different backpacks."
— Lauren Hall (10)

"I went off-campus for lunch and got food with my friends."
— Gwen Sutton (11)

THURSDAY

"It was really great because I got Starbucks for lunch."
— Brooke Stolt (11)

"We got to listen to 95.7 in Mr. Lowe's class today, so that was pretty cool."
— Owen Coohill (12)

FRIDAY

"I liked the pep assembly because one of my friends won at knockout."
— Andrew Smith (9)

"The pep assembly because it was really fun, and we haven't had one in while."
— Maggie Merlino (12)



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in DEEP sheep.

Advanced biology students dissect sheep brain



"I thought the brain was really cute for some reason, just because it was really small."
— Lara Beckley (10)



"I would say the grossest part was touching it and cutting it when looking for all the parts in the brain."
— Brody Gray (10)



"It was fun but also gross putting the labels and seeing where everything was in the sheep brain."
— Brianna Sandoval (9)