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Freedom High School Student Attends STEAM Camp

By: Elizabeth Robbins



(Photo of: Karina Ann / Photo by: Allyra Castillo)

Recently we've had many big accomplishments here at Freedom High School.

One notable achievement that occurred recently would be one of our very own Freedom High School students, Karina Ann, attending a STEAM camp over the summer! There was a lot of competition for getting into this camp and we are very proud of Karina for her accomplishment! Karina said, "I was very excited. I remember seeing the email in the middle of 6th period at the end of the school year and just being in disbelief".

The STEAM camp is for girls and non-binary students who want to pursue a career involving coding and other STEAM principles. Every day the students went to a variety of presentations, coding lessons, and other activities. All of this went into teaching them all of the different parts of creating games. Karina said, "Some of the activities we had planned were lunches with software engineers, motion capture testing with animation directors, and resume workshops with hiring managers." She also noted that they would spend 2-3 hours on coding lessons with a technical design director from UCF. They did this in order to learn more about how to develop games. At the end of the week, each of the students were given 48 hours and asked to create a video game applying what they had learned throughout the week.

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“I would absolutely recommend this program to any girls or nonbinary students interested in computer science.” Karina commented. This is a great chance to learn new skills and take advantage of the many opportunities you have. You don’t need a lot of experience to join. “The thing they care about most,” said Karina “is seeing your passion for the field.”

“My biggest piece of advice for applying for this program is to write about what makes you passionate about the computer science field,” said Karina. You may not want a job directly related to the main subjects of the camp, but the skills you learn from this camp can be used in many fields. It is very important to show them you have an interest in the industry, and to not get too caught up with the details. You may not always get in the first time you apply and it’s okay to try again.

This experience was a great accomplishment in Karina’s life and an amazing achievement that can be associated with our school. Karina wanted to add, “...this program will give you a guaranteed interview for an internship at EA when you get into college and a free laptop. So I encourage everyone to apply!” This program has so many benefits, so everyone who’s thinking about applying should definitely try!

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Freedom Friends Seeks Applicants

By: Victoria Cravey

Dear Parents and Families of Freedom High School,
We are thrilled to announce that Freedom Friends, our in-house preschool, is now open for enrollment! If you have a child aged 3 to 5 years, this is a wonderful opportunity for them to embark on an educational journey that will set a strong foundation for their future. It is also a requirement that all children enrolling in the program be toilet trained, so they can fully participate in all activities and social interactions.

At only \$90 a week, this is a great opportunity for children to receive quality early childhood education at an affordable price. Operating hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This provides a full day of early childhood education and allows working parents the flexibility they need while ensuring their children receive enough care and education. Secure your child's spot today, and let them experience the joy of learning and growth in a supportive and nourishing environment!

Parents and families who are interested in enrolling their children or need more details can reach out to Ms. Melanie Longstaff via email at Melanie.Smith@ocps.net.

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Baseball Conditioning Has Started Off Strong!

By: Rodrigo Suarez

The conditioning of the baseball team has already begun, and much earlier than expected, the players who were part of both the varsity and JV team have already started with this long pre-season for the spring season of 2024.

If we have to talk about this team, we must mention it is a team going through a transition period; There is a new manager, a whole new staffing coach, the varsity will be very different compared to the one last year, since almost the entire roster was full of seniors and now they have all left, it will be up to the juniors to take the reins of this team. Several players were able to get a scholarship last year, and I think that this year will not be the exception, this roster has many quality players to be able to play at a higher level in baseball. We will have more information as the days go on, with nothing more to add, I wish a tremendous season to both Varsity and JV.

Club Shoutout!

French National Honors Society

-Sponsor: Mr. Miscannon

-Room: 557

-Activities: Learn about France and other Francophone countries, annual paint night, end-of-the-year dinner

-Requirements: In either French 3 or AP French

-Motto: "La personne qui sait deux langues, en vaut deux"

-Officers:

President: Anna Tristão

Vice President: Victoria Iragorry

Secretary: Alicia Sparks

Treasurer: Carolina Lewis

Historian: Fabiana Vasquez

If you'd like for your club to have a shoutout, check the Freedom Press Instagram and reply to our Insta story! @freedompressnews

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Hozier Fails to Disappoint with “Unreal Unearth”

By: Samantha Villanueva

Using lyricism and symbolism to guide his listeners through the descent of Dante’s Inferno, Hozier’s concept album, “Unreal Unearth,” is a perfect way to reimagine the historical allegory. Released on August 18, the singer’s junior album shows a side of his creativity that some people are not brave enough to explore or even step foot in.

The creation of Hozier’s concept album was a product of reading the epic poem, Dante’s Inferno and Dante’s philosophy of the nine circles of Hell, as well as beginning the conceptualization of his junior album during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to its release, Hozier released an EP and five singles from the album, the EP, “Eat Your Young” contains the singles “Eat Your Young,” “All Things End,” and the stand-alone single, “Through Me (The Flood).” Including the first two singles, Hozier released three more singles from the album, “Francesca,” “Unknown / Nth,” and “De Selby (Part 2).” The album has the achievement of peaking at #1 on many charts from the US to the UK such as UK Albums (OCC), US Folk Albums (Billboard), US Top Alternative Albums (Billboard), and US Top Rock Albums (Billboard).

Outside of the idea of a concept album, Hozier also covers the challenges faced by oppressed persons, which is familiar to him when it comes to writing about pressing topics that some are not willing to talk about. Hozier covers the topic of attempted colonialism of the Irish language by the British administration in his song “Butchered Tongue” and also combats the topic by singing Gaelic for the first time in his career in the song “De Selby (Part 1).” Even though “Unreal Unearth” is centered around Dante’s Inferno and the descent through it, the album is truly an album full of love, referencing the tracks-

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-“Francesca”, “I, Carrion”, “Unknown / Nth”, just to name a few.

Throughout the 16-track album, Hozier shows off his skills through his talent for lyricism and production. The way he forms concepts he wants to put out to the world and with each song shows the vast length of his creativity since the production of every song is cohesive throughout the album and is sensible for the songs.

Taking all creative factors into account, the three best songs of the album are “Francesca,” “Abstract (Psychopomp),” and “Unknown / Nth” since in my opinion, they are the best examples of Hozier’s songwriting and passion for creating music.

With all that being said, “Unreal Unearth” by Hozier deserves a 9/10.