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Greatings dear readers! We are thrilled to celebrate the Sophomore Times' second anniversary. Congratulations to the journalists froms 2e who wrote interesting and varied articles.

We hope you enjoy the reading.

Editorial

Seconde: a year of new experiences

By Sara Mendoza and Paola Giamattei

All along the year we've been writing and analysing subjects that have broadened our knowledge. These subjects were treated and discussed with all our partners. Therefore, we shared our different opinions.

Even though it was a whole new year for us, we have been using all the tools we have learned in the past few years. In French, English and Spanish we entered our own world of imagination and we could explore the different points of view from everybody in the class. Then we wrote our own point of view in original compositions.

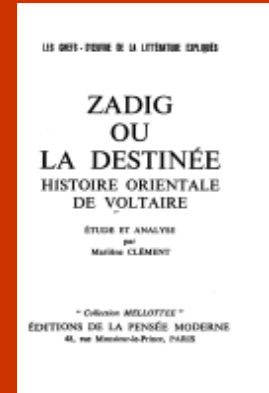
We also related the topics to historical events — like the French Revolution — and famous characters, like Achilles or Julius Caesar.

However, not all the subjects were easy to treat. Since the beginning of the year we had to put more efforts and dedication to our work at school and at home. We didn't have the free time we had before.

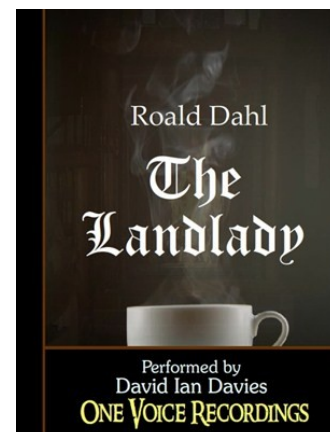
The first weeks may seem easy for everyone but in the next few months it becomes harder and harder. What you should do is practise and review your lessons everyday

after school for at least fifteen minutes. If you have any doubts on something you should ask for help to a tutor or a teacher.

Get ready for Seconde. At the beginning of the year, search for information about the curricula so you can organize better the way you work and you can be ready for what is coming. You should make room in your schedule to spend time with your friends but also time to work at home so you can balance your priorities.



In French we studied the different topics from Zadig



These are the cover pages of some books we read during the school year.

Editorial

Making time for relaxing

BY JOSUE VIDAL, ROBERTO NUILA, ERNESTO LIMA

Has this ever happened to you? You are tired and going to bed at the end of a long day, you are reaching the Nirvana* and suddenly you remember that tedious graded homework that is due the next day.

Well, this isn't going to stop in 2de, in fact, it will happen more often. Actually in 2de you will have to do a lot of work because it is the last year without a big exam like the Brevet or the BAC and you need to decide which field you will "specialise" in for the next school years.

During this year, you will do a lot of graded work to train for the baccalauréat.

You will have to sacrifice your leisure time in order to fulfill your duty as a student. If not you may fail and you may not go into the next the school year. And this is why your free time is as precious as a golden ring.

The thing is **you shouldn't stress**. Do whatever you like to do you and enjoy it. Do it because you want to and because you really like it.

You could do some sports or you could read more, you could also watch some movies or listen to some music.

While doing the things you enjoy, you really need to set your brain aside and not care about anything else besides you and what you are doing. Shift your focus from school matters to refresh and revitalize yourself.

If you have no hobbies, as a last resort you could learn something new like playing the guitar or learning how to drum.

*Nirvana: the state of total peace and calmness

*The thing is **you shouldn't stress**. Do whatever you like to do you and enjoy it. Do it because you want to and because you really like it.*



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Changes In Seconde

ANNÉE 1, N° 1

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What is seconde?

Seconde is a year of many changes. It is the first year of high school; you now become sophomores and stop being freshmen. As all previous years, you can feel the difference in the difficulty of what you are asked to do. *Seconde* is particularly difficult because it is a big leap from what you were used to doing in *troisième*.

There are no important or official exams like the brevet or *bacs* but you are now being prepared and treated as someone who could be doing *bacs*. This will be your last year without that kind of tests, since you will start *bacs* in *première* and will continue to have final year exams in college until your graduation. After as-

king students what changes they felt during this school year, we have made a list of the major changes in *seconde*.

These will be revealed to you in this article.

The Changes

First of all, you will have longer days. In *seconde*, the schedule changes as it has now more subjects to fit in. No more taking naps from 2:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon, you will spend that time in class. And there isn't any free time during the day (or when you get home, as you will have tons of homework). Do you hate physics, science, history or French? Well no luck, in *seconde* you will not only have to carry on with all those subjects but you will also have to endure them for two *straight* hours in one day. Most *seconde* students are not used to this amount of work, which leads to extremely tired and grumpy sophomores. If you don't learn to manage your time you will experience intense desperation all through the school year; and the lack of sleep will soon start messing with your physical and mental health. This isn't good for you and for your grades.

As we mentioned before, in *seconde* you will have new subjects. Firstly, you will have to choose between two *enseignements d'exploration* (*Méthodes et pratiques scientifiques* or *Littérature et Société*). In the first one, you will work with science and math, and in the second one you will write, take pictures and study things related to communication such as radios. These subjects will take an hour and a half each week and you won't receive a grade. They do not determine the specialization you'll choose for your BAC later on. Another new subject will be SES (*Sciences Economiques et Sociales*). This is also an *enseignement d'exploration*, but it will have a grade, so watch out and pay attention. Another new subject is LV3 (if you decide to take that option). Portuguese is a great language. Even though learning how to write it will be difficult, you will be surprised to see how quickly you can start speaking it and unders-

tanding it. (Taking this option will help you get extra point in your BAC!) You will also start having Psychology, which is a Salvadorian subject such as *Sociales*. It will be fun and easy. You will talk about drugs, alcohol, sex, health (physical and mental) and your future orientation. Lastly, you will have a short period of dance in EPS. It will be the easiest and the least tiresome sport you practice in the whole year. In order to get a good grade and have a good time in this subject, you really have to commit to it and lose all embarrassment.

Recapping

Changes are also important in other subjects where the level of difficulty will be increased. For example, no more “reading comprehension” or “dictation” in French exams, redaction and argumentation and text analysis will become extremely important in every class for they are all necessary to write text commentaries. You will also learn how to write dissertations and “*écriture d’invention*”. You will need to develop your writing and

your arguments skills since they will also be very useful in English, as your teachers will now assume you have already mastered the language. In addition to this, no more grammar in Spanish class! But don’t be glad just yet, as Spanish will now be dedicated mostly to reading books, making oral presentations about them and analyzing texts from different literary movements. In *seconde*, you also have to learn to use your writing

skills in subjects like Biology. According to the students we interviewed, one of the biggest challenges of this year is SVT compositions and the two-hour-essays in History.

If you are currently a freshman and will soon become a sophomore, at some point while reading this article, you may feel the desire to kill yourself, but don’t do it just yet. *Seconde* also has many positive changes. For instance, you have more freedom. You get to wear jeans to school every day. Teachers aren’t always nagging about whether or not you did your homework; some of them don’t even care what you do in their classes as long as you don’t disturb them. It is now your decision whether or not to care at all, as it will be you who collects the

consequences of your attitude. As a sophomore you are still immature, but are now considered to be a young adult. You have the right to bring your car to school, to change hours so you can leave early, and even to wander wherever you want when you have a free period.

Another great thing about being a sophomore is realizing how much you’ve grown up. *Seconde* is the year when you start thinking: « what do I want to do with my life? » « Do I want to be a

doctor, a pilot, a writer, an entrepreneur? » You also realize how fast time passes and you feel, for the very first time, that school might be over soon. It’s no longer ages away from you, it is right around the corner and you feel scared, and also incredibly excited. So don’t be scared to start this new year, as former sophomores, we give you this piece of advice: make the most of it! Have fun, make memories with your friends, go out; but also make your studies a priority, find a way to make it all work, pay attention in class, create a system to manage your time and appreciate the opportunity you have to study in such a great school with such intelligent teachers.

MPS: a chance to become a real scientist?

A clue to the next step



MPS gives you the chance to know more about three specific subjects: Math, Physics and Biology.

All year long, there were two big themes: the investigation of a crime scene and the process of making yogurt.



We dare you to join us in this journey where it is all about calculations, experiments and analysing.

Are you ready?

1. Investigation

At the beginning of the year, we were given the description of an unsolved case of dealing with someone's murder.

In the description, there were details about the crime scene and the suspects but also the routine of each one of the suspects and the victim the day of the murder. Those were our clues and each one of them was related to one of the

At the end, when you had analysed everything in the crime scene, you had to use all the clues as

three subjects, whether Math, Physics or Biology. So, in each one of our classes, we got the chance to closely ana-

lyse each one of the clues and by the end of the class, you could relate the clue with one of the suspects.

support and prove through a logical demonstration who the criminal was according to you.



For example, in one of the experiments, you had to analyse a white substance found in a glass where the victim had been drinking from. We used the method of the thin layer chromatography and found out it was a pill that was usually used as a sedative. This made our research even more intriguing because the victim had originally died from a bullet, but the fact he drank the pill could have made him die faster. Such things made the case clearer or even more confusing. The most interesting thing about this theme was probably the fact that each one of us imagined our own crime scene. Some thought it was a suicide, others thought that some of the suspects were accomplices. Everyone had a different point of view and we all backed up our vision with real proofs. We really got into the role of a detective by trying to solve this crime.

2. Learning how to make an everyday product



Our second big theme was all about yogurt. From the components of the yogurt to the shape of the yogurt recipient. We studied everything there is to know about this product.

We discovered how milk turns into yogurt after going through different processes. We also tasted different yogurts and saw lots of yogurt recipients. We chose the one that had the best taste and texture and combine it with the most attractive recipient in order to get the “perfect yogurt”.

2.1 From milk to yogurt



In biology and physics, we studied the molecules of the components of milk and yogurt. Indeed, in order to make yogurt, we must add ferments to the milk because, some of the milk molecules are degraded by the action of bacteria, and yogurt molecules are formed. Thanks to some computer programs, we could establish a relation between the “original molecules” and the ones that appeared along the transformation.

However, there was one specific experiment that caught our attention. We were asked to make two different yogurts. The first one had to respect the quantities of each one the ingredients and the required conditions. The other one was modified. Most of the groups changed either the type of milk or the temperature. Some of the groups got a perfect yogurt, others...well, they got something else.



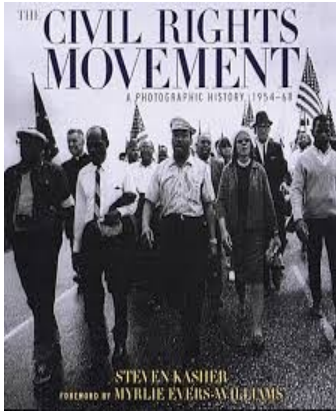
But, this is just a sneak peek of what MPS is.

Try it yourself.

American Civil rights

By Camilo Martino and Julio Molina

American Civil Rights movement



Timeline

Montgomery bus	1955
Arrest of freedom riders	1962
I have a dream	1963
MLK won the nobel prize	1964

We decided to write about this topic because we consider it was a huge accomplishment for human rights, and more specifically for Black Americans civil rights.

After the Emancipation Proclamation Act in 1863, Black Americans were segregated in Southern States for almost a hundred years. Segregation means the exclusion of black people from places like restaurants, theaters, pu-

blic bathrooms. White and Black Americans used to live in two different worlds. The Civil Rights Movement started in Montgomery Alabama after the Montgomery bus boycott in 1955. Back then, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress refused to give up her seat on a bus.

There were many Black leaders in the movement. One of them and the most important one was Martin Luther King. He was a

pacifist leader and quite the opposite to Malcolm X, another leader. Martin Luther King was in favour of non-violent actions.

« I have a Dream »

"I Have a Dream" is a public speech by American activist Martin Luther King. It was delivered by King on August 28, 1963, in which he called for an end to racism in the United Sta-

tes. Delivered to over 250,000 civil rights supporters from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. King examined that one hundred years later, Black Americans were still not free.

Beginning with a reference to the Emancipation Proclamation which freed millions of people gathered in the public place to listen to his speech.

Trip to France



Redon, a life-changing experience

By Monica Alvarado and Mauricio Cañas Prieto

We spent the first week at Redon. When we arrived there, we were dropped off at the community pool, where we first met our hosts. We were really impressed by the little town because it was very beautiful.

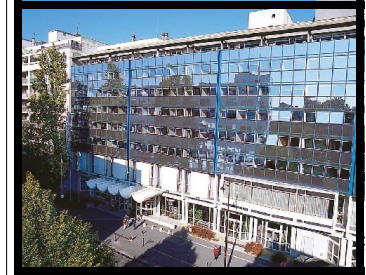
We spent the night with our hosts in order to know them and their families better. Spending the week with them was very nice too because they were really friendly, funny and interesting. We also discovered a different culture that contrasts a lot with ours. We made a special bond with our French hosts because they were really friendly.

During the week we went to amazing places in the region of Brittany such as Nantes, Mont St-Michel – an ancient church that is located on a small island – and other places like Airbus (a plane manufacturer) and St-Nazaire (a famous shipyard).

Our hosts organised a party for us the last weekend we stayed with them. During the party we had a lot of fun with them, we slept over at the party place and had to clean all the place afterwards.

We also visited our hosts' school – Lycée Beaumont – which is an extremely big school: it is almost three times bigger than our Lycée Français. The school is pretty amazing because they don't pay for school and they have really amazing things. The principal guided our tour of the school. Moreover we were also impressed of how important Sports is for them. Did you know they even have special «Séries » based on sports?!

Our week in Redon was amazing. We had the chance to experience what few people are lucky to experience, to meet different people and actually become friends with them.



FIAP Jean Monnet

Week two : Visiting Paris

By Claire Amaya and Fabiola Avendaño



During the second week, we went by bus to Paris. During the trip we stopped by to eat something in a fast food, it was awful.

In the bus, we talked a lot and each one of us had a seat for themselves (because of the fact that we were only 16 students).

When we arrived we saw the FIAP. It was a « hotel » for students where we stayed. It wasn't that bad.

But the rooms were small. All the girls slept together. We were six girls and we had to share two bathrooms. The boys were split into two groups. The food in the hotel was delicious though the parties were really bad. There were parties every two days in a small room.



Théâtre Antoine



Comédie Française

We went to the theatre twice : the Comédie Française and the Theatre Antoine. By the end of the day we returned to the FIAP by metro (we took it a lot), and we were hungry and tired from walking.

Everyday we used to go to the « flunch » restaurant for lunch and ate all the food we wanted. It was delicious.

Some funny things happened to us in Paris, like the time we lost Fabiola in the Louvre or the parties at the FIAP that were really smelly.

It was one of the best trips ever...

Interviews

People arriving to El Salvador

June 2013

M. Bitoun's interview



His name is David Bitoun, our Physics teacher, he is from Bretagne, a northern department of France but he was in Lithuania before he came to El Salvador.

We asked him how long he was going to stay in the country and he answered that he would stay at least three years and that he could stay as long as he wished. We also asked him why he had chosen to come to El Salvador to teach and his response was: "Because I didn't know the country and I wanted to learn some Spanish".

As the interview kept going, we wanted to know the difference between El Salvador and France and Lithuania. The first thing he told us was that the language is different and that Spanish is way easier to understand than Lithuanian but he

hasn't reached to understand Spanish yet. Then the second thing that he told us was that this little country was really hot compared to Lithuania. In fact, he mentioned that in the European countries, the temperature was about -40° degrees as he laughed about what we Salvadorians think "it is cold". He also said that our Lycée Français was bigger and with many more resources than the Lycée Français in Lithuania and that our school was prettier than the one in France and Lithuania because of the green spaces. We learnt that in Lithuania he only had in general, approximately twenty five students to teach; that means that he teaches at least five times more students in here. But besides everything he hasn't had any trouble to adapt himself to this country.

Then we asked him what his favorite things were about El Salvador and he answered that beaches are what he prefers about this country even though he fails at surfing: "I try to surf but I

always fall down from the board so I've stopped trying a little bit." But beaches are not the only places that he has visited: he has gone to El Boquerón and to Jiquilisco Bay too to do some tourism.

M. Bitoun was really nice to us as we interviewed him and almost at the end we needed to ask him what he didn't like about El Salvador so far and he confessed that he didn't like the fact that he can't walk around in the streets as he wishes because of the security. He told us too, that when he drives, everybody is really slow but really messy compared to Europe where in some countries like Germany there is no speed limit in highways but everybody drives in a really correct way.

At the end of this interview we discovered that he really likes El Salvador so far and that he couldn't tell us when he was leaving but we hope that he doesn't have to decide that in a very long time.

INTERVIEWS

M. BITOUN

M. ABI AAD

M. SAN SEBASTIAN

M. OULLEM

CONCLUSION

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EDUARDO FLORES

ZONIA FUENTES

JAVIER HOUDELOT

JAVIER URRUTIA



El Boquerón, San Salvador El Salvador



Interviews

M. Abi Aad's interview

After having interviewed Monsieur Abi Aad, we learnt that he was born in Lebanon but he moved to France where he lived most of his childhood. After finishing school and university, he worked during a short period of time in France then he returned to Lebanon and finally came to El Salvador. He told us he came here as a math teacher. He'll be staying a maximum of five years. He also shared with us that he had accepted to come here for professional reasons (to grow up in his career, to be more professional) and because he wanted to discover the culture of Central America: he was curious since

he had never been to this region before.

He compared the previous country (Lebanon) with El Salvador and he said that they were so different. "They're incomparable, two opposite worlds." For him, the Middle East was much dirtier. Then he commented there were things he liked and others he disliked from our country. What he liked the most is that the people are very cozy, sociable and friendly. He also thinks that the country is very clean compared to his previous country and that the nature is respected. However, there are things he disliked; the

violence is the first one he evoked. "On ne la sent pas mais on entend beaucoup parler d'elle." said M. Abi Aad about the violence of our country. During his interview he revealed that it wasn't easy for him to adapt to El Salvador since he doesn't speak Spanish at all. He just knows the basic expressions like "hola" and "como esta"... but that's a project for him: he wants to learn Spanish. Even though he doesn't know Spanish, he has done some tourism in El Salvador. He had already visited a lot of places like Ataco, Suchitoto, Costa del Sol, Ahuachapán... He said he's very happy and that he will continue to

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Ataco



Interviews

M. San Sebastian's interview

Monsieur San Sebastian is the new kindergarten and elementary school director in our country. He told us that would stay for three to five years in our country. Before coming to the country, he had been in Bordeaux, France where he had worked in a very small school: each classroom had like ten students. So when they offered him, this job he immediately agreed since he had always wanted to visit Central America, even though he was in-

formed about the violence and criminality of our country.

During the interview, he told us he was very touched by the people because he thinks they're very nice, welcoming and helpful. They also helped him to have the most pleasant arrival and adaptation. He said he liked pupusas a lot as well as our weather which is completely different from the weather in France. He also thinks that France and El Salvador are two entirely dif-

ferent worlds and can't be compared. However, he thinks El Salvador has a very nice weather and beautiful beaches and places like Suchitoto, Apaneca, Ataco, Costa del Sol, el Cuco, Santa Ana, El Bquerón... However, he thinks that the people, and mostly bus driver, are so crazy and messy that they are very dangerous to other drivers and especially pedestrians.



He said he liked
"pupusas a lot"



Costa del Sol, El Salvador



Catedral de la Señora de Santa Ana, Santa Ana, El Salvador

Interviews

M. Oullem's interview



Suchitoto Lake
Santa Ana volcano



After we interviewed Monsieur Oullem, we learnt he had come to El Salvador after they offered him, to take a job as the executive and financial director of the school; meaning that, he would be in charge of the accounting and finances of our school. He would also be in charge of the management of the personnel and the school resources. Before coming to El Salvador he was working in Chile where he had been working at the French embassy. However, he wanted to change jobs and work at a school. He told us he wanted to visit Central America and learn

more about this region. He informed us he would stay at least four to three years but if he renews his contract he could stay for four or five years.

When we asked him about his arrival and his adaptation to the country, he said it wasn't difficult since he had already been in three Latin America countries. Therefore, he knows how to speak Spanish. However, when we asked him if he could compare Chile and El Salvador, he commented that El Salvador is a very small country where every time you go out, you have very big chances to meet someone

you know. So he feels like he doesn't have the anonymity he had in big cities like when he was in Chile. Plus, he thinks that Chile is a more modern country than El Salvador. But this wasn't an obstacle to go sightseeing. He has visited a lot of places like Suchitoto, Santa Ana volcano, Ataco, El Tamarindo... and almost every beach in the country. Finally, he also told us that Salvadorians are very nice, kind and welcoming people which helped him a lot to adapt to the country. He also likes our food, our weather, and our beaches.

Conclusion

As a conclusion, we can say that the four newcomers to our school are very funny and even though we didn't know at first how to ask them about their life in El Salvador, it turned out to be very entertaining for us to talk to them. It was very interesting to learn about their journeys to this small country. We realized after interviewing these people that even if El Salvador is a very small country and considered as one of the most dangerous countries in the world, these people weren't discouraged and still decided to come. Anyone who has ever stayed in El Salvador thinks Salvadorians are cheerful and kind and they all enjoy our beaches and our food like pupusas.



Mr. Patinec's work

The Economics and Sociology teacher and his work in El Salvador.

By Andrea Murra, Jose Miguel Grimaldi and Juliette Kahn

Mr. Patinec is an Economics and Sociology teacher in El Salvador French school. He arrived six years ago to El Salvador. But before coming he was a teacher in a French school in Togo, Colombia, in Japan subsequently. His contract with the French government is a "contrat à durée déterminée" which obliges him to leave the country after six years and therefore change his work location. This is what is happening right now: he's leaving El Salvador at the end of June to go to Djibouti in Africa.

In his class, Mr. Patinec motivated the students to become interested in global economy and local sociology. Even if the subjects were sometimes boring for some students, Mr. Patinec included several dynamics to the class to make it better.

In Economics class we learned about the changes that the world is going through. He taught us some formulas that helped us understand these changes such as how to calculate economic growth and vice versa.

We also learned about sociological issues that really appealed to some students although others were not attracted to them. Mr. Patinec showed us that there are social patterns followed by countries.

He will always be remembered for the several projects he launched in his 6 years in El Salvador. His major project is called the « Canasta Campesina » in collaboration with the community of Comasagua. This project helped improve the financial situation for several people from Comasagua. It consists in Comasagua producers bringing the vegetables and other goods to be sold in our school.

Most of the students of this school will miss him. We hope the best for him on his new adventure in Africa.



Interview with M. Bruno Jacquier

Principal of the Lycée Français de San Salvador

By Salvador Rodriguez

Good Morning Sir, I understand that you came to El Salvador four years ago and I wanted to know how your experience was, that's why I have prepared some questions for you:

Q/ What were your thoughts when you knew that you were going to be the principal of the French school of El Salvador?

A/ *I was very surprised because it was a job that I didn't ask for due to the fact that I don't speak Spanish.*

Q/ What were your impressions of the country when you first arrived?

A/ *I immediately adored the country. I'm very lucky for being here, it was a beautiful surprise.*

Q/ Do you like pupusas?

A/ *Yes I really like them but not every type of pupusas, it depends of the place were I eat*

them, my favorite is the pupusa of Loroco and Cheese pupusa.

A/ What is the most beautiful place you visited in here?

A/ *The Coatepeque Lake*

Q/ What do you think about the Salvadorian people in general?

A/ *They are very amiable, very nice and friendly too.*

Q/ And what do you think of the students from the Lycée Français de San Salvador?

A/ *They are very serious, very polite and they have a good attitude.*

Q/ What are your impressions of the Lycée Français de San Salvador?

A/ *It's an excellent school, it has a great level and a good presence throughout Latin America*

Q/ Where are you going after leaving El Salvador?

A/ *Beirut, Lebanon*

Q/ Would you like to come back to El Salvador?

A/ *Yes, I would like to come back with great pleasure*

Q/ Can you tell me one positive aspect and one negative aspect of El Salvador?

A/ *El Salvador has gorgeous places to visit but it is hard to walk on the street because of the security issues.*

Q/ Have you learned how to speak Spanish?

A/ *Just a little bit.*

Q/ What is your favorite Salvadorian food?

A/ *"Gallo en Chicha"*

So, Sir, we are very pleased for having you in this school over these five years. I'm sure we all think that you made a really good job.



Spanish Books Review

By Daniel Fuentes, Santiago Martinez and Juan Umaña

Books, books, books!

You are already in Seconde. This is a very important year because it is the door to the end road of school. So you have to study and work a lot : this year is not a piece of cake. We read a lot of books in French and Spanish! In Spanish, for example, we read from five to seven books.



These books were studied according to a specific chronological order. First, we read the Iliad, followed by Greek and Roman comedy and drama. Then, we focused on Medieval prose and a book from 1300's. Finally, we read a book of the American Conquest. You have to read if you wish to get good grades or to improve them.

OUR EXPERIENCE :

First of all we think it was very dynamic because we worked on the books we read in class. We had to write a personal opinion, a "Ficha de Lectura", a summary of the book and make a Power Point presentation.

Now, you must be careful. If you don't read the books, you'll have a very very bad grade. Whereas if you read them you can get grades higher than 15 over 20. This year, some grades and some averages ranged from 0.25 to 5 over 20 and from 7 to 8 over 20 respectively. At the end of the year, a lot of people got a final average of 9 over 20 because they got a very bad grade in the exam though they made improvements in the personal opinion and the presentation.



William Shakespeare's Macbeth

The best book we read is Macbeth. It was very interesting. We learnt about the history of England, Ireland and Scotland. Also we discovered one of the greatest books from William Shakespeare. Macbeth is king of Scotland. He killed Duncan because the witches had told him to do so to become king.



French Books Review

By Carmen Machado and Isabella Villavicencio

Britannicus by Jean Racine

Britannicus is a play written by Jean Racine in 1669. The story takes place in Rome in 56 BC during the climax of the city.

This book deals with two step-brothers, Britannicus and Nero, who are fighting for the throne of Rome. Agrippina, their mother, doesn't want Britannicus to have the power, so she controls Nero's decisions to indirectly lead the city. Agrippina and Nero are progressively consumed by power during the story.

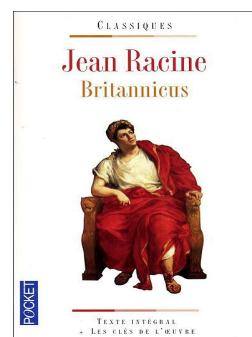
Most of the actions take place at the palace of Emperor Claude.

The main characters are Nero who was adopted and is a tyrant emperor and has an obsession with

princess Junie; Britannicus who is Claude's biological son and the legitimate heir to the throne (he has great values and wants to do right for the city); Agrippina who kept the throne from Britannicus in profit of her son after killing her husband, Emperor Claude; Junie who is a princess in love with Britannicus; and Narcissi who is the servant of the royal family and plays with all the characters for his own sake.

As the story reveals itself, we realize that Nero is turning into a « monster ». We can compare this play to the Tacitus's version of the story. This version is true to the events in that time, the real story of Nero. We can conclude that in both versions Nero "wins".

If you like history and literature, you'll like it. Britannicus is easy to read because a dramatic play. In fact, you can picture the characters better. Moreover at the bottom of the page, there is more information about the story, the people and you've also got names some helpful definitions. Besides, there are movies based on the play and in a theater.



SHORT STORIES REVIEW

THE LANDLADY (ROALD DAHL)

BY ALEXANDRA BASAGOITIA AND LUCIA MORENO

In the last change of groups, we worked on short stories booklet which was composed by five short stories from different authors but they all dealt with similar topics: mystery, detectives, thieves and even sci-fi. We read the stories and after we finished reading them, we answered questions and we analysed the situation of every story. The booklet was our support and source of inspiration to write our own detective stories which included our role model detective, our fictitious name and physical and psychological description.

The Landlady, written by Roald Dahl, was the first story we read in the booklet. A Landlady is a person who rents a place in exchange of money.

Billy Weaver was a seventeen year-old man who arrived to Bath and looked for a place to stay for the night. While looking for it, he found a « bed & breakfast » and decided to stay there but the landlady was out of her mind according to Billy. Before going to sleep, the landlady asked Billy to sign the guestbook and later they were talking and Billy discovered weird things about her: she stuffed animals.

The Landlady story does not have an ending.

The readers have to imagine the end of the story. The intention of the author was to let the reader imagine what happened in the « Bed & Breakfast ». We liked the fact that we had to imagine the end of the story. Every student imagined a different ending.

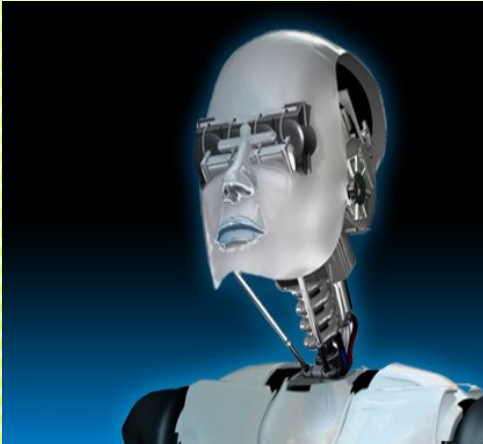
In our opinion, we like the way the story was narrated because there are many descriptions of the places and of the main characters. These descriptions help us imagine how the places and the characters looked like. This story served as an introduction to the topics of the booklet.



Short Stories Review

Marionettes, Inc. By Ray Bradbury

By Carmen Henriquez and Dafne Villatoro



Marionettes, Inc. written by Ray Bradbury is a sci-fi story that narrates the situation of two friends: Braling and Smith who have problems with their wives. Braling has a marionette who is just like him. The marionette spends time with Braling's wife instead of him. Braling suggested Smith to do the same thing to become happy. Many surprises take place in this history. Would there be a happy ending?

This short story has a lot of interesting situations that we liked. It's a science fiction story mixed with real life problems. Moreover Ray Bradbury's story depicts how the future was seen back in the 50's which was different from the concept of the future that we have nowadays. He imagined that in 1992, rockets and robots would exist. But human identical robots who help with matrimonial problems don't exist yet.

While we were reading, we couldn't stop because we wanted to know if this invention would work, if robots could replace humans. However, we disliked the characters' personalities because they were very negative and they complained a lot about their wives. They tried to avoid their marital problems replacing themselves with marionettes. But this point aside, it is a good sci-fi story that appeals to the reader during the whole reading.

Movie Reviews

by Ana Celis, Johanna Montagut, Monica Saravia and Daniela Vanegas

Opinion:

The Royal Tenenbaums is an interesting film. The movie has a weird plot but the acting is really amazing. It's worth watching.

The Royal Tenenbaums *by Wes Anderson*

This film is the story of a wealthy family. The parents get divorced because he wasn't the father of the three children. When they grow older, they become bitter and angry with each other. Something happens and finally, Richi doesn't appreciate the family and

Opinion:

We are not used to watching this kind of movies. It's a shocking and realistic movie. It showed us the complicated life of some people.

Le silence de Lorna *by Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne*

Lorna is a poor Albanian young woman. She needs money, so she decides to start an illegal trade, she gets married to a foreigner. Therefore, she has been able to share her nationality with her boyfriend Sokol, and make a profession who she is in love

Opinion:

We think the plot is good although the movie is very unrealistic because people don't jump or fly.

Crouching tiger and hidden dragon *by Ang Lee*

Li Mu Bai, a great warrior decides to turn in his sword to a friend. One day the sword is stolen by a mysterious ninja. He tries to retrieve it. At the same time he is trying to avenge his master's death. He and the love of his life, Shu Lien, are introduced to the mysterious daughter of a well known family. Destiny, So Li Mu Bai is in charge of finding the thief of the sword and return it to its proper owner.



Sports in our school.

An article brought to you by the Sports section team.

Torrez Miguel, Cornejo Joaquin, Velasco Gerardo, Ticas Luis, Mendez Luis, Porras Rodrigo, Fong Benjamin

Interviewing our P.E teachers.

Since we were children we've had Physical Education class. Some students tend to ignore it and just see it as a waste of time, but we mustn't forget that we are being trained to face a Physical Education exam for our BAC. In this article we will analyse what our Physical Education teachers think about our performance as athletes and what their predictions for our future are.

Name: **Juan Jose Torres**

He's been working in our school since 1991. He began as a swimming teacher and rockclimbing instructor. He believes that our school has a lot of potential athletes and that our school's best sports are Swimming and Soccer. He acknowledges that the BAC has a difficult level but he also admits that the kids in our school do achieve it easily (Especially Swimming) despite the physical differences between people in the same class, or in different grades.



Name: François Fanjas

He believes our school's sports level is above average, but he says that there are still bad athletes and good athletes. He says that our P.E program is very well designed but he also fears that the number of students outnumbers the school's capacity. For him, the BAC level is easy for people who are used to sports but hard for the lazy ones.

Why should you practice sports?

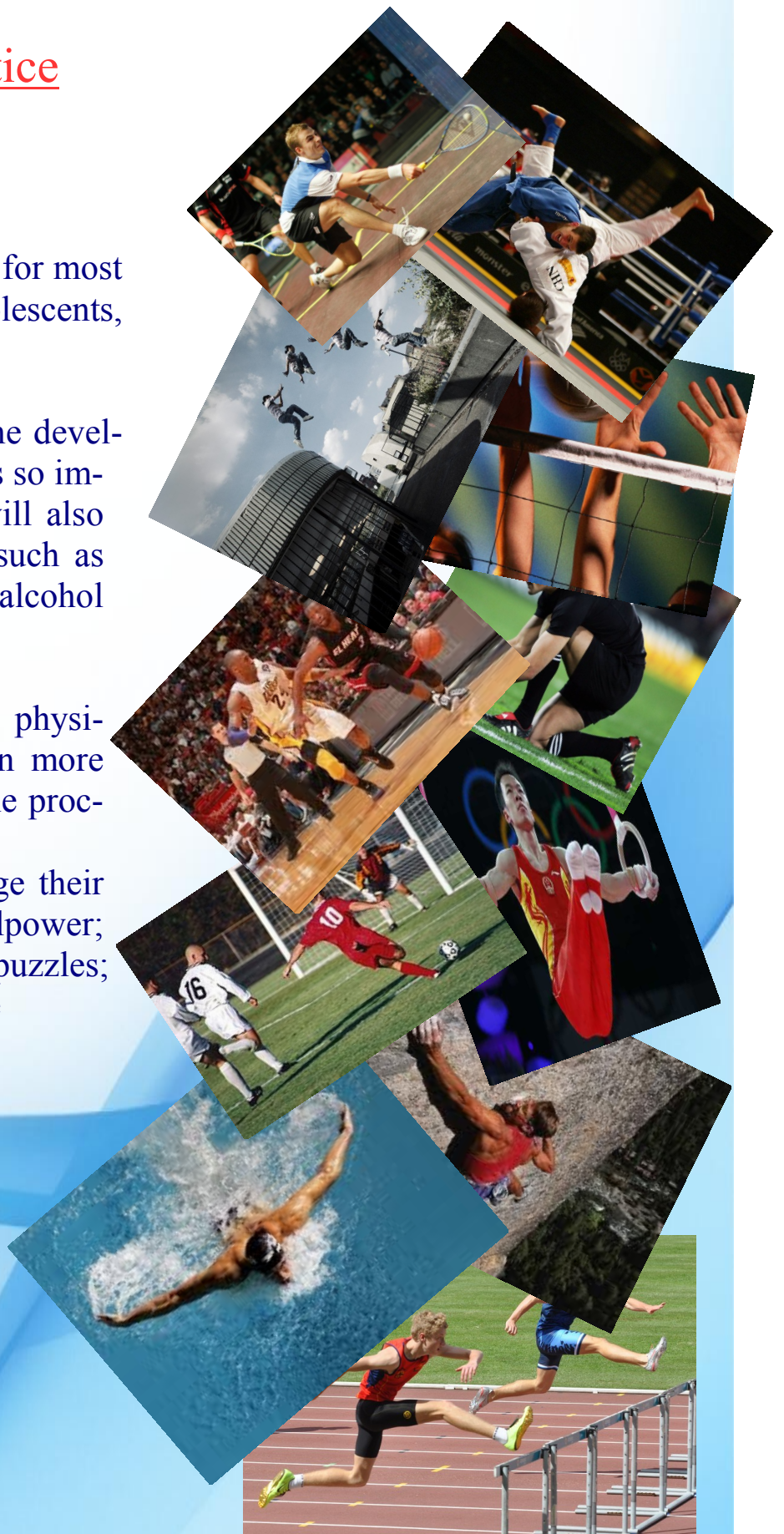
The practice of sports is good for most people and in the case of adolescents, it is even more.

Not only does it help with the development of your body, which is so important at this stage, but it will also prevent very harmful habits such as the consumption of smoking, alcohol or drugs.

But besides these undeniable physical benefits, sports have even more advantages for teenagers in the process of personal growth.

Sports will help teenager forge their personality; enrich their willpower; improve their ability to solve puzzles; handle stress and upgrade their ability to face problems or challenges.

A tip for the parents of teenagers should be to persuade their children to consider the practice of sports as a priority: their children will be happier and healthier.



The Inter-Classe

Since the last year our school (thanks to the CVL) has introduced the Inter-Classe: an event where classes (ranging from 2nde to Terminale this year) mix in several teams and compete in different sports. This year our Inter-Classe participation was limited because the classes of 3^{eme} did not participate. The discipline of Water Polo was also removed from the sports choices. Students competed in football, basketball, handball and volleyball. After the sports competitions had finished, each team had to compete against other teams in a Tug of War contest.

Our Sports Section Team came to the conclusion that this year there was a lack of investment in the scoring system: there was no prize given but the event still managed to be fun, still, we expect improvement over those areas.



LFSV U-18 Soccer Team Champions



This year our school soccer team won the championship of the Bilingual Tournament, winning 2-0 against “Josue school”. At the end of the match, the team put on their “Fuerza Vale” Shirts, in order to show support to our classmate Valeria Molina.

Congratulations!

Facts:

*With a career spanning more than 20 years professional Celebrity Astrologer to the stars, and astrologer to the rich and famous, Terry Nazon is considered by the media to be the rising star in astrology today.



The Horoscope

By Camila Sol, Alejandra Valdivieso, Raquel Mayorga, Adriana Rodríguez

The horoscope is an astrological chart or diagram representing the positions of the Sun, Moon, planets, astrological aspects, and sensitive angles at the time of an event, such as the moment of a person's birth.

12 Signs of the Zodiac

Date	Sign	Symbol	Keyword
3/21 4/20	Aries	♈ Ram	I am
4/21 5/21	Taurus	♉ Bull	I have
5/22 6/21	Gemini	♊ Twins	I think
6/22 7/22	Cancer	♋ Crab	I feel
7/23 8/21	Leo	♌ Lion	I will
8/22 9/23	Virgo	♍ Virgin	I analyze
9/24 10/23	Libra	♎ Scales	I balance
10/24 11/22	Scorpio	♏ Scorpion	I desire
11/23 12/22	Sagittarius	♐ Archer	I understand
12/23 1/20	Capricorn	♑ Goat	I use
1/21 2/19	Aquarius	♒ Water Bearer	I know
2/20 3/20	Pisces	♓ Fishes	I believe

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Most people don't believe in horoscopes but what they don't know is that the Horoscope comes from an astrologer's interpretation based on a system of Sun sign astrology.

Astrology, in its broadest sense, is the search for human meaning in the sky. In fact, each zodiacal symbol represents a star constellation. A group of very qualified astrological scientists have studied the position of the moon, planets, stars and sun to be able to interpret our circumstances and future. It has dated from the 3rd millennium BC, with roots in calendric systems used to predict seasonal shifts and to interpret celestial cycles as signs of divine communications. It has been used during years by old civilizations, like the Egyptians and the Greeks.



The Moon rules our emotional nature, how we react in situations, and what is needed in our lives to make us feel emotionally safe and secure. The Sun rules our inner personalities - who we are to those who know us best.” - Rosemary Breen

Aries

March 21 to April 20

SYMBOL - The Ram
ELEMENT - Fire
PLANET - Mars

Qualities Of Aries

Self-Confident, Ambitious, Spirited, Adventurous
Spontaneous, Assertive, Daring & Charming

Lucky Color - Red
Lucky Stone - Diamond, Ruby
Lucky Day - Tuesday
Lucky Number - Nine



ARIES (from March 22 to April)

Some of your family and work projects won't be able to take place because you are not sure enough of yourself. Your insecurities can cause you many problems. There are a lot of people out there trying to hurt you.

Keep your heart strong. Protect yourself from others. Stop despising yourself. You can search throughout the entire universe for someone who is more deserving of your love and affection than you are yourself, and that person is not to be found anywhere.

You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe deserve your love and affection. You're perfect just the way you are so have a little faith on you and everything will get better and you'll feel better

Taurus

April 21 to May 21

SYMBOL - The Bull
ELEMENT - Earth
PLANET - Venus

Qualities Of Taurus

Loving, Mature, Secure, Reliable,
Calm, Loyal, Kind & Friendly

Lucky Color - Green
Lucky Stone - Emerald
Lucky Day - Friday
Lucky Number - Six



TAURUS (from April 21 to May)

Stop wasting your time on unimportant things. Stop waiting for things to happen. Focus on what is important. Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans. Do eve-

rything you want to do before it's too late. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope and

that's what everybody needs. So dance like there's nobody watching, love like you'll never be hurt, sing like there's nobody listening and live like it's heaven on earth.

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Gemini

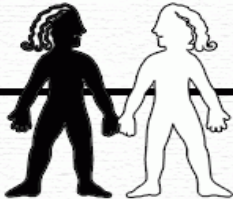
May 22 to June 21

SYMBOL - The Twins
ELEMENT - Air
PLANET - Mercury

Qualities Of Gemini

Witty, Brilliant, Knowledgeable, Popular,
Versatile, Youthful, Talkative & Happy

Lucky Color - Yellow
Lucky Stone - Agate
Lucky Day - Wednesday
Lucky Number - Five



GEMINI (from May 21 to June 20):

This will probably be the luckiest year of your entire life. However you will be super busy with tasks, projects and new experiences at work.

You'll be able to achieve some career aspirations and dreams and you'll earn a lot of money. In your love relationship there will be a

lot of stresses and arguments. You will need to learn to spend more quality time with your relatives.

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CANCER (from June 21 to July 22) :

Cancer
June 22 to July 22



SYMBOL - The Crab
ELEMENT - Water
PLANET - Moon

Qualities Of Cancer
Sensitive, Dependable, Shrewd, Romantic,
Magnanimous, Patriotic, Creative & Protective

Lucky Color - Silver
Lucky Stone - Pearl
Lucky Day - Monday
Lucky Number - Two

There will be the chance to build on your friendships and love relationships in 2013. You will be closer with an Aquarius. You may encounter some difficulties at work but you need to learn to work harder in order to interact with your co-workers and you will get by. You will also need to learn to save your money.

LEO (from July 23 to August 22):

You are now in a period of moral changes. Take care of yourself. You can get easily hurt and you can also hurt others. Be thoughtful about how you treat your

friends and what you say to them... words can hurt or can heal. It's all up to you. Your words can push you away from your loved ones so remind them how much they mean to you. Do your best to maintain peace.

A new love that will fill you with happiness is about to come. Keep your eyes open because it is close. You don't need a new car, new clothes or new accessories. Save your money because it could be very useful in the future.

Leo
July 23 to August 22



SYMBOL - The Lion
ELEMENT - Fire
PLANET - Sun

Qualities Of Leo
Leader, Magnanimous, Charming, Creative,
Faithful, Loving, Lavish & Honest

Lucky Color - Gold
Lucky Stone - Ruby
Lucky Day - Sunday
Lucky Number - One

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VIRGO (From August 23 to September 23)

VIRGO (from August 23 to September 22) :



Virgo

August 23 to September 23

SYMBOL - The Virgin

ELEMENT - Earth

PLANET - Mercury

Qualities Of Virgo

Analytical, Modest, Responsible, Hardworking, Sensitive, Smart, Meticulous & Magnetic

Lucky Color - Blue

Lucky Stone - Sapphire

Lucky Day - Wednesday

Lucky Number - Five

This is an excellent time to partnerships and team work. You will need to learn to collaborate and work as a team with your co-workers. At home, this could be a time of considerable frustration and discouragement. Most of your relatives don't understand your responsibilities at work and tend to criticize your efforts and your estrangement. You will feel overwhelmed by obstacles, blockages and people who's trying to bring you down. Hold on. Be patient because everything will get better. Time heal everything.

LIBRA (from September 23 to October



Libra

September 24 to October 23

SYMBOL - The Scales

ELEMENT - Air

PLANET - Venus

Qualities Of Libra

Charismatic, Gentle, Good-Looking, Kind, Stylish, Romantic, Easygoing & Intuitive

Lucky Color - Blue & Pink

Lucky Stone - Opal

Lucky Day - Friday

Lucky Number - Six

Don't listen to critics, make your day at the end of the day brighter. You'll have the only opinion that counts is yours, Stay true to yourself. If a lot of money, use it carefully, you never know when you're going to need it. If your life is based on expensive things, start paying attention to the little things, those details will

SCORPIO (from October 23 to November 21):

You are feeling a stranger with an act of love. The most important thing in life is deep dense of generosity today and comes from nowhere. Remember, you get what you give. You will get closer with the one you love. The most important thing in life is to learn how to give out love, and to let it come in so love with all your heart and soul. You will get closer with the one you

Scorpio

October 24 to November 22

SYMBOL - The Scorpion

ELEMENT - Water

PLANET - Mars & Pluto

Qualities of Scorpio

Passionate, Protective, Magnetic, Energetic, Emotional, Exciting, Intense & Tenacious

Lucky Color - Burgundy

Lucky Stone - Topaz

Lucky Day - Tuesday

Lucky Number - Two



SAGITTARIUS (from November 22 to December 21):

Keep working hard, keep in mind that hard work pays off! You'll start to create a strong relationship with your class mates and they will start paying attention to your ideas in group works. When it comes to love, don't let your friends influence your choices, just listen to your heart.

Sagittarius

November 23 to December 21

SYMBOL - The Archer
ELEMENT - Fire
PLANET - Jupiter



Qualities Of Sagittarius

Good-Humored, Optimistic, Independent, Generous, Extrovert, Honest, Logical & Dynamic

Lucky Color - Blue & Purple
Lucky Stone - Turquoise
Lucky Day - Thursday
Lucky Number - Five

CAPRICORN (from December 22 to January 29):

Something that you've been waiting for will come to your life. There's a big trip approaching, pack your luggage and remember to have fun, this will help you to relax and forget about stress caused by school.

Capricorn

December 22 to January 20

SYMBOL - The Goat
ELEMENT - Earth
PLANET - Saturn



Qualities Of Capricorn

Ambitious, Humorous, Tolerant, Constructive, Confident, Organized, Goal-Oriented & Warm-Hearted

Lucky Color - Brown
Lucky Stone - Garnet
Lucky Day - Saturday
Lucky Number - Eight

AQUARIUS (from January 20 to February 18)

Summer is coming and friends you may know so is your next relationship, you'll have a summer love that will make you head over heels. When it comes to friendship listen carefully to your friends you may know something they need to hear, be extremely honest with them... Be careful at school, just because we're in our last days doesn't mean we should stop work-

Aquarius

January 21 to February 19

SYMBOL - The Water-Bearer
ELEMENT - Air
PLANET - Uranus



Qualities Of Aquarius

Innovative, Independent, Faithful, Intelligent Idealistic, Systematic & Caring

Lucky Color - Violet
Lucky Stone - Amethyst
Lucky Day - Wednesday
Lucky Number - Seven

PISCES (from January 19 to
March 21):

You're going through a hard time right now but things will get better. You may think you're splitting apart from your best friends but in a little amount of time you'll get new ones, you have to realize that people don't change; they just show their true colors.



Pisces
February 20 to March 20
SYMBOL - The Fishes
ELEMENT - Water
PLANET - Neptune

Qualities Of Pisces
Compassionate, Selfless, Sympathetic, Artistic,
Intuitive, Carefree, Imaginative & Joyful

Lucky Color - Sea green
Lucky Stone - Aquamarine
Lucky Day - Friday
Lucky Number - Three & Six

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