

The Newsflash

Happy New Year

Biggest events of 2011:

2011 was a year of extremes. We look back to the tragedy of Japan's earthquake and tsunami, to the pageantry of a British Royal wedding; from the wave of revolutionary change in Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya, to the solemn remembrance that took place ten years ago on September 11th. We have made it through this past year with so much triumph yet so much tragedy that the world will never be how it was. We can only hope that it will get better as the years continue.

On March 11th of this past year a 9.0 magnitude earthquake struck the coast of Japan and triggered a tsunami and nuclear crisis. There was a total of 235 billion dollars worth of damage done to Japan and hundreds of thousands of people missing, displaced and injured. Not including those hundreds of thousands of people, 15,843 people were killed.



On May 1st Osama Bin Laden was finally found after a decade on the run. American forces killed him by shooting him in the head. It was during a firefight and then he was quickly buried at sea. Although Bin Laden was assumed to be hiding in caves, he was in a very costly home not far from the Pakistani military academy. Once he was killed, Obama said "justice has been done". Sadly, however, killing Osama did not bring back the thousands of lives that he destroyed on September 11th. The innocent lives he took on that day will never be restored and by saying that justice was done was an overstatement. Now, the American people have one less



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terrorist to worry about but the day that he destroyed so many lives will always be remembered.

Even though this year has brought a lot of bad to major countries in the world, some fun events have occurred, such as the Royal wedding. The Royal wedding was all over the news in April and seemed to be the only thing everyone talked about. It may not be the biggest or most important news but it sure was fun and something great, something positive.



Now, with 2011 gone for good we must all look forward to a better 2012. This year there will be a new election for the U.S. President. Barack Obama is running for another term on the Democratic side and the Republican candidate has not yet been chosen. Debates have been going on between the seven currently in competition, but may the best man or woman win and lead the world to a better future. Currently the leading Republican is Mitt Romney. We can only hope that people are well educated on the important issue when they vote. Take a look back to the past four years and ask yourself if you want that for your future.

Colleges and Universities

Schools that IAS students have applied to:

It is almost the end of the year! Well, 5 more months but the time will fly for the seniors. With less than half a year left mostly everyone has applied or is getting ready to apply for college. It is a very stressful process, but once it is over a weight is truthfully lifted and the first acceptance is always reassuring. Some of the schools that the seniors have applied to are; University of Miami, Florida International University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Pratt, and Gustavus Adolphus College. The time to be applying to schools in Mexico has not yet come, but those are just a few of the many schools in the United States that seniors are considering.

The University of Miami is a wonderful school that has a gorgeous campus. It is a great size with about 2,000 incoming freshmen each year. The student to faculty ratio is 9:1 and they offer many majors. Over 80 percent of students live on campus so it is a very close school, the students all know one another and get along well. There is always an activity going on at the campus but the school is also quite prestigious. It is hard to get a good

scholarship and only around 35% of the applicants are admitted. However, the higher you aim the further you will go, so good luck to all who applied to U of M.

Florida International University is another school that a few seniors have applied. It is close to the University of Miami but it is much bigger, each year the size for the incoming freshmen is around 3,700 people but the number of undergraduates is 33,768. It also has a pretty low acceptance rate and the student to faculty ratio is 28:1, so the professor and student relationship is not as close as that of Miami. Very few people live on campus, about 8% of undergraduates. For International students this University is only 18,000 dollars a year, whereas U of M is 39,000 dollars a year. This is only including tuition, not room and board, and books.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology has always been known as one of the greatest but toughest schools. Only 10 percent of the applicants are admitted and it is hard core. The student to teacher ratio is 8:1. It is very small with a total of 4,299 undergrads and about 1,000 incoming freshmen. Engineering is the most popular major and mostly all students live on campus. Over 90 percent live in dorms. It is very expensive to attend this University and hard to get a scholarship, the tuition and fees is about 41,000 dollars a year and room and board is about 12,000 dollars a year.



A few seniors have already applied to Pratt, which is in New York. This is a leading art, design, and architecture school. This school offers very few majors because it is very specific with arts. Pratt is a very small school with only about 700 incoming freshmen and 3,000 undergraduates. It is pretty easy to get into Pratt but that doesn't mean it is an easy school, it is considered very tough, even for the greatest of artists. About 70 percent of the students at Pratt are women and just tuition and fees are 39,310 dollars per year for all students.

I.A.S. had a guest speaker come in from Gustavus, which is in Minnesota, and many students were really interested. I know that about 2 or 3 seniors are applying. Gustavus offers study abroad, international scholarships, sports and much more. Most applicants are admitted and SAT scores are not mandatory so if you do really well in school but didn't do so great on the SAT you only have to submit your grades, and you can still get a great scholarship of over 20,000 dollars per year. The college costs about 36,000 dollars per year. It is also very small like most of the schools the seniors are applying too. Only 614 incoming freshmen arrive each year. Remember that if you go there to take a bunch of warm clothes, Minnesota is nothing like Cancun.

Top 10 Songs Of The Year

1. Adele
"Rolling In The Deep"



2. LMFAO featuring Lauren Bennett & GoonRock
"Party Rock Anthem"



3. Katy Perry featuring Kanye West
"E.T."



4. Pitbull featuring Ne-Yo, Afrojack & Nayer
"Give Me Everything"



5. Maroon 5 featuring Christina Aguilera
"Moves Like Jagger"

6. Cee Lo Green
"Forget You"

7. Foster the People
"Pumped Up Kicks"



8. Lady Gaga
"Born This Way"



9. Nicki Minaj
"Super Bass"



10. Adele
"Someone Like You"

Best Shows Of 2011

The X Factor:

You've probably all heard of the famous singing show, "American Idol." Last fall, a new show came out with a similar idea but different concept. This show is different because there isn't an age limit, there isn't weight discrimination. It is based on talent and that extra thing that is just star quality. This makes it more attractive and encourages all kinds of people to come out and audition. Auditions are in cities like New York, Chicago, Miami, Dallas, Los Angeles and Las Vegas. After tears and heartbreaking stories, the judge panel (Simon Cowell, Paula Abdul, Nicole Scherzinger, and L.A Reid) is able to come up with the participants for "The X Factor". Participants included Rachel Crow, Astro, Melanie Amaro, Drew, Chris Rene, Josh Krajcick and others. The winner was Melanie and the runner up was Josh. There will be a second season so make sure not to miss it.



Glee:



Glee is one of those shows that is literally one of a kind. That is what makes it so popular. Nobody would have guessed that Glee, a singing series, would be so relatable and popular for the public. People of all ages watch Glee, that is how good it is. Basically, Glee revolves around a singing group and each of their personal struggles. When they sing they all come together and no matter how tough life can be. They get through it by supporting one another and singing their hearts out. Everybody is struggling with who they truly are but when they sing, they are all superstars. For all of those who watch Glee the next episode will have Samuel Larsen, from the Glee Project!

Don't miss it on the 17th of January.

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