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The Performing Arts at Franklin High School include: Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Dance, and Theater. On Wednesday, December 19, 2018, the Performing Arts put on a show for all students during third period.



*The top chorus group singing to their peers.*

## Performing Arts Display their Talents in an In-School Concert

By Andrew Gersh

"We practiced extensively before and after school so that it would be as good as possible," said senior Sophia Trakhtman.

Sophia is a dancer for Franklin High school and performed multiple dance routines to the audience and even led some. She knows what it means to be dedicated and part of a team that works under great pressure.

"I had so much fun performing in front of all my friends because most of the time they can't come to my concerts, but since this one was in-school, everyone was there," said senior Anya Litofsky.

This is the common response from people who performed in this because it was a perfect chance for them to show their peers what they do on a regular basis and what they are interested in. However, there were some complaints.

"It was a great event but a little upsetting that theater was not included," said senior Megan Schanker.

The feedback from this event was mostly positive. However, there were some negative opinions. The theater program was not asked to perform at the winter concert due to timing and the fact that they already have big performances throughout the year. Many of them were upset at this but it did not take away from the fact that it was a great event.

Franklin looks forward to their next event.



*The dance team showing Franklin their moves.*

## Mock Trial DC Trip

By Jenifer Fridman

The Franklin High School Mock Trial team visited D.C. to spend the day with a judge on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Elise Glaser, a junior on the team, explained her gratitude for having the experience by saying, "I had an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experience that taught me the role of a judge in the legal world and the importance of an attorney to their client."

The team arrived in D.C. early in the morning on Thursday, December 13th eager to learn even more about the judicial process than is taught to them through the club, with their own eyes, in an actual setting of significance

"We got to sit in on an oral argument, pre-trial motions, and even a sentencing hearing. It was cool seeing professionals do the things that we do using the same structure, with the same problems, in almost the same way. It put everything we do as part of the club into perspective for me. Things that happen every day in court impact individuals and their families for an entire lifetime. We were sitting just



*Members of the mock trial team*

inches away from a man who was sentenced to two more years in prison" said junior member Jacob Epstein.

To the older members, it became evident how rewarding mock trial really is on a larger scale.

Captain Asia Chester said, "It was just amazing. I take mock trial very seriously, but I still always thought of it as a 'high school thing'.

Until we went to court, as a team, and saw actual attorneys doing and saying the same things we do."

The younger members, who haven't yet been exposed to the same number of things as people who have been on the team for more than just this year, also got a lot from the experience.

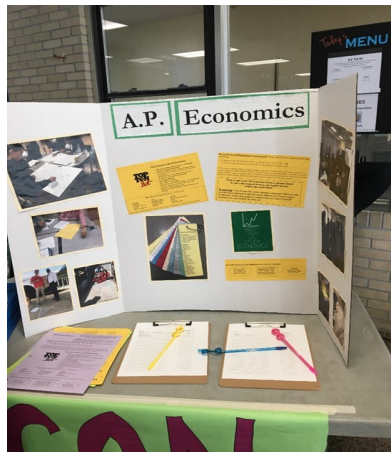
New member, freshman Caylie Franz said, "The D.C. field trip is one I will never forget because it was an amazing opportunity to be able to watch the judicial process firsthand."

With every new season, the team is offered new opportunities. This was one that will surely change their perspective going into competitions and even in their everyday lives.

This year, the hope is that new members are motivated, not only to win a competition, but to potentially pursue a career in the law. It has proven to be a rewarding one.

### Stepping into the future with AP Information Week

By Megan Schanker



*AP Economics poster board teaching students about the class.*

The week before winter break at Franklin High School, AP teachers held information sessions for students who are interested in taking their classes in the next school year.

The information sessions consisted of teachers and students who have experience in AP classes discussing the main points that

students need to know. From the type of work students will have, to what the class is like in general such as whether it is enjoyable, students could gain insight into what they would possibly experience.

"I like that I get a chance to talk to students in a more one on one setting," said AP Biology teacher Mrs. Boruta. She also added that it allows them to "answer individualized questions."

Furthermore, AP sessions are important for students who may be considering taking an AP class, but are uninformed or nervous about what that entails. They can get a better sense of what they might experience and get answers to possible questions they might have.

"I would be more likely to take a class if I went to the informational session," said junior Jaelen Seriki. "It helps build an idea of the class and the teacher."

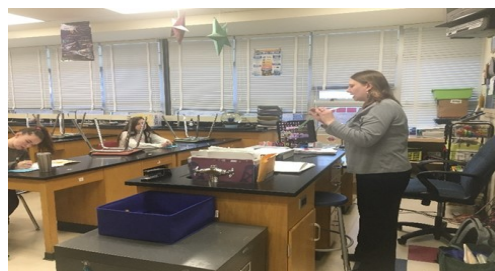
Although the informational sessions help influence certain students, most do not attend. Typically they either don't want to miss class, or they don't want to change their schedule. Since the AP informational week was held after registration, most students have already created their schedule. The administration allows schedule changes, but they encourage students to keep what they chose originally. This scheduling of the week contra-

dicts students being told to stick with classes they signed up for.

"The disadvantages are that people already chose their classes," said junior Alexis Campbell. "It's going to be difficult to change them."

Students believe that for a more effective AP week, it needs to occur earlier in the year primarily during registration week. This would encourage more students to get involved and lead to larger amounts of kids taking AP classes improving the students as well as the school's resume. AP classes are a prime example of students challenging themselves and improving their work habits for the future. This week is a large part of getting students into higher classes, so it's important for it to be influential.

"AP week provides a lens to your future" senior Ruben Amaya said.



*Ms. Boruta explaining AP Biology to prospective students.*

### Franklin Receives 4/5 on Report Card

By Doug Ditto

Recently, the Maryland State Department of Education released the Maryland State Report Cards, a grade for each school based on its academic achievement, graduation rate, progress in achieving English language proficiency, student readiness for post-secondary success, and school quality and student success. Franklin High School received a 4 out of 5-star rating, and 49.1 out of 80 possible points on the grading scale.

Franklin High did very well in the graduation rate (over 90%) and readiness for post-secondary success categories. FHS struggled, however, in school quality and student success as well as academic achievement categories. School quality and student success is tied mainly to attendance and the number of stu-

dents enrolled in a well-rounded curriculum. Academic achievement is determined by the percentage of students who achieve scores of "proficient" or better on standardized state tests.

Sixty percent of Baltimore County Schools received 4 and 5 ratings. Of the twenty-four high schools in BCPS, four schools received 5 stars and 8 achieved a 4-star ranking,

"While we are pleased that our school system, overall, compared favorably with others in the state," Interim Superintendent Verletta White said, "we are fully engaged in elevating the performance of all schools – through our budget process, staffing, curriculum development, support services, professional development, and community partnerships. We are working to ensure that all of our schools are high-performing schools in the eyes of their

communities and according to the data. I am grateful to our teachers and staff for providing daily, high-quality educational experiences across the county and at every grade level. Our students and communities deserve nothing less."



*Verletta White spoke about how Baltimore County did as a whole in the report cards. Via baltimoresun.com*



### Students Feel the Holiday Joy

By Alexis Campbell

Winter break is a time students look forward to. No school, no stress, just holiday cheer. Why not start preparing for holiday spirit a little earlier at Franklin with spirit week?

This wasn't an ordinary spirit week at Franklin, as it was the first winter spirit week. This was new to students this year. Instead of basic themes, they were holiday themes to get ready for the holidays. The themes included: Holiday Pajama Day, Holiday Hat Day, Grade colors, Ugly Sweater Day, and Flannel Friday.

Freshman Fatima Castro said, "I think this week is bringing us together as not just students but as a family."



*A group of friends celebrating at lunch.*

In addition, many students loved the week, but some thought minor things should be changed.

Senior Megan Schanker said, "I would advertise it more and make the days easier for people to participate in. Although, considering this was the first attempt of winter spirit week, there were many positive outlooks."



*Avery Eagan and JT Townes.*

Sophomore Toni Pelington said, "People are interested in the themes, so students are engaging in spirit week which is nice."

Consequently, the first winter spirit week at Franklin High was a success. This was an opportunity not just for school spirit, but also for holiday fun.

Schanker said, "Yay, I love spirit week. It's a festive occasion for all to enjoy!"



*Hope O'Connell and Ms. Jennings.*

### Franklin's Outstanding Students

By Zach Simons

Franklin High School has a student of the month program that is looked over by Mr. McCusker, and the recipients of the award can be found right across from the library.

A bulletin board on the wall directly across from the doors of the library is where the recipients are posted. Any teacher can use the nomination form to nominate one student every month, and Mr. McCusker encourages each teacher do so.

The nominations are given to students who show drastic improvement, or are consistently extraordinary. Ms. Rigiliano described the program as "a nice way for students to receive positive recognition."

Each student of the month receives their certificate at a special breakfast at Chick Fil A, and the recipients' parents are encouraged to attend.

The December students of the month consisted of 13 students: three freshmen, six sophomores and four juniors.

The freshmen winners are Litzy Argueta, Miranda Bower, and Kameron Schiffbauer.

The sophomore winners are Jade Green, Kenneth Hurtt, Anthony Morante, Jhavon Reames, Cassidy Small and Esseabasi Umoreign.

The junior winners are Johnnie Johnson, Roman March, Sasylia Preston and Breonna Tyler.

These students were notified that they received the honor on January 7<sup>th</sup>. The students were each called up to the office individually, and given a paper telling them they won student of the month.

Anthony Morante said "I was happy. I've been working very hard and it felt relieving to be recognized for it."

Similar to Morante, Breonna Tyler reflected on her hard work, saying "I've been putting a lot of effort towards my grades, and therefore feel I earned it."



*The students of the month celebrating at Chick Fil A on January 11th.*

All of the students selected have been doing a great job. Kudos to all 13 of them. The Chick Fil A Breakfast was held on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 6:45, the breakfast went on for a half an hour as it didn't end until 7:15.

"It was a wonderful experience" continued Morante, "a lot of smiles and the food was great."

### Air Conditioning Improved Throughout the County

By Ruben Amaya

With over 94% percent of schools having central air conditioning, BCPS continues to make improvements to ensure students have a comfortable learning environment.

Over 10 schools do not have air conditioning out of the 170 schools in BCPS. This is due to construction efforts and fulfillment of contracts through the Board of Education.

Even with this low number, it is still a major improvement for the county to ensure every student has a comfortable learning environment.

Here at Franklin High School, many students are appreciating the new air conditioning. Senior Corey Tillman says, "It is great t finally have air conditioning. It allows me to focus without worrying of thirst or other complications."

Like Mr. Tillman, many students tend to stay less focused when heat becomes a factor in the classroom environment.

Thankfully with the addition of central AC, students at Franklin High should be able to go through the day with a breeze.



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## Entertainment

### Hollywood stars celebrate after a night of excitement at the Golden Globes

By Megan Schanker

On January 6, 2019 the 76<sup>th</sup> annual Golden Globes was held leading to many expected and unexpected surprises.

The night consisted of many ups and downs with Sandra Oh and Andy Samberg leading the way. As stated by Sandra Oh, she was the first Asian woman to host a popular American award show. The hosts kicked off the show with an opening speech that, while not as funny as previous years, made audience members laugh.

The show continued with the announcement of awards for television and movies. One such award that made everyone stand applauding was the new award for work in television named after Carol Burnett, who was the first person to be honored with such an award. The award was given after a video con-

sisting of highlights of Carol Burnett's career was shown ensuring that everyone truly knew the amazing work she had done in her life.

A highlight of the night was the speech from the president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA), Meher Tatna. The speech focused on the new mandate of the association and what they wanted to achieve regarding helping freedom of speech and journalists around the world.

"The freedom of expression that makes possible your work as creators and our work as journalists is under siege, which is why our mission to establish cultural ties between foreign countries and the United States has never been more important," said Meher Tatna. "To that end, our members, representing 50 countries, have unanimously voted to expand our mandate to support journal-

ists around the globe with grants of \$1 million dollars each to two non-profit, non-partisan organizations."

Some of the winners of the night were Rami Malek for actor in a drama motion picture, "Shallow" from *A Star is Born* for original song, Darren Criss for actor in a miniseries, *Spider-Man Into the Spider-Verse* for animated feature, and Rachel Brosnahan, *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* for actress in a television series musical or comedy.



Lady Gaga, Sandra Oh, and Mahershala Ali celebrating after their wins

<https://www.thewrap.com/golden-globes-2019-winners-list/>



## "Captain Marvel" and "Endgame": Marvel's Big Year

By Molly Donatelli



The hype around the Marvel Cinematic Universe has just gotten bigger. The trailers for *Captain Marvel* and *Avengers: Endgame* were dropped at the beginning of December, to the excitement of fans everywhere.

The trailer for *Captain Marvel* brings a huge addition to the Marvel universe. Widely renowned as one of the most

powerful heroes in all of Marvel lore, Captain Marvel could be the key to helping the remaining Avengers stop Thanos and reverse what happened in *Avengers: Infinity War*. In her own movie, however, Captain Marvel is tasked with defeating the Skrulls, an alien race that wants to invade Earth and can shapeshift into any form they please.

*Captain Marvel* is set in the 1990's, where Nick Fury, the "leader" of the Avengers, first discovers the titular hero's superhuman abilities. Senior Maddie Ballan says "I am most excited to see a young Nick Fury in *Captain Marvel*. Based on the trailer, it will be extremely different from the Nick Fury we have seen in past MCU movies."

The *Avengers: Endgame* trailer was also extremely anticipated. The trailer was released on Good Morning America to a record-breaking number of viewers, with the trailer becoming the video with the most views in 24 hours at 289 million views.

In *Avengers: Endgame*, senior Maddie Ballan is most excited to "see how the MCU pulls off the rather large time jump." *Endgame* is supposed to take place 5 years after the end of *Avengers: Infinity War*, where (spoiler alert!) Thanos, the strongest villain in the Marvel universe, has used the Infinity Gauntlet to obliterate half of all living creatures in the universe. Ballan also said that "I am interested to know where Thanos is and what happened to all of my favorite characters that turned to dust."

*Endgame* will be the end of the MCU that has been created over the last 18 movies. This is because many of the original actors' contracts

are expiring and will not be renewed in order to make way for new heroes, like Captain Marvel. Viewers have become attached to the original characters and their stories, which the MCU will use to ensure their viewers come back to see *Endgame*. Senior Maddie Ballan says, "The plot included in these movies has become much more complex and the MCU has done an amazing, yet frightening, job of taking the audience on unexpected turns."

*Captain Marvel* will be released in US theaters on March 8, 2019. *Avengers: Endgame* will be released April 26, 2019.



## Holiday cheer has spread to our hearts and to our school's hallways

By Jaylen Dorsey

Walking through the halls of Franklin High School, you can see awesome winter break decorations.

The two weeks before break, the student government association decided to celebrate the holidays by doing a hallway decorating competition. The cash prize was one hundred dollars, and each grade had one hallway to decorate.

The freshmen had the math hallway on the second floor of the South building, which was decorated with a snow globe. The sophomores had the art hallway outside of the doors of Mrs. Dunn/Bennet's and Mrs. Doll's room. They decorated their hallway with present boxes on the back of a train.

The juniors decorated the faces of snowmen with the pictures of all the teachers in the social studies hallway. They also were able to decorate the hallway with snowflakes.

The seniors decorated the library hallway with a light display and snowflakes going down from the ceiling. It was decorated with blue and white to encompass the holiday spirit.

The cash prize winners were the seniors, and the money was given to the grade's fund. This puts more money in their budget for the school's next events.

Mrs. Burdette, government teacher said, "I made the snowflakes, and we put them up in the air after school." It sounded like she had fun doing this and so did the students who participated. This was a way to celebrate holiday spirit.



The class of 2019 decorated with snowflakes

### Running away with the season

By Luqman Ssengo

The Franklin High track team is a well-oiled machine. Having been very successful in past years, the track team looks to not only go all the way, but also win when they get there.

Everybody won't be able to go to states, but specific events are looking forward to the challenge, specifically girls with Mid-Distance Hurdles and boy sprinters. One sprinter, sophomore Von Reams, has a legitimate chance of accomplishing this big goal.

When you run a good enough time in an event, that time qualifies for bigger venues and more important races you could get invited to, and Reams did just that with a whopping time of 6.78 seconds in the 55m races. This

opened a lot of eyes and presented extraordinary opportunities for the fast sophomore. "No pressure, but very excited and grateful" is how he responds when asked about this accomplishment.

After the football team recently winning a state championship, things are looking up for the indoor track team as well. "The team is strongest during mid-distance races," stated sophomore Akunna Ndubuisi.

Overall, the team has obviously gotten off to a delightful start. If thoughts of states are surfacing, it appears the coaching staff, as well as the runners, have great confidence. "I'm looking forward to winning states this year," said sophomore Sherrmar Williams.



Freshman Skyla Green running to the finish line.

### Girl's Varsity Basketball

By Evan Ternent

Franklin's Girls Varsity Basketball team has had a strong start to their season with two wins and only one loss.

So far into the season, Franklin has played two away games and one home game with their record of 2-1. Their best game yet has been their only home game against Dundalk with their ending score of 88-6.

Junior Esti Lichtenberg said, "This is by far the best game we played yet as a team".

The two away games were against Owings Mills and John Carroll. The Owings Mills game was won by Franklin. "It was a very good game" said Lichtenberg.

The game against John Carroll was lost but was still a good game for the team.

"The game was a tough one. We still played a good game as a team and it was a lesson for us," said Lichtenberg.



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### Rookie Running Backs

By Jacob McCarthy



Saquan Barkley in college at Penn State University. Via Wikipedia

The 2018-2019 NFL season has included an intriguing showcase of rookie talent, especially from the running backs. This season, the rookie sensation Saquan Barkley from the New York Giants has taken the league by storm. Barkley was taken with the 2<sup>nd</sup> overall pick because he stood out from the rest of the running backs in the draft

due to his versatility. He can run the ball very well from the line of scrimmage and excels when receiving dump off passes from the quarterback. He led the league in total scrimmage yards by all rookie running backs and had no fumbles all season. Barkley has not transformed the franchise yet but has been doing an unbelievable job from an individual standpoint.



Nick Chubb of the Cleveland Browns.

Via [www.dawgsbynature.com](http://www.dawgsbynature.com)

Another sensational, rookie running back this season is the Cleveland Browns' Nick Chubb. Chubb was taken with the 35<sup>th</sup> overall pick and is a huge reason for why the Browns have had a significantly better season than they did last year. Chubb's shifty footwork and incredible lateral agility has allowed him to succeed. When paired with rookie quarterback Baker Mayfield, the Cleveland Browns' future looks promising.

The Denver Broncos Philip Lindsay has also shocked the football world by rushing for over 1,000 yards as an undrafted free agent pick up. The Broncos' coach Vance Joseph said "He's a shifty runner. ... he's a durable guy, he's got great flexibility, he doesn't take direct contact, he runs behind his pads, he's a really, really good inside runner. It's been two months, it's not a fluke."

There have been many rookie classes that have had talented running backs, but this one in particular stands out.



Phillip Lindsey of the Denver Broncos.

[www.denverpost.com](http://www.denverpost.com)



### Ups and Downs of the 2018 Rookie QB Class

By Seth Craven

This past April, five Quarterbacks were selected in the first round of the 2018 NFL Draft. Baker Mayfield went 1st overall to the Browns, Sam Darnold went 3rd overall to the Jets, Josh Allen went 7th overall to the Bills, Josh Rosen went 10th overall to the Cardinals, and Lamar Jackson went 32nd overall to the Ravens. This was the second most quarterbacks selected in the first round of the NFL draft since 1970.

Not all the quarterbacks got off to the same start this season. Darnold was the only one to be named starter by Week 1. Allen got the nod from the Bills in Week 2 after an awful Week 1 performance from Nathan Peterman. "It's a natural progression during a week -- but he'll be prepared," said Bills Head Coach Sean McDermott after the Bills Week 1 loss.

Josh Rosen and Baker Mayfield both became their team's permanent starters in Week 4 after disappointing performances by Sam Bradford and Tyrod Taylor, respectively. Mayfield came into the game right before halftime in Week 3 against the New York Jets and led the Browns to their first win since the 2016 season. "He was so ready for this moment," Browns Receiver Jarvis Landry said.



*Darnold and Mayfield share a moment on the field pregame (Source: NYPost)*

Lamar Jackson of the Ravens was the last quarterback to earn a starting job. Jackson did not start until Week 11, after the Ravens had dropped three games in a row. Jackson led the Ravens to a 24-21 win in his first start, and Ravens Head Coach John Harbaugh described his performance as "spectacular".

Even though all their seasons started differently, by seasons end all five rookie quarterbacks were still their team's starters. While each quarterback shined on the field individually at times, not all of them could help their team win games. Only one of the five teams with a rookie QB, the Ravens, finished the 2018 season with a winning record.



*Jackson in his first start against the Bengals (Source: Baltimore Sun)*

## Student Interest

### Chick-Fil-A is Franklin's Favorite Nugget

By Zack Ziman

The student body has spoken, and Chick-Fil-A is the favorite chicken nugget of Franklin High School. The Franklin High Gazette conducted an interview of students to determine their favorite chicken nugget. This result is not a surprise to many, as the new Chick-Fil-A across the street is frequently filled with students.

"I'm not surprised at all that Chick-Fil-A was the school's favorite chicken nugget," said senior Anya Litofsky.

Litofsky said she has Chick-Fil-A at least once a week now that it is conveniently located across the street from the school.

"I can't believe McDonalds didn't win. They have been right next to our school forever, and I constantly observe students eating there before and after school," said junior Spencer Wachs.

Wachs loves McDonalds and feels like their nuggets are superior. He doesn't believe that Chick-Fil-A is convenient because you have to cross Reisterstown Road which is often busy. He also believes that lines at McDonalds are often shorter than the lines at Chick-Fil-A.

"Everyone that didn't say Wendy's is completely wrong. I am utterly disgusted by the fact that people would eat the disgusting nuggets of McDonalds and of Chick-Fil-A because they are not even real chicken," said senior Douglas Johnston.



*McDonalds Nuggets came in second place (McDonalds.com)*

Johnston said he loves chicken nuggets more than he loves his life. Every day he wakes up and salivates over the fact that he may be able to eat chicken nuggets.

"I don't really care where people eat their nuggets; I'm just delighted we all can bond over one this one thing," said senior Kaveh Montazer.

Montazer is a pacifist and hates that people are so divided over where they get their nuggets and wants people to come together to just appreciate how good chicken nuggets are.

The top three placing restaurants were Chick-Fil-A, McDonalds, and Wendy's. Franklin High students appreciate the variety of restaurants located near the school and the high-quality nuggets they are served.



*The winning Chick-Fil-A Nuggets (chickfila.com)*

### Dance Company Auditions!

By Jordan Williams

#### Interested in Auditioning for Dance Company?

If you want to be in a dance program that you can participate in and out of school, then try out for Dance Company!

#### Qualifications:

- Black leotard, and compression shorts
- Ability to learn a combination.
- In a dance class at this school
- Attend FHS

Dance Company gives you a chance to be in dance class, dance out of school with no fee, and have more opportunities for other dance organizations.

Mrs. Mathis and the students that are currently in Dance Company are holding technique rehearsals for students who want extra practice before the auditions.

**AUDITIONS ARE:** January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. From 2:30-4:30(Room 39)

**REHEARSALS ARE:** Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> (Room 39)



<https://bcps.schoology.com/course/>

### Ways to Accomplish Your Goals for the New Year

By Tori Wesley

It is a well-known fact that New Year's resolutions are hardly met. People claim they will change something about themselves and, in most cases, give up on it two months in.

Many have asked themselves, 'what's the point if it'll never amount to anything?' The situation can seem hopeless, however, resolutions can be met. They just require more planning and persistence than some think.

First, it's important for someone to write down their goals. Yes, this is a form of note-taking, and while taking notes can be frustrating, getting plans on paper gives people something to reference and change throughout the year. People can also add details to suit personal wants.

"I like to write down my word for the year and then dream of all the things I want to do," says Meredith, a blogger on the website, Arts and Classy.

It's also good to keep oneself in check in terms of goals. When a person loses focus, it should be their responsibility. That can be difficult, though.

After all, people can sometimes be unaware they're going off track. Meredith suggests planning for the New Year with another person.

"Try getting a partner to set goals with," the blogger adds. "Someone to help hold you accountable."

In addition to these two, plans should be taken step by step. The problem with most resolutions is people try taking several big steps at once. Trying to accomplish something this way is tiring. Not only that, but it causes the person to beat themselves up for "not working hard enough".

"This makes goals more realistic for lasting change," claims Elizabeth Scott on the website, Very Well Mind.

It may be difficult, but it'll be worth it in the end. After all, accomplishing goals allows one to grow as a person and learn new things.

"The New Year presents the perfect opportunity to reflect on your past experiences and think

about which direction you might want to take in the future."



*New Year's Picture from wishes. tips*



### January 2019 At FHS

By Esmeralda Samudio

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### Horoscopes for the month of January 2019

By Kasson Williams

**Aries** (March 20th – April 19th).

Ruling planet: Mars

Symbol: Ram

Element: Fire

Romantic compatibility: Gemini, Aquarius, Leo, Libra, Aries, and Sagittarius.

As an Aries, you are passionate and independent. You are a trendsetter, meaning that you will never do something because someone else is doing it. You are passionate about everything you do, especially when it comes to a competition. You have a magnetic personality, and you are a true friend for life. Those around you are motivated by your tenacity when it comes to everything. You will always say what is on your mind; though some may see it as rude, it is simply you being yourself. You prefer honesty above all else, and when someone lies to you, you are quick to lose your temper. Working on controlling your temper through a positive outlet, such as boxing, going to the gym, running, or any other physical outlet is usually a goal you have.

Your horoscope: January is going to be your month, you will be provided with energy to do more of what you want creatively. On the 19th of January you will need to reflect upon your dreams and goals in life. Are they what you truly want? On the 25th of January, issues with your love life may arise.

**Taurus** (April 20th – May 21st)

Ruling planet: Venus

Symbol: Bull

Element: Earth

Romantic compatibility: Virgo, Capricorn, Pisces, Cancer, Scorpio, and Taurus.

As a Taurus, you are smart, ambitious, and trustworthy. Like the Aries, you value honesty above all else but are less likely to lose your temper when someone is dishonest

with you, at least not openly. You can hold a grudge for quite some time. You are given the reputation of being set in your ways, but you are open to ideas and change. Like the Aries, you won't stop until things are the way you want them. You won't be fazed by having to pull an all-nighter or two to achieve your goals. As a Taurus, you can either be in an intimacy-filled relationship or in a friendship that will last a lifetime. As a Taurus, you are obsessed with the details, and will settle for nothing but the best.

Your horoscope: January will be a time of change for you, not all good and not all bad. In January it is time for you to get out there; experience new things. Travel, find a new hobby, meet new people. Maybe pick up a bible, who knows? Personal transformations are to come as well. A new haircut, maybe a new style of dress. After the 10th of January, it would be beneficial to look into yourself and reflect on who you are. Decide if you are happy with that person. After the 25th, changes within your family may come, whether those changes are good or bad depend upon your actions.

**Gemini** (May 22nd – June 21st)

Ruling planet: Mercury.

Symbol: Twins.

Element: Air.

Romantic compatibility: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius, Libra, Aquarius, and Gemini.

As a Gemini you are credited for having two different sides. When other signs talk to you they make sure to ascertain which side you are displaying to the world and adapt accordingly. Despite the negative rep you are given, you are smart, passionate, loyal and a social butterfly. You are quick-witted and optimistic, bad experiences are nothing more than things of the past. You are a hopeless romantic and love everything to do with love like those initial butterflies and the phone conversations at 3

AM.

Your horoscope: While you are normally talkative, during the month of January, you are quiet as you look inwards to reflect. Your mood may be more unpredictable than usual, so tread carefully when it comes to relationships- be it romantic relationships or simple friendships. You may be more prone to jumping to conclusions, and with a tongue laced in poison you are likely to say things that really hurt. On the 19th, take some time off from work and school and so some of your favorite activities. On the 25th, you may have issues conveying your feelings and communicating with others. On the 30th, it may be best to take a vacation to get away and take a break from all the coming change. Stay strong.

**Cancer** (June 22st – July 22nd)

Ruling planet: Moon.

Symbol: Crab.

Element: Water.

Romantic compatibility: Scorpio, Pisces. Cancer, Virgo, Taurus, Capricorn.

As a cancer you are not quick to trust, but once you do, you and that person are practically inseparable. You value honesty and despise small talk. You would much rather spend your time in a small group of people that you can trust rather than at a big party with people you must pretend in front of. As a cancer you are honest with your feelings, if you don't like someone you will say as much. If you like someone you will tell them so. You hate playing mind games and would much rather just get to the point. Although you do not mind hanging out with friends, you need plenty of time alone to figure out your feelings. You are a dreamer and would much rather spend time in your own head than reality. When you cannot explain your feelings, you prefer to express yourself in a creative way, such as writing or painting.

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#### **Cancer** (June 22st – July 22nd)

Your horoscope: The month of January could be either good or bad, it all depends upon you. You will need to face any issues you have with communicating with loved one's head on. You could find a new love interest, whether you act upon these feelings depends on you. After the 10th, you may want to finally take the walk down the aisle. After the 19th of January, you are likely to become more in touch with your emotions. The 25th will bring questions of self-worth, and the 30th will be a time for reflection. Make sure you try to talk it out with someone before you get lost in your thoughts.

#### **Leo** (July 23nd – August 22nd)

Ruling planet: Sun

Symbol: Lion.

Element: Fire.

Romantic compatibility: Aquarius, Gemini, Libra, Aries, Sagittarius, Leo.

As a Leo you are intelligent, courageous, and a natural born leader. You are confident, beautiful and unafraid to show it. You are bold, with no sense of modesty. You want respect and are unafraid to put in the work to earn it. You are social and would much rather be surrounded by people than alone. You are passionate, and more likely than not will put yourself first, though never at the expense of others. You are adventurous and a thrill-seeker, always looking for new experiences. You'll be the first to try a new food and the first to get on a rollercoaster. As a Leo, you are prideful, but willing to back down when you feel it's necessary.

Your horoscope: This month will be a time of discovery and change. After the 10th, it may be beneficial to start a new diet or exercise regimen. After the 19th, as you feel the desire to let others in, you may feel the urge to make a new friend or even find a new love interest. Don't be afraid to act on these feelings! After the 25th, these new

relationships will be beneficial for learning more about yourself. Don't take the criticism your friends may give you too harshly; instead take those criticisms and use it to change as you see fit. After the 30th, you may encounter some turbulence regarding these new relationships. Speak your mind as you always do, and things should turn out alright.

#### **Virgo** (August 23nd – September 22nd)

Ruling planet: Mercury.

Symbol: Maiden.

Element: Earth.

Romantic compatibility: Taurus, Capricorn, Virgo, Scorpio, Cancer, and Pisces.

As a Virgo you are intelligent, well-spoken, and kind. You are a great friend, always willing to lend a shoulder or an ear. You may be shy at first, but those walls will quickly come down, and you will be unafraid to speak your mind if you believe it will help your friends. You love to learn, be it in a classroom or on your own time. Though you do not mind company, a day lost in the pages of a book is just fine with you. You are a sucker to please and expect people to do the same, so you hate being disappointed above all else.

Your horoscope: January will be a fun month for you, mostly. New Year's resolutions? Throw them out of the window and appease your inner child. After January 10th, you will want to put your energy into creative outlets such as painting or drawing. Your sleeping schedule will suffer under the force of creative energy you suddenly have, but you can use this energy for decorating and cleaning. After the 19th, turn your energy inwards. Is there anything that you are unhappy with? Strive to change it. After the 25th issues with spirituality may arise, so focus inwards once more and try not to lash out at others. After the 30th, health issues may arise, so be sure to take care of yourself.

#### **Libra** (September 23nd – October 23rd)

Ruling planet: Venus.

Symbol: Scales.

Element: Air.

Romantic compatibility: Aries, Sagittarius, and Leo, Gemini, Aquarius, and Libra.

As a Libra, you are intelligent and selfless. You are adaptable and willing to compromise if it means avoiding an argument. You are a dreamer, though you have trouble following those dreams. You sometimes need loved ones to ground you and give you a push in the right direction, so you are always at your happiest when you are surrounded by those you can rely on for support. Though you would rather spend time lost in your own head, when it comes down to it you are hard-working and driven. You strive to attain a balance between work and self-care.

Your horoscope: January will be a pleasant month for you but be careful as your digestive system may be sensitive, so be sure to watch what you eat. After the 19th, you may begin to feel creative energy. Do not be afraid to embrace this energy, paint a picture or two. Along with the creative energy, you may feel the need for romance as well. Once again, do not be afraid to act upon these feelings. After the 25th of January, some things may become clear when it regards your goals or your social life. After 30th, do not be afraid to express yourself. Communication will be key.

#### **Scorpio** (Oct 24th – November 21st)

Ruling planets: Pluto and Mars.

Symbol: The Scorpion.

Element: Water.

Romantic compatibility: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn, Pisces, Cancer, and Scorpio.

As a Scorpio you are independent and a trendsetter. You are unafraid to voice your opinion and will do so no matter the circumstance. *(Continued on page 12)*



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#### Scorpio (continued from page 11)

Some may call you obstinate, but in your honest opinion you are authentic. You dislike dishonest people and will always value being told the truth, even if it hurts. You may seem scary at first, but only because you are afraid of being hurt. Once those walls come down you have nothing but a great friend. You are still brutally honest, but you can be loving and passionate. You hold grudges for a long time, but only if someone has wronged you in the worst way possible. Otherwise, you are just cautious about who you choose to open up to.

Your horoscope: The month of January will be hectic for you. You will receive frequent bouts of energy which push you to do something productive. Through these productive periods make sure to watch your spending. After the 19th, you will turn that energy inwards and focus on personal matters. After the 30th, you may want to take a break from the chaos that is your life and focus on your personal goals and life.

#### Sagittarius (November 22nd – December 21st)

Ruling planet: Jupiter.

Symbol: Archer.

Element: Fire.

Romantic compatibility: Aquarius, Gemini, Libra, Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius.

As a Sagittarius, you are a natural-born leader, unafraid to do your own thing at any given time. You will do what you want when you want. You are honest to the point where you may be called out on being rude, but you will not care, much like the Scorpio. Once you get past the brutal honesty you have a friend for life, one that will never, ever, betray your trust.

Your horoscope: This month will be a time of change and reflection. You will be gifted with energy to change, whether you use this energy productively is up to you. After the 30th, you will need to reflect on what it is you truly value in life.

#### Capricorn (December 23rd – Jan 19th)

Ruling planet: Saturn.

Symbol: Goat.

Element: Earth.

Romantic compatibility: Taurus, Capricorn, Virgo, Scorpio, Cancer, Pisces.

As a Capricorn you are willing to work for what you want. You may be called stubborn or set in your ways, but you simply know what you want when you want it. You are more than happy to follow a set of rules, you prefer things ordinary and predictable. You are not a decision maker; you would much rather have someone make decisions for you and then act accordingly. You are prone to stress when it comes to your image. You want others to think nothing but the best of you.

Your horoscope: January will be a good month for you. With the extra energy you may find yourself with you may want to change your appearance or enhance it. Feeling the need to shop for clothes or cut your hair suddenly? Don't be afraid to act on those needs. You may feel restless, unable to sit still; release that energy in a positive way. Exercise is the best option. After the 25th, you may begin to feel particularly emotional. There is nothing to fear if you release these emotions positively, meaning don't lash out at others. This month will also be filled with opportunity and luck where you least expect it!

#### Aquarius (January 20th – February 18th)

Ruling planet: Uranus, Saturn.

Symbol: The Water Bearer.

Element: Air.

Romantic compatibility: Gemini, Libra, Leo, Sagittarius, Aries, and Aquarius.

As an Aquarius, there are two sides to you. You can be shy or outspoken, or maybe even inhabit both qualities. No matter which characteristic you exhibit you are intelligent, and a deep thinker. You are not stubborn and are always willing to concede your point if you are proven wrong. You can be outspoken and still require time

alone to sort through your thoughts. You are hopelessly optimistic as well, seeing the best in a situation where there shouldn't be any.

Your horoscope: This month will be a time of reflection for you. Take some time to yourself and spend time relaxing. Time alone with your thoughts will be crucial in this month. After the 10th, don't be afraid to put yourself out there. Take a stab at becoming class president, and anything else you might want to do. After the 19th, your social batteries will be recharged, and you will be ready to talk to others about your thoughts. Issues involving a relationship may arise on the 25th, work through them slowly.

#### Pisces (February 19th – March 20th)

Ruling planet: Neptune, Jupiter.

Symbol: The Fish.

Romantic compatibility: Scorpio, Cancer, Pisces, Taurus, Capricorn, and Virgo.

As a Pisces, you are understanding. You are easy-going and do not discriminate unless that person is mean-spirited. You may make friends of all types and are always willing to lend a shoulder or an ear. You are not outspoken, and you love your friends, but you are more than comfortable sitting in silence. You don't always know what to say to make it all better, but you understand. Sometimes you get lost in your thoughts and need someone to ground you. You aren't the most hard-working, but when you set your mind to doing something, you are passionate about it to a fault.

Your horoscope: Be careful and surround yourself with loved ones. Your goals may change, for better or for worse is unknown. The 25th and the 30th will bring about times where you may need to reflect.

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