

The Aviary

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Month in Review: Five Weeks In ~ Nicholas Steinman

WISH Academy - The start of any new school year is always a challenging time of transition, but it's also full of excitement and new beginnings. This statement has proven true for many at WISH Academy. Even though this is only the 6th week of the school year, WISH students have already gotten started in their many exciting pursuits, and this year promises to be full of action, and growth and discovery for all involved. In addition to many interesting new teachers and classes, the first weeks brought a return of familiar school institutions. Since Summer Break, 11th and 12th-grade LINK Leaders have been working with freshmen to get them acclimated at WISH Academy through a variety of activities and events. Similarly, ASB (Associated Student Body) has also started strong with a lively campaign season for its elected officer positions, and it is now well into planning for its first events. Recently, many student ... (see pg. 2)

What is *The Aviary*?



~ Hannah Benveniste

WISH Academy - Welcome to *The Aviary*, WISH Academy's by-students, for-students newspaper. We founded this newspaper in order to strengthen the WISH community by providing transparency, and elevating students' voices. Throughout the year, we aim to provide students with informative, non-biased coverage of the school and the wider community, from events and activities to school-wide debates and policy issues. *The Aviary* will also include a variety of engaging and entertaining features including

crossword puzzles, satire pieces, opinion articles, comic strips, and more. We hope to provide an entertaining and educational resource that will foster a love for journalism for generations of WISH students.

In our lunch club, we will provide an opportunity for students to participate in a collaborative effort to report, write, edit, and produce this quarterly newspaper. Interested students will work with a supportive team to pitch creative ideas, uncover the facts, and communicate effectively.

Currently, *The Aviary* is ... (see pg. 2)

A Look Ahead: Upcoming Events

~ Nicholas Steinman

WISH Academy - With the 2023-2024 school year now in full swing, students have many great events, opportunities, and milestones to look forward to in the coming weeks. Here are some highlights from ASB and *The Aviary*. One of Westchester's most-awaited events is coming up this Saturday (September 23rd) with the Westchester Arts and Music block party, from 1 to 7 PM on Emerson Avenue at 80th

Street. The event will feature live music, food trucks, local artists and vendors, schools, community groups, and more. Students will be helping to oversee the WISH Charter booth throughout the day.

As well, Hispanic Heritage Month lasts from September 15th to October 15th every year. This year, WISH has a number of events and presentations in the works in order to recognize the importance of Hispanic heritage in the U.S. and worldwide. ... (see pg. 2)

Newspaper Club

See your work published in our bi-monthly newspaper!

- ★ Wednesdays during lunch in D11
- ★ Looking for writers, artists, and editors



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Month in Review

(from pg. 1) ... athletes have also played their first games, notably including a spate of resounding victories in Varsity Girls Volleyball and Girls Flag Football.

Extracurricular options have also expanded, thanks to a proliferation of new and returning lunch clubs. So far, ASB has registered 15 lunch clubs, all of which are looking for interested students to grow their ranks. These clubs represent a new level of student involvement in topics ranging from K-Pop to crochet, as well as spaces for on-campus communities, such as the Black Student Union, Asian Cultural Appreciation, and Latinos Unidos.

Already, freshmen have been settling in well at WISH. Last week, many 9th and 10th-graders participated in their annual Pali Institute mountain retreat. Meanwhile, seniors have been preparing for the future; cap and gown pictures are approaching, and college representatives have already visited campus.

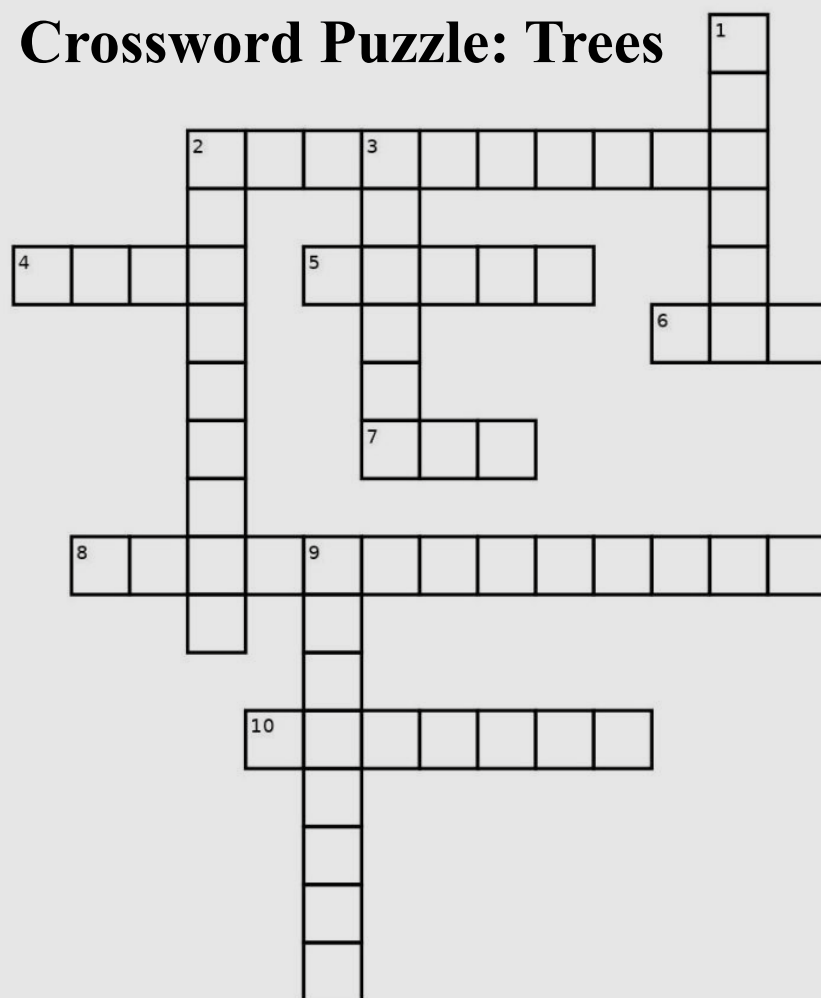
The return to school can be bittersweet. With the first five weeks past and autumn fast approaching, the long days of summer break can seem ever more distant. But with friends and opportunities old and new, the school year offers its own rewards.

Upcoming Events

(from pg. 1) ... More information is expected in the coming days. Finally, the Homecoming Dance is one of the most awaited events of every school year, and ASB has announced that this year's Dance will take place on the evening of Friday, October 20th. After a school-wide vote on theme ideas, students have decided that the Homecoming Dance will have a 1990s / 2000s theme. Information on rules, ticketing, and more are expected soon as planning continues to take shape, but students are advised to expect a great time.

WordPlay!

Crossword Puzzle: Trees



Down:

1. Looks like a hybrid of a cactus and a tree
2. Tree in Florida
3. Trees that grow in savannas
9. _____ are red (pointy flower)

Across:

2. Koalas only eat these
4. Very common tropical tree in Los Angeles
5. Leaf on Canada's flag
6. The professor in *Pokémon Blue, Red, and Green*
7. Burn wood; other than fire, you get _____
8. Japanese flowering tree
10. Largest trees in the world

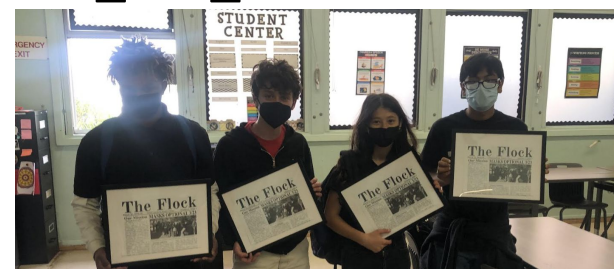


From left: Freshmen and sophomores take in the landscape at the Pali Institute Retreat on September 14th; Senior Molleigh Draxton playing for the Varsity Girls Volleyball team; a rainbow over campus.

Welcome to Newspaper Club!

(from pg. 1) ... made up of writers Nicholas Steinman, Aida Mebea, Molleigh Draxton, Dante Gutrecht, and Nathan Valdivia, editor Gabriel Koppula, and comic strip artists Janaya Kemp and Xander Youngness. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our Co-Editors-in-Chief, Emma Petersen and Hannah Benveniste.

The Aviary is looking for more writers, editors, artists, and photographers. If you want to join the newspaper, you can contact our Advisor, Ms. Avalos (cavalos@wishcharter.org), or Co-Editors-in-Chief Hannah



(hannahb@wishcharter.org) and Emma (emmap@wishcharter.org). You can also stop by our club meetings at lunch on Wednesdays in D11. If want to see you voice reflected without joining the club, you can email Hannah, Emma or Ms. Avalos with proposals, concerns, or even entirely written articles. There would be no Newspaper without readers, so thank you.