



TIGER TIMES



Summer Sunset Edition

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Letter from the Editor

By Aidan R.
Upcoming editor-in-chief

Within the last semester, I have been working diligently alongside Celine, former Editor-in-Chief, to properly prepare myself for the next era of the Tiger Times’ newspaper. It has been a true pleasure to be asked to take over as Editor-in-Chief, and I look forward to the next group that is coming in.

For this note, I want to recognize and put a spotlight on the lovely staff we have departed from, as well as highlight the direction we plan to go in for the new school year. For starters, I would like to say a general thank you to everyone that has helped this community thrive through these last few months, and I hope that you all fare well in your college careers.

Secondly, with the welcoming of new staff, we would like to introduce more diverse content! I feel as though we are in need of some new creative direction, so we have been cracking down and brainstorming so many fun ideas for next year, and I can't wait for you all to see what's to come.

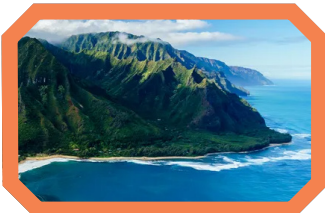
To wrap this quick note up, I would like to wish my best regards to everyone as we wrap up this summer season; please wear sunscreen, drink plenty of water, and, of course, have the summer you all deserve!

Student Survey: Best U.S. Vacations

By Kyra P.
Senior Reporter

Alaska and Hawaii

15.4% of the students said they would want to travel over the ocean! Most of the respondents said that they would prefer Hawaii as a vacation spot due to the tropical climate and activities like scuba diving and snorkeling. One of the students said, “I went to Hawaii super young, but I remember loving it. The culture was so beautiful and amazing to experience.”



East Coast

The East Coast is most famous for places like Florida, Universal Studios and Disney World. This is the most ideal spot for students at IB. 28.2% of students said they’d like to travel here for vacation. The most common reasons being the warmer weather, the ocean and the overall enjoyment. One student even stated “Florida is where I am the most happy.”



The West Coast



The West Coast is most famous for California. This was the 4th most ideal spot for students at IB according to the survey. 7.7% of students said that they want to travel here for vacation. The most common reasons being, the weather, environment and the celebrities that you can find here.

Rocky Mountains



25.6% of the students said they’d like to travel to the rocky mountains for summer vacation. The responses said the reasoning for this is fun activities such as swimming and hiking. “Salt lake and the mountains are a great place! All the parks around there are gorgeous.” “I love the mountains. They are just so calming and chill.” Most people who chose this prioritized nature and scenic vacation spots.

Staff Picks: Most anticipated movie of the summer

By Staff



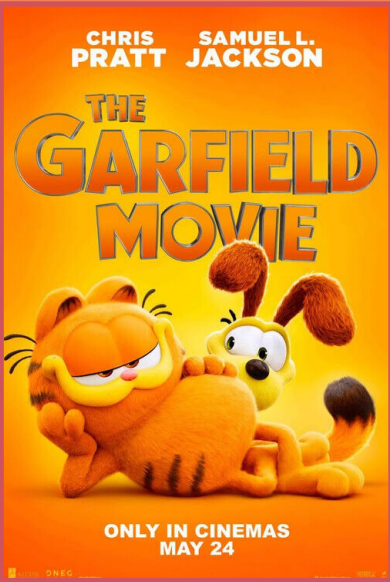
Inside Out 2 - Grace H.

I loved the original 'Inside Out,' so I'm looking forward to the new sequel. The three new characters would be fun to see because of how they will change the plot.



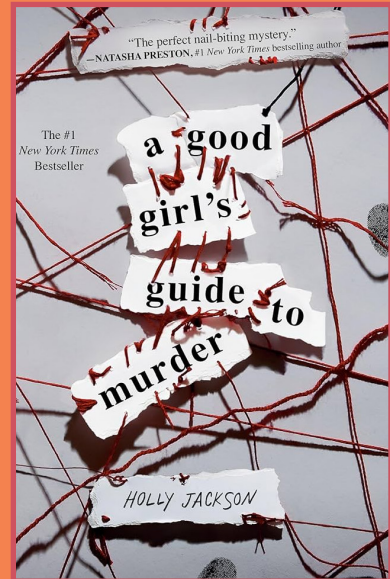
'Dead Pool and Wolverine' - Lexi R.

I think Deadpool movies are so insanely silly. I'm actually pretty excited for this movie, and from what we've seen, it looks really good. Also... it's nice to finally see Deadpool and Wolverine in an actually good movie together... ("X-Men Origins: Wolverine" doesn't exist.)



'The Garfield Movie' - Annabella S.

The Garfield chronology is phenomenal! The personality they put into a single character is majorly impressive. Chris Pratt voicing the one and only Garfield only fuels my desire to see the movie.



'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' - Addy D.

I couldn't put down the book. I absolutely love reading and, though I am usually disappointed, I always get so excited when they come out for movies/shows for the books I've read. AGGGTM enraptured my attention and kept my eyes glued to the book up until the last page. I hope the TV series does this awesome book justice!

Legacy: Retiring staff

By Aidan R. & Ms. Sewell
Staff

At the end of the 2023-24 school year, we had to say goodbye to two of our dearly beloved teachers here at the 327 district.

Mrs. Edmonds, a long-time educator here, is the first of our retiring staff this year, and we would like to recognize her involvement, dedication and care for her students.

For starters, Edmonds has been teaching students here since 1995; that's a whole 29 years of service to our district! Over the course of those 29 years, she has offered an incredible number of classes, such as Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Precalculus, Calculus, Statistics, Trigonometry, Math 1, Math 2, Math 3, Math 4 and ICC Math 110.

Apart from her main courses, Edmonds has also been involved in extracurricular programs. In the past, she was the coach/sponsor for the student council for 15 full years, and on top of that, she directed the drama department for a whole 5 years.

In her time here, Edmonds states that some of her favorite moments derived from her extracurricular activities; she thoroughly enjoyed directing the murder mystery plays when she was in charge of the drama department, stating “ Those practices and performances kept me laughing every day.”

Also retiring this year is Mrs. Schafer, who also has several decades of educational experience here at IB in more ways than one, as she is also an Illini Bluffs alumnae from graduating class of 1983.

During her time here at Illini Bluffs, she taught both PE and English, in addition to coaching the highly successful middle and high school softball teams.

Both of these retirees have left a lasting legacy here at Illini Bluffs, and their presence on this campus will be missed by students and staff alike.

What was hot this summer?

By Aidan R.
Editor-in-Chief

As the summer of 2024 comes to a close, we would like to look at a few hot topics that have captured people's attention across the globe!

Chappell Roan and Lollapalooza

Within these past few weeks, musical artist Chappell Roan has not failed to impress her rapidly growing fanbase with her mainstage set at Chicago music festival "Lollapalooza."

As Chappell hit the stage, people were immediately captivated by her unique stage presence, which included a WWE-inspired set and costuming. The attendance of her performance was record-breaking compared to years prior, bringing in an estimated 75,000 people. Chappell, who is still a relatively new artist in the industry, expressed her utmost gratitude for the support on X and Instagram.

“I was crying as I walked on stage at @lollapalooza because of the overwhelm of support. Thank you thank you thank you I will remember this forever.”

It's very clear now that Chappell Roan isn't just ‘hot to go,’ she is setting the stage on fire!

2024 Paris Olympics

The 2024 Paris Olympics has been a HOT topic this summer, captivating the interest of millions worldwide. This year's Olympics started on July 26, and will end this Sunday, Aug. 11. So far, we have seen incredible things happening every single day, including the opening ceremony, where we got to see Lady Gaga alongside Celine Dion, amongst others.

TikTok culture has also decided to hop on the bandwagon. A fan-favorite of the Titkok community has been pommel horse star, Stephen Nedoroscik, also known as ‘Steve the pommel horse guy.’

Steve has had the TikTok community obsessed with not only his skill, but also the clever and comedic countdown that NBC placed on-screen leading up to his performance, a performance which led to Steve becoming the second U.S. man to earn a medal for the pommel horse.