

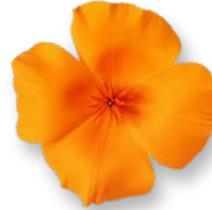
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Leave Your Mark

Announcements, Creativity and News from the Landmark Community

How is he doing? We weigh in on Trump's first 100 days in the White House

Spring Forward: Photos from Open Mic, the circus, Mahina Movement and more!



Happy Spring!

With Mini PBATS around the corner, it's time to gear up for some learning!

See your teachers to make sure you're on point for mini PBAT tasks from April 5-7.



What does Black History month mean for us? Students at Landmark give us their view.

Save the Date!

MINI PBATs

April 5-7

Get ready to show each subject what you got!

SATs for Juniors

April 5th

Landmark is offering the SAT during school for the first time!

Overnight College Trip

April 6-7

Selected students travel to colleges for a look at going away for school

What Does Black History Month Mean to US?

Students at Landmark weigh in on what this month means to our community, our country and our world.

Why Do We Celebrate Black History Month? By Cyrus Harden

Why do we celebrate Black History Month? Why? Is that really a question worth asking? The question should be why don't we celebrate it for a longer period of time? It is of the utmost respect that we honor those of color and of African Descent for their struggle and achievements they've accomplished even with the loads of oppression they dealt with. Primarily we celebrate them those of color who fought for the independence of blacks in America. They also made it possible for a lot of things Blacks weren't able to do before. This is a general statement as to why we celebrate Black History Month. Of course racism is very much alive one of the major issues in this world that will never be abolished. Only difference is that now you can't express it as much because there's rules and laws that prevent racism from getting out of control. Racism is very ugly but unfortunately it is one flaw of many on earth that will never die and it's some we have to see everywhere.

Black History Month By Alana German

Black History Month became recognized back in 1976. It's a contribution to all African Americans in the United States history because of the impact they have made on this country. Not everyone agrees with Black History Month but my opinion about Black History Month is that it allows others to take a break and realize and remember their stories, so we can honor their achievements. Black History Month should stay as month because of all the pain and suffrage people went through to be just as equal as an American. They need this month to be honored for everything that happened. I never expected that there would be a black president but Barack Obama made it happened and now it would go down in history.

Black History is Our History by Sarata Gumaneh

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. Celebrating black history month honors the historic leaders of the black community. One African American that made a difference was Rosa Park. She did not give up her seat on the bus and that gave us the right to sit anywhere we want today. By celebrating black history month it shows we appreciate what all our heroic leaders did for us to have the life we have today. It also shows we support the black community because America is a very diverse country. By reliving and remembering history, we create awareness of the struggles and challenges that African Americans overcame in this country. By celebrating black history month everyone can be included in a tradition of acknowledgement, inclusion and community engagement. Celebrating black history month it reminds us black history is OUR history.

What's Up Landmark?

Being a student at Landmark High School is a really cool experience that comes with advantages and disadvantages. My favorite thing about being a student at Landmark is going out for lunch. One of my favorite stores to go to is the square deli on 18th street. They sell the best sandwiches and the best milkshakes. Another one of my favorite things about being a student at Landmark is advisory time. Advisory is a regularly scheduled period, when teachers meet with small groups of students to advise them on academic, social, health or future-planning issues. One of the worst things about being a student at Landmark High School is the crowded hallway when we are trying to get to class. As a freshmen being new to the school it can make you feel intimidated. I think our school should have 2 floors or even move to a new building. Another



thing is our school is all the way up on the fourth floor and it gets very tiring walking up the stairs. The elevator is big enough to fit a lot of students in there. Other than that Landmark is a great school to be in. – Sarata Gumaneh

Girls' Circles and Speakers

SPEAKERS The female students at Landmark got to experience Mahina Movement as part of the Female Speaker Series. The boys took part in their own activity while all the female students and staff went to the auditorium to hear poems, songs, stories and words of wisdom from two women of the Mahina Movement.

CIRCLES The female students and staff also participated in an all-female circle to discuss the importance of women today in events such as the Women's March.

REACTIONS March is women's history month. When we got together we spoke about why women should always be respected and why it's important for us to have our own month. We spoke about how women are being treated unfairly today and also how every woman makes a big impact in a man's life. There is an important woman in everyone's life, it can be your mother, grandmother, sister, or if you're a father then I'm sure your daughter's important to you. Today we are being used for human (women) trafficking in other places and we need to find a stop to this. Women shouldn't be used like this and we should be treated the way we have a right to be treated. At one point our rights were taken away and now that we have them back we need to prove how powerful we really are. On International Women's Day, Wednesday March 8th, women stood together for equity and justice through a one-day protest.



Women's rights are important because they are usually looked at differently than men. It is not right for one gender to be more important than another gender. Women fight for the opportunity to have the same options men are given. Women are no longer seen as just vulnerable and in the shadow of man's control but now are a strong, powerful gender with a demand to be respected and heard by everyone. Don't underestimate what someone can do because it can lead to so much more in the future. A powerful quote to inspire young ladies from Hillary Clinton: "To all the little girls who are watching this, never doubt that your valuable and powerful an deserving of every chance and opportunity in the world to pursue and achieve your dream." (Contributors: Rosario Islas and Sarata Gumaneh)



Our Reaction to Trump's first 100 days

Contributed by Shannon's Newsletter Choice class

I feel like the first 100 days of Donald Trump's presidency has been very controversial and has really sparked a lot of anger to those who are not in support of his presidency. I want Donald Trump to actually step up and act in the way that a president is supposed to, and not continue on with his childish and immature actions. I know that the changes that he is making is going to end up negatively affecting my life at some point, but I feel as though once he realizes all the wrong that he has done it would be too late.

Last week in the girls' circle during advisory, I had learned about the Women's March that had taken place on January 21st. The Women's March was organized to take place in Washington, DC, but many other countries had taken part for the cause. Many celebrities had attended the march as well, including Katy Perry, Alicia Keys, Zendaya, as well as Tracee Ellis Ross. It was a very inspirational event, and sent a very strong message to the Trump administration that they would not be afraid to fight for what they believe in, and how strongly they are against Donald Trump's recent comments about women. In the group circle, we had learned about how the Women's March was actually bigger than Donald Trump's inauguration, which was reported to have fewer than half the 1.8 million people that had attended former president Barack Obama's first inauguration in 2009. – Brittney Nanton

"Continue to embrace the things that make you unique even if it makes others uncomfortable. You are enough. And whenever you're feeling doubt, whenever you want to give up, you must always remember to choose freedom over fear."-

Janelle Monae. Five million women march together for the protection of our rights, our safety, and our health. The message was out to our new president, that women's rights equals to human rights and that we are far superior and always will be. For many a generation, men did have power over women but all that stop back in 1920's when women fought for their rights and today women are going to continue to fight their right and put their voice out there. We soon to have the First Lady President of the United States, it's might be your daughter, so groom her into a queen. – Alana German



On the first 100 days trump presidency he banned seven Muslim countries that were Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Sudan, Somalia and Libya. He banned these countries because Trump claims that those are the sources of terrorism. After this people started to protest against the ban that trump put on the Muslim countries. People were protesting at JFK airport and Bryant Park and an airport in California. When it was brought to a Supreme Court judge that lifted the ban from the countries. When Donald Trump put ban on the countries the Obama refugee plan was also stop at the same time. I wonder what will happen next if there will be a new travel ban – Larique Thomas



successful immigrants, especially Mexicans, not getting deported, because they don't really deserve it and most of them are here for a better life and for their kids to be successful. One example is my parents. They are here for me to have a better life than them and to be more successful than them and have a nice and better job than them. I don't really think it'll affect me but I think it will affect my family because at the end of the day we will get separated since I'm a citizen and they aren't. There are a lot of families who are trying to stay together and not get separated. – Anonymous

What's Going On at Landmark?

Photos by Kerwin and the Mouse Squad



Open Mic Night: students participated in spoken word to an audience from all schools in the Bayard Rustin Educational Complex



Male Speaker Series: All boys participated in an assembly organized by Dr. Shango Blake from clothing entrepreneurs at Dnalsi (or island spelled backwards). Students heard their perspective on what it means to be a male today in society. They spoke about how to start a business and work your day job so you can pursue your dream and how to get yourself out there.



The PTA Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: A pancake breakfast for all faculty, students and staff!



Movies to See

Get Out: A Review by Emmanuel Pearson and Fantasia Roman

Warning: This article contains spoilers!

A movie that someone should go watch is *Get Out*. The movie really has a strong message to send out. This message is that you cannot trust white people even though they are the ones who hold so much power in this world. This movie was a really good movie; it's mainly about a boy and a girl and they are dating so they are going to the girlfriend's house to meet her parents. What the boyfriend doesn't know is that her family is racist so now the boyfriend has to kill each one of the family members one by one to escape the house. One of the most exciting parts was when the boyfriend got loose and started killing all of the family members. The best part of the movie was when he put the cotton into his ears to avoid the sound that makes him go into a deep sleep. One of the worse parts was when they were beating on the boyfriend and then they put him in this chair that he couldn't get out of. The actors who told the story were Daniel Kaluuya, Allison Williams, Bradley Whitford, and Catherine Keener. I think everyone should go see this movie because it is really good. It's not one of those boring movies - you will not want to take your eyes off the screen. The movie is really good and anyone who watches it would enjoy it as much as we did.

Logan: A Review by Cyrus Harden

The movie that I would be reviewing today will be Marvel's *Logan* directed by James Mangold is one of the greatest movies released in 2017 so far. If you don't follow the Marvel Storyline Hugh Jackman *Logan* or *Wolverine* is a retired hero who lives with his mentor Patrick Stewart aka Professor X has stumbles across a reason to go on one last hero mission. The reason for that is *Logan* finds out that he has a daughter that is being hunted down by an agency that captures mutants and used them for their powers because of their insane abilities and wants to harness it as a weapon. Now what special about her is that she has power identical to her dad *Wolverine* who is a beast at combat and they see how she can be very useful to their agency. *Wolverine* wasn't initially going to help his daughter but down the line events happen in the movie that cause him to snap out of it and go rogue one last time. I don't want to spoil it but *Logan* definitely is a must see movie not only for Marvel fans but it's overall a great movie.

Senior Thoughts by Brittney Nanton

I feel like senior year has been rushing by so fast. It is so crazy because I feel like these past three years have been dragged on, and now that this year is going by at such a fast pace that I do not know how I feel about it. I am excited to graduate and continue on with my education outside of Landmark, though it is very scary thinking about being on my own without the help of the teachers here at Landmark. The newfound independence that I am going to feel once I am handed that diploma is one that I think I am ready for, but it is also something that makes me nervous at the same time.



Freezing in Spring

By John Hernandez

Frosty the Snowman.

Really cold outside.

Eggnog for the Holidays.

Elves getting the toys ready.

Zzzzz's all through the night.

Ice skating

Nice or Naughty

Gingerbread Houses

Freedom Corner

Creative Writing from
our young brilliant minds
#freedom #landmark



They Said

by Fantasia Roman

They said I can't - they said I won't
They said i'm tall, they said i'm fat
I said their wrong that I can
That I don't care if I'm tall
Being fat is my zone
But I don't care
What they
Say



Our Society Today

People are real funny
if you think about it
but if they read could my mind, I'd get punched
in my face a lot.
As you know now
our new president is called a racist
xenophobe that has emboldened white supremacists.
Cops are killing black folks
like there wasn't ever a civil war.
Immigrants are getting tracked down,
deported like if America wasn't built on immigrants.
Women are marching
for their rights like as if the suffrage wasn't enough.
People fought long and hard for everything we have
today
and it still wasn't
enough.
-Alana German

Sentence-Long Poem

By John Hernandez

When it comes
to a fight,
One will rise
&
One will fall,
but one fight
doesn't prove
one's
overall.



Want to contribute to the newsletter? We need your articles, poems, stories and photographs!

Being a part of the newsletter is great for resumes and college applications! See Shannon in room 441 or email landmark.shannon@gmail.com

College and Career Announcements from Karina



Shout out to the students who attended the Latino College Expo on Saturday!! Great start for Chris, Jerchy, Jeily, Alaysha, Xena, Natasha, Angela, Melina, Kimora, Bellaide, and Erica.

Still time to register for the NY National College Fair at the Javits this Sunday, 3/26. Students can sign up with Fred and make arrangements to meet there before the fair.

Kudos to DiJeane and Sophia, who just accepted amazing offers from Daemen College and St. Lawrence University! No worries for the next 4 years!

On that note: There will be a financial aid check-in for all seniors this coming Monday, 4/27, during advisory. We must make sure everyone has filed their FAFSA and TAP applications.

Something else to look forward to: Our yearly overnight college trip is fast approaching – it will be April 6-7. A select number of juniors and sophomores will be invited to visit SUNY Purchase, R.I.T, Le Moyne College, and Colgate University. Exciting!

Don't forget: May 1st is the deadline for tuition deposits at colleges. Seniors must make their final decision before the end of April.

Still working on a private info session for Syracuse University!

Karina & Sara