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## Did you run out of movies to watch?



### Atonement

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*Spirited Away* is a Studio Ghibli film and is amazing. When I first started watching this movie, I had my doubts, but they were later

proven wrong. *Spirited Away* is about Chihiro and how she is at a resort for spirits, trying to save herself and her parents. This animation is so good that it had me invested in the movie despite it being hours long, which hasn't happened to me at all. *Spirited Away* is also the second highest grossing anime film worldwide because of how the plot moves along and because it does not try so hard to be light hearted and appeal to people. This film is iconic, and in my opinion, you will fall in love with this movie just like I did.

- Aaliyah Johnson



### Spirited Away

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Available on Netflix, *Atonement*, based on the book by Ian McEwan, tells the story of two lovers, Cecilia Tallis (Keira

Knightley) and Robbie Turner (James McAvoy). They are broken apart by a lie told by Cecilia's jealous younger sister, Briony (Saoirse Ronan), and all three of them must deal with the consequences. Robbie ends up imprisoned and drafted into World War II, but their hopes of being together increases when they see each other in London. The movie itself is a must watch with great graphics and an amazing storyline. The action is intense and the emotion is high. The ending will leave you speechless.

-Dayja Johnson



## The Grinch

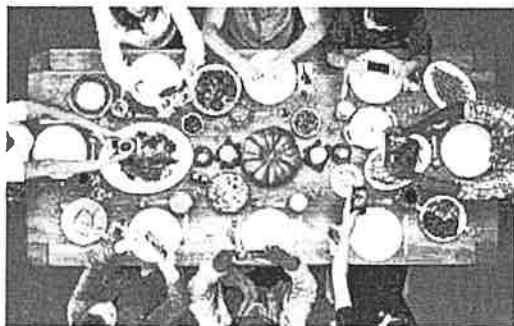


On November 9, 2018, a new version of the 2000 film, "The Grinch," was released. It had been exactly 18 years and a

day since the original film was released. The new animated version of the movie had many similarities to the original film, like most events, characters, buildings, etc. However, the new version of this movie didn't include all the scenes from the original. For example, in the original film, the Grinch was crowned at the Holiday Cheermcister and then fed all kinds of foods, but this scene was nowhere to be found in the new movie. In my opinion, the original film where the Grinch is played by Jim Carrey is slightly better than the animated version. Overall, this film did not meet up to my expectations, but it was a cute movie and I highly recommend watching it with your families to really get into the Christmas spirit.

-Katie Villalpando

## What are you thankful for?



## A Thanksgiving Haiku

By Leah Bowers

Thanksgiving is full,  
Be it food or gratefulness.  
What makes you grateful?

Is it family?  
Do you love the memories,  
The happy moments?

Or is it the food?  
The belly-filling fun food?  
What makes you thankful?

Whatever it is,  
Enjoy today's holiday.  
Happy Thanksgiving

## The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Rich South High School

On November 14<sup>th</sup> 2018, Rich South had a Thanksgiving feast for the whole school to enjoy. There was turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and Thanksgiving cheer all around for the students and staff. Also, there was a live band that played various different songs, mostly R & B, and even celebrated the most outstanding students and teachers with certificates of praise. This new opportunity was different, but very cheerful for the students and even teachers to just sit back and relax for once at school. With the shortening of classes and freedom to just socialize and enjoy your food after, it felt like eating in the cafeteria only with a more joyful and holiday vibe. Let us hope we have the chance to see another grand event like this again at Rich South High School.

-Amaya McCormick

**In Response to the policy, are you for it?**



### In Response to the New Lunch Policy

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We've all seen the posters around the school saying "Starting November 5th, students late to lunch will be penalized," but is this new lunch policy actually beneficial? Penalizing students for being late to lunch impacts students negatively and here's why: First, it increases the amount of passes used during class. Most students use their lunch passing period to go to their lockers and to the bathroom, and if you're me, you use it to get your essays that were printed for class. Now that we'll be in trouble for being late to lunch, we can't get our things or use the bathroom being both unprepared for class and uncomfortable. This new policy also creates a safety risk. Imagine trying to walk to your next class when a herd of at least 50 students comes running at full speed towards you, trying to get to lunch on time. Many

students have experienced then and even more are unhappy about it. A junior states that "this is ridiculous." It's even worse for the students like me who are shorter and therefore pushed around and trampled over more. Lastly, this new rule sets the students up for failure. The freshman have been complaining to teachers about how hard it is to make it to lunch on time, due to the amount of upperclassmen in the halls. They claim that they're "all up in the way" and that "they need to move" because if they don't, they'll be penalized for it, which isn't fair for them. In the end, this policy only hurts the students and should be lifted to promote preparedness for class, decrease safety hazards, and remove the worry of not being on time for freshmen.

- Dayja Johnson

### A New Direction for Illinois?

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In the 2018 Illinois midterm election, Democrat J.B Pritzker defeated Republican Bruce Rauner for Illinois governor. This could affect the balance of power in Illinois government now that Illinois has a Democrat as governor. Some of Pritzker's main goals are to improve funding for CPS and lower the cost of healthcare. Under Bruce Rauner, Illinois did not have a budget

for two years, putting the state in debt \$203 billion. This caused property taxes to go up, an outrageous tax on sweetened beverages, and many people lost their jobs. CPS, Teachers union, and other worker organizations went on strike because many workers were not getting paid what they deserved. Illinois is now in so much debt because of Rauner that the state is on the verge of bankruptcy. This is causing countless people in the Cook county area to move out of state. The Illinois budget crisis caused a 6.0 % unemployment rate in Chicago in the year 2015, leaving many people without a source of income. Illinois has a history of corruption in its government and many of these officials get into office because not enough people vote. That why it's important for us to vote because many of us would not have the right to vote almost 100 years ago. Your vote matters.

-Political Writer, Adam Benson

**Trips to look forward next year if you take AP US History!**

### A Trip to Springfield

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On November 16, 2018, Ms. Clark and Mrs. Bjork took the APUSH students on a trip to Springfield, Illinois to follow the life of our 16<sup>th</sup> president, Abraham Lincoln. It all began with a trip to the state capital where we got to tour the Illinois Congress rooms. The picture on the left is the room where congressmen vote on bills. The picture on the right is the ceiling of the capitol. This is the tallest capitol building in the nation

standing at 361 feet tall. After visiting the capitol, we took a trip down to Lincoln's home, which still contains much of the original furniture and carpeting. The whole neighborhood in which it stands was recreated to look exactly how it looked when Lincoln lived there. Houses are still being added and remodeled to complete the look of the actual neighborhood. This is how the home looks on the outside. If you want to see the inside, you could head down and take a tour of it, or there is an online virtual tour as well.

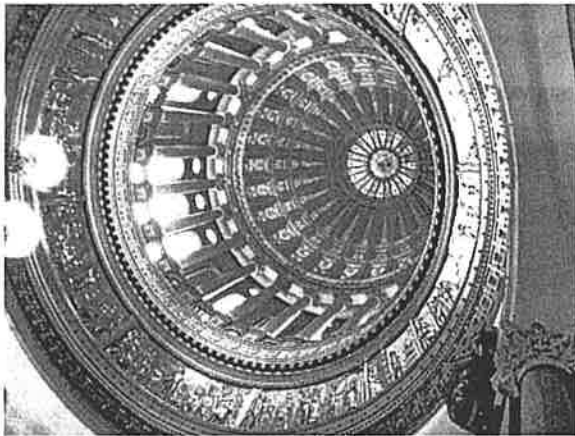
After the house, we got to visit the Presidential Museum. In there you can find a replica of the log cabin where Lincoln lived in his youth. There are also 2 shows that you can watch where it shows a recap of Lincoln's family life and his life as a president. There is also an exhibit where you follow Lincoln's life from his youth all the way up to his death. The picture on the left is wax figure of Abraham and his wife Mary. The picture on the right is Lincoln and a few fellow state representatives at a meeting in which they seem to have different opinions.

As we all know, Lincoln was most known for his stance against slavery. In the museum you can also find exhibits where slavery is demonstrated, and it shows how it separated families. The picture below is showing how families were separated at slave auctions. Each member of that family is being taken away to a different location.

Last, but certainly not least, we took a trip to visit Lincoln's tomb. It is open to the public and you can go inside. There is a tour guide which informs of what the tomb is

made of and where the materials come from. Lincoln's actual tomb is made of marble and he is buried 2 feet behind and 10 feet under the actual tombstone. It is also a tradition to touch the nose of the statue of Lincoln, which is located outside the tomb, for good luck.

- Katie V.



**Is insecurity something you suffer with?**

Insecurity

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I wake up in the morning,  
I slide to the mall,  
caught you walking out the most expensive  
store I ever saw  
Makes sense, seems phony like your style  
Not your true self, I ain't seen a genuine  
smile in a while  
Make up like a mask, you tryna hide yo self?  
Make a brother wonder if u love yourself?

Mad at the world, cause there's a soul inside  
you ain't even knew exist

Reminiscing on the time he told you not to  
resist

Now you outta touch that world mistreats  
you

Rich people touch you

Broke people beat you

You've been down on the spot

I know I ain't been around a lot

So just understand,

Your value isn't determined by another man

Don't let your insecurities get the upper  
hand

- RJ Taylor

## Skin Deep

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Golden, bronze my skin  
My skin, discriminated because darken tones  
are supposed to reflect what is within  
My skin, so beautiful it should be a sin  
My skin, resilient like tin  
My skin, you don't like it, you need a lesson  
Being black is a blessing  
-Shemiah Plenty

