

# The 109 Times

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## Addition of Woo to 7<sup>th</sup> Pays Off

Ken Stabler

Seventh period got a much needed boost half-way through the year when Christina Woo switched from rival 1<sup>st</sup> period.

Her mathematical prowess seemed to make a splash when 7<sup>th</sup> beat 1<sup>st</sup> in a quiz, Quiz 14, for the first time in 729 years.

Mr. Huang was quick to point out to the jubilant afternoon group that they would have beaten 1<sup>st</sup> even without Woo's grade.

"There has been a steady improvement in 7<sup>th</sup> period's grades lately," said Mr. Huang. "But 1<sup>st</sup> period is still a juggernaut."

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## Shoaibi Doesn't Listen to her Heart

Charles Baudelaire

"Multiply by 3."

That was the whisper of Kennedy O'Donnell to Lexie Shoaibi on Valentine's Day. She had already started

solving a 2x2 linear system by multiplying one of the equations by negative 3, but O'Donnell was too convincing.

Torn inside, she did what O'Donnell ordered. His method did work, but Shoaibi later discovered that she would have reached the answer using her original plan.

Peer pressure won on this day, and all turned out well in the end. But beware. When succumbing to peer pressure brings pain and suffering, we all rue the choice we made.

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## Pencil Sharpener Fixes Self

Stuart O'Grady

Mr. Huang was days away from trashing the vaunted electric pencil sharpener, but the sharpener had other ideas.

All of a sudden one morning, the broken sharpener that had been left for dead, resurrected itself. It works now.

No student, teacher or custodian has claimed responsibility for the fixing the award-winning sharpener. So how did it happen?

"People like to put forth the theory that it fixed itself, but I don't believe in that poppycock. I'm a realist. It must have been the monster under the floor," said a member of the High Council.

The mysterious "monster" under the floor has yet to be seen much less identified and classified. However, its supposed lair is located in the northern lands near the pencil sharpener.

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## Morell Sells Evil Hand for \$20

Cordelia Chase

Days after presenting his Evil Hand for show-and-tell, Luke Morrell sold his trusty sidekick to a stranger.

After exiting one of the Smithsonian museums, Luke announced to all people in the vicinity that his

Evil Hand was for sale. A wealthy opportunist immediately bought it for \$20. The other onlookers were beside themselves for not being quick enough or for not carrying enough cash (Morrell did not take credit cards).

Evil Hand is now providing great joy to a lucky man and his family.

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### **K 109 Donates White Paint to 111 Zoo**

George Pappas

The Kingdom opened its storehouses during Valentine's week to donate white paint to the 111 Zoo.

The Zoo is currently revitalizing its interior with a past and future cityscape of New York City. When the mural is finished, 111 and 109 will be the only two painted lands of Longfellow. 109 and Tieland are the only two nations with flags.

The donation to 111 was significant in light of the animosity generated between the two nations during the now legendary Challenge 24 challenge.

"We harbor no resentment over the challenge," said Mr.

Huang. "We would gladly win again if challenged again."

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### **Ask Arvid**

**Dear Arvid,**

I can't see from where I am sitting. Help me.

**Dear Vertically-Challenged,**

Drink more milk to accelerate growth, or if you are lactose-intolerant, a tall seat cushion may do you good.

Binoculars are a nuisance to carry around.

**Dear Arvid,**

I have seriously disturbed classmates. They spaz out, talk too much and sing and whistle during tests. I'm thinking of moving to a place where normal people live. Maybe Indiana.

**Dear Hoosier,**

Normal is relative. Weigh the important consequences of a move. Is the football team good there? Is the basketball team good? Do they sell Kettle brand potato chips? These are the important questions in life.

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*O'Donnell ers*

Ivan Denisovich

"Nobody is in the environmental club!"

That's what Kennedy O'Donnell declared on February 7 during the morning announcements.

The following people are in the environmental club:

Namita Kansal, Caroline Schwartz, Katherine Sheridan, Pritty Dwivedy, Isabella Liu, Alton Kim, Dina Ajalli, Jane Berkowitz, Krista McGuigan, Ghazal Rashidi, Kartik Gupta, Grace Becker, Luma Abunimer, Jenny Zhang, Madelyn Paquette, Luke Morrell, Liana Kramer, Lucy Bullen, Stephen Creighten, Steven Stull, Anna Maria Ifarraguerri

An even more complete list of members can be found with Mr. O'Connor.

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### **Weak Bladder Syndrome Hits 6<sup>th</sup> Period**

Fred Savage

Bathroom pass usage in 6<sup>th</sup> period rose by 220% last month, so here's the question: why do the citizens of 6<sup>th</sup> period have such weak bladders?

Time of day is a factor, but Mr. Huang can't remember ever having a 6<sup>th</sup> period that needed so many bathroom visits. Perhaps something has afflicted the males (most

of the visits are taken by the males) of 6<sup>th</sup> period.

The High Council is considering an investigation into the diet of all 6<sup>th</sup> period males, and blood tests may be necessary.

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### **Cohn Declares Homework Problem Too Easy**

Jose Altidore

On March 26, Josh Cohn of 6<sup>th</sup> period stared for a few seconds at the one homework problem for the night, and then smiled impishly.

“That’s so simple,” he said. Apparently, finding the sum of,  $x$  to the fourth power and the quotient of 1 and  $x$  to the fourth power, based on the fact that the sum of  $x$  and the quotient of 1 and  $x$  being 3 could be done in seconds, at least in Cohn’s head.

Or could it? Experts have now cast doubt that Cohn really knew the answer. What evidence do they have? For one, he never stated what the answer was, a clear indication that he possibly might not have known it. Scientific studies throughout history have shown that

mouths that do not emit an answer are in most cases connected to brains that do not have the answer.

But would an honest soul such as Cohn lie? No comment.

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### **Skill Drill Total Breaks Record**

Bob Ley

The citizens of 109, led by juggernaut 5<sup>th</sup> period, shattered the previous record of total perfect skill drills by dozens.

1<sup>st</sup> period had 67 perfects, 5<sup>th</sup> period 101, 6<sup>th</sup> period 54 and 7<sup>th</sup> period 46 for a grand total of 268.

Fifth period’s dominance in the SD discipline was led by Maggie Engler, Madelyn Paquette and Arlan Jaska. Engler’s 15 put her 3<sup>rd</sup> all-time in 109, tied with Christina Woo (7<sup>th</sup> period). Woo, who only had 9 perfects after three quarters, impressively scored 6 perfects in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to tie Engler. Paquette is 5<sup>th</sup> all-time, and Jaska is right behind her in 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Brien Comey led 1<sup>st</sup> period with 9 perfects,

and Seongmin Lee led 6<sup>th</sup> with 10.

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### **Skill Drills**

#### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

15: Maggie Engler  
13: Madelyn Paquette  
12: Arlan Jaska  
10: Seongmin Lee  
8: Max Kanwal  
6: Peter Price, Jay Choo  
5: Paul Li, Kartik Gupta, Yordan Ugarte, Namita Kansal, Isabella Liu  
4: Polina Tamarina, Naveed Mostaghimi, Jihun Kim  
3: Alec Brenner, Luke Morell, Monica Ennis, Rachel Dymont, Tyler Kim, Jiwon Yang  
2: Dina Ajalli, Saman Asdjodi, Alysha Singh, James Bollinger, Cyrus Malekpour, Robin Sturm, Clayton Zheng, John Heberton, Collin Berman, Emily Gurian, Annie Springsteen

#### 8<sup>th</sup> grade

15: Christina Woo  
9: Brien Comey  
8: Dana Kazerooni, Colin Rapson,  
7: Scott Lafoon  
6: Christy Meyer  
5: Tamara Giorgadze, Chris Vignali, Carlyle Howard, Erin Howard  
4: Dusty Schumann, Lexie Shoaibi, Colleen Widmaier  
3: Ariana Nguyen, Julia Henderson  
2: Alex McCleary, Charlotte Parkhurst, Hannah Welch, Danny Yang, Samantha Downey, Nikos Pavlis, Trent McDaniel

**K109 Community Service Opportunities:**

**Skill Drills grading**

**Filing**

**Cleaning**

**Sorting**

**Experience preferred but not necessary**

**Pleasant working environment**

**EOE**

**109 STICKERS WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**APRIL 6**

**25 CENTS EACH**