

PCLC ANCHOR



EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH MRS. STARBECK!



Rebecca Starbeck is the Pacific Coast Learning Center's Speech and Debate teacher. Like many teenagers, she had no idea what profession she wanted to go into during high school. She started college at the age of 16 and befriended people in their twenties. Starbeck had a "come what may" way of living and did not realize at the time that

she was not nearly as mature as her classmates. Although she did not know what she wanted to become, Starbeck knew that whatever she did she had to be using her creative core.

Read more about her on Page 2!

CHECK OUT THE GREENIE PROJECT

Sheyla Jacobs

The Greenie Project is an earth-saving and sustaining club. Our mission is to go out of the basic lull of everyday life to make a point of recycling, reducing, and reusing. This is what we like to call the 3 Rs.

The Greenie Project is named in honor of Co-President Sheyla Jacobs's late cousin, Amanda Green. Green, Nicknamed "Greenie," passed away at 21 years old in a car accident.

If you are interested in helping us save our beautiful planet, please email us at greenieproject@gmail.com

PCLC NEWS

Gourmet Hot Dog Cart:

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Beginning November 1, Long Beach Hot Dog will be coming to PCLC on Tuesdays and Thursdays and offering a \$5 lunch special. The special includes a gourmet hot dog, chips, and a drink for just \$5.

Craft Boutique: NOV 27 & 29

Come get some holiday shopping done while your kids are in classes! PCLC will be hosting a boutique on both days from 9:00 - 2:00 in the fellowship hall. Interested in selling at the boutique? It's just \$10 for a spot! Spot reservations must be made by November 16. Contact Wendy Chapman for more information @ 562-756-8633

Operating Christmas Child Student Project:

As part of earning her second degree black belt, one of our high school students is doing a service project with Operation Christmas Child. Her goal is to gather 50 Christmas boxes for underprivileged children. Boxes are available in Room 13.

Read about some community events on page 2!

GET TO KNOW PCLC STAFF: Mrs. Starbeck

Sheyla Jacobs

Mrs. Starbeck completed college to the extent of an associate's degree. Before she became the fabulous teacher that we know, she was a program director for children who were abused, abandoned, and neglected. Her job was to help those kids get past and accept the challenges that faced them. Her qualifications as a teacher come from 25 years of working with children and 16 years of teaching speech and debate. Ms. Starbeck was actually recruited to be a teacher 16 years ago because of her spectacular speaking skills and confidence. After she was recruited, she fell in love with speech and debate. Starbeck said, "Speech and debate teaches us to be more confident, to be better equipped to evaluate what we hear, to recognize bad reasoning, to reason better and that in turn allows us to make better decisions and be better citizens. That adds up to power. I like empowering people. I care about the students I get to invest in and want to see them become the best possible version of themselves."

Heroes are one of the many things that teens need to stay persistent in their goals. Starbeck had two Christian mentors; her maternal grandmother and her father. She said that even though they had imperfections, their loving personas encouraged her to not only follow the Holy Spirit, but to love without regret. One of Starbeck's favorite quotes comes from the Bible: "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). Another hero of hers is Mr. Mendel, her 5th/6th grade teacher. He had a way of teaching that would allow his students to have fun, but learn at the same time. "My love of learning came from my father, but Mr. Mendel cemented it." said Starbeck.

Rebecca Starbeck went through ups and downs throughout her learning career, but she definitely came to an epic end. Well, more like an epic middle. I'm sure all of us want her to keep teaching for a very long time. Her story has taught people that not everyone has everything planned out, but may still come to a great place in the end. A shining star like Rebecca Starbeck is a down to earth and definitely relatable woman to which anyone would have the privilege of meeting.

P.S. She likes pineapple on her pizza.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community:

The Orange County Debate League Fall Tournament:

Free, open to all high school students. It takes place on November 17th, 7:45 am - 5 pm at Los Altos High School on 15325 Los Robles Ave Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. Registration is open until November 16th on Tabroom

Free Movie Night:

at The Source (6940 Beach Blvd, Buena park, CA 90621), taking place on every Friday starting on November 2nd @7:00-9:00 PM. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket, as the event is outside! The first movie showing is Big Hero 6, so get ready to cheer Hiro and Baymax!

TP Food Processing Inc. Tour:

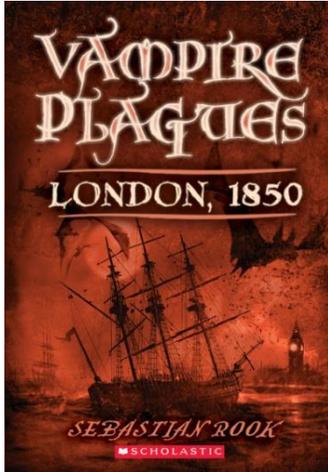
taking place at 14822 Moran Street #A, Westminster, CA 92683 on November 20 @12:00-1:30. The event is free and free lunch will also be served at the event.

Thanksgiving:

Be thankful and take time to appreciate who and what you have on November 22nd! Be sure to spend time with your family and friends and stuff your face with food.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Bonnie Dorsett



London, 1850

(Vampire Plagues #1)

By Sebastian Rook

"I like how it makes you think about what is going to happen next. I like how it explains how stuff happens, like how the vampires came to London and why they hate the heroes. I also like the fantasy and how it almost feels real too. It makes you want to keep on reading. (It is that good!)" -Jack Faith

If you'd like to see your favorite book feature in next month's paper, you can enter a submission at the homework table in Mrs. Kaser's room. Thank you!

FUNNIES

How long does it take homeschoolers to change a lightbulb?

First, mom checks three books on electricity out of the library, then the kids make models of light bulbs, read a biography of Thomas Edison and do a skit based on his life. Next, everyone studies the *history of lighting methods*, wrapping up with dipping their own candles. Next, everyone takes a trip to the store where they compare types of light bulbs as well as prices and figure out how much change they'll get if they buy two bulbs for \$1.99 and pay with a five dollar bill. On the way home, a discussion develops over the history of money and also Abraham Lincoln, as his picture is on the five dollar bill. Finally, after building a homemade ladder out of branches dragged from the woods, the light bulb is installed...by Dad.

(as found on a2zhomeschooling.com)

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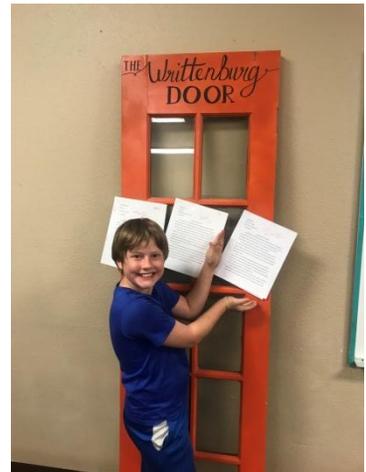
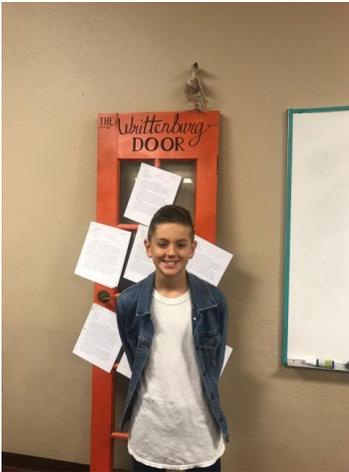
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PERFECT ESSAY

Congrats to these students for achieving 100% on their essays!



Allie Honeycutt
Christopher Ferguson
Owen Honeycutt
Wyatt Johnson
Derek Davenport
Shiloh Langham
Jadon Higginbotham
Ethan Bishop
Nia Brunt
Sarah Losey



FEATURED COLLEGE: William and Mary College (Williamsburg, VA)

Isabel Viveros



When you walk onto the scenic campus of William and Mary college, the first thing that strikes you is its beauty, especially in the fall, when its many trees are tinted in shades of red, orange, and gold. William and Mary is the second oldest college in the nation. Actually, its earliest plans were in place in 1618, which is earlier than Harvard, but these plans were

disrupted by an Indian uprising. In the end, William and Mary College was founded in 1693. Some of our nation's most Influential people have attended here, including presidents Thomas Jefferson, John Tyler, and John Monroe. In fact, a 17-year-old George Washington received his surveyor's license here. This school is so rich with American History that on their web page they joke, "Not many universities can say they've canceled classes because the British invaded."

A school so rich with history has equally rich traditions. From the charming to the slightly crazy, I will only touch on a couple. The Yule Yog is a festive holiday gathering right before students leave for winter break, which includes live holiday music, student speeches about Holiday traditions around the world and a reading of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" by the university president dressed up as Santa Claus. At the end of it, students throw sprigs of holly onto a Yule log for good luck on their finals. This is a beloved tradition among the students and faculty. The Crim Dell Bridge is not as widely known, but equally endearing; legend has it, if you walk over this quaint bridge with the love of your life and kiss at the top of it, you will be together forever. Alternatively, if you realize later on that you were mistaken and they are not the one for you, you must walk back up the bridge together and one of you must end up over the side in order to break the bond. However, more commonly than people kissing at the top of it to seal their true love, classes or friend groups will walk over it at the end of the year to seal their bond of friendship forever.

At the College of William and Mary the student-faculty ratio is 11 to 1; 49.1 percent of its classes have fewer than 20 students. This school offers many majors but the most popular are social sciences; Biological and Biomedical Sciences; Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies; Business, Management, Marketing, and Related support services; and Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness studies. As for the faculty, 58.4 percent is male and 41.6 is female. The average scores for acceptance into the college are as follows: SAT Reading/Writing is 630 to 730, SAT Math is 620 to 740, ACT composite is 28 to 33, and the average GPA is 4.19. With an acceptance rate of 34 percent, William and Mary requires you to be at the top of your class. The in-state tuition is \$33,630 and the outstate tuition is \$55,330. For those who cannot afford the tuition, the school offers financial aid. Lastly, the graduation rate for this excellent school is 90 percent.

ADVENTURES WORTH TAKING: NaNoWriMo

Ashley Pincek

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is in November! From the 1st to the 30th, more than 500,000 authors around the world will be working on their novels, including almost 100,000 young authors. I participated in the NaNoWriMo Young Writer's Program for two years.



The NaNoWriMo website provided many tools, including a space to write my novel, help in the form of workbooks, and weekly inspirational snippets from professional authors. It also put me in contact with other young writers like me. I used the forums to exchange ideas and help, and to participate in "word-count wars," to see how many words we could write in five minutes.'

Throughout my two years as a part of the NaNoWriMo community, I grew my writing skills exponentially. I learned how to set and reach a goal of any kind, and began to appreciate how much work authors put into their works. I also learned how to type, a skill I will continue to use for the rest of my life. I would encourage anyone with a passion for writing or storytelling to check out their website at: <https://ywp.nanowrimo.org>

COOKING WITH MADI: PUMPKIN SPICE PANCAKES

Madi Sherrick

Ingredients:

1. 1 1/4 cup flour
2. 2 tablespoons brown sugar
3. 2 teaspoons baking powder
4. 1/4 teaspoon salt
5. 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
6. 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
7. Dash of ground ginger
8. Dash of ground cloves
9. 1 cup milk
10. 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
11. 1 large egg
12. 2 tablespoons vegetable oil or melted butter

Directions:

- Prep Two (2) medium sized bowls, a whisk, a greased skillet and a stove will be involved in the steps. Start off by getting the greased skillet ready and prepared on a stove burner.
1. Whisk together dry ingredients (1-8) in a bowl.
 - a. Make sure all clumps are broken up.
 2. In a separate bowl, mix wet ingredients (9-12).
 3. Gradually stir dry ingredients into wet ingredients.
 4. At this time, the skillet should be heated and ready to have the batter be poured on it.
 5. Carefully pour the batter into the skillet in 1/3 cup portions and smooth into a circle shape with the back of a spoon or other smooth utensil.
 6. Wait until bubbles begin to form on the top side of the pancake, use a spatula to flip it.
 7. Wait until both sides are golden brown and then remove from the skillet.
 8. Put on your toppings of choice and dig in!

MOLLY'S ADVICE COLUMN



Dear Molly,

I'm having guy troubles with a friend and don't know how to tell him I like him! What's your advice on the best way to get out of the friend zone?

- "Anonymous"

Do not fear, I have *tonnes* of experience in this area.

The first thing you want to do is **analyze your surroundings**. Is he your only friend? If so, step away. Does this person have parents who occasionally make you fear for your life? Mm-mm, back off. Does the subject of conversation regularly stray to horse race betting? NO. If the boy is a nice, normal youth, proceed, but take care, and be prepared for any unperceived circumstances.

Now that we've narrowed down criteria, the next thing you want to do is to focus on **dropping hints**. Drop gentle, delicate hints ranging from, "I like your groovy hat," to "Your father's shoes would look even nicer on you than on him." Subtly, let these hints fall to the floor like a piano falling on your neighbor Gunther's head. Allowing your friend to suspect that you like him lets him think that he is in control, when in actuality, you are influencing his subconscious, which leads into our next point...

...get him to like you. Now that you've been dropping hints for a while, it's time to show him how likable you are. Had a conversation about how much he adores baklava a year ago? Excellent! Dress up as a piece of baklava and surprise him! Was your friend an avid *Wiggles* fan as a child? Let him know how much you care about him by performing their greatest hits on kazoo! Is your friend's second cousin missing after a joust in a lamp factory years ago? Let him have some peace by sending their family a letter informing them of her whereabouts! (Additionally, attach a note asking for 10,000 in quarters for some side hustle.) Don't forget to follow him on all social media, and like all of his posts at 3 a.m. Showing that you enjoy spending time with him will get him to think about how much he enjoys you, leading to him asking *you* out.

If he does not confess to you, don't be afraid to **confront** him. Give him a nice old-fashioned "I like you" by giving him the second button of your uniform, or by giving him a pig's heart. While many swear by the method of ESP to ask their crush out, it is better to communicate with your friend using your words. Often, the question, "who do you like?" will come up in conversation. In this case, look him straight in the eye and answer, "you". In some occasions, your friend may actually be *too dense* to understand that you are telling him you like them, *even though you've been dropping "subtle" hints for months*. In this instance, continue telling him that you like him. *If your friend laughs and asks you who you really like*, walk away. Never look back.

In the best case scenario, you will have complete and total **success**. If you have followed these steps *exactly*, there is no way you could fail. (If you have failed, you have not done it correctly. Use dark magic to restart time and redo the steps from the beginning.) Enjoy your newfound love for a few months, and then drop him for your neighbor Gunther.

-Molly



MONTHLY POLL

Chick-fil-A or In-N-Out? Vote here, and the results will be posted in the paper next month!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2KX96GQ>

NATURE REVIEW

Julianna Balducci

Do you like the beach? Do you like dogs?

If your answer is yes for both or even one, then you'll love Huntington Dog Beach!

Dog Beach is located along Pacific Coast Highway between Seapoint Avenue and 21st Street. It is open daily from 5 am to 10



pm. If you have dogs, this beach is a wonderful place to bring them. Even if you don't have dogs, and you just love them, then this is a super fun place to see tons of dogs! You can walk around and watch them running and playing in the water. As for amenities, there are public restrooms, picnic benches, and two parking lots. Parking costs \$1.75. The beach is great for a morning stroll or even an afternoon swim! Don't be surprised if you see someone catching some waves, this beach also attracts surfers and paddle boarders! You might even see a dolphin or two. In the mornings, you will see an abundance of pelicans and seagulls flying in the sky. You can spot and dig for sand crabs at low tide! To find out when low tide is, you simply Google search 'Huntington Dog Beach Tides' and click on the first website that pops up. Dog Beach also has weekly beach cleanups on Sundays from 1pm-3pm. Visit the Huntington Dog Beach website to find out more about the cleanups if you are interested! Huntington Dog Beach is a great way to get out doors and hang out with cute dogs. So if you love the beach, and if you love dogs, Dog Beach is the place for you!

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PARENTS: Lessons in Shoe-Tying

Nancy Kaser

I came downstairs one early morning and my 17 year old was sitting on the sofa putting on his shoes. My sleepy, "Good morning, Seth," was quickly followed by a curious, "What are you doing?" The curiosity was directed at how he was lacing up his Vans. He was tying them using the bunny-ears method. My 6'1" man-child was tying his shoes like a preschooler.

Shrugging, he replied, "I don't know how to tie my shoes any other way."

I searched my memory for a shoe-tying lesson. Other than a vague recollection of a Sponge Bob episode about tying shoes, I couldn't remember ever teaching this life-skill. I then asked my youngest if she could tie her shoes like a grown-up, and she told me she learned how at a friend's house in 4th grade.

Shoe-tying is just one of hundreds of lessons I've failed to give in my 20 year career as a homeschool mom. We didn't do enough spelling, we faked our way through geometry, and there are countless field trips we never got to. There are some crater-sized gaps in their education, and I feel responsible.

I had hoped to give my children a gap-free education, but real life kept getting in the way. We had some productive seasons where we studied subjects and grew academically, and other seasons we took care of sick grandparents and watched them pass from this life to the next. As we homeschooled through real life, my children learned far more than what I had written in our lesson plans.

Be encouraged, homeschool mom. Somehow, Seth managed to get shoes on his feet and keep them on without the knowledge of grown-up shoe tying. Similarly, because you're teaching your children how to learn, they will know how to teach themselves. Do your best to prepare good lessons and model for them what life-long learning looks like, but accept the gaps that will inevitably be there.

Your homeschooling is teaching your children how to learn for life. Lace up your shoes in whatever season you're in (even if you use the bunny-ears method) step over the gaps, and keep running the race before you!

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