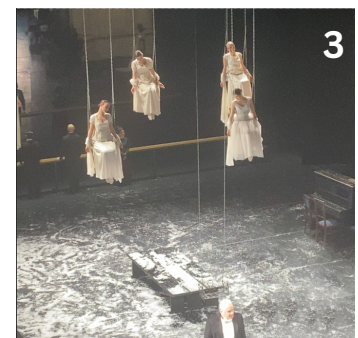


SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

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1. Mathew, Timofei, Olga, Seva from left to right- playing basketball

2. Arseney and Dana rocking out in class

3. A picture from Rimas Tuminas interpretation of Evgenii Onegen

The Bi-Weekly Update

A message from your student council

Hello, dear students, teachers and supervisors! We are delighted to present to you our newest newspaper edition. The student council has worked day and night to compose the ideal issue that would entertain and inform. This past week has been a whirlwind, and we would love to tell you how this school has kept us on our toes.

-We were been presented with the science fair results that pleased us all. Congratulations to Olga, Nastya, Masha and Ulyana for winning first place!

-The finalists of the poetry competition have competed in the final tour! Good luck to Ulyana, Olga, Nastya, Matthew, Alice, Kate, Dana and Uliana. Let's see who is the final winner!

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-We participated in a makeup competition. Here is a shoutout to all the brave students who participated in the makeup event, as well as to all our artistic... amateurs.

-A wild week for theatre! Grades 8 and 9 went to the Vakhtangov theatre and watched an interpretation of Evgenii Onegin- Pushkin's novel-in-verse that the 9th grade just finished reading; Grades 5, 6, and 7 went to a translation and interpretation of The Prince and The Pauper, more on that on page 6

-We celebrated Ms.Natasha's, Ms.Ravilya's, and Ms.Sasha's birthdays, we wish you all a great start to your new year!

-Friday was International Menu Day- Kazakhstan and Central Asia. There was a spirited debate in Grade 9 on if it was ethical to eat horse meat- the author is open to more arguments.



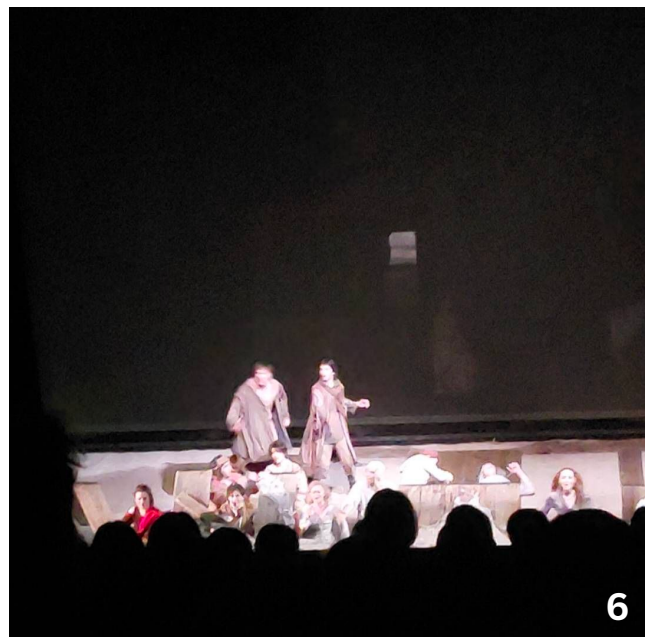
4. Grade 9 and 8 after their 3.5 hour show, looking a bit exhausted

Sincerely,
Your student council.



5. Students enjoying Kazakhstani and Central Asian food

See what the war of subcultures breaking out in MCS is all about. A new article by new writer Dima- Gr 9 on [page 5](#)



6. The fifth grade from behind as they watch "The Prince and the Pauper"

Upcoming events and products

Dear students! Buckle up, because you better be prepared for everything that is about to arrive to our school.

The highly anticipated Bosco bombers are coming to us in about two weeks! So, let us tell you what to expect.

Take a look at the finished design – make sure to order your bomber as soon as possible!

A fun fact about these is that you will be able to earn embroidered patches that could later be sewn onto the jackets. Make sure to work hard in order to be awarded. Only the most hardworking students will receive patches for knowledge, responsibility and character.



I'm sure you are dying to know when the new uniform shorts and pants will arrive. Well, we are happy to announce that the date is closer than you think. The primary designer of the uniform, Miss Natalie has confirmed, that the new clothing will be much more comfortable to wear because of its new cotton material. All we can say is that we are excited.

Make sure to consider joining our summer school. You will be able to subscribe for courses on any of your interests – creative writing, art, politics, ecology, medicine, etc. the courses will be taught by quality professors and will ensure quality learning.

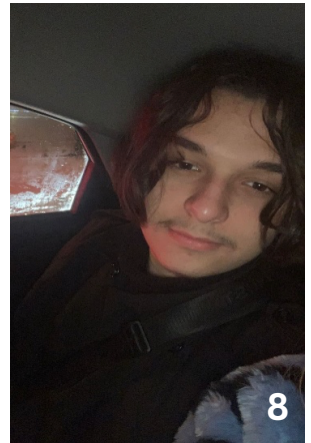
A poster for 'Global Environmental Solutions Summer School' featuring a green leaf background. It includes the dates 'JUNE 5-16, 2023', the MCS logo, and the text 'A CERTIFICATE ACADEMIC RESEARCH COURSE'. At the bottom, it lists contact information: '8 800 511 20 16 | magiccastleschool.com | mcs_school'.

A poster for 'Politics Summer School' with a dark background and a word cloud. It includes the dates 'JULY 3-14, 2023', the MCS logo, and the text 'AN ANALYTICAL THINKING COURSE WITH AN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROFESSOR'. At the bottom, it lists contact information: '8 800 511 20 16 | magiccastleschool.com | mcs_school'.



The Pets Of Our Students

Dima's Manyunya - unfortunately, could not get an accurate image. We can clearly see by the image on the right that this cat has a wonderful, friendly owner. (Img.7;8)



Nastya's Mia and Brie - although one is practically a beaver and the other was initially mistaken for a chihuahua, everyone still loves them very much. (Img.9;10)



Masha's Punch - we can see this truly iconic cat try new unique poses for relaxing. (Img.11)

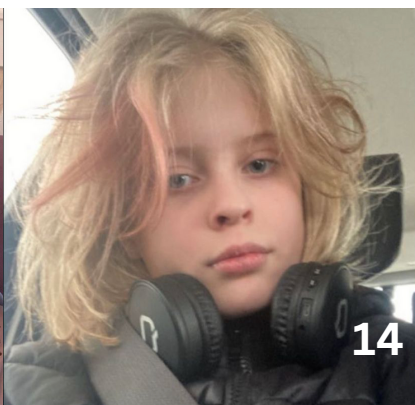
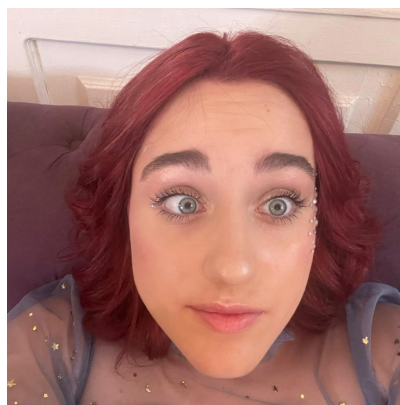


Ulyana's and Sonya's Lapka - a true adventurer. This cat travelled from America to Russia and will soon visit America again. We would love to see more amusing shots of her glorious self.

(Img.12;13)

Olga's, still unidentified, pet, Sasha. (Img.14)

Nika's utterly photogenic doggie - or as we believe, a supermodel undercover. We would love to see more snapshots of this unbelievably adorable creature! (Img.14;16)





Kate's Coco – a true sunshine. The author would definitely recommend befriending her as soon as possible!
(*Img.17;18*)



Breaking news- Hippies Wage War on Punks

Dmitry Chistyakov

It has been reported that a couple hippy-like individuals had been seen in the lower grades for the past 2 weeks . While their appearance might confuse you, as they lack the long hair and rainbow clothes that usually accompany the hippy community, have no doubt – these are hippies, and they came with peace. Our brave reporters have taken a few photos and even interviewed an individual in the lower-grade industrial battlefield.

The interview goes as follows:

-So, why did you decide to join this fascinating subculture?

-I like the people here and like (20 seconds of careful thinking) the message

-What effect did the hippy culture have on your personal life?

-I became like peaceful and stuff

-Have you thought of a slogan for your group, something to catch people's attention?

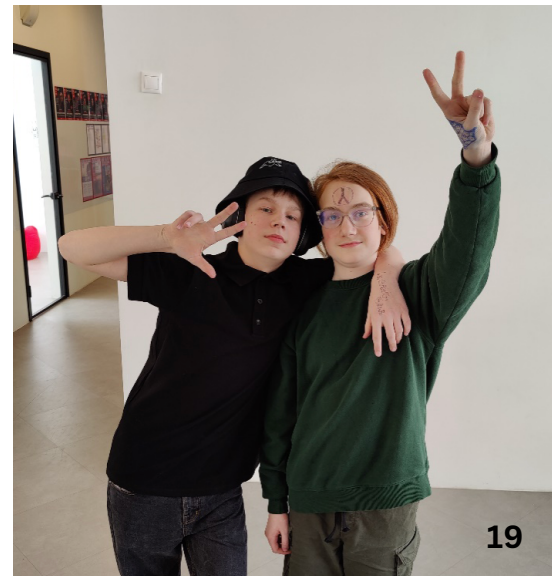
-peace peace peace? Peace, peace, peace, peace, peace!

- Do you consider yourself "og" hippie or some kind of new wave downstairs invention?

-Brother what are these questions like cmon chill there making me think

-Thank you for your answer, you've been really helpful in our investigation

-(the hippy fell asleep)



19. Two hippies taking a break from battle

On other news- a “punk subculture individual” was seen in school’s dressing room! Our (brave and resourceful, as always) reporter had a surprising encounter on a seemingly normal morning – a “punk” terrorizing the room, breaking everything that came into his anti-governance sight.

The reporter, while being attacked by this surprisingly strong individual, managed to take a couple of photos.



The individual on the photo did not only physically describe his discontent with the current geopolitical state of the fabulous Magic Castle School, but also shouted a parade of slogans and nearly-impossible to understand sentences

“Down with Study Saturdays!” , “Demolish the student council!” , “Serve jelly and toast every day!” , “LET US SOME COFFEE!!!!!!” were just a few of them. While being generally aggressive, not very specific, his shouts did contain an interesting inclusion of a specific portion of discontent cries about hippies being in the school. Could he be suggesting something?

Stay tuned for more

20.A rabid punk terrorising the brave cameraman

Your Horoscope

Aries

You are wondering what you bring to the table in any relationship and how you can value yourself more. You are worthy and will always be worthy but it’s great to feel it deep within too. Eventually, you will start to be kinder to yourself, which in turn will make it easy for you to be kinder to others

Taurus

In April, you will be trying to figure out how to present yourself the best way possible. No reason in particular, you just want to be the best version of yourself. There is always room for improvement but don’t pick yourself apart. An important reminder: you’re enough.

Gemini

The beginning of this month may feel a bit... weird. People just don't understand where you are coming from and sometimes it feels like they don't want to. What's happening is you're recharging your energy while you figure out what you really want out of life. That's OK – take all the time you need to think things through.

Cancer

In April, you'll be paying more attention to the people you love the most and the ones who show that love right back to you. There might be some issues in the world of careers and relationships that will remind you of the importance of balance. Make sure to appreciate those who are always there for you.

Leo

You've been looking at your career path wondering if you're going about it the right way. Things may not be flowing in the way you want and you're having a hard time understanding why. Let go of some bad habits and unhelpful thought patterns. Embrace change. For now, focus that energy on strengthening your career, but remember these lessons when you turn your attention to other areas of your life.

Virgo

Hey there, hard worker. Could you use a hand?

You're so used to doing it all and helping out others that you can struggle to ask for support. This month, you'll need to. Don't worry; it's nothing serious, just the universe reminding you that help is there when you need it. Remember this.

Libra

Relationships are a huge theme this month. There is a pull for you to let go of some patterns that are stopping you from being your best self in partnerships overall. Maybe it could be an issue with opening up. Or finding the balance in your relationships. Whatever it is, prepare to get deep and reflect this month.

Scorpio

You need to realize there are some habits that need to change in order for you to have the relationships you want. Don't rush and expect results immediately. Truly reflect on how you can do better and slowly implement these new habits in your life.

Sagittarius

You've been your usual busy self, Sagittarius. So much so that you don't realize that you're being watched. Don't be scared, but someone in your network wants to get closer to you, whether it's platonically or romantically. Pause for a bit to feel out who it may be. Someone wants to spend more time with you.

Capricorn

Your responsibilities and work life could be causing this blocking. Changing your routines could help. New hobbies, self-care activities, setting time to meditate, the options are endless.

A shift at home could also be causing this lull. Whether it's a move, renovations or family disputes, it's exhausting you and you need a break from it all.

Aquarius

Don't rush any major changes. Now's the time for research and planning. Make a moodboard.

This research will come in handy soon, because an opportunity for change - travel? A move? - is right around the corner.

Pisces

You may feel like you've lost yourself in a job, relationship, situation... It's taking up your mind and energetic space and you're ready to move on. You're hoping to retreat, possibly go back to your home base to get some rest for the next inning of life. Maybe spending time with family or loved ones can help you feel more grounded.

A review of Evgenii Onegen, Rimas Tuminas' interpretation

The 9th and 8th grades visited the Vakhtangov theater this past Wednesday, to watch a stage adaptation of Evgenii Onegen- the novel-in-verse that the ninth grade has just finished in the last few weeks. Most of the class liked the novel, discussing it in Russian literature with Ms. Anastasia- the stage adaptation, however, is a different story.

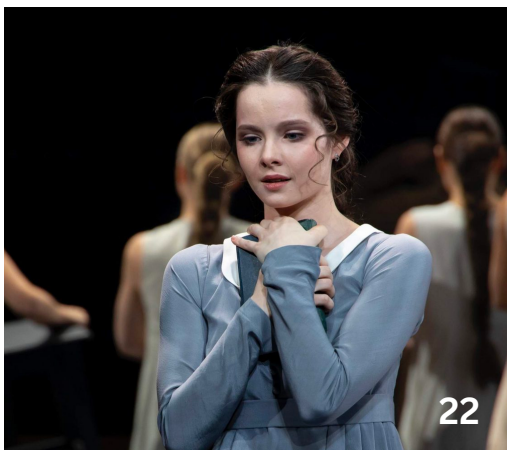
Tuminas in his adaptation was undoubtedly very creative with how he portrayed the novel. For one- multiple people at once portrayed the same character. Perhaps the two narrators are there to show the inner-turmoil of the characters. Both Onegen and Tatiana have quite a bit of that. Onegen is the brooding bad-boy and Tatiana's double comes out only in her most troubled moment- her dream about Onegen killing Lensky. Lensky, however, doesn't have a lot of inner-turmoil, and his older narrator is more like an older brother to him, looking on at his dead body after the duel with sadness, yes, but he doesn't drop dead with the younger Lensky as Onegen kills him. Maybe he is there to show what Lensky could have been if Onegen hadn't killed him.

Some people didn't like the way Tatiana was portrayed, but I think it was actually very interesting. She's happier, more innocent. When she confesses to Onegen- it isn't a tear stained love letter, it's genuinely hopeful. Unlike some, this critic liked how the actress read the letter, she got across exactly how naïve the character must have

been, her delivery is breathy and she's constantly running around the stage.

The actual stage, however, was very lacking. The decorations were lacking to say the least. I think they could have done so much more with props- especially in Tatiana's dream sequence. That could have been the highlight of the whole show! It is so many people's favorite scene in the whole book, yet all Tatiana does in the stage adaptation is toss around in a bed. It was very disappointing.

But the biggest failure of the director was the inability to know when to stop. The first act was wonderful- sure, a bit slow, but in the second act it gets bad. It starts out great- the duel scene is very well executed, even if a bit confusing. But it gets very slow about twenty minutes into the second act. Tatiana travels to Moscow to get married and the amount of time it takes is absolutely abhorrent and unnecessary. There is a whole scene dedicated to a bunny seducing her driver that was only there to "wake up everyone who fell asleep" (- Ms.Anastasia), if you know you need something of that shock factor to entertain your audience then that means you know that the rest of your play is boring. Tuminas, instead of addressing the problem of his adaptation, tries to gloss it over with, frankly, unfunny and childish comedy. night's sleep.



22. *Tatiana*

whole thing, and the show gets good again when she starts monologuing. That's too many coincidences to dismiss.

There are a lot of things I haven't mentioned in this criticism. There is an old woman in black who Ms.Anastasia theorized is the personification of fate. She shows up when Lensky and Tatiana's father die and, in the second act, when



21. *The younger version of Onegen*

Tatiana and her husband-to-be sit on stage for ten minutes straight while she feeds him jam! It's pointless! It adds nothing to the meaning! It doesn't serve as character development, nor does it progress the plot. Act 2 gets good again at the end, mainly thanks to Tatiana's actress, she delivers her rejection to Onegen beautifully, it's powerful and you really see how she grew as a person- she's loyal and reasonable- the former of which she always was, the latter of which she grew into. Tatiana's actress is the best thing about the adaptation, the thirty minutes in act 2 in which she does not talk is the worst part of the

Tatiana renounces her so-called fate of getting with Onegen, the old woman lays dead on stage until the play is over. There is a ballerina that dances with the chorus who is in a puffer dress and sometimes stands out from the crowd by messing up dance moves and bursting into song at untimely moments that I think is a reflection of Tatiana herself- a person who doesn't fit in with the norm and doesn't know how to express her feelings maturely yet. Funnily enough, this woman vanishes in the second act after Tatiana grows up. All in all, this was an interesting play, but I don't recommend going if you've had a bad night's sleep.

A Quick Interview With Olga D.

What were your initial impressions of the play?

It is meant for those, who like to think and analyse the play to learn a lesson from it. I'm not such a person, so it's a 1/10 for me

Did you like how Tatiana was portrayed? How is it different from how she is written?

I liked her a lot. It took me time to adapt to the "grown up" Tanya, but she was amazing and beautiful.



23. Masha D., Olga D, and Nastya R. walking to the show

Did you like how the stage was set up? The decorations?

The stage was set in such a way that the attention of the audience was attracted to the actors, so it was quite boring

How do you think the play could be improved?

Please, reduce the amount of "silent scenes"! We nearly fell asleep!

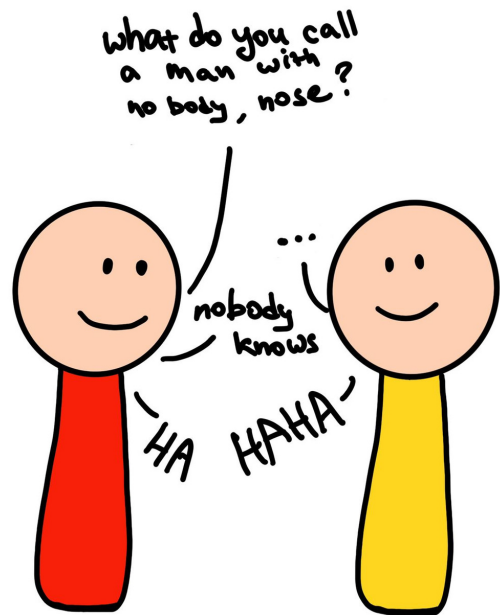
What were your favorite and least favorite parts of the play?

Most favourite- the rabbit scene, least favourite- the duel scene.





24;25. Memes and comics created by Nika - Gr 5



26. Comic by Sofya-Gr 5



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The Comix Zone



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Our Plan For Japan

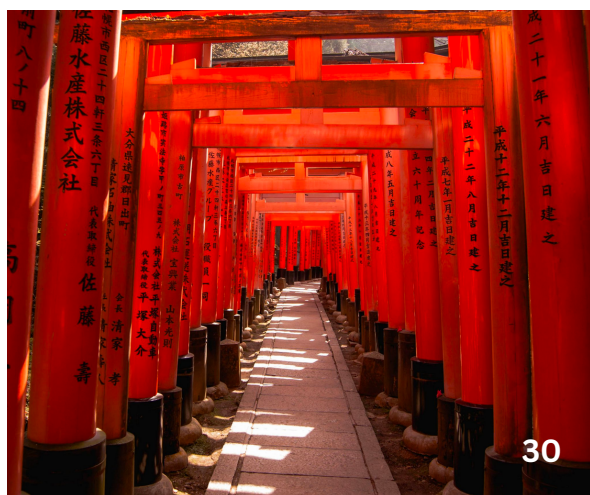
The Tokyo skytree is situated in Sumida city that's located northeast of the city center of Tokyo, as the tallest human made structure in Japan it rises 634 meters off the ground. It is equipped against earthquakes and painted with a custom color called "sky-white". It has two observation decks that offer

beautiful views of Tokyo. The Tokyo skytree is not only the tower, however, it is also a massive shopping and dining complex that includes museums and an aquarium that has penguins and seals. The staircase has over 2,500 steps and there are 13 elevators to the top. (Img. 27)



Shinjuku gyoen national garden has 1,100 cherry trees and consists of three separate sections- the English Landscape, the French Formal, and the Japanese Landscape. When we are there, the Double Cherry Blossom, Rhododendron, Dove Tree, Flowering Dogwood, Japanese Spiraea, and Tulip Tree will be in bloom. (Img. 28)

The most famous mountain in Japan- Fuji stands at 3,776 meters high. It is an active volcano, home to five lakes that allegedly house a sea monster named Mossie that was first spotted as a giant shadow in the 1970's. Gorgeous views spread out around the summit, though, be careful, it could erupt at any time according to Hiroki Kamata, a professor of volcanology at Kyoto University. (Img. 29)



The hike up to the main temple of Fushimi though the 10,000 red gates can take from 40 to 60 minutes. It rises 233 meters off sea level. All the guests are encouraged to leave the main deity (Inari Ōkami) an offering as a sign of respect. (Img. 30)

Thank You For Reading