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"It's the Principal" of the matter

Welcome Back Knights!

It is my hope that you enjoyed an amazing summer finding time to relax and recharge. I am so PUMPED UP about this year and that each of you are a part of this amazing learning community. I encourage, and value, your positive energy and dedication to Infinity and your future.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff are ready to TCOB and our conscientious custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility...so when you see them, a THANK YOU or fist bump is definitely in order. We are indeed a joyous and caring school community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

New Staff

Each year brings positive change. This includes a couple new additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Andrea Kelley, our new 9th English teacher. Mrs. Kelley brings a great deal of ECHS experience and solid skill set. Mr. Virgilio Davis is the new 9th grade Spanish teacher and is a bucket of enthusiasm. We welcome his energy to Infinity and look forward to the positive vibes he will share. We definitely hit the lottery with these two individuals and know that they will fit in with the current cast of heroes that make magic happen every day at Infinity.

A School of Distinction

It's time to get hyped, Knights....YOU EARNED AN "A" from the Texas Education Agency for excelling in 4 domains of academic performance. This is NOT an easy feat. Hard work paid off and IECHS should be "OVER THE TOP" proud of this accomplishment. In addition to an "A", IECHS also earned the distinction of a Texas Honor Roll School. Again, these titles are just not given to anyone. YOU EARNED IT!! Be proud of what you have done and be proud of IECHS!!! Own your school, puff your chest out and let people know that you attend a school that is ranked on many levels.

This Year

The TIME IS NOW [#TIN] to crank it up a notch and continue to grow as a person and a student. Challenge yourself to improve. Change your attitude to a "CAN"itude. HOW? Let's change our mindset:

1. Everything is Possible – Dream big, embrace creativity, and expect great results
2. Passion First – Pursue your authentic talents and deepest interests
3. We Are Connected – Explore the synergies in all relationships and learn to empower one another.
4. 100% Accountable – Choose to be responsible for your own happiness and success
5. Attitude of Gratitude – Seek positives from every experience and be thankful for all you have
6. Live to Give – Inspire and serve others while maximizing your potential
7. The Time is Now – Harness the power of this moment, and take purposeful action today

Let us chose to live by these 7 mindsets and watch the way we think, act, and live BURST with GREATNESS. If I were to ask you today what your favorite mindset is...what would you say? Be ready, because it will happen!

#TCOB this year because #TIN. We are special! Believe it. Let's watch extra ordinary become EXTRAORDINARY . I'm PUMPED....jump on board.

#TCOB

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Counselor's Corner

Ms. SAUTTER

Start

Verb

Move, react, force, begin, leave,
become, use, act, operate, enter,
train, experience

We often think of starting something
as a big thing. Starting a new school
year. Starting a new class. Starting a
new relationship. Starting at a new
school. Starting a new job. Starting a
new unit. Moving to a new place.

I want to challenge you today to
bring it back a little.

Take the edge off the magnitude of a
start.

Waking up each day is a start.

An apology is a start.

A hug is a start.

A kind word is a start.

Raising your hand to answer a
question in class is a start.

Doing your homework is a start.

Preparing for a test is a start.

Being respectful to your parents is a
start.

Being kind to your friends is a start.

Standing up for yourself is a start.

Believing you are worthy is a start.

Each physical, mental, spiritual,
emotional step you take is a start.

Just start.

Right where you are, with what you
have, make a start.

When you mess up it's ok. No one is
perfect and we never will be.

Start again, make it right, learn, grow,
do better.

Start.

Do it again.

Love yourself through it.

Love those that support you through it.

Love those that challenge you through
it.

Love your mess ups, your flops, your
mistakes.

It's time to start.

The sun came up today.

We woke up today.

We are here with each other today.

Start.

Start over.

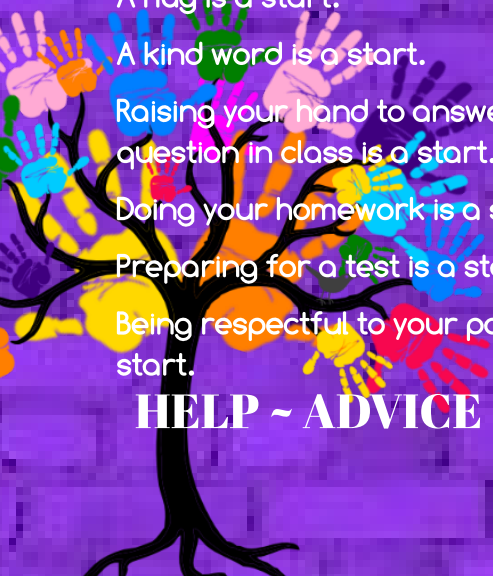
Just keep starting.

Start

Verb

Move, react, force, begin, leave,
become, use, act, operate, enter, train,
experience, work

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Lone Star College Events

- Student Art Show - All Month (APA114)
- Theater Auditions - September 9 6pm (APA Main stage)
- Club Rush - September 10 11am (SCC Artium)
- Men's Ctr Barbershop Chat - September 17 6pm (SCC 240)
- Hispanic Heritage TED Talk Series - September 18,20,40 5pm (LSC Atascocita Center Library)
- Cupcakes and Careers - September 26, 12:30-1:30pm (SCC Artrium)



ADVICE

If you haven't done anything wrong to someone, but they're offended by something "you do" should you apologize?!

In my "professional" opinion, I would just apologize even though I know I didn't do anything wrong. The reason for me apologizing is because I really DISLIKE overthinking, even though I do it ALL the time. If this situation ever happened to me I would most likely overthink about all the things I have done to that specific person. If this is how you are as well, my recommendation is if you're not sure, apologize. Tip: Honestly, having a sincere and humble heart is key to every person's life!

**If you have any questions or advice email :
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You'll see your anser in the next issue

By: Adamaris Garcia



Pollution or Business?

By: LeoAnthony Topasana

Late this last Monday the smoke from a vicious wildfire thousands of kilometers away darkened the sky above Sao Paolo, Brazil. This is just one of many wildfires that have been raging throughout the Earth's largest rainforest. Many people are now blaming pollution, because for some time now, the forests and all of their bodies of water have been virtually destroyed by pollution. Some are blaming the new president of Brazil, Jair Bolsonaro, because part of his campaign was to explore the economic potential of the country, but now he is encouraging the destruction of the forest. Telling loggers and other people in similar positions to burn and cut like never before.

But why are we in the US just hearing about this? Most media sources have barely commented on the wildfires destroying the Amazon. I think that maybe the media in general has been almost

completely ignoring the fact the world's largest rainforest is being destroyed right now, and we are doing almost nothing to help save it. So far this year there have been 73,843 fires reported. Which is an 83% increase when compared to 2018 around this time. This is a very large issue, and most people don't even know about it. The rainforest that produces about 20% percent of all the world's oxygen is being destroyed, at a highly increasing rate. If we do not do something about this, then think what it may do to places like Houston that don't have any really large forests, or Texas itself, for that matter. This is something that needs to be talked about, or all of us are going to be feeling the effects sooner or later.



Recipes: Cinnamon Apple Pancakes

By: Denisse Rivera



Ingredients:

$\frac{3}{4}$ cups of milk

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon of vinegar

1 cup of flour

3 tablespoons of flour

1 teaspoon of cinnamon

1 teaspoon of baking powder

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of salt

1 egg

2 tablespoons of oil

Apple topping:

2 tablespoons of butter

2 apples peeled, cored, and diced

2 tablespoons of brown sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of cinnamon

$\frac{1}{3}$ cups of maple syrup

Instructions:

Preheat a skillet to medium high heat (270 degrees)

Whisk together the milk and vinegar and allow to rest for 5 minutes

While milk is curdling, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl

Whisk egg and oil into milk. Add wet ingredients and stir until combined (don't over mix, it should still have some lumps.)

Spray skillet with cooking spray. Use a $\frac{1}{4}$ measuring cup to pour batter onto skillet. Cook about 2 minutes until bubbles form and the edges start to look "dry". Use a spatula to flip the pancake and cook another 1-2 minutes on the other side. Set pancakes aside and repeat with remaining batter.

Add butter, apples, brown sugar, and cinnamon into a medium saucepan. Stir over medium heat 3-5 minutes until apples are very tender. Stir in syrup, serve apple topping over warm pancakes.



By: Valerie Velasquez

On the first day of school, as I walked in I was welcomed by students and staff chanting. In most of my classes we went over basic rules and we did a couple of “get to know each others”. Mr Davis’s class was my favorite, He is hilarious and always makes jokes. Even though I didn’t know anyone in that class, he made the environment feel more comfortable. The dress code was a little strict, My middle school was less strict. I got dress coded on the first day so that wasn’t good. The rest of the day went pretty well; I talked to a couple of new people and made some friends. At Infinity everyone is nice and there’s no drama... at least not yet. I talked to other freshmen and here’s how their day went :

Denisse felt nervous but didn’t want to show it and she was scared to walk into the wrong class or not be able to find her class.

Genesis’s day went better than expected and she thought Infinity was going to suck but everyone was “chill,” according to her.

“I was surprised by how much the teachers paid attention to us, like they actually cared,” she said.

Leo was “chillin,” listening to music and ignoring everyone. The best part of his day was Mr Davis’s class, He said “It was the only class I paid attention in because instead of rushing into work Mr Davis cared more about getting to know everyone and making the class feel comfortable”.

Sophomores- don’t be sophomoric

By: Emma Mayfield

Freshmen, juniors, and seniors all have pretty plain names: Freshmen are in their first year of high school, Juniors are in their third, and Seniors are in their final. This seems pretty obvious, and it should be, but the name “sophomore” is a bit more interesting. The word sophomore comes from sophomoric or “juvenile”. Merriam-Webster’s dictionary says: “conceited and overconfident of knowledge but poorly informed and immature.” This basically says that it turns out mama did raise a fool, but not a quitter.

One way we should be quitters and not fools is with drama. Generally speaking, we tend to get caught up in drama when we see something or hear something and make an assumption. Gossip can be a wildfire, and will spread even faster when we take those assumptions as facts. It’s our job as lifelong learners to test those things, and if you don’t know, for sure don’t act like you do.

The title of sophomore may belong to tenth graders, but I would like to see Knights eliminate the sophomoric attitude. Remember, you can always learn more and we are at IECHS because we want to learn, so take that attitude out of school and into the world, and ask yourself, “Is this true?” and “Is it necessary to say?”

Phone Parking lots: Are they really a good idea?

By: Genesis Bones

That all may depend on your point of view. Can you work without being distracted by your phone, or is it all you think about? I went around the school and asked students, teachers, and parents for their opinions on the new phone parking lots that have been put in classrooms.

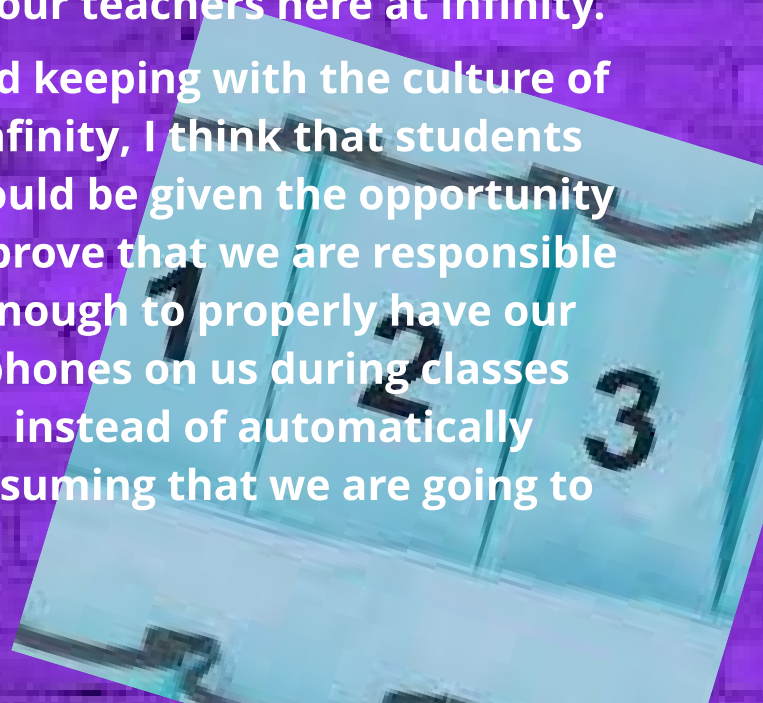
Some students believe it was a good idea to have the phone parking lots and others had a completely different opinions.

"I don't think they are the worst idea, but they're definitely not the best. It's sort of like when your parents say that they're 'doing [something] because they love you'. You may not like it but it's needed for us to focus." said 9th grader, Allison Andrade. Now on the flip side, Leo Topasna, 9th

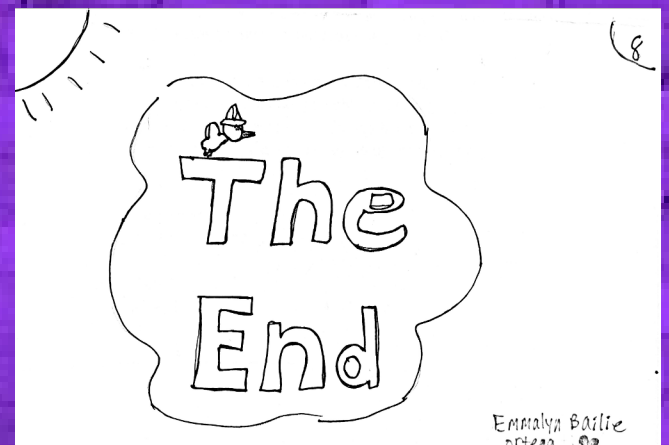
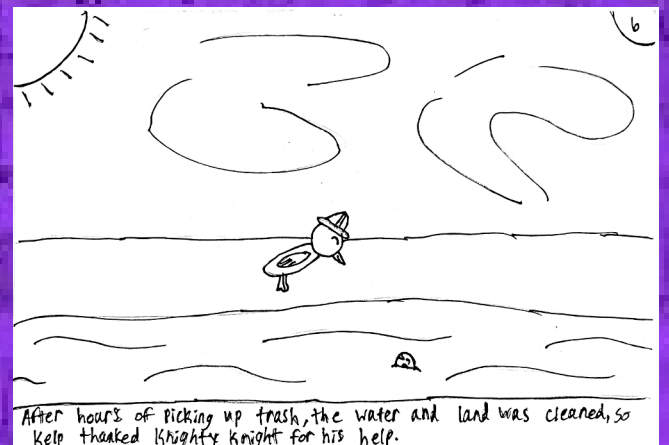
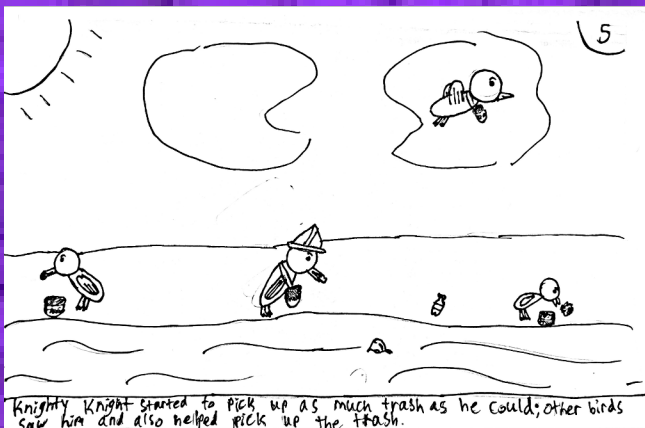
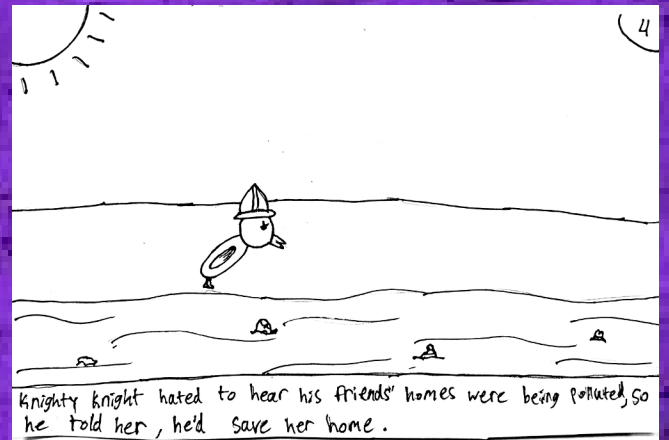
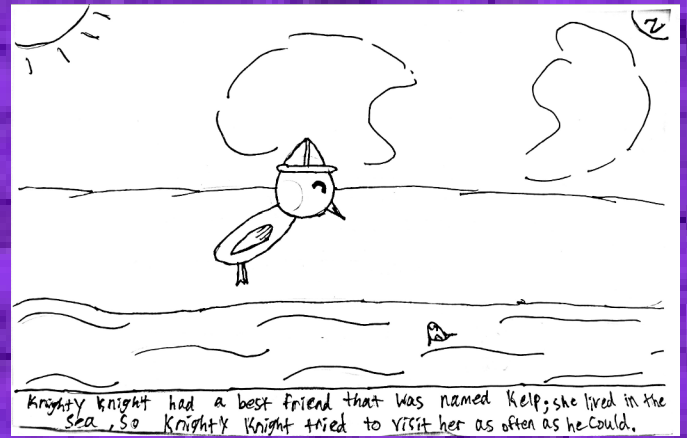
grader here at Infinity has a completely different opinion. "I think that they are very unfair. When I first walked into infinity, I thought that they were going to give us more freedom, Yet here they are treating us like 4th graders."

I also went around and asked some teachers their opinion of the phone parking lots. "At my old school students were allowed to have their phones, but we also did not have laptops in all of our classes. So I allowed students to use their phones for academics, but with that freedom, a lot of students abused it." Said Mrs. Kelley, one of our teachers here at Infinity.

And keeping with the culture of Infinity, I think that students should be given the opportunity to prove that we are responsible enough to properly have our phones on us during classes instead of automatically assuming that we are going to



Bailie's Comics

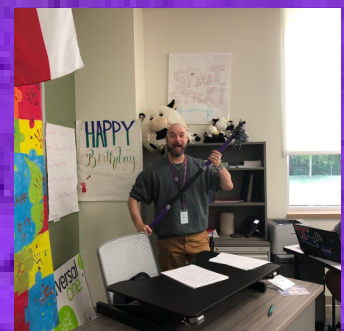


Advisory Games

By: Emily Zavala

Here at Infinity Early College High school we only have to go to school 13 Fridays of the year. On those Fridays that we do go to school and we don't have service learning, we stay in Advisory for a while. But it's not why we stay in Advisory, it's what we do in Advisory that is interesting. On the Fridays that we have Advisory, the principal and teachers like to have competitions to see which Advisory is the best. We recently had a competition in which each Advisory competed in a challenge on who had the best chant. Mr. Torres was the winner of our first competition, so I interviewed Mr. Torres, Mr. Davis, and Mrs. Kelley on what their perspectives were during the Advisory games. I asked the teachers a series of questions and recorded their answers to make a summary of what they wanted for this years advisory teams. The first question was how they felt when the winner was called. Mr. Torres

was who won, so his answer was different than Mr. Davis and Mrs. Kelley, but overall they had a very good mindset as to what they wanted to pursue and teach their students in Advisory. "How did you feel about winning the first Advisory Games?", "I'm excited personally because I didn't have an advisory last year. I was nervous about our first moves, and I bet some of my advisees were, too! We are here to make a statement, said Torres. I asked all three teachers what their goals were for their Advisory, all replied with similar responses. Torres, Kelley, and Davis all wanted to create a comfortable environment for their students to which they become comfortable with themselves, creating a bond that's like family.



PUZZLE

By: Dean Vann

Solve the clue and write the correct answer. Combine the marked letters to find the coded word or phrase. The first person to bring the correct phrase to Ms. Kelley at akelley2@newcaneyisd.org gets a free shout-out in the next newspaper.

A cause of stress for many students

Characterized by controlling others

A person not specialized in a certain field

Where pigs reside

The quality of pretentiousness or juvenility

School's out for this season

College nearby

Two organisms coexisting

Turn to dust

Very big

Ability to predict what could happen

September holiday that eliminates school

Catapult with a counterweight

A ____ in shining armor

Luminous colors that change depending on the angle

Supernatural ability to see the future

Giant sea monster

9x9 puzzle game with numbers

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