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Fitting In!

By Curtis Henning

It's hard sometimes to fit in for new students who make the change from school to school. Being a new student myself, I know it's hard to make that change and meet new people.

In the past four years I have attended three high schools: Apple Valley High School, Bloomington Kennedy High School and now the ALC. Sometime it's even hard to get along with the new staff.

To make sure that new student fit in just right with their new surroundings, I interviewed some teachers, a student that has been here for a while and some new students at the ALC.

I asked Ben, what you think new students should do to fit in at the ALC? He said the first thing to do is you should just be yourself. Anther thing as far a doing well, you should attend and participate in school.

I also interviewed Dave the school principal about things that get in the way of kids fitting in at the ALC? He said students not being respectful to student and or staff. If kids are real and respectful and willing to take risks, they will do ok.

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I also asked a student that has been here for a long time Tony Perkins. He is one of the school most well known students. He said just be in the crowd. Be social with the other students then you will be fine.

I also asked two new students some questions. The first one I interviewed name is Jordan Carroll. I asked him how many different schools he has been to in his high school career. He said: Apple Valley High School, Prior Lake High School, back to Apple Valley, and now ALC. He said he thinks he will fit in because he's easy going.



The last person I interviewed was Marquis Williams; I asked him what he does to fit in. He said he likes to make people laugh, because if you're laughing, you have no time to be mad.

We are lucky to have a place like the ALC where kids find it easier to fit in.

Lil Wayne

By Jordan Carroll

Dwayne Michael Carter Jr. many people know this rapper as Lil Wayne. Lil Wayne was born September 27, 1982. He grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he attended Eleanor McMain Secondary School and was in the drama club and was in school theater productions like *The Wiz* where he was the Tin Man.



He also in his early years was a straight A student, but then at age 14, Lil Wayne dropped out of school. At 15 at that time was the youngest member of Hot Boys and they dropped their new album *Get It How U Live* which reached number 1 on the Billboard Magazine Top R&B/Hip-Hop Boards.

When he turned 17, he entered his solo career with his debut album *The Block Is Hot* which climbed to number 3 on the Billboards. His other two albums *Lights Out* and *500 Degreez* failed to reach the potential of his

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premier album. Then he released his new series of albums titled *Tha Carter*, *Tha Carter 2*, and *Tha Carter 3*.

Tha Carter 3 released on June 10, 2008, selling more than a million copies in its first week of release. The first to do since 50 Cent's album in 2005 titled *The Massacre*. *Tha Carter 3* went two times platinum. Lil Wayne performed at the 2008 Bet Hip Hop Awards where he led with 12 total nominations which he won half of them.

Now Mr. Carter is working on his Collaboration album with Juelz Santana called *I Can't Feel My Face* and his new rock solo album titled *Rebirth*. He also has starred in a couple of commercials and the new *Fast and Furious* movie and his new television show called *Ist and 10*.

Lil Wayne's success in his past is sure to carry over to his future work.

Spring Term 1
Dates to Remember:

Spring Vacation

March 23—
March 27

Spring Break

April 10



March Madness Comes But Once a Year!

By Roberta Howard

March Madness is a great tournament that grabs basketball fans from the first week of March through the first week of April. March Madness is the nickname that is given to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments. These games predict the national champions of college basketball!



Basketball fans wait every year for the tradition - the excitement - and the upsets that make up the NCAA Men's Basketball tournament.

Here are the important dates for the 2009 tournament:

Selection Sunday: March 15, 2009

Opening Round Game: March 17, 2009

First Round: March 19-20, 2009

Second Round: March 21-22, 2009

Third Round: March 26-27, 2009

Fourth Round: March 28-29, 2009

Final Four: April 4 & 6, 2009 at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan.

So grab your basketball buddies and throw a party. This is going to be a good one!!

Fast Food Survey

By Rachel Schwendler

Don't you hate when you're super hungry, but you can't figure out where to eat? To give you a few ideas, I took a survey at the ALC to find out the students top fast food restaurants.

Here are the top three...

1st- Chipotle with 29 votes

2nd- Subway with 18 votes

3rd- McDonalds with 17 votes

The next time you're hungry, why not try one of these? They seem to be liked by ALC students.

Here are a few options for our top 3 fast food restaurants:

Chipotle:

Chicken, steak, or beef burrito (\$6.00)

Chips and Guacamole (\$1.75)

Subway:

Turkey, Spicy Italian or BLT sandwich (\$5.00)

Make it a meal with chips and a pop (\$1.99)

McDonalds:

#1- Big Mac Meal (\$6.39)

#6- Double Cheeseburger Meal (\$3.69)

Enjoy a meal out!

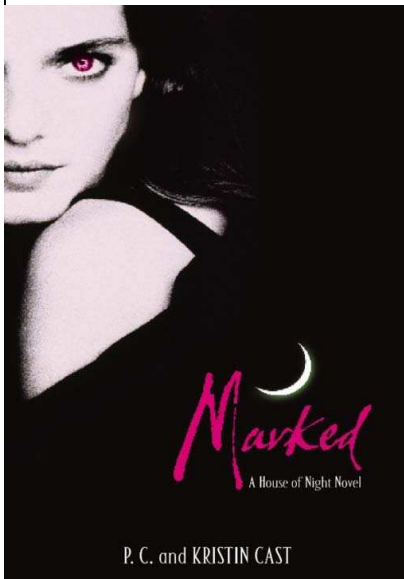
Chipotle



Book and Author Review:
P.C. and Kristin Cast
House Of Night Series

By Megan Kealy

Thrilling. Sensational. Exciting. Nerve racking. Freaky. Intimidating. These are all the words that can easily describe the House of Night novels written by P.C. and Kristin



Cast. These books will have you biting your nails and have your eyes completely glued to the words. Finishing these books in a day or two would not be surprising because right from the first page of the

book you will not want to stop reading. Every page has a something exciting happening in the story. It is constant action that will have you wanting more and more.

P.C. Cast and Kristin Cast are two authors that have lived in Oklahoma their whole life. They are mother and daughter who share the love of writing and creative minds for fiction story writing. P.C. Cast has been a teacher for 15 years and her daughter Kristin attends the University of Tulsa. They have always wanted to write a series of books together. Along with the help from P.C.'s school students, they came up with the idea of the whole vampire theme for the House of Night

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novels and started writing right away.

In the House of Night series, there are five books that are out so far up to this year 2009. These books are Marked, Betrayed, Chosen, Untamed and Hunted. There are about the lives of vampire teenagers and how things happen for them when it comes to school, friends, family, relationships and death.

Zoey Redbird is the main character of the story and she leads her school for many reasons. The number one reason consists around her unique powers that she got at a young age. No other student has powers like her and everyone gawks whenever they see her. When reading these books you will see the changes and events Zoey goes through throughout her time at the House of Night. She deals with much drama in terror between her boyfriends, friends, mentors, family and enemies. Read about how Zoey always seems to get through her exciting and dangerous adventures and also how she deals with the hard change of becoming a vampire. I give this author and these books a five star rating. Their amazing style of writing keeps the readers wanting more and more and can't keep their eyes off the book.



Authors P.C. And Kristin Cast



Ask the Princess

By Megan Lucille Morrill

Dear Princess,

Do blondes have more fun? Should I dye my hair black to bleach blonde over night?

Looking for Fun

Dear Looking for More Fun,

Many people say it's a horrible idea to bleach you hair. The only comments that people say is your hair will be extremely damaged. But over the past years, I learned if you get trims, and let your hair grow our a little bit so it will stay healthy. Color remover is very helpful.

Then you use a leave in conditioner to calm down the ends. It doesn't break off the ends. Product is a very good thing to use every time you color, blow dry, straighten, and curl your hair. By using it, it helps protect your hair from getting damaged.

Always buy the correct product that is best for yourself and your hair. Shampoo and conditioner are some very helpful products. It may take up to two weeks for the full trans- fusion from black to blonde.

Good luck with the new you and have fun!

The Princess

Timberwolves U.S. Trailblazers

By Israel Martinez-Sanchez



On February 27, 2009, some of the students of the ALC were chosen to go to the Timberwolves vs. The Portland Trailblazers at the Target Center in downtown Minneapolis. The basketball court was full of excitement: it was Crunch's birthday.

The Timberwolves started a bad game against the Portland Trailblazers. The Trailblazers were making the shots all night. At about first half the Timberwolves had tied up the game. When second half came, the Timberwolves started the lead, but once again lost it. The Portland Trailblazers took the lead making a final score Timberwolves 82, Portland Trailblazers 102.

Overall the game was a good game. The Trailblazers went home victorious. The Timberwolves stayed home celebrating Crunch's Birthday the Timberwolves official mascot.

Crunch's birthday was full of many exiting activities. The other mascot of other Minnesota's team came to join in his adventures games. They did a little bit of bowling, slam dunking, and gave out free Timberwolves shirts, etc



Weekly Horoscope

By: Darian Garbett

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb 18

You will feel renewed and happy about something coming in the future. You should be looking forward to this event.

Pisces

Feb 19-March 20

It's time to open up to a friend talking to them. Now will be so much easier now than before.

Aries

March 21-April 19

If you want something in life, today will be the day you should start going for it.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Keep pushing this week till you get what you have been looking for.

Gemini

May 21-June 21

Express yourself to others this week in a different way.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

If you have a problem with someone, you need to say it to their face.

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Leo

July 23-Aug 22

Be careful about what you say to someone this week.

Virgo

Aug 23-Sept 22

You will find out that someone really close to you likes you more than just a friend.

Libra

Sept 23-Oct.22

Do things your way this week people will like this new change.

Scorpio

Oct 23-Nov 21

This week people seem to find you more amazing this week but you're always amazing!

Sagittarius

Nov 22-Dec21

This week just seems not to be your week.

Capricorn

Dec 22- Jan 19

Be nice to someone new. What goes around comes back around!

