Pajama pants banned at OWL

Dave faces backlash over new rule, claims it will improve test scores and Ivy League acceptances

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In an effort to improve OWL’s professional environment, principal Dave Gundale has updated the dress code by placing a ban on pajama pants. "I am confident that this decision will make OWL a more suitable place to learn," said Dave when asked about this new development. "We all need to be aware that our dressing choices have a bigger impact on the school environment than we assume, and this rule will ensure that students as well as staff dress more appropriately for class."

The ban will be effective April 1, and aside from an exception for prom, it is expected to last for the entire school year from here on out. Any student who violates the rule by wearing pajama pants to school will be required to swap them with monogrammed khakis available at the front desk.

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Students have reacted with outrage to this new rule. "This is absolutely ridiculous. I was perfectly perforning my dirty look after giving it to Dave ev- ery morning on my way into school. My TikTok following was really growing, too, since I was filming it every day," said eleventh grader Nick String. "The ban will be effective April 1st, and aside from an exception for prom, it is expected to last for the entire school year from here on out. Any student who violates the rule by wearing pajama pants to school will be required to swap them with monogrammed khakis available at the front desk."

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Mario Kart can now be used for driver’s education hours

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Pong Xiong, the director of the Department of Public Safety’s Driver and Vehicle Services Division, has decided to switch from requiring 50 hours of hands-on driving before you can get your license to 25 hours of Mario Kart DS. “It is cheaper and safer,” said Xiong. However, if you get first place five times, you can get your license without a road test.

According to the Minnesota Traffic Safety Group, Mario Kart DS “is the most realistic and best way to prepare to drive.” With its hypersensitive game engine, astounding graphics, realistic traffic simulation that is modeled off of the St Paul area, and self-learning AI that changes based on your driving, Mario Kart DS is just about as close to real life as you can get.

After hearing that I had to try it again many years after being afraid to play because of how real it was, I chose the Star Cup. I could feel myself being brought into the game. I started in 4th and had a battle to 1st. After playing Mario Kart DS, I had become the best driver in real life. If your driving and hall passes was going to be a headache, I would get the Hall Pass Club.

The club explains that by using paper, “stated the club head. “I thought it was a joke until I heard Dave say it.”

18 is the new 05
Jalen is a trailblazer for students looking to retire young

Minette Sinay Staff Writer

In a never-before-seen move, senior Jalen Bolton-Steinmetz—popularly known by the moniker “BS”—announced that he would be leaving the building for the last time on Wednesday, March 25th, 2020. He sent out the day prior “My plan is to settle down. I’d like to spend more quality time with my family (and play video-games),” he wrote in a statement to the Saint Paul Public School district.

Most people retire a few years after graduating high school, but BS decided to make that process hasty. He spoke with our reporters to explain his choices more extensivly, saying that, “School just isn’t cutting it. I’ll never need to know about variables, how to write an essay, by god!” While shedding a tear, he spoke about the longing he’s felt for his lovely home life; “I love my games, and my kids, and I haven’t seen them in hours!”

Some students (nonds) reacted with negative attitudes also just don’t listen to what the teacher has to say. So after a long debate they came to the conclusion that it would be a good idea to change the schedule to a twelve block period instead of an A and B schedule. The OWL Leadership Committee had a meeting this weekend and noticed that lots of kids have short attention spans and can’t handle the long classes. They seem to read a lot more when they’re on their work on time, and they

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Grace didn’t watch Demon Slayer

Despite being a huge anime fan, Grace deceived her fellow Anime Club members

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In a statement that created a shock wave across the OWL anime community, 10th grader Grace Moser revealed she’s never watched Demon Slayer, the anime she claimed to have loved, proving so by walking around with swag from the show. This comes as a shock to Demon Slayer fans at OWL.

“I know how many people at OWL have disappointed, and I feel so guilty about lying,” Grace said in an interview. “But to be fair, I read the manga which is probably better anyway, and I just don’t have the time to watch all the episodes right now with school and work.”

“If I could change anything, I would choose to watch Demon Slayer. But right now, I can’t.”

OWL’s anime club has set up protests around Grace’s locker every Friday at 2:30 pm, and will continue to do so until she decides to watch the anime.

All this time I thought that her water bottle was because she liked Demon Slayer but noonoo, she’d just been using it as a shield!”
**Clickable pens banned**

Staff Writer

Amelia Ryan

This past Wednesday, the Saint Paul Public School Board announced that clickable pens have been banned as of today. Sources say that the reasoning behind this was that they distract students from their work.

"It's in the same line as banning phones. You make them take the attention of the students away from their teachers," said Superintendent Hoy Goedhart.

"We believe this will have a positive impact on schools, and we hope that other districts take this rule up," said Clickable pen, also called retractable pens, were first invented by John L. Fred in 1880, and perfected by brothers Lazlo and Gyorgy Biro 1931. Clickable pens have their haters, but now, almost one hundred years later, they face some of their first true opposition.

The decision seems to have its supporters in the schools, mostly among teachers fed up with students making noise.

"I cannot stand the constant clacking drives me nuts!," said Mitho. "I'm so glad that clicking pens are being banned," said English teacher Kevin Hanson. "This is the best idea the school board has had in years. Can't believe they thought of this soon- ness," said social studies teacher Luke Turkovd.

Not everybody is happy with the ban though. "We've had clicking pens for years and we've been fine. I don't see why they ban them now. It's pointless," said 12th grader Elia Stevens, who has been protesting against all decisions the School Board has made since 7th grade.

"It's likely not work- able software," said Mitho. "I think it's possible for it to still be driving around the school," said robot ics coach Megan Hall.

Mithro was the robotics team's only working robot, so teachers and students should keep a look out for the robot around the school. Mithro is now gray and about the size of a boot. If found, bring the robot to Megan in room 3215.

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The pens will be inscribed with the name of the school and the student it belongs to. If the student loses their pen, they will be fined $50.

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**OWL robot on the rampage**

Elena Patton

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The pens will be of the OWL mascot, the OWL Leadership Committee announced the offering of tattoos last month. The offering went up 26% since the committee announced the offering of tattoos months ago.

"I heard rumors about it," said 12th grader Max Schibel. No one else had even outed Sorcha on March 6th. "Oh yeah, me and Sorcha always sit together cause Sorcha is only in my class," said 12th grader Ciarra Firth. "Me and my friends would always sit together cause Sor- cha gave us permission, it was all of our favorite class," said senior Max Schibel. No one else suspected Sorcha since it was her first day at OWL and many students didn't know her. "I was empowered, like I was the king of the hill and they believed I was their teacher. It was amazing," said Sorcha.

**Manatee to switch mascots**

Staff Writer

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Upon the discovery that manatees are in fact real living animals, the OWL Leadership Committee has changed the mascot of the school's ultimate Frisbee team to the Flaming Ti- ger Demons.

OWL Leadership Commit- tee spokesperson Leo Bickel- haupt said in an interview, "in lieu of recent events with the recent discovery of the fact that manatees are real, we have made the executive decision to change the mascot of the OWL frisbee team to a Flaming Ti- ger Demon."

This is a massive change as the frisbee team has been named the Manatees since it was started in 1998. In a statement from Kris Johnson, CEO of the non-profit Ama- ture Sports of Minnesota said "sports teams named after something that actually exists always fail. Take the Vikings or the Timberwolves for in- stance."

Sources reported that the logo of the Flaming Tiger Demons. Kellogg has said OWL for taking intellectual property. Steve Calabiano, the CEO of Kellogg, said in a statement, "we will shut down all amateur sports everywhere."

"This comes after a series of investigations by the Fed- eration of Animals in Talla- hassee, or EAT. The discovery was made after a speedboat hit one of these creatures mid complaint, which screamed "man-a-ee" and his friend mistakenly thought he said "manatee." EAT kept the name because "ha ha funny." They recently contacted OWL with the results of the investigation. 10th grader Mihnot Sturm commented, "you're tell- ing me that manatees are real, now I'll be telling me that something as crazy as Ohio exists."

With all of the excitement over the changing of the name, a controversy has risen over the logo of the Flaming Tiger Demons. Kellogg has sued OWL for taking intellectual property. Steve Calabiano, the CEO of Kellogg, said in a statement, "we will shut down all amateur sports everywhere."

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**Spiritwax tattoo artists**

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In an effort to increase school spirit, the OWL spirit wear committee has decided to offer permanent tattoos to students, available on the last Friday of every month, when the tattoo artists come in.

"If a middle schooler is inter- ested in a tattoo, they will re- quire parent permission to get tattooed," said Meara. "Students are in high school they will just need to make an appointment ahead of time," she said. "Parents of students planning on getting a tattoo, 7% were unsure, and 2% left the school because of the tattos. "I think its stupid to get a tattoo of a middle and high school, you're going to graduate and then regret the
Serena switches sports

The world-renowned tennis champion will put down her trusty racket and pick up a bat

Claire Halston Staff Writer

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There are mixed feelings surrounding the news that Williams is switching sports. Some are excited about the new challenges she will face while others are concerned about the potential for injury. However, Williams herself seems determined to make the most of the opportunity. She told the press, “I think she had gotten so tired of the hype and so tired of the media that she wanted to find a place where she could play and really just have fun,” said Patrick Mouratoglou, her coach of 10 years. Her last tournament will be the 2023 Australian Open, leaving 2023 ESPY women’s tennis award up for grabs, likely for Steffi Graf, the new家务管理 system. “We do not in any way indicate that he was decoding anyone’s information from sources reveals it begins to find the answer with Jimmy Fallon that she wanted to find a place where she could play and really just have fun,” said Patrick Mouratoglou, her coach of 10 years.

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Serena’s new venture into baseball is not the first time she has ventured outside of tennis. In 2018, she released her book “Serena: Life Lessons.” The book includes scenes of video games affecting her home life. Her paycheck will definitely reflect her new role. “I can still play them, and Chris’ mother Kar -LYCIA BROOKS

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“Kirby is the greatest shooter game”

Pro-gamer reviews COD

10/10 for video game Kirby

The neighborhood is definitely for

Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood

A moving PBS show that highlights common teen issues

Elizabeth Hallanger

Staff Writer

Let’s face it, television shows and movies nowadays just aren’t quite what you used to be. Sure, we’ve got a lot of great stuff from Netflix and HBO as of recently, but none of it, save for Euphoria, is quite on par with the sort of thrilling and dark television shows that teens love nowadays.

However, a truly shocking cinematic atrocity may have gone under the radar as of late. One with a series quality that can be compared to “House of Cards,” “Stranger Things,” and even “Black Mirror.” I am, of course, referring to “Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood,” the shocking hit series from well-known public network PBS kids, which proves to us that their shows aren’t just for kids anymore.

The show is directed and produced by famous and genre-defining series director Angela Santomero, and it truly shows. She’s known for her highly controversial and widely praised projects such as television series “Super Why!” and the incredibly successful thrillering film “Blues Clues & You!”

The series follows the titular Daniel Tiger, who lives in his neighborhood with his friends Katerina Kittycat, O the Owl, Prince Wednesday, and Miss Elaina. Under the surface, Daniel’s “Neighborhood of Make Believe” may seem normal, however, within the first few episodes, it quickly becomes clear how wrongly one can measure its impact.

The neighborhood, filled with constant conflict and tension, is ruled by the militant King Friday XIII, and the rest of the Royal Family, whose clear neglect of their citizens causes dysfunction and crime within the community. With Daniel in each episode, the series deals with extreme and tense situations, and struggles with not only the intense drama within his neighborhood but also the effects that the tension within his community is having on him and his family.

Don’t let the bright colors, cute characters, and simple animation fool you, as they mainly serve as a juxtaposition to the harrowing teen crime drama the show truly is, a genius way to lure fans. In the series, a show features cute and gritty themes, crime of violence, and juvenile disobedience, which can be seen in many of the series’ stand-out episodes.

Take for example S2 EP19: Daniel’s Day of Many Feelings. When Katerina Kittycat commits the heinous crime of larceny, stealing Dan- el’s favorite stuffed animal, and being allowed to get away with it. This gives us our first look not only into how corrupt the Neighborhood’s justice system truly is, but also into Daniel’s series-spanning arc of distrust of authority, which can be seen in many later episodes, such as episode 25, when he disobeys his mother by refusing to clean up his toys.

Or the harrowing S3 EP5: Circle Time Squabble. When Daniel’s friend group falls apart at circle time after ten-year-old Henry Bandelin is overwhelmed by, culminating in this har- rowing season finale episode, episode 26. It is about Daniel’s first bloody, physical fight, pushing Miss Elaina over at circle time. This highlights not only the heart-wrenching de- cline in the two’s relationship, being called the “Modern-day Cain and Abel” by many viewers, but also how the show doesn’t stray away from dis- playing realistic violence and thrilling action.

And all of this, series has proved to be a truly high quality, dark, and moving television series, with many critics raving about its high quality. Well re- nowned critic Rex Reed called it “A masterpiece of television on par with the Sopranos, tru- ly an incredible piece of animation.”

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Daniel Tiger is a groundbreaking television series.

Henry Bandelin

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New foraying in the neighborhood business is the greatest first-person shooter game I’ve played in years. Kirby being a game that just has infinite- ly brings a truly unique, fast paced experience that brings it ever so close to the level of film... some of the greatest like Goldeneye, Fortnite or Biohazard.

To go along with that, Kirby apart from these more conventional shooters is the fact that your projectiles are actually enemies that you have killed previously, leading to an interesting gameplay where you have to shoot enemies in order to turn them into ammo. Truly inspired mechanics from the great mind of Masahiro Sakurai.

The game changes the long musical identity of the Kirby series from standard VGM (Video Game Music) to Metal. This change is very welcome, as it helps distinguish this game from others in the series. The game was at its best when the Choaion theme was playing, perhaps the fullest. For every track, they used the edited sounds of a Chainsaw or a Lawnmower in place of a guitar, which just leads to a heavier, more weighty feeling throughout the game.

The greatest part of the game was the “Shyguy” sys- tem, where by getting an en- ough to a low enough health, you could swallow them whole to gain their abilities. My favorite ability was Waddlebug, but during the end of the game the ability 1 “Waddlebug to the Harp” was far hand far better. Kirby’s final boss, Dedede-Dedede, was a zillion times over, culminating in this har- rowing season finale episode, episode 26. It is about Daniel’s first bloody, physical fight, pushing Miss Elaina over at circle time. This highlights not only the heart-wrenching de- cline in the two’s relationship, being called the “Modern-day Cain and Abel” by many viewers, but also how the show doesn’t stray away from dis- playing realistic violence and thrilling action.

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In these last episodes of the series an 11/10. If you’re looking for a new, groundbreaking TV show then Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood is definitely for you.

Note: Kirby is available on Nintendo Switch.