



# The 109 Times

"We are not small potatoes."

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## Thank you....

### 1st Q Flagbearers:

1st: Joyce Gong  
LT: Caydan Fraser  
5th: Ethan Chung  
7th: Tarek Elbehiry  
2nd: Alex Ham  
6th: Jonathan Li

### Datemasters:

1st: Kalan Warusa  
2nd: Benjamin Kim

## K109 to Deal with Strong Gravity Pocket

By Bill Ritter

The Kingdom of 109 is seeking innovative scientists to contain a pocket of "strong gravity" within the confines of 209.

On 9/30 during 1st period, a pocket of strong gravity appeared in the vicinity of Tyler Jeong and Paul Yoo's desks, causing

Yoo's possessions to fall off his desk every two minutes.

This unusual activity resulted in repeated clean-up procedures. Mr. Huang started to worry that the pocket may become stronger and put the lives of 109 citizens in danger.

"We can't just wait for this force to

grow," said Mr. Huang.

"What if it gets strong enough to slam people to the ground? We need 109's greatest minds to start tackling this problem immediately."

Citizens with the aptitude to fix the strong gravity pocket are strongly encouraged to apply for a position.

## Choi Learns to Use Hole-Puncher

By Laura Pavilchek

On 8/25/22, Evan Choi of 6th period approached a hole puncher. He looked on top of it. He looked at it from the side. He looked under it. He did not know how to use it. He was mystified.. He looked to fellow citizens for advice.

"You push it down!" came a voice from the multitudes.

Still slightly apprehensive,

Choi inserted his paper and pushed down on the immensely complicated machine.

"He looked afraid that it might explode," said one observer.

In the end, his worksheet got the three holes it needed, and a young citizen's eyes were opened to the whole new world of manual hole punchers. Not small potatoes.

## Mr. Huang the Reason for Backpack Ban

By Steve McNichols

After saving Longfellow from the first three Dark-nesses, 109 is finally cashing in on political capital. During 1st period on 9/7, Mr. Huang revealed that he is the reason for the new backpack ban.

The ban was put in place by the Powers-That-Be after one year of allowing backpacks. Before last year, Longfellow had never allowed backpacks since they hazards on the classroom floor. Ever since Maryam Kanna's assassination attempt in 2007, Mr. Huang is especially sensitive to large items on the floor.

"After a year of near misses, I wasn't going to go through that again," said Mr. Huang. "So I went to Dr. Patrick and told him that considering how 109 saved Longfellow from disaster twice, the least he could do is to reinstate the no backpack rule."

1st period has an especially salty small group of citizens who signed a petition to reinstate backpacks. Mr. Huang promised to send the petition to the Powers-That Be (PTB).

## Oh Fakes Out Lyons and Mr. Huang

By Richard Lamm

When Timothy Oh got up, Tate Lyons thought someone had finally volunteered to prove why absolute value equations can't have three solutions. He was wrong.

On 10/26 during 2nd Period, there was silence as Mr. Huang waited for someone to try to prove a mathematical truth: absolute value equations can't have three solutions. Breaking the tension, Timothy Oh got up, prompting Tate Lyons to applaud

him. But Oh headed for the tissue box instead, disappointing everyone.

"He's just blowing his nose," said Mr. Huang. But he was wrong.

"I'm getting rid of my gum," said Oh.

In the span of 10 seconds, Oh was able to fool Lyons, Mr. Huang, and probably the rest of 2nd Period.

"Amazing quickness," said one fellow citizen. "I didn't know Timothy had that in him."

## Hagen Forms Weapon from Desk

By Patrick Viera

Desperate Times Call for Desperate Measures. At least that is what Sabina Hagen's sub-conscious might have been telling her when pent up frustration compelled her to create a weapon out of part of her desk.

While Mr. Huang wasn't looking, she allegedly grasped the metal bar that connects one of the front legs of the desk to a bar that extends below the seat. She then ripped it off, yielding a dangerous and potentially

effective 14-inch metal rod. It was immediately confiscated, but some 109 citizens thought they saw Mr. Huang practicing with it.

Hagen denies that she made a weapon.

"I did not do this," she said. "The rod just fell on its own." There is no video evidence of the actual forming of the weapon.

"I don't know if she really did it," said one fellow citizen. "But if she did, maybe she's been frustrated about Skill Drills."

## Fontenot and Frederick Debate Sports Safety in Lancer Time

By Angel Di Maria

SEL lessons rarely spark heated debate, but the career finder survey on 10/14 was the exception, at least for some citizens in Lancer Time.

After receiving career recommendations from the future career survey, Ryan Fontenot began questioning Tyler Frederick's choice of football as his sport. Since Frederick is a running back, Fontenot mentioned the dangers of mindlessly putting one's head down and running forward into a mass of large people trying to hurt you. In contrast, he also mentioned how civilized and safe baseball is since all he has to do is hit a small white and red ball with a bat.

"Yeah, until the ball hits you in the head," countered Frederick.

Frederick has a point. In 1920, Ray Chapman of the Cleveland Indians got hit in the head with a baseball and died 12 hours later.

However, Fontenot's

argument has plenty of recent evidence to back up his argument. A 2017 study by Boston University showed that 87% of 202 football players at high school and college levels later developed varying degrees of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE).

The sports opinions spread beyond Fontenot and Frederick and into other sports. Fontenot remarked how boring it would be to watch a video of swimmers swimming. Ella English, a long-time swimmer, said that it's not always boring. Swimmers sometimes vomit when they get out of the pool.

"Now that would be entertaining!" Owen Fath suddenly said with eyes wide open.

"Figures he would get excited about vomit," said one fellow citizen. "He's ... an interesting one."

As of now, there is no research on how often football or baseball players vomit during games.

## Perfect SDs through SD #6

**6:** Joyce Gong, Angela Yan, Paul Yoo, Emma Zhang

**5:** Sarah Li, Michelle Lin, Kalan Warusa, Arham Jain, Jinwoo Lee, Ryan Qi

**4:** Calvin Hurwitz, Alex Lee, Kyle He, Jonathan Li, Arnav Talreja, Lauren Zhong

**3:** Chloe Jeong, Helen Qin, Caroline Su, Daniel Vladimiroff, Henry Huang, Anne Sophie Li, Anne Zhang, Anderson Hao

**2:** Nyida Gyal, Jinwoo Lee, Aaron Lin, Shihan Rao, Roxanna Sharafi, Emma Tao, Abby Cai, Hanjoo Jung, Rewa Sethi, Connor Weinshall, Adam Zhao, Ben Kim, Timothy Oh, Evan Choi, Jonathan Leong, Sophia Wallace

**1:** Richard Deng, Tyler Jeong, Matthew Leverett, Sean Noh, Roland Saunders, Emma Bui, Sabina Hagen, Vanika Jivan, Michelle Park, Devika Shah, Ethan Chung, Gavin Keller, Ethan Ma, Lara Ozdemir, Tyler Bult, Jacob Clayton, Alex Lee, Karin Leverett, Evan Li, Samuel Li, Rebecca Sarmiento, Sacchi Thomas, Ben Wang, Michael Zhou

## Ask Arvid

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### Answers to Questions in an Ever-Confusing World

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**Dear Arvid:**

**Why are we called the Kingdom of 109 when we are in Room 209?**

**Only the datemaster may change the date. If the date is wrong for the day, it stays wrong. We do not give the datemaster a wedgie.**

**Dear Confused:**

**In 2009, the PTB forced us to leave 109. We remember those days.**

**Dear Arvid:**

**I don't understand what it means when the HW says P120. My friend said it means page 120, but the assignment didn't say "textbook".**

**Dear Arvid:**

**What happens when the datemaster forgets to change the date?**

**Dear Inexperienced:**

**So when you see a "P" before a number, it means "Page" that number in the textbook.**

**Dear Accuser:**

## Skill Drills Retrieved from Portal

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By Tarek Ammoury

On 9/19 during 5th period, three Skill Drills papers were lost during the passing up process. When it was discovered what actually happened to them, Mr. Huang had to find them, and find them he did.

The papers in question belonged to Jacob Xu, Rehka Shen, and Ethan Estrada. They had passed their papers up to Vanika Jivan, who then passed those papers, including her own, to Ajay Chandela. But Ajay only received Vanika's. A mad search immediately began for the missing papers, but they were not found. Then Mr. Huang noticed a gap between Jivan and Chandela's desks, a gap that, after a more thorough investigation, was found to be a portal to another dimension.

After class, Mr. Huang entered that portal.

"I was pretty sure time works differently over there, so I knew I'd be back in plenty of time for 7th period," said Mr. Huang. "That's how it worked in *Endgame*."

Sure enough, Mr. Huang was back in minutes, just in time for 7th period, but he reported that it took him several hours in the other dimension to retrieve the Skill Drills papers.

"There was no solid ground. Everyone and everything was floating. Plus, the inhabitants of that world wanted to keep the papers. I had to give them something in trade."

As of now, Mr. Huang is not willing to reveal what he traded or who these mysterious beings were until he consults with the Phoss, his trusted counsel.

There is nothing in the 109 Constitution and allows or forbids trading citizens for Skill Drill papers. Something to think about.