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Us

By: Gabriella Skinner Almeida

I have always wanted to write a review about the movie "Us"

Summary (No Spoilers)

Us is a 2019 American psychological horror film written and directed by Jordan Peele. The movie follows a suburban family who goes on vacation only to discover a group of doppelgangers are out to get them. They soon learn there's an entire world of doppelgangers hiding within an elaborate tunnel system beneath the surface, and it all leads to a shocking finale

Review (Spoilers Ahead!!!)

"Us" was a great pacing movie and has the watcher always thinking about "how" but what I find more fascinating is the "why". It is a great movie if you want something that you would have to watch multiple times to try and find out the meaning. Some people that didn't enjoy this movie didn't understand the thought that was shown in not only the intro of this movie but also the ending which had a lot of questions. For example, some people thought the writing for the doppelgangers was bad one Reddit user said "My biggest issue with the film is the reveal of the tethered would have been much better if it were caused by something supernatural or not explained at all." But I beg to differ for this reason. I feel as though they explained the tethered perfectly and why they wanted to take the places of the people above. The writing for the tethered also shows that the tethered do not have a soul. The tethered wants to take the place of the people above to gain

one. I also think the ending shows a lot of questions for the watcher. Like how the brother of the girl that is tethered put his mask on around her. During the movie, you will

see that the boy puts on his mask whenever he feels like he is in danger. But at the end of the movie, why would he put it around his sister? He puts on his mask when he's around his sister because he found out that she is one of the tethered still that took the place of the original girl from above. This shocked me since I always thought she was the original girl. This movie shows the theme of this movie as stated by its director Jordan Peele "What I have talked about so far is that we as a culture, are afraid of invaders. We are afraid of the outsider. Our fear lies in this idea that there's a bad guy is coming to get us. This movie is about the fact that we are our own worst enemy."

My Review

Plot: 9.1/10

Acting: 9.7/10

Cinematography: 8.9/10

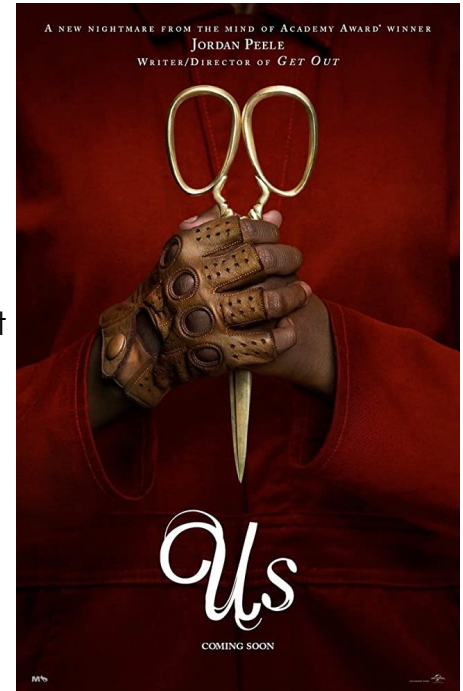
Writing: 8.9/10

Pacing: 9.2/10

Characters: 9.5/10

Ending: 9.5/10

Overall: 9.4/10



LMS End of Year Fun

By: Nikhil Oberoi

Student Council - Six Flags Field Trip

Date: May 31, 2023

The Six Flags Great Adventure was a great experience for the Student Council Field Trip! From 10am to 10:45, the NJASC Convention took place with awards to lots of different schools across New Jersey. After the convention, the park's awesome rides were waiting for all the Student Council members. The trip was awesome and a big thanks to Mr. DeJesus and Ms. Sylvester!



LMS Spring Band Concert - 7th & 8th

Grade + Jazz Band

Date: May 31, 2023

What a great year for all the Liberty Bands! A huge thanks to Band Director and Teacher Mr. Ryan Krewer for a successful year and a great concert! The Liberty Lions 7th Grade band and the 8th Grade band each performed multiple songs, while also collectively playing the Star Wars Sega at the end of the concert together.

Many solos were played during the Jazz Band Concert, which also included the many solo performances in the song "Aztec Warriors", by Mr. Krewer.

The concert was a huge success and the crowd, as usual, went wild after every song. We look forward to future concerts next year!



Newspaper Club - End of the Year Party

Date: June 1, 2023



That's a wrap for this year's Newspaper Club! An amazing end of the year party took place on June 1, and the pizza, juice, and snacks were all provided by Ms. Villalobos. All the articles throughout the year have been creatively written by members of the club. Thank you,

Ms. Villalobos for such a great party! We look forward to seeing you next year.

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Track & Field Team - End of the Year Party

Date: June 5, 2023

A very successful LMS Track & Field season has finished! The Track & Field Team Party on June 5 was extremely fun and we can't thank Mr. Lavalle and Ms. Smith enough! A lot of snacks and drinks were donated by students for the huge team to enjoy during the party.



Towards the end, all athletes were outside playing dodgeball and soccer. All members put in their best effort this season, and thanks again to Mr. Lavalle and Ms. Smith for a fantastic season and party!

A special thanks to the teachers for helping make these fun end-of-the-year events happen!

- Ms. Sylvester and Mr. DeJesus - Student Council ~ And a huge thanks to Ms. Cardinali for the ice cream for Helping Hands AND Student Council!
- Mr. Lavalle and Ms. Smith - Track & Field Team
- Mr. Krewer - LMS Band
- Ms. Villalobos - Newspaper Club

Summer

By Christiana Bortey

Summer is right around the corner. How exciting! Sometimes having so much free time can lead to boredom so here are something to do, watch, and more.

You could pick up a hobby: art classes, dance, singing lessons, going to summer camp, and more.

You could watch the new summer movies like like "Teenage Kraken" or "Elementals" or "Hunted Mansion" and more.

The summer is a time of relaxation, discovery, and adventure. It is a time for fun. So you should go on an adventure and that risks. So use this free time for great things or nothing at all just have fun before the new school year.

Why I Like Liberty Middle School Better Than My Old School

By Leona Lobban

I like Liberty Middle School more than my old school because of different classes, after school clubs, and trips that this school has to offer.

At my old school, we did not have a separate gym, auditorium, or a lunch room. They were all combined into one place. The school is small and they didn't leave much space for other things.

I like the class selection here at Liberty because we have art, chorus, band, stem, and orchestra. At my old school we only had band, orchestra, and choir. The last thing that I really like about Liberty is it has they have a lot more after school clubs and they provide late buses too.

Top 18 Inspirational Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Quotes

By: Sanaa Wright

Asian Heritage Month is in May, and is a thirty-one day celebration of Asian achievement and inclusion. Asian Pacific Heritage Month quotes are phrases used to express the holiday's message of equality and pride for the Asian-American community.

These sayings are a type of motivational quotes for work, are similar to Black History Month quotes and Arab heritage quotes, and are a way to celebrate Asian Heritage Month at work.

(Click the [names](#) to learn more about them!)

"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful."— [Malala Yousafzai](#)

"Sometimes, you have to get angry to get things done."— [Ang Lee](#)

"When you learn something from people, or from a culture, you accept it as a gift, and it is your lifelong commitment to preserve it and build on it."— [Yo-Yo Ma](#)

"Success isn't about the end result, it's about what you learn along the way."— [Vera Wang](#)

"Mistakes are acceptable if they're the result of moving forward."— [Andrew Yang](#)

"I always try to start out with some type of goal. Then I work backward and think of what I need to do to get there, and give myself smaller goals that are more immediate."— [Kristi Yamaguchi](#)

"The Chinese culture belongs not only to the Chinese but also to the whole world."— [Hu Jintao](#)

"When we say 'Asian American' we are talking about so much more than can be fit in a single stereotype."— [Ijeoma Oluo](#)

"No Notes. You speak from deep in your heart. It's easy."— [Manny Pacquiao](#)

"Life isn't perfect, any failures you have are actually learning moments. They teach us how to grow and evolve."— [Phillipa Soo](#)

"To be beautiful means to be yourself. You don't need to be accepted by others. You need to accept yourself."— [Thich Nhat Hanh](#)

"In a gentle way, you can shake the world."— [Gandhi](#)

"When you face up to bad things in the past, the most important thing is not to allow them to happen today or in the future, and as storytellers, we must play our part in that."— [Michelle Yeoh](#)

"I'm neither half white nor half Asian. I'm full both."— [Henry Golding](#)

"There is nothing shameful about making an honest living."— [Shirley Fung](#)

"Read a thousand books, and your words will flow like a river." — [Lisa See](#)

"My parents kept the best aspects of the Asian culture, and they Americanized the family. My mother was a great example for me. She was a working mother with a good career."— [Andrea Jung](#)

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By: Sanaa Wright

"Being a fish out of water is tough, but that's how you evolve."— [Kumail Nanjiani](#)

Helping Hands Rocks

By: Adyela Guillen & Michal Simon

On May 31, 2023 Helping hands did a **beautiful** project. This project was painting rocks. Not just any rocks. Kindness rocks! □ These rocks are placed outside on the ground near the main entrance. Once they finish you can check them out outside.



Everyone who has helped with this project made some really creative rocks. You can make your OWN kindness rocks DIY YALL. All you need is a few items with a few steps:

1. Get a nice smooth rock.
- 2.
3. Get acrylic paint.
4. Start painting the rock with any design you'd like with a nice message.
5. Make sure you let it dry every time you add a new coat.
6. Make sure to have fun!

By: Aaliyah Henry



Mrs. Dellaventura

What college did you graduate from?

I earned my Bachelor's Degree from East Stroudsburg University in PA and received my Master's Degree from Kean University.

What was your major?

At East Stroudsburg, my major was Health and Physical Education. At Kean University, my major was Educational Leadership.

What do you like best about your job?

Every day is a new day. I enjoy interacting with the students and getting to know their interests. I like seeing kids move and be active and have fun while doing it.

If you had to pick another profession, what would it be?

I would like to do some type of sports medicine, either physical therapist or athletic trainer



What do you like to do outside of school?

- I enjoy spending time with my family and friends
- Going out to dinner with my husband
- Spending time with my dog
- Staying active and playing volleyball
- Reading



Do you have a hobby?

My main hobby is playing volleyball. I will be traveling to Dallas in a few weeks to play in the National Volleyball Tournament with my team.

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Continue ... Mrs. Delaventura By: Adilyah Henry

Do you speak another language?

I took Spanish and French in school, but did not continue practicing the language, so it never stuck with me.

What is your favorite book?

I enjoy reading a lot, so it's hard to pick a favorite book. I really loved *November 9* by Colleen Hoover.



What is your favorite TV show/Movie?

That's hard to pick because I have a lot of favorite shows. If I'm not watching something on Netflix, then I usually have the Food Network or HGTV on. My favorite movie is *Selena*.



What is your favorite food?
My favorite food is pizza or chicken parm.



What is your favorite song?
I don't have a favorite song, depends on the mood I'm in.

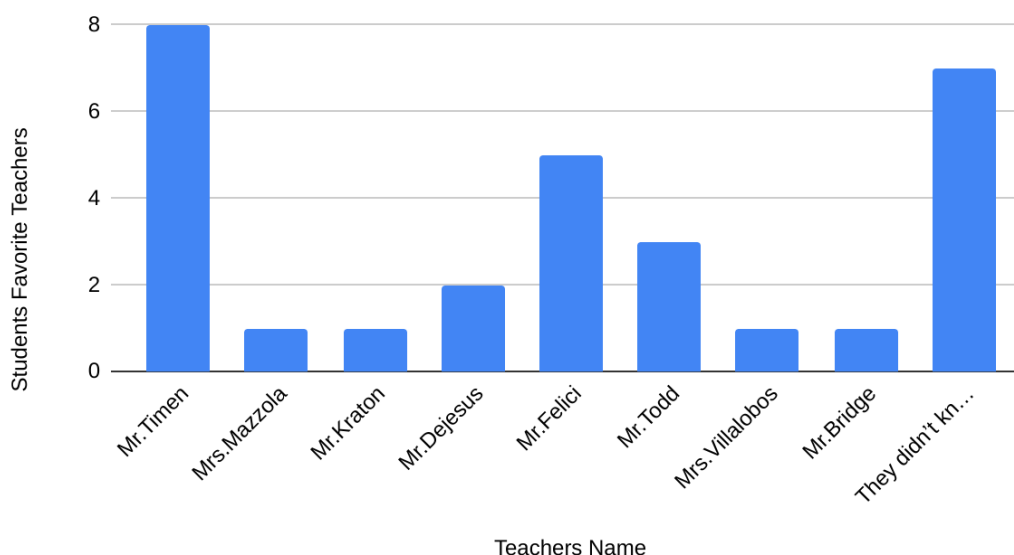


Survey: 8th Graders Favorite Classes

By: Fiona Loban

I asked 30 students who their favorite teachers are and here are their top choices.

Students Favorite Teachers vs. Teachers Name



Good Eats

By: Hayden Seetahal

Do you like Asian food such as sushi, ramen, soups, and fried rice? If you are not into fish or allergic to it have you ever tried Thai food? If you have and are looking for a place to eat maybe you should consider these places. For the people that are allergic to fish and don't like it, you should go to the Thai Elephant restaurant located at 605 Bloomfield Ave, Verona.



Here are some of the meals you can enjoy. They have pulled pork buns which is your normal pork bun for \$8.50. There is also Tom Yum Soup which can be spicy but if you can handle it, it'll be great for you. You can also have the pineapple fried rice or if you don't like rice you can get the drunken noodles, my personal favorite. This one punches you with flavor immediately this also has a sweet yet slightly spicy taste.



If you can eat fish on the other hand you should go to Sakana at 338 George St, New Brunswick.



Sakana is jam-packed with fantastic food. My favorite appetizer is the kani salad. It is a rich and flavorful-tasting salad with crab to go along with it. A good option to start with after the kani salad is the fried rice, especially if you add a few drops of soy sauce to it. Then for the actual sushi, my favorite is the crab meat, salmon, and shrimp sushi. The spicy tuna is also good, it is packed with flavor and can go well with wasabi or ginger.



Word of Advice

By: Isabella Greenberg

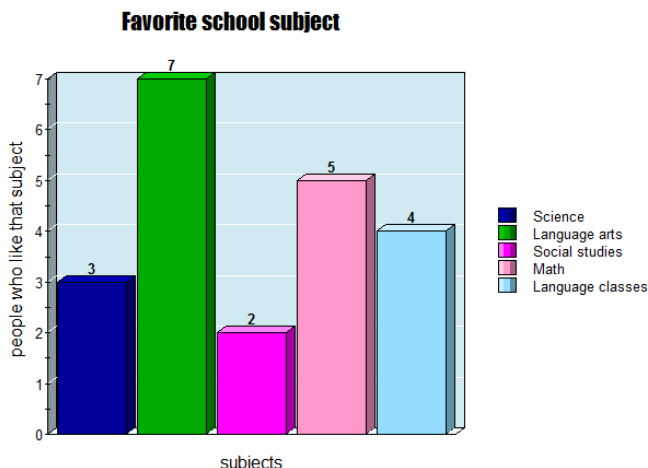
The time has come around, yet again, to move forward. However, this year is special for everyone in this school. For the 7th graders, the upcoming year will be their final year of middle school and as an 8th grader, here is some advice I would like to give to the 7th graders, soon to be 8th. Maybe you have heard this advice many times before from a teacher: "Savor Every Moment." This advice is not one to ignore. 8th grade is very difficult and at times you may hate it or hate the teachers or just hate it all but in the long run, all of it is worth it. Many amazing things will happen in 8th grade. Remember that it will be your final year in middle school. Try to be in the moment and enjoy that time because it flies by quickly. Then all the sudden, it will

be June of 2024 which means they will be going into the long awaited high school. Some people may be excited and others may not be but I know that everyone will miss it to some degree. Over our years here at Liberty, we have all changed to some degree. We met people that have changed us all for the better. I do believe that people come into our lives for a reason, even if we were never meant to be friends. We have all learned so much from our favorite teachers. We have all had so much fun with the people we met and we have all shared interests in the clubs. Overall, we will definitely miss LMS. Thank you everyone, and thank you Liberty Middle School for being there for us even though it can be stressful, every minute has been worth it.

Top Favorite Subjects in Schools

By Imani El

For most of us school isn't something we particularly look forward to, but there are some subjects that we favor over other subjects. We took a survey in a math class asking each student for their favorite subject. Let's find out the results!



"Smad"

By Sianna Wright

