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Airpods become new craze at Leo

By Nina Kern

News editor

Apple Airpods have been a huge trend around the world and have seemed to find their way to Leo Jr. /Sr. High School.

AirPods were introduced on September 7, 2016 along with the iPhone 7 and Apple Watch Series 2.

On December 13, 2016, Apple released the AirPods to be ordered online.

Despite the release being over two years ago, AirPods have just recently taken a great rise in popularity.

With the holiday season having passed, a generous amount of people can be seen using the earbuds they received for Christmas.

Why are Apple AirPods so popular? It's true that many Apple users can never wait to get their hands on the latest technology, whether that's the new iPhone or a fancy pair of wireless headphones.

Of course there's always the devoted Apple fan, but the amount of people who purchased AirPods is impressive.

According to Digital Trends, it was estimated that 16 million AirPods were sold in 2017 and 28 million in 2018.

Several sources, such as Quora and The Verge claimed

that Airpod's popularity is due to the way they look.

People supposedly use them as a status symbol to look cool.

Sophomore Lucas Mollema says, "I use my AirPods so I can flex my superiority".

Sophomore Avere Yoder has some different reasons as to why she uses AirPods.

She said, "They're so easy, you can use them anytime, and they don't get tangled".

When asked about cons

she thinks that the AirPods have, she said, "They're too perfect". She did explain, though, that they could be lost easily.

She rated AirPods a 10 out of 10, as opposed to sophomore Jackson Ringwood who gave them a 9.

Although, he is suspected to be biased because he broke his.

Clearly, Apple AirPods have been sensationalized lately. There has been a lot of controversy on social media,

including claims about AirPod owners being better than non-Airpod owners.

There have been a plethora of memes saying comments about people with wired headphones, such as, "It smells like broke in here", meaning that AirPods would classify someone as rich.

Despite this debacle, most people do seem to agree that AirPods are a good purchase to make based on the convenience factor.



PHOTO BY TYLER REISGIES

Sophomores Avere Yoder and Lucas Mollema show off their airpods.

Just Ask Jaide :

How to stick to your New Year's resolution

By Jaide Castillon

Chief photographer

Having a New Year's resolution is a common part of today's society.

A New Year's resolution is when a person resolves to change an undesired trait or behavior.

Also, to accomplish a personal goal or improve their life in different ways.

Although, trying to follow up on these goals can tend to be difficult at times.

There are ways to maintain them, such as, making each resolution a priority every day, setting short term goals to meet the overall goal, and seeking motivation from others.

Making your New Year's resolution a priority in your everyday life can be hard at times, but it's not impossible.

Try to stay away from things that will lead you to not following up with the resolution.

Whether it's working out or eating healthy, ways to maintain that goal would be finding time to go to the gym or staying away from junk food.

Another way to maintain your New Year's resolution would be by setting short term goals to meet the

overall goal.

A personal goal or New Year's resolution of mine is saving money.

By saving up a certain amount every week would be an example of setting a short term goal to meet the overall goal.

Lastly, seeking motivation from others is another great way of maintaining a New Year's resolution.

Telling your family and friends would be a good source of encouragement or motivation when trying to meet the goal.

Being persistent with trying to accomplish a goal is difficult, but family and friends can push you every day to make it a priority or give you good ways on how to stick to the goal.

Around this time of year, people have New Year's resolutions of all kinds.

Whether it's eating healthy, overcoming a habit, saving money, eating healthy, etc., sticking with these goals can be very difficult sometimes.

There are ways to maintain them and make things easier each day at a time.

Therefore, if you're struggling make your New Year's resolution a priority, set short term goals to meet the overall goal, and also, seek motivation from others!

Leo senior celebrates premiere of first movie

By Haley Boyce

Editor-in-chief

On Jan. 27, senior Ben Richards will be debuting his movie "The Forge Reclamation" at the CinemaCenter in downtown Fort Wayne. This is the high school student's first time directing, writing and producing a film.

The movie, which follows the life of a married father who returns to his past ways of criminal activity, first began production in Nov. of 2017.

"I figured out that I had the resources available to me to make it more practical to produce," Richards said in the Sept. issue of The Lions Tale.

With a budget of 7,000 dollars, Richards hired local actors, a casting director and a composer from the UK for the film.

"I can't say enough good things about the team," Ben said. "They are a great group of people to be around and to work with."

While Richards is grateful for his cast and team, he says the hiring process was one of the most difficult parts of his producing experience.

"There's an abundance of talent in the local area, I just kind of shot myself in the foot by writing very specific characters in terms of appearance, age, etc." Richards said. "Finding people to accomplish those roles was difficult and took a while to accomplish."

Though some parts might have been challenging, Richard's favorite part was the editing process. "Going to shoots and having

fun with the crew is awesome, but seeing everything come to fruition is better," Richards said.

With his first movie completed, Ben sees more directing and producing in his future.

"Everything I have done to this point is researched independently or self-taught," Richards said. "I want to further my education of the industry standard in college and hopefully apply that to a future career mainly in writing and directing."

Not only does Ben hope to continue with his passion for film, but he also hopes to inspire other young creators to follow their dreams.

"Be persistent," Richards said. "There were numerous times throughout this production where I wondered if I'd be able to finish it for a variety of reasons such as crew shortage, scheduling issues, lack of experience, legal stuff, etc. If you set out to do something and have the resources to accomplish the task, then keep your head up and do your best to overcome any adversity, because the end is totally worth it."

If Ben were to sum up his experience in a few words, he would say: a lot of fun, education, and personal fulfillment.

"I will definitely relish in this accomplishment for a long time," Richards said.

For updates on ticket sales, available merchandise and where to view the film, students can head to the-forge-reclamation.com. For social media updates, information can be found @theforgemovie on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

Leo welcomes new student teachers

By Tyler Reisgies

Managing editor

The new semester of 2019 brings many new faces to Leo Jr/Sr High School. Some of which are college student interns or teachers, who assist in classrooms and offices. Katherine Sheppard, Elizabeth Grover, and Morgan Barclay all join the Leo school community interning in the subjects, Art, Foreign Language, and Counseling. Katherine Sheppard, who is interning for Mrs. Benz in Foreign Language, is attending Indiana University Bloomington.

Always knowing she wanted to be a teacher, she gave "lessons" to stuffed animals as a child. Elizabeth Grover, who is interning for Mrs. Hoff in Art, is attending University of Saint Francis.

Always loving art and working with kids is what made her want to get into education. "I've used art to get through difficult life experiences," she says. Morgan Barclay, who is interning for Mrs. Smeltzley in Counseling, is attending Capella University Graduate School. Beginning her undergraduate studies she did not have a set plan, but after taking a psychology course, she knew working with others and behavior was right for her.

Finding her passion for teenagers is what brought her to Leo.

From this experience, Sheppard hopes to acquire

knowledge on how to teach students that are at different learning paces, and to work with other teachers towards a common goal. Grover hopes to not only learn from Mrs. Hoff and the students but to also help create an environment of learning and self expression of art for

students. Barclay hopes to continue to learn and grow as a school counselor. Sheppard, Grover, and Barclay all agree that getting to know the students has been one of the best parts of their experiences so far.

Student interning or teaching is a great way for

college students to be able to get a taste for their future profession.

As well as student interns benefitting from this experience, so are students and staff.

Student interns can also provide aid to students who are struggling or falling

behind in class. With the help from these student interns, the staff is receiving a little more assistance in making sure their students succeed.

Although they are only here for a short time, the new student interns will definitely leave their mark on Leo.



PHOTO BY JAIDE CASTILLON

Art student teacher Elizabeth Grover gives directions.

Climate change proves to be controversial

By Stephen Simpson

In-depth-issue editor

With the first heavy snowfall just happening near the beginning of this month, it has many of us reminded of the thought creeping in the recesses of our mind, the thought of air pollution and its primary consequence: climate change.

With this foe to fight, many have stepped up to combat it, but attempts to thwart climate change have been proven worthless in spite of their promises to 'save the environment'. Such "noble" attempts, such as lessen plastic content in bottles or putting recycle bins along the street, have surmounted to an effect that is just as fruitful as a man spitting on a forest fire to smother its raging flames. The people behind these programs are just as useful as the fools who continue to deny Earth's diagnosis of her ailment.

'THE BUS IS THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO CHOKE YOU THAN RUN YOU OVER' reads a loud advertisement about the vehicle. Another informs: 'EVERY PLASTIC BOTTLE YOU RECYCLE SAVES ENOUGH ENERGY TO POWER A LIGHTBULB FOR 6 HOURS'. Six hours, you say? There is a seemingly uncountable amount of advertisements informing consumers of their so-called wasteful, selfish way of life, but is it our actions that are to blame for the unprecedented

catastrophe of global warming or is the cause buried deep inside an unchecked cycle which is not our doing?

The Carbon Majors Report, published jointly by Pedro Faria, the Technical Director at the environmental non-profit CDP, and the Climate Accountability Institute, states that's only 100 companies have been the source of more than 70% of Earth's greenhouse gas emissions since 1988. In the report, ExxonMobil, Shell, BP, and Chevron are identified among the highest emitting investor-owned companies since 1988.

Why is it, then, that most anti-pollution advertisements are aimed towards individual persons? Some people may say it is to bring awareness to the threat of air pollution, but if it was to bring awareness, why is the propaganda not telling us of the ultimate source of pollution?

By omitting this fatal point, it transforms anti-pollution propaganda to pollution propaganda because it spreads confusion and disinformation about the situation. Can we really say that propaganda that confuses us serves in our favor?

The goal is to bring awareness to everybody the point of the primary source of pollution which is from big business barons, not the rank-and-file man (and definitely not from some abstract concept of "human nature" that some rely on for explaining all of our pains and hardships).

People have attempted to thrash at pollution with the tools they have provided us, sometimes by tossing our coke bottles into recycling bins or by buying the items in the stores labeled 'eco-friendly'. By only using these impotent tools we shall never be able to save Earth from disaster.



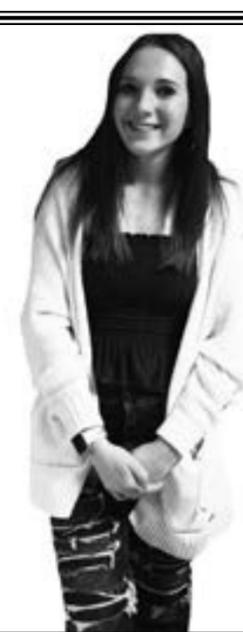
What is your New Year's resolution?



"Get my permit."
Amira Orth,
sophomore



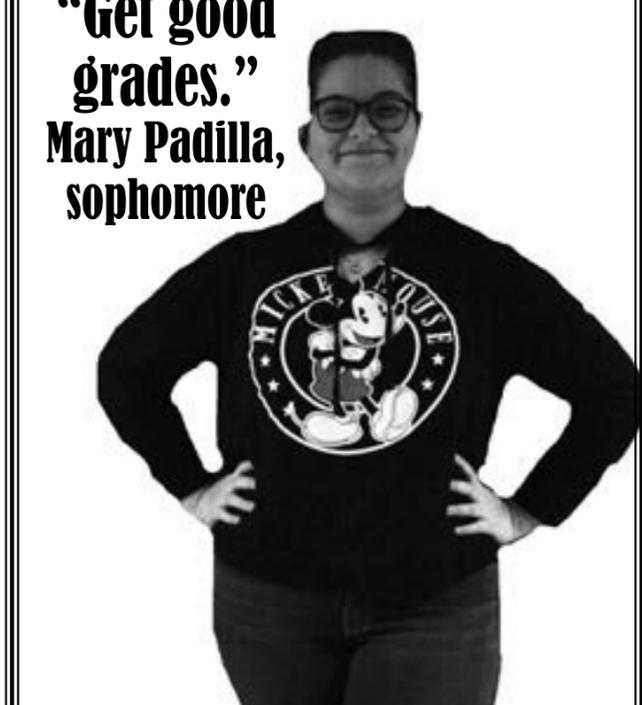
"Eat more vegetables."
Parker James,
junior



"Work out more."
Kaliegh East,
junior



"Be cooler."
Matthew Bobay, sophomore



"Get good grades."
Mary Padilla,
sophomore



"Drink five jugs of orange juice a day."
Zach Hegbli, junior



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Make Your Own "Bird Box" Meme

What would make you take off your blindfold?

By Haley Boyce

Editor-in-chief

On Dec. 13, 2018, the thriller movie "Bird Box" was released to Netflix. It's quickly

become one of the most talked-about films from 2018.

According to Movie Tube, the film is based off the 2014 book written by Josh Malerman, and takes place in a post-apocalyptic society, where people begin seeing menacing, supernatural images. These images eventually lead whoever is seeing them, to harm

themselves to the point of suicide.

The main character Malorie, played by Sandra Bullock, must find a way to survive after losing her sister to the presence. She must find a safe haven for her son, Boy, and her daughter, Girl.

Her journey to this safe haven requires Mallorie and her children to row down a river. She

chooses to blindfold herself and her children in order to not see the haunting image.

The movie was a success, with Netflix saying it was the best every opening week for a film, according to This is Insider. Netflix also stated that more than 45 million accounts streamed the film upon its release.

Despite the movie's

serious mood, several social media users have poked fun at the idea of wearing a blindfold, and being tricked to take off the blindfold if the presence said something tempting.

Several students have made their own "Bird Box" meme, deciding what would make them take off their blindfold.



Junior Kennedy Shade

"Free airpods."



Junior Brennan Byerline

"A 4.0 GPA."



Junior Grace Gamble

"Shawn Mendes."



Freshman Sam Htoo

"Rice."



Senior Alex Wertman

"Fried chicken."

