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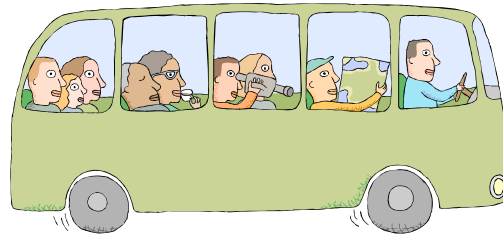
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As we spring forward and set our clocks for another lost hour, the Technology Academy prepares for the end of the first nine weeks. The last day of this nine weeks is March 30. All students must turn in their work by 11:30 on the 30th to receive credit. Report cards will be sent home on April 2. Parents it is important that students attend classes, and hand in their assignments on time. Assignments and grades for your student can be found under the links page on our website.

Now that the weather is starting to break, we hope to take students on field trips. These field trips will help to enhance the knowledge our students have gained, regarding history, government, and marketing. Students may be required to bring in a permission slip signed by the parent or guardian, granting permission to ride with a teacher to the site. Students who do not return their permission slips will not be able to attend the trip.



Spring break begins on April 2nd. Students should return back the the Technology Academy on April 16. There will be no Friday classes April 6, 13, or 20. Evening classes for grant students will not be held on April 3,5,10, or 12.

#### Special points of interest:

- Upcoming school events.
- Information on holidays, sports, and students personal time away from school.

## Summer School Registration

Summer school registration begins April 16. Classes will run from June 25 through August 3, from 7:30 to 12:30. Cost is \$350 per class and tuition is due in full with registration form no later than June 15. There are no payment plans for the tuition. Registration forms may be picked up at the school office.



## *Spring Break*

**By: Stefano Corzo**

During mid– April most students from different colleges throughout the U.S. migrate to different tropical or beach locations in order to spend their “Spring Break”. In the beginning these mass movements of highly promiscuous college students were seen as harmless by the community which received them, but as the underage drinking, sexuality, and overt nudity increased, people started questioning this once innocent practice. Residents of these locations finally decided to take action after contemplating these damages done to their homes, this is the cause of why once popular spots for vacationing (Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Daytona Beach) started imposing

rules and restrictions. Now these vacationers in their despair have found other ways to express and divert themselves. The beaches of Mexico have become the new Mecca for spring breakers, locations like Cancun and Acapulco have become popular because of the facilities (monetary-wise) and lower drinking age, as compared in the U.S. Business owners have also not failed to notice the amount of money these hers of people are willing to spend, and have come up with new travel-plans and positive alternative to these “leisure” spring breaks is the option of going on an “Alternative Spring Break”, these trips are more focused to the service-minded, humanitarian students, they focus on traveling to poor or

needy countries and helping or experiencing the people, community, habitat, etc. Anyhow, many colleges have caught up with this practice and tried to get their students involved in such activities, one such example could be the re-building of the city on New Orleans. Nevertheless, these two seem to be the more increasingly popular practices by students found today.



## *Easter*

**By Destini Taylor**



Easter is the annual festival commemorating the resurrection of Jesus. It is celebrated on a Sunday varying dates between March 22 and April 25. The Easter bunny, Easter eggs, and Easter baskets are popular symbols of Easter, but religious wise it has no association. The Easter bunny was first in Germany. It came to the

United States in the 1700's with the Pennsylvania Dutch. The eggs are associated with many spring festivals not just Easter. The eggs are originally painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring. The basket is just there to provide a nest for the decorated eggs, the candy, and for all the other gifts given

# SPRING

## Graduation

By Joe Scott

This year I'm graduating from high school. I am very excited to be graduating. The school that I'm graduating from is Manassas Park High School. I went through a lot here to graduate. The first thing is that I failed the 9th grade. After that I passed the 10th grade and 11th grade was terrible. Around December the school had a meeting about me with my parents and they all agreed to send me here, to the Technology Academy. The school also said that I



couldn't graduate from a regular high school. So they decided that Tech Academy would help me to graduate on time. As soon as I graduate I will have a job waiting for me, that job for me is at a beer company.

## Summer Activities

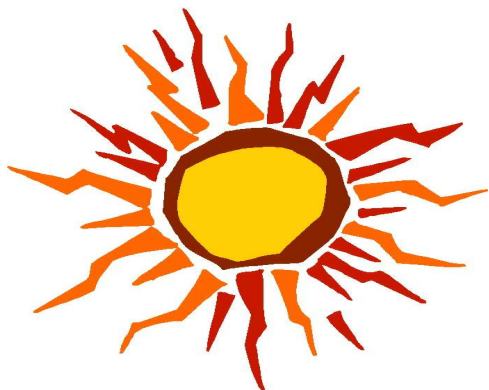
By BJ Coles

The things that you can do outside during the summer when it's hot or even warm are spectacular. There are so many activities. You can get out and play sports for great exercise. You could go swimming or just socialize at the pool. Usually during the summer the parties start to accumulate to like every day. Sometimes during the summer people are forced to do something that no teenager wants to do and get a job.

## My Favorite Season

By Robert Foster

My favorite season is summer because there is no school. Another reason I like summer is because of the warm weather. My church goes on a lot of trips also. One trip we're going on is to Canada. Then there is a thing at our church hosts called week of hope when different churches come from all over the United States to stay at our church and go around doing service projects. These are reasons why summer is my favorite season.



## My Summer

On my summer break I will try to spend time with my family. Right now I am looking for a summer job for my break. If I can not get a job I will spend the night over at my friend's

By Stephon Williams

house for most of the summer. In the summer I will take an anger management program. In the summer, in my spare time, I might play some sports. That is what I am going to do over my summer break.



## *Going Back to School*

*By Melissa Sampson*

**“Until I got expelled for 365 days last February.”**

A little over a year ago I was attending Osbourn Park High School, until I got expelled for 365 days last February. At that time I was very unsure of what to do because I never thought that would happen. I found the Technology Academy, checked it out, and began going there. When my year was up I knew I would have to go back to the people that kicked me out and have a meeting with them about how I had been doing. So in this past year I have basically done every single thing that I could to get re-admitted back into high school. Last school year at the Tech Academy I missed no more than one school day, I had excellent grades, I saved all of my credits from Osbourn Park and I was passing drug tests. I began again at Tech last September for my junior year because my year expulsion was not yet up. Since September I have kept up with my grades, attendance and drug tests. Just recently this year in March I had my re-admissions meeting. Everything went very well and I got a letter in the mail saying that I would be accepted back into Osbourn Park in September for my senior year. I was extremely excited because all I wanted was to go back to school with my friends. Hopefully next year everything will go smoothly and I will walk across the stage.

## *Football*

*By Kenny McFadden*

Football is exciting for boys at all ages. In summer there is a contact football league called Pop Warner, it is a travel league. The football league has good coaches and good fields. They also have flag football. Football is fun to me because I like to hit people and I also like to have fun. In Pop Warner if you go all the way you go to Florida.



## *Basketball* *By Rapheal Mequanint*



Basketball is the best sport in the world. It uses almost all of the muscles in your body. It keeps you in good shape and can make you lots of money. I think that basketball should be a class in high school required to pass. Instead of physical education where we do all of these other boring sports, we should just stick to basketball. I say this because basketball teaches you lessons that you can use in life such as teamwork, patience, hard work, and trust. You need all of these things in life to be happy and successful. So therefore basketball should be a class required in order to graduate high school.

## Army Strong By Donovan Wright

Most people at my age have mixed feelings about their future, where they will be, if that is what they want. At seventeen years old, I have sworn myself into the nation's, the world's finest military occupation, The United States Army. I know where I will be in the future, and I am proud and happy to say that I have made the right decision. Most military services offer an early entry program designed for individuals who want to enlist, but are still in the process of obtaining a high school di-

ploma. The Army's early entrance program prepares future soldiers by giving the basics of basic training, such as learning marches, stances, military time, the army's alphabet, and even grants promotions to Private (E2) and Private First Class (E3) if qualified. The early entrance program will send future soldiers to basic training during summer break, for nine weeks I will be pushed to the limit, and then achieve the official status of a soldier. After

basic training I will attend school, and drill weekends (every fourth week) and be paid a hefty sum. I feel that this opportunity for people like me, interested in joining a military service, is a great way to start out. Some ask why? Is it worth it? Are you scared that you may get deployed? And then I remember that there is nothing on this green earth stronger than the United State's Army, because there's nothing on this green earth stronger than a United State's Army Soldier.



*An Army of One*

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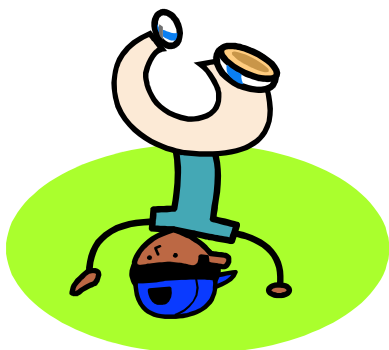
## Break Dancing

By Gus Marquez

Breaking dancing is a form of African American dance that emerged from the hip-hop culture of the South Bronx and New York dur-

ing the mid 1970s. In the beginning break dancers adopted a confrontational attitude, as crews met each other in fake rumbles that often turned into real fights. Breaking dancing met commercial success and public notoriety in the early 1980s. Like rap, break dancing appeared in a number of popular films, including

*Wild Style, Breakin', and Beat Street*, which featured the Rock Steady crew, break dancing's most renowned posse. The publicity which deemphasized break dancing's most confrontational aspect turned the dance into a national sensation among white as well as black youths. Suburban kids donned hip-hop fashions





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