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Learning How to Be An Adult!

A preview of the Credit for Life Fair and how is it beneficial to juniors

By Caitlin White
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Junior Emily Colby expects to learn about the costs of being an adult at the Credit for Life Fair.

"I'm hoping to learn how to budget my money with the salary of my potential future job. Also, I want to learn more about the costs of being an adult, such as taxes, medical costs, car insurance costs and other various expenses that pop up all the time," says Colby.

Each year the Institution for Savings bank hosts a nationally recognized program, The Credit for Life Fair, which is designed to help high school students develop personal financial skills that they will use for the rest of their lives. There are several local high schools like Amesbury, Newburyport, Pen-tucket, Triton, Ipswich, Masconomet, Ham-ilton-Wenham, Manchester-Essex, Land-

mark, Beverly, Gloucester and Rockport participating in the 2019 Credit For Life Fair. This year the Fair will be held at Masconomet High School on May 21st.



Triton juniors have participated in this program for about eight or nine years now, and initially, when the fair first started, it was held in Triton's very own gymnasium, according to Director of Guidance, Meghan Ober. "The Institutions for Savings bank reached out to Triton and Newburyport about this program when they heard of other banks doing something

similar. Much of it [the fair] was thought out and planned out by the bank. The fair was originally held at Triton in the gym, but as more students joined and it became a popular event they had to switch it to a larger location," says Ober. **See CREDIT on page 2**



Students move around last year's Credit for Life fair at Masco (Masconomet photo).

THE SLIDE

How seniors fall into slacking trends

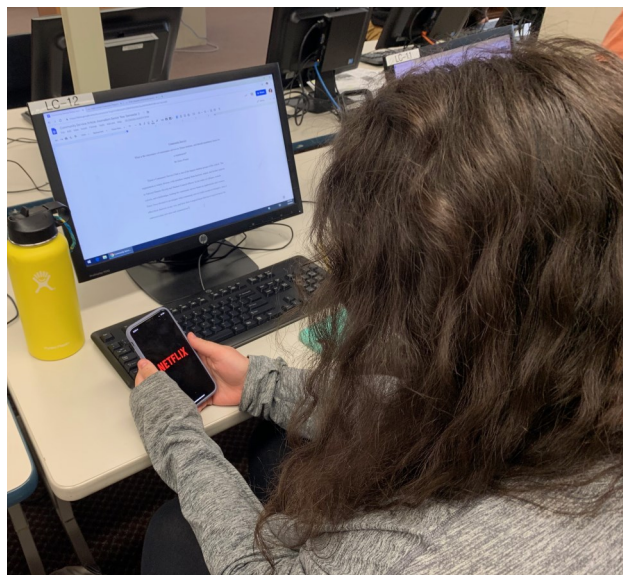
By Alyssa Montisanti & Kelley Frithsen
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Senior Amy Clark is keeping up with her grades in her final weeks of senior year in order to keep her scholarship at UNE.

"I have a \$10,000 scholarship and I am in the Pharmacy program at UNE. To keep both of those things I need to stay at a 3.5 GPA, so I encourage myself to do work and stay on top of my grades." Says Clark

Seniors end the year with procrastination as well as a mind set of 'we're done soon this doesn't really matter.' However, with already being accepted to college grades are still seen by the administrators and taken into consideration.

Colleges can decline an accepted/committed student if they are beginning to "give up" and are getting low grades. The senior slide is present in 4/6 senior students at Triton interviewed by the Triton Voice, but they only need to keep grades up and push through for about 10 more days of



Senior Grace Poster watches Netflix instead of writing her article for journalism (Montisanti photo).

school.

Senior Slide has a different meaning to different people. To senior Allie Hawkes, "It really depends on the person who is doing the sliding. Like for some people it could mean letting your grades slip and for others it could mean straight up skipping school."

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Rest in Peace, Junie

The Loss of a Beloved Custodian at THS

By Kaelyn Scalley & Andrew Maiuri
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The Triton Community is mourning the loss of the well-known and well-liked site supervisor of the school's contracted cleaning company who had been working at Triton for 11 years.

His name was Joao B Junior, but was known as "Junie," throughout Triton. Junie suffered a cardiac incident on Monday, April 29, while working at the school. Medical personnel arrived but were unable to revive him. He leaves behind a family of three children and a wife. His children include an 18-year-old daughter who is graduating from Newburyport High School this spring, a 14-year-old son who attends the Nock Middle School in Newburyport, and his eldest daughter, who is still in the family's native country of Brazil.

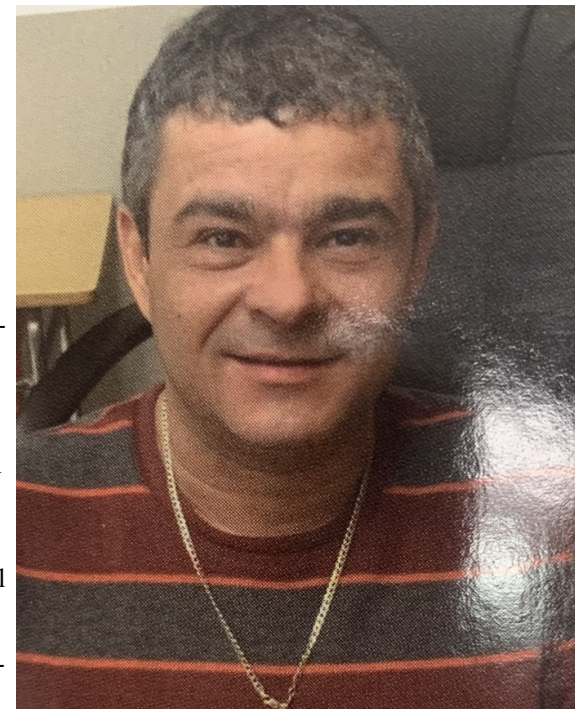
"Junie was very well liked by the Triton community," says Christopher Walsh, who is the head of the janitors and security. "He always provided assistance and was very easy to get along with. Most importantly, he was my friend. I and everyone else will miss him so much."

Junie worked for National Facility Service, the custodial cleaning service contracted by Triton. He took over as the site supervisor of Triton from his older brother 11 years ago when his brother decided to return to Brazil.

In an email to staff, school business administrator Michelle Cresta remembered Junie as, "a fixture in the hallways of the Triton Middle and High Schools.

"Most often you could find him walking down the halls observing areas in need of cleaning while exchanging greetings with others as he passed by each afternoon," Cresta wrote.

It can often be hard for students and teachers to get to know the janitors who do so much for this school. So at first not



A recent photo of Triton custodian Joao B. Junior, known as "Junie" (courtesy photo).

many were able to put Junie's name to his face after Assistant Principal Scott Brennan made the announcement that he had passed. However, once students saw a photo of him, they immediately knew who he was and remembered how kind he was to everyone.

Graduate of the class of 2018, Sean Landry, said he knew a lot of the janitors and always made sure they knew they were important to the school.

"I remember him, anytime I'd walk by him I'd always say hi and ask how he was doing and he would always respond" says Landry, "That's really sad he's gone. He was a good guy."

Junior Jesse Wilkinson agreed with Landry by saying, "He was always so nice. Every time I walked by him after school in the hallway or something, he always greeted me with a smile or a hello."

Triton Times a-Changin'

THS Clocks Reset after Student Complaints

By Madison Butler
Staff Writer

According to Triton's class schedule school does not officially start until 7:42, however a huge chunk of students are being marked late during first period even though it is only 7:39 according to their phones.

Three minutes may not seem like a big amount of time when you think of having 24 hours in a day. However, those three minutes can matter a great deal when you are trying to get to school on time.

Students are officially allowed into the school at 7:20; that's when the buses open their doors to let the kids off. That gives kids plenty of time to get their books, maybe talk with friends, and then they are able to get to class on time when the bell rings.

Those kids who don't take the bus don't have to get school right at 7:20; they can take their time, as long as they are in class by 7:42.

"I wake up around 6, then I wake up my brother and my sister," says senior Kendale Sicard. "I get dressed and have

breakfast. After that I brush my teeth, feed my dog and leave."

Sicard said that she normally gets to school around 7:25, and doesn't tend to be late. She said that she is only late if she sleeps through her alarm.

There are some students who don't go directly to school after they wake up. They pick up breakfast or a coffee on the way.

Other students carpool and rely on other people's timeliness to get to school on time.

"It happens to me all the time," said senior Conner Beevers. "I sit in my driveway until 7:25 waiting for my cousin. I live in Salisbury so it makes me late."

"Me too," said junior Kelly Sharkey. "So I get picked up by Caitlyn and sometimes she comes a tad late so I get to school right when the bell rings and I have to get a pass."

In a Triton math class ten out of ten students have iPhones. The time on their **See TIME on page 2**

Betting on the 'End Game'

3-hour *Avengers* Installment Impresses, Thrills

By Anthony Ostrander & Abigail Magee
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The final *Avengers* movie was released a week ago Thursday, and it was one of the most anticipated movie releases in history.

Since its release, it has grossed \$1.5 billion worldwide and could be on track to break the box office record, currently held by the movie, *Avatar*.

The movie picks up where the last *Avengers* movie *Infinity War* left off, when super villain, Thanos, defeated the *Avengers* and wiped out half of all life in the universe. With most of the *Avengers* out of the equation, it seemed that they had been defeated, but they devise a plan to save everyone and make right where they failed in the past.

From there, this epic three hour adventure unfolds with endless thrills, heartbreak and shocking surprises that nobody could have seen coming. Avid fan and Triton student, Joe Delmonico, who saw "End Game" on its opening day, was thrilled after he saw this movie.

"Definitely the best Marvel movie I've ever seen, hands down" said Delmonico.

The *Triton Voice* met with more Marvel movie fans from the Triton community, to get their take on this box-office breaking film.

"Growing up as a Marvel fan, I became attached to these heroes, idolizing them in my everyday life. Now that I've seen *End Game*, I find it hard to let go of the people I held close. I kept crying through that whole movie. It ended well though and it's the best movie I have ever seen", said Jayce Mojica.

"I am a total nerd, and I have been watching Marvel movies since I was little, so when I saw the trailer for *End Game*, pretty much the first day it came out, I have been dying to see it. But I am also kind of mad at the fact that I've seen so many spoilers by accident, and I wish I had saw it sooner to the release date" said Ava Ford.

"It was the greatest movie I have ever seen. I was literally so electric throughout the whole movie" said Ethan Tremblay.

From start to finish this movie will keep you on the edge of your seat and leave you wishing it would never end.



A scene featuring Thanos, the arch villain of the Avengers in the recent hit *Avengers: End Game* (Marvel photo).

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phone is three minutes slower than Triton's clocks. This can lead the problem of kids thinking they have more time than they actually do.

First bell now rings at 7:34 and second bell rings at 7:39. Announcements now start at 7:40, sometimes a little later. Kids are walking in at 7:42, when the second bell should be ringing, according to the school's class schedule, and they are being marked tardy.

Students at Triton are becoming very frustrated with this time difference between school clocks and their own.

While the school expects the kids to be at the school earlier, kids take advantage of all the time in the morning to sleep, shower, eat, and get ready.

Lots of teachers come from New Hampshire and Maine, and some teachers are confused why kids don't get to school



Triton time had been off by three minutes from students' phone times up until last week (Butler photo).

earlier if they know that they are prone to being late.

A solution to this would be to adjust the clocks. The school could keep preventing this debate by adjusting them every weekend.

through the year and want to give some advice to the underclassmen to help them get through their last year of high school. "Look at it as it's your last year at high school, so make let's make the best of it and finish it on a high note." Says Bella Lesinski. Senior Catherine Gallagher said "If I had to give advice to a junior on trying to stay out of the senior slide it would be to keep your priorities in check and pretend like it's the end of junior year where your grades are still really important."

The *Triton Voice* talked with junior Erin Power to get her thoughts on senior slide and whether or not she will fall into the slide. "I'm already sliding and I am a junior. Honestly, next year I am just gonna let it happen. Senior slide is a thing that happens in life and almost everyone is goes through it. I'm just glad I will be able to be a part of it."

Getting through senior year is difficult but we have to do it. Everyone is in the same boat and they all want to just get out of high school and want to start the new chapter to their lives.

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Some people think that they would never senior slide. For Madi Butler that was very true. "I never thought I would senior slide. Now I push all of my projects off until the last minute and I just take breaks in all of my classes whenever I can," Butler has fallen into the senior slide trap even knowing she shouldn't. After being accepted to college, homework has become a low priority for her even when having free time to do so.

Senior sliding is just students being ready to finally be done with high school. Senior Morgan Monroe said, "I stay motivated because I don't want it to look bad to my school but I'm tired and probably will end up sliding the last week of school because I want to graduate and be done already."

Seniors just lose motivation and need a break before college so they start during their senior year. "I'm trying not to slide but it's definitely happening. I have no motivation for homework or studying. I am just trying to get through the rest of the year doing the bare minimum," says Kendale Sicard.

Seniors have a hard time getting

The Glory of Graduation

Triton seniors share how they're feeling so near the end
Kiefer Callewaert & Maggie Bowen
Staff Writers

The fourth and final quarter of the 2018-2019 school year is well underway, and pretty soon, Triton's seniors will be graduating and moving on to the next chapter of their lives.

The end of the year is drawing closer and closer, and it's almost that time where we bid farewell to the graduating class of 2019. May 31st is the seniors' last day, and graduation is on June 8th. As hard as it is to believe, pretty soon, we won't be able to see the blank, depleted, and lifeless looks on our beloved seniors faces as they trudge through the hallways in the morning.

Triton voice interviewed graduating seniors on their thoughts and feelings about this years graduation. Senior Gracie Burnim spoke on what she is going to miss the most about Triton. "I'm gonna miss seeing the people that I grew up with every day and always having a familiar face around." Senior Sophie Proctor agrees, stating, "I think I'm going to miss seeing my friends everyday, above all else."

Most of, if not all, the students graduating will miss what they had; their friends, teachers, sports teams, and maybe even classes. However, the future is still bright and holds outstanding possibilities for this years graduates. Several seniors spoke on their plans for after high school.

"I'm going to Northern Essex for two years to save some money, and then I'm planning on transferring to finish my degree at a four year." Burnim says.

Although every student will be relieved when they receive their diploma, graduation can elicit different emotions from different people.

"I feel like I've kinda just finished basic training. High school is like boot camp and college seems to be like preparation for deployment," stated Triton senior Jeremy Duford.

Isabella Lesinski says "I get to move to Tampa and start studying marine biology and I'm really excited about that. I guess I'm not all that upset about leaving."

Finishing high school is just the first step in a long journey of finding and managing success. For most, they are immensely excited to be moving on to that next step. "Four years worth of hard work, perseverance, and responsibility is finally feeling worthwhile," said Duford.

With this years senior class being here for the past four years, there are improvements they would like to recommend to change about the school. "I would overall just change how the teachers talk to the students. Were all equal and we all deserve to be treated with respect and I feel like sometimes teachers are condescending and talk down to the students a lot." Burnim says.

Senior, Proctor says if she could change anything about the school it would be to allow seniors to come in late if they have a study first period, and leave early if any student has a study last period.

Burnim ended her interview with a formal message to the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors of Triton. "[High school] is definitely shorter than you think it's going to be, and you hear that every year but you kind of brush it to the side. Take it from me, looking back, it felt so much shorter and the time really flew by. If you could just get one day to go back to a certain moment of our four year experience, I'm sure everyone would take it."



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"This year we have about 120 juniors signed up to go, which is what we typically have."

According to the Institutions for Savings bank website, the fair will be "an interactive half-day fair when 11th-grade students play the roles of 25-year old adults and are assigned professions and annual salaries. Then, working within a budget based on their monthly "income," students visit 10-15 booths over 3 hours to make "purchase" decisions utilizing cash, credit, or savings. During the Fair the students will also be faced with a variety of unexpected occurrences," and by the end of the day, the students can check if they have good credit and lived within their budget.

On Wednesday, May 8th, juniors who signed up to go to the fair attended an assembly that outlined their day and gave them a sense of what they will have to do once at Masconomet. One of the representatives from the Institutions for Savings bank, Melissa LaBel, who is the Vice

President of Retail Administration, explains how the program is beneficial to juniors now.

"It helps to prepare them [students] for the adult life. It helps to get them ready for life and expenses of every day whether it's transportation, housing, how you are going to afford to pay for food, and keeping your refrigerator full. So that's really what it's about and helping the students to get their mindset for real life," says LaBel.

This half day experience is supposed to be a fun and positive way to learn how to balance expenses of life as an adult while getting off the typical school campus and even getting a free lunch.

"It's one of the few things that nobody complains about. It's so popular so there will be a lot of people there which is the only negative I can think of. Usually, the feedback is very positive and they [the students] like the opportunity to put themselves in the mindset of what career they want to have and getting to know how it feels and to put a real-world application to some of the things they [the students] are learning," says Ober.