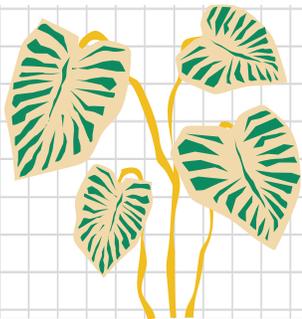


THE DIRE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The SWS Almost-Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the first SWS Newsletter of 2021! Starting today, you'll be receiving a biweekly newsletter detailing upcoming events, the recent Lounge Shows and other extravaganzas, and stories from the SWS classrooms. Hope you enjoy!



UPCOMING:

Oct. 21st 6-8 Lounge Show
First Day Away- TBD
Nov. 9th 6-8 Lounge Show

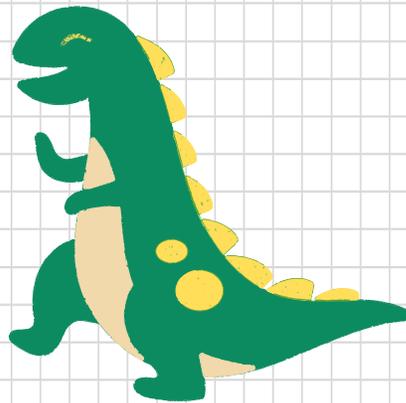
- Keep the Commons clean, you guys! We fought so hard to get it back, we have to continue to prove that SWS is a space filled with caring, responsible students who deserve all of the amazing resources we have.
- Do you love music? Or even just like it, but love Cella and Nate? Check out the Lounge Show Committee!
- If you identify as a person of color and want a great space to bond and chat with other students of color, come to the Students of Color Committee!
- A special message from Dan: "If you use the microwave, do not walk away from the microwave until it is done." He repeated this about ten times, so I'm assuming the microwave told Dan that he's feeling a bit lonely. Keep him company while you cook!! And don't set off any smoke alarms, please!!
- Chrissy (we love you, Chrissy!) is creating a Google doc filled with all of the interest-based committees and their times, so look out for that in your Gmail!
- Check out our website!! swsbrookline.org

WHAT'S UP ON THE 4TH FLOOR?

Compiled by Jessie Brockmann & Ella James Grossman

First Proposal Passed!

In Town Meeting, we speedily passed the first proposal of the year: Nick's Halloween Costume Proposal! Nick says, "Basically, last year I thought it would be funny and cute if all the teachers dressed up as the Pokémon professors, since they coordinate costumes every year anyway. And then I thought, 'Well it would be cool if other people had ideas for teacher Halloween costumes.' And I realized I could make it a permanent thing in SWS for students to pick what the teachers dress up as." We all agree, Nick, this was a perfect proposal. Students have been submitting their group costume ideas in hopes that the teachers will rep SWS in style on Halloween at BHS. Check your email to vote on a costume! Yet another reason to be excited for Spooky Season!



The Lounge Show

Thanks to coordinators Nate and Marcella (the everyone who came along, of course), the first Lounge Show went spectacularly. Cella writes that, "The energy from the audience was incredibly kind and supportive, as always. When Carmen and Sahara sang Wuthering Heights, everyone swayed together with their phone flashlights on, and it reminded me of how special our SWS lounge shows are!" She's right- the night was amazing. We had Caelum Dulla performing Big Yellow Taxi on guitar, and wowing the audience with their immaculate voice. Nate Fusillo played an original, F. Scott Fitzgerald on the MDMA, and, as per usual, he captivated us all with his songwriting talent and presence on stage. Claire and JDP sang a great duet featuring a throwback song (and dance party). If you didn't make it to this Lounge Show, be sure to come along to the next one!

Committees are Starting

Committees are back in session and we couldn't be happier. SWSers- check your email if you're not sure which committee you're in!!

How are the classes going?

The 2021 school year is back in full swing now! Thanks to our wonderful teachers, students are consistently being wowed during each block of the day. Itamar says that Ben's short story class "opened the most creativity within me, ever." He's not wrong- from writing short story intros to reading ones written by classmates and published authors, Ben sure hasn't let any creativity go to waste this year. Helena is in Identity in Lit. and told us that they're working on their first paper on Beowulf. About the class community, she says, "Everyone, new kids and veterans, brings such a unique and enlightening perspective, it makes me look forward to class everyday." The science classes are all thriving in the new wing. Brad's class is awesome as usual, and he's been described as "a chill teacher who pushes you to work hard," by Yael, a bio student this year! She also added that his policies are perfect for managing a difficult class. Thanks to the wonderful SWS staff, our crazy start to the 2021-2022 school year has been awesome.

THE COMMONS!!

The Commons is here. And wow, we love it. It's a great place to have some lunch, chill during a free block, get a little last minute work done, or just sit with fellow SWSers. Gabby says the Commons is,

“ a place where I can sit back and relax but also meet new people, and have interesting conversations which make me laugh and bring a smile to my face. ”

And that's all you see, really, when you walk into the room: smiling, laughing, and probably someone playing a great song on the keyboard.