

The Forum 2026



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The Forum is the annual publication of Lake Catholic High School, displaying the literary and artistic talents of the students.

Prologue

At its best, artwork is a conversation — a forum where voices meet, ideas collide, and stories remind us that we are never entirely alone.

This edition of *The Forum* celebrates the creativity, insight, and courage of the students of Lake Catholic High School, whose words and artwork transform ordinary moments into something lasting.

Lake Catholic High School Crest



Dedication



Mrs. Lisa Matthies, Lake Catholic High School Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Matthies is retiring from Lake Catholic after 35 years of service.

As a guidance counselor, her job includes every facet of the students' educational experiences: course selection and registration, standardized testing administration and the requirements for college admittance. Her office door was always open for students who needed assistance with problems. In some cases, she was the surrogate mom to students, and actual mom to her 3 daughters who all graduated from Lake Catholic.

Mrs. Matthies always had a smile and mints, to brighten a day. She will be greatly missed!

Once a Cougar, Always a Cougar

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Angela Kerwood '26
Gray Hawk Country Club



Ella Raddell '27
Not the Same



Lily Long '27

Yellow

A color.

The color of the sun smiling down on the world,

Sharing quality time with important people,

The smell of cookies baking in the oven,

Unexpected compliments from others,

Laughing with your closest friends,

Bathing in the sun at the beach,

A warm hug from your mom,

A stranger's kind gesture,

Love and friendship,

Kind thoughts,

Pure joy,

Yellow.



Bella Buchanan '26

360 Degrees

People don't know that
we are here, but our vision of

360 degrees lets us know. In the depths
of the sea is where I lay deep down, away
from the hot summer's day. We are flat and smooth
but certainly have some attitude. Our long
tail with a barb is certainly to fear.

One flick and it will all be
dark for you. Suns out
we stay away from

homes. If you
don't stay

away you
feel a
flick.

Walk
shuffle
your
feet
safe
from
sting.



Nadia Petkovic '29
Pink Drink



Aryanna Manista '29
A Horse's Ripple in Time



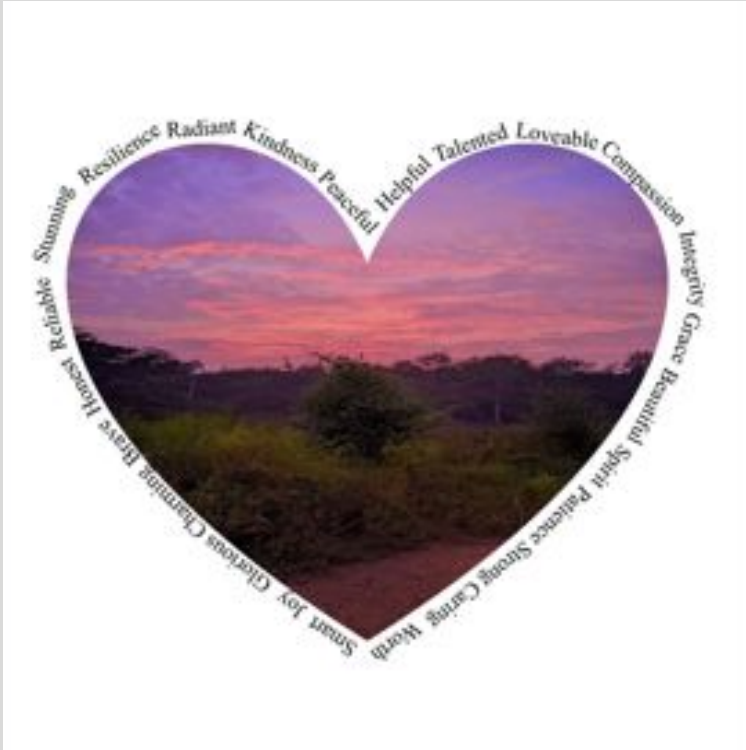
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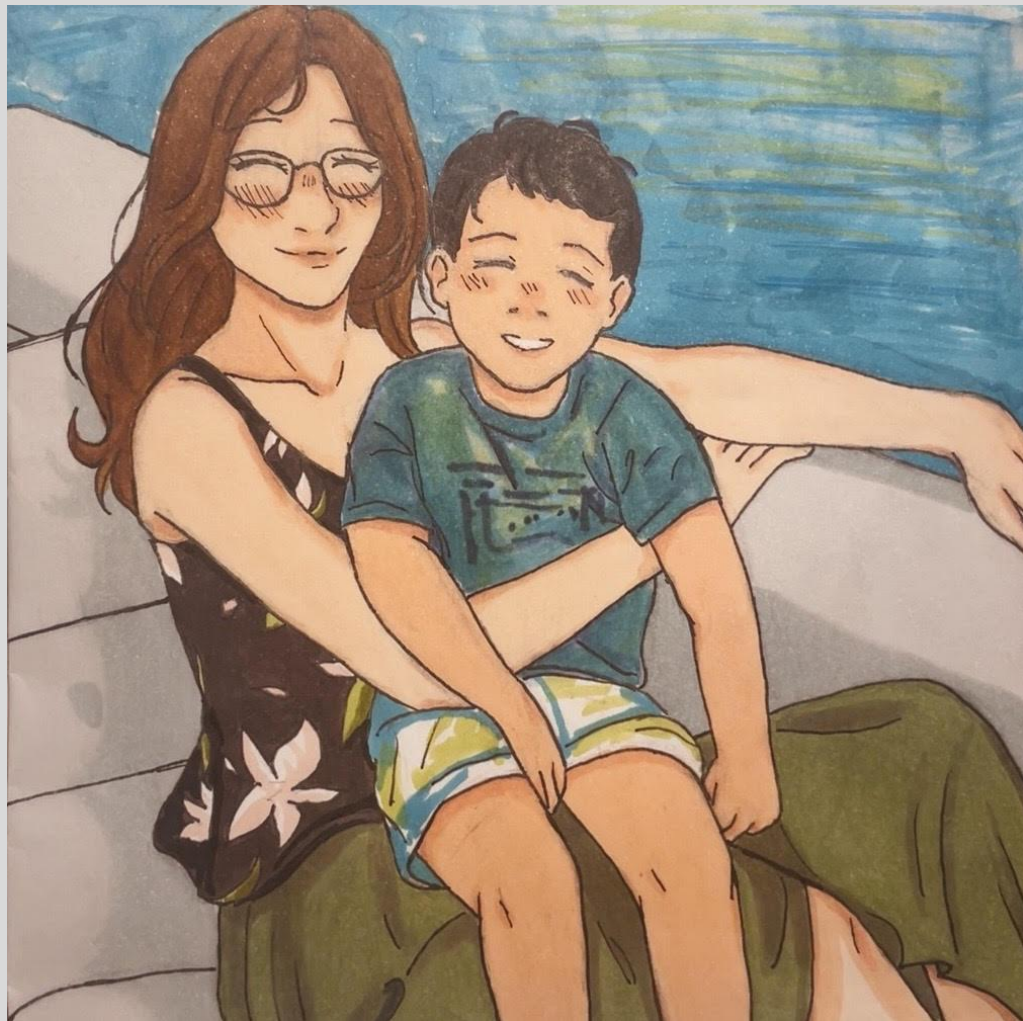


Nadia Petkovic '29
Naples' Night



Mya Gaston '29
Beauty



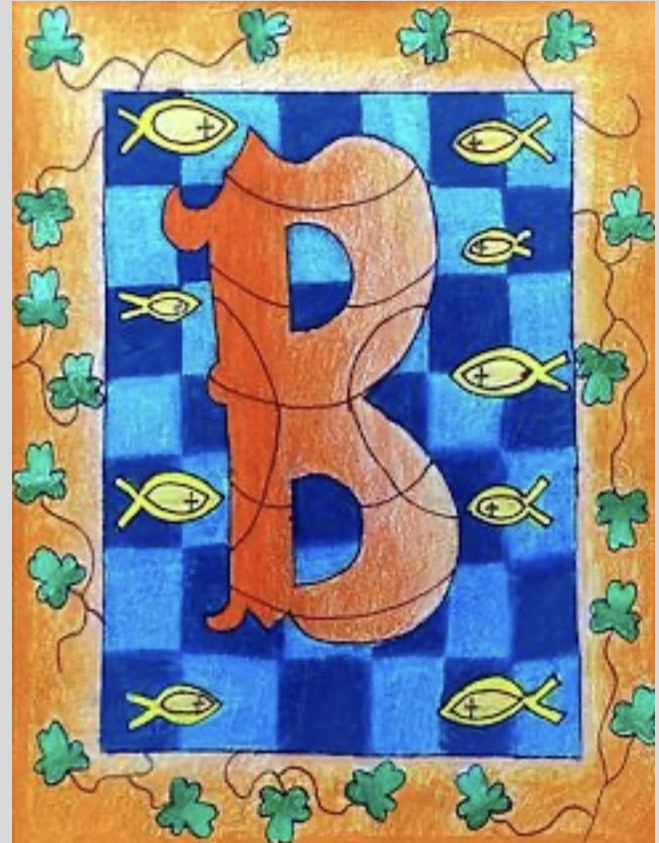


Sedona Stankus '26
Cousins on the Water

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Fall



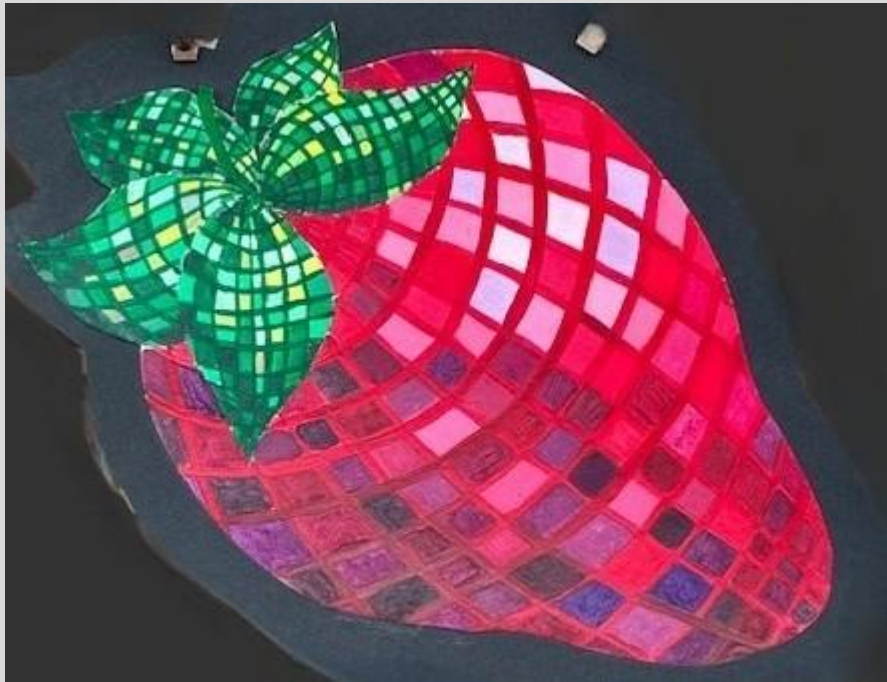
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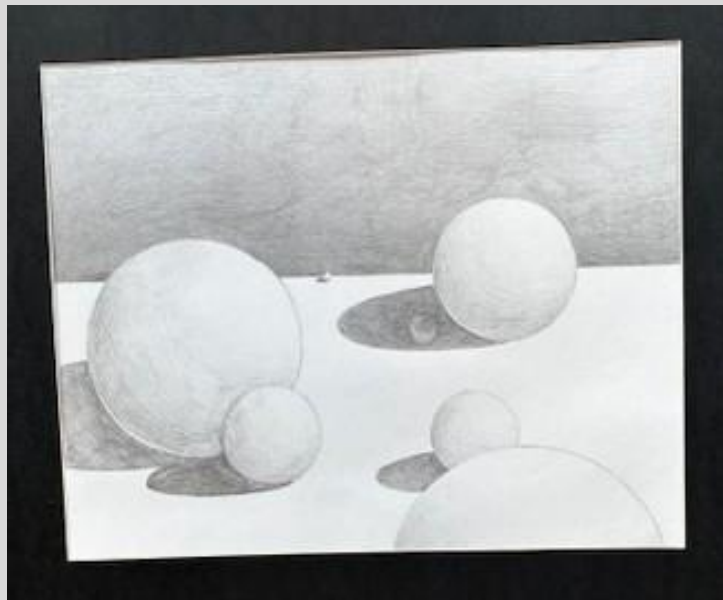


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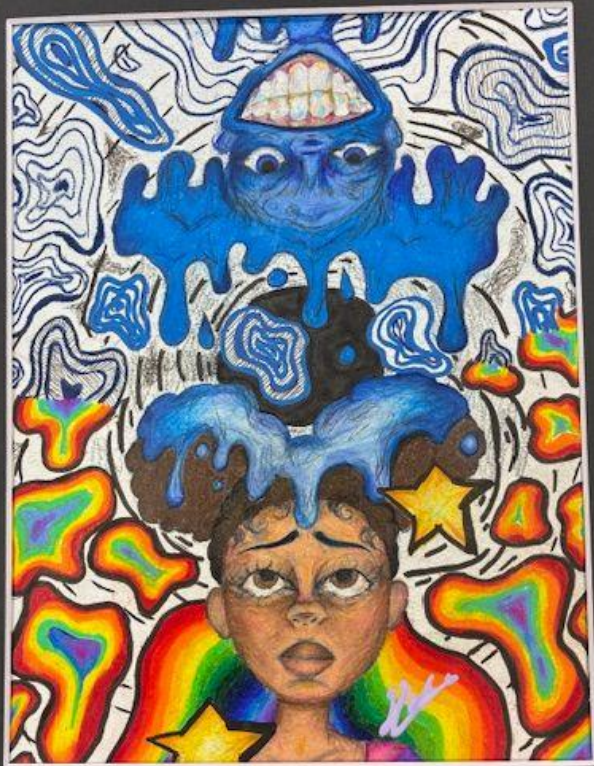
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Keira Christiana Schulz

Out of all my family, friends, and cousins, I chose someone who inspires me everyday in every way. In deciding to write this I am debating on writing about my sister, Keira, or my favorite cousin, Abbie. In the end, I chose someone who has always been there for me, in that, I chose my sister Keira.

My sister, Keira, is a senior in high school. She will be attending Cincinnati for civil engineering after high school. She has always been a top of the line student with all A to A+'s. Keira has always wanted to be an architect when she was younger and as she was looking at colleges, she decided civil engineering would be the best option for her. She wanted to be close to home but not too close. Cincinnati is about a four hour drive from our home.

As Keira and I grew up our 3 year age gap kept us from playing sports on the same team. We have always been similar in sports, but she focuses more on school while I focus more on sports. As we entered high school with Keira as a senior and me as a freshman it gave us a year to play all our sports together. As she goes to college over the summer she won't be attending any sports teams and wants to focus on school mostly. In all her 4 years in high school she has played soccer, track, cross country, flag football, and basketball. When she was in middle school she played volleyball but that ended when she went to high school.

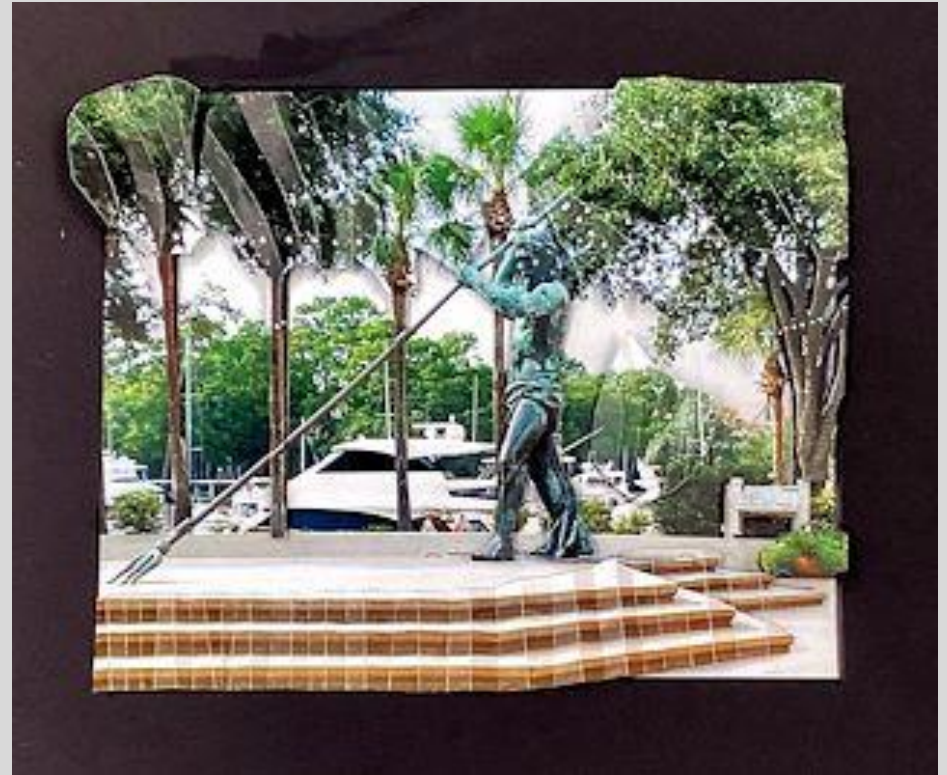
Keira has always been there for me as both a sister and my best friend. We started to realize as the last few months came of her high school journey we have grown closer and fought less. We will spend a decent amount of time together as we will both be working at the pool this summer. In the beginning of August she will start to head off to Cincinnati to set up her dorm. In the middle of August she will officially move down there to start her new chapter at college.

Keira has inspired me so much over the years. She has shown me how to be a good student and also a good person. She has many friends and a few very close friends. She is kind to everyone and is a great example of a true friend and a catholic girl. She has always included everyone in whatever she does. She has been a great example over the years and I will be sad to see her leave but all great things have to come to an end. I know that wherever she goes and whatever she does the people and places will be lucky to have her there. I know that she will always succeed because Keira strives to be the best and I know she will 100% be fine in college.



Ella Raddell '27
Last Days of Summer

Jackson Brafford '28
King of the Sea



Eva Vrban '28
Room Blueprints

Picture Frames

- 5 square
- 3 rectangle / 1 square
- 1 oval

Hanging Plants

- 2 small
- 2 medium
- 2 large (maybe)

Ball Lights

- 1 string
- maybe 2

Sitting Plants

- 1 medium
- 1 large

Other

- jewelry case
- necklace board
- + claw clip board
- crucifix
- bulb (salt lamp)

New Furniture

- vanity / desk w/ stool
- bedside table
- shelf
- mirror

wall w/ door

- diffuser
- salt lamp
- (just the new bulb)

wall w/ window

- plants
- picture frame(s)
- painting(s) + drawing(s)
- jewelry case w/ necklace board + claw clip board
- lights (ball)

wall w/ closet

- mirror w/ decals / paintings w/ pointed edge

Room Design

- plant(s)
- picture frame(s)
- painting(s) + drawing(s)
- small leaf hanging (wall)
- plant(s) w/ string
- light(s) ball
- painting(s)
- frame(s)
- plant
- wood plant decor
- (brown) bedside table
- crucifix / cross
- shelf
- blanket? (white/sage)
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- lights (ball)

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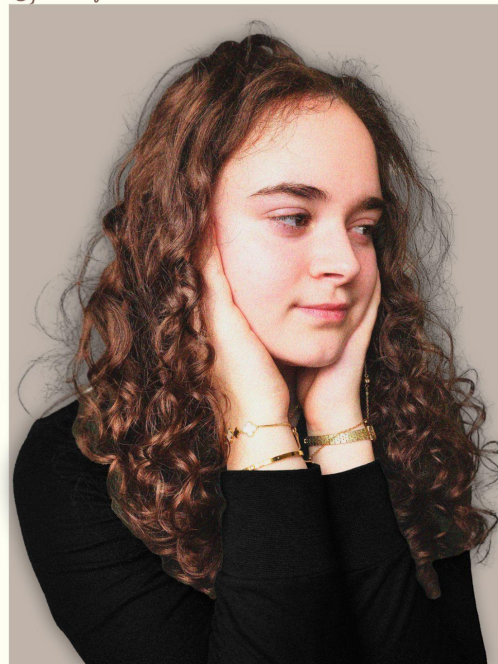
- new vanity / desk w/ stool + mirror (brown)
- paint shelf (brown)



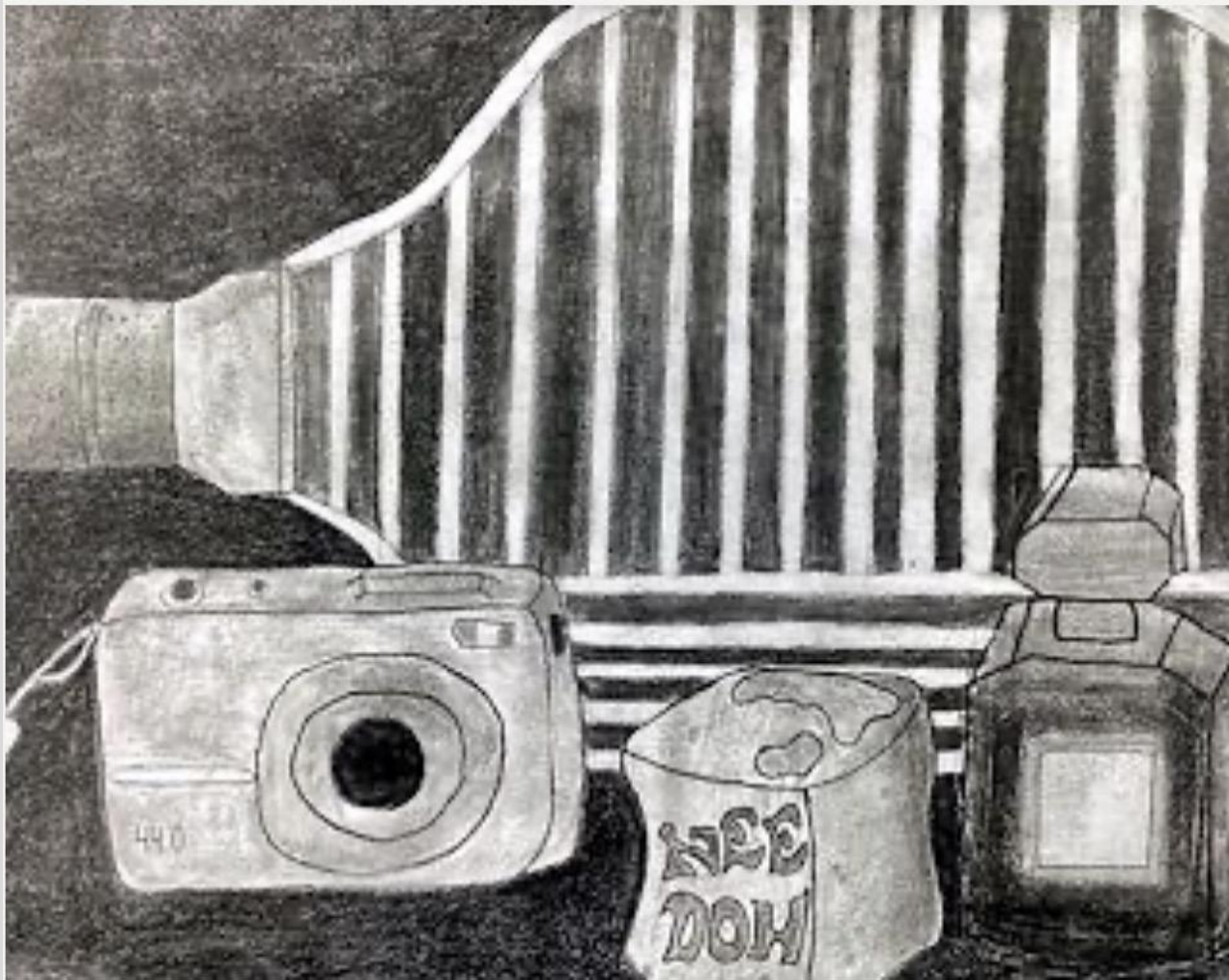
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THE REMINDER

BY FEIST



My Knowledge of Firefighting

My Dad has taught me a lot of things about fire over the past years of my life. I've been given tips in the form of lessons and overall just conversations over the years and asking questions. A lot of the knowledge that I have about Firefighting has come from my dad. Over time I've gained a wide general knowledge about Firefighting and EMT. It was always an idea of mine to be a Firefighter just like my dad.

One way that my Dad has taught me about fire is in my work ethic. If you want to be a Firefighter then you have to have a good work ethic and weight train for situations that you might need to lift something or lift somebody. Weight lifting is a big part of Firefighting because you need to have enough relative strength to carry your equipment and you also might need to carry something else. Weight lifting is not an easy activity and you can injure yourself if you do it improperly. Weight lifting also takes a lot of determination and work ethic like my dad has taught me over time.

Another way that my Dad has helped me to understand Firefighting is when we would talk about generally what I need to know if I was in a situation. My Dad has taught me a lot about decision making and what to do in high pressure situations that some might struggle with. In a lot of situations you have to know exactly what to do and when to do it, that can be stressful for some people. My Dad has taught me that you can only do your best and trust your training, you train so long to be in these situations so that when it comes time it's just second nature to you. Instead of being nervous, go in confident in your training and be ready for what's to come.

To conclude, my Dad has taught me a lot of things about fire over the past years of my life. I've been given tips in the form of lessons and overall just conversations over the years and asking questions. A lot of the knowledge that I have about Firefighting has come from my dad. Over time I've gained a wide general knowledge about Firefighting and EMT. It was always an idea of mine to be a Firefighter just like my dad.



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Fleeting Sunset

Eva Vrban '28
Spring Time Feels





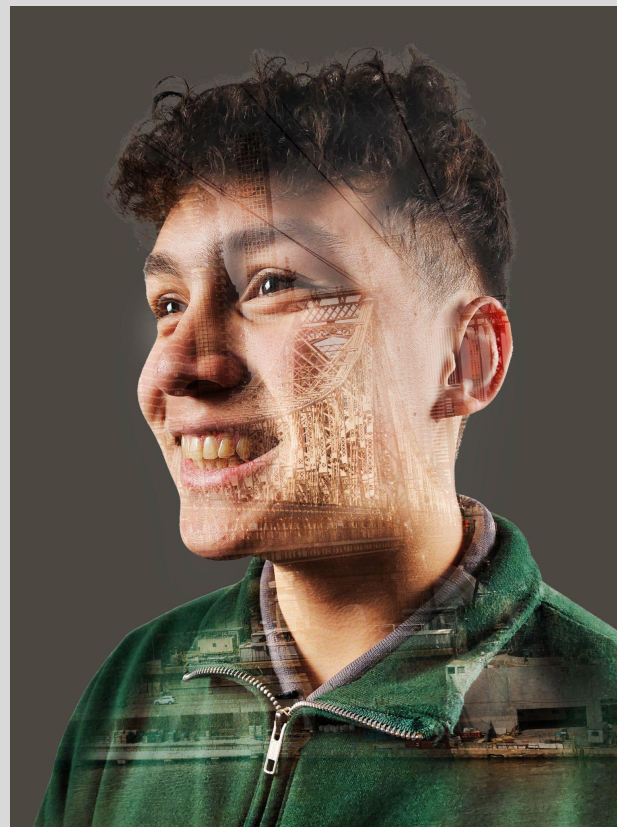
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Bridge to Happiness

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Let
The future
fix
you...



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Recovery



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Angela Kerwood '26
Cleveland



Laila Gridiron '27
Peaceful Violets



Julianna Prosuch '26

Career Path

My name is Julianna Prosuch. I am a senior at Lake Catholic High School. Ever since I was a kid I wanted to be a teacher, I used to line up my stuffed animals and pretend they were my students and I would "teach" them the things that I was learning in school. It was so much fun to me, I loved "teaching". It also helped me to study. I wouldn't do it just for fun, I would do it as a way to help me out in school. I used to think that I was made to be a teacher and that was what I was supposed to be.

As I became older, I realized that my interests were changing. Even though I still loved the thought of being a teacher, I felt myself being drawn more to things that made people confident in themselves. When my sister started going to school for cosmetology, I saw how confident and happy she was making other people. I remember one specific time when I went in to see her do hair and I first saw the lady whose hair she was doing. she asked for a balague, she looked hesitant and nervous but a little excited. As my sister was working on her hair, I saw her starting to get more and more excited. Then, when she finished I just saw the lady's face light up. She looked so happy with how it turned out, she looked so confident in herself. And I want to be able to do that for people.

So, I decided to not become a teacher. Instead I decided to become an esthetician. I will be able to educate clients about their skin, help them feel confident, and provide care that goes beyond appearance. It combines my love for helping people with my passion for beauty and wellness. Being an esthetician is something that i think would be perfect for me. Since choosing to be an esthetician I thought of my sister and I opening up our own place where she does hair and I do my facials and many other things.

Marlow Massie '29
Sabrina Carpenter





Hailey Sauric '28
Brutus



Elizabeth Mangan '28
Remington

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muffin

Ryan Nickschinski '27
Muffin Road Flows

Lily Long '28
The Element



Thank You

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Epilogue

Art allows us to leave behind a piece of ourselves—proof that even fleeting moments, thoughts, and emotions can become something lasting.