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## A BRYT Idea

### Triton's Newest Program to Combat Student Absences, Late Work

By Sophia Agrella & Jeremy Duford, *Staff Writers*

Students who miss school due to extended absences and mental health issues often find themselves behind in their school work.

Guidance Director Mrs. Meaghan Ober and other THS administrators are hoping they have found a solution to this increasingly prevalent problem, which will be put in place next school year. The BRYT Program aims to aid students who have missed a substantial amount of school due to mental health hospitalization or other serious health complications.

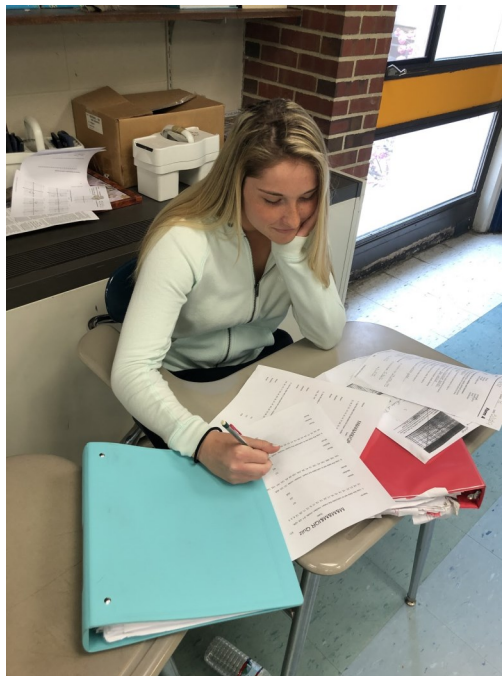
The BRYT program aims to support students both academically and emotionally, said Ober.

"The goal of the program is to give (students) the tools, support, and coping skills they need to get back on track. Students are not "placed" in a BRYT program for their high school career; it is meant to be a short-term placement for students who may be facing some very real struggles and obstacles," Ober wrote in an email response to reporters' questions.

Created in 2004, the BRYT program, Bridge for Resilient Youth in Transition, is utilized in 112 schools across Massachusetts, helping over 113,300 students since, according to the Brookline Center, which created the program. Triton will join the other schools and with it, hopes to reduce dropout rates. Other benefits advertised by the BRYT program include improved performance on standardized tests, less stress and anxiety in the school, and other positive changes.

At Triton, staff will first meet and evaluate whether a specific student would be a good candidate for the program. The program will include a full-time teacher who will help with makeup work for students.

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Katherine Quigley, junior, scrambling through late work (Agrella photo).

## Mr. Kelley, Why Triton?

### A Talk with the New Principal

By Kelly Sharkey  
*Staff Writer*

Many have heard about our new principal, Patrick Kelley, or seen him in the hallways on regular visits to THS, but the *Triton Voice* has taken a deeper look at the little things that distinguish Kelley.

A fun little fact about our new principal is that at his old school he used to give out Batman stickers on student birthdays,

which he said students loved.

Kelley's favorite books, he said, are *Bear Town*, a young adult hockey novel some teachers at Triton have assigned to students and *The Great Alone*, a story about a Vietnam veteran who decides to move to Alaska. His favorite movies are comedies: *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* and *Old School*.

"I'm not sure I have a favorite song right now," said Kelley when asked about his favorite tune. "Too much of what I listen to now is music for my kids," said Kelley.

*Triton Voice* also inquired about Kelley's school life: What led Kelley to working in education? "I taught learn to skate and worked at summer camps growing up, I learned that I enjoyed helping others and just kept moving in that direction.

"My last day of high school my head master told me I should go into teaching and I had not really thought about it until then but through college it seemed more and more like something I wanted to do."

Triton students should get ready for more hands on projects because Kelley says, "I am a big proponent of tangible and applicable learning experiences."

This is a whole new learning process for our new principal; he needs to learn about our community, teachers, and students.

Kelley would like to give teachers the "freedom to implement their own ideas." He also sees himself "setting up the visions and conditions and allowing others freedom and opportunity."

There's a lot of things Kelley has learned along the way with being an assistant principal right now at Holliston High School.

"Biggest thing I have to do is learn. I don't know what to change yet, I need to learn about the history and the culture of this school. There's nothing I have to change as of now," said Kelley.

But one thing he wants for this school is to show off the students. He wants to show the happy faces around Triton and to show off all the great things we've done that don't get shown off as often, such as environmental science.

Promoting Triton and having students serve as ambassadors to our community are ideas Kelley would like to see happen

All in all, Kelley is excited to be joining the Triton community On July 1st.

"I spent a lot of time talking to others about telling your story. You want to be always telling your story because if you're not telling your story someone else is," said Kelley. What he means by this is that you are the owner of your story, you should tell it, no one else should be telling others about you and what you've done, he wants everyone to share their own stories.



Mr. Patrick Kelley, the incoming THS principal will start here July 1 (courtesy photo).

## Triton Students Remember Notre Dame

By Sam Bell  
*Staff Writer*

Smoke clouds darkened Paris as the famed Cathedral Notre Dame de Paris, "Our Lady of Paris" burned, a day after a group of Triton students has visited it.

"I heard about it because someone texted the French [exchange] group chat," said sophomore Alexandra Flodman, who went on the exchange. "I was kind of shocked because it's such a historic building[...] I was thinking, there's no way this could have happened."

On April 15th, a fire with a currently unknown cause severely damaged the iconic Notre Dame de Paris, the most visited Parisian monument. The fire collapsed the famous spire, damaged the roof and destroyed several religious treasures. It did not "burn down" as



Triton students pose in front of Notre Dame de Paris, the day before a catastrophic fire severely damaged it. (Photo Courtesy Madame Symonds)

many say, but the damage was extensive. The day the fire broke out was also the day that a group of 15 Triton students left Paris after visiting it the day before.

"I was with my French exchange family, in my room, and they called me out and we looked at the news," said junior Maddie MacDonald. "We were all freaking out."

"I was really shocked because we had been there the day before," said junior Marcella Hubbard-Brucher. "Everyone was so sad about it."

"I feel very lucky," Flodman said. "I feel very fortunate that I was able to see it before it was ruined."

"The fire at Notre Dame reminds us that our history never stops,"

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## Service With a Smile

### The Importance of Community Service to Triton Students

By Grace Poster, *Staff Writer*

Triton senior Sophia Simeone has been involved in community service for over two years.

"We get to help those who can't really help themselves, which is an awesome feeling to have," said Simone.

Triton's Community Service Club is one of the largest student groups at the school. The organization is widely diverse, with members ranging from lacrosse, tennis, and hockey players to National Honors Society and Student Council officers. In the wake of colleges, schools, and scholarships looking for community service hours on applications and resumes, *Triton Voice* decided to investigate what community service really means to teenagers, whether it affects their character in any way, and what students think about required hours.

"Giving back is an important aspect of building character," stated fellow senior Farrah Gabrian, who is both a member of Community Service Club, as well as a volunteer of a local clothing and resource center. "It definitely teaches you time management, as well as morality."

What exactly does Triton's Community Service Club do?

"We do some of our own events, but mostly I get requests from events within the community that other people run. Lots of fundraiser walks and 5ks, town events from Newburyport, Byfield, Salisbury, and Rowley, holiday events for kids," said Jennifer Scott, Triton teacher and advisor for the Community Service Club, when describing what activities the group participates in. "So, over the last four years I think I've been doing this, I just sort of build those connections, and then the same people contact me every year."

"I've noticed that there are a lot of people participating in the club,

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Triton Seniors Grace Poster (Left) and Farrah Gabrian (Right) at Jeanne Geiger Annual Walk Against Domestic Violence (Poster)

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# The *Voice*’s Ebullient Exotic Experiment

A review on exotic fruit from the *Triton Voice* staff writers

By **Komal Patel**  
*Staff Writer*

Summer is around the corner and many new and unusual fruits are in season. The Triton Voice reporters tried out a number of these fruits and, have created a review. The Triton G period Journalism tried a Pepino Melon, a Dragon Fruit, a Grapefruit, and a Papaya. This gathered eleven thoughts and opinions on which fruits were the best and which fruits were the least popular.

“Yuck, I would only eat a Pepino Melon if I am stuck on an island with no other food,” says junior Kayla Perley. “It was not sweet and the texture reminded me of a fish. The Dragon Fruit was better than the Pepino Melon even though the texture was like a soggy sesame bagel. The Grapefruit was very good; it was like an orange and I would give this 8/10.

The Papaya was okay, it tastes like baby food, not a big fan of it. My overall favorite was the grapefruit and my least favorite was the Pepino Melon.”

While Perley didn’t like the Pepino Melon, junior Glory Trelfa disagreed.

“The Pepino Melon kind of tasted like Honeydew and Banana. It’s texture was like a Cantaloupe and honeydew,” said Trelfa. “It was my second favorite fruit. Even though the Dragon Fruit was my favorite, I wouldn’t buy this again only because I didn’t like the aftertaste. The Dragon Fruit was my favorite because it had a light tanginess and the seeds were earthy and gave it a slight crunch. The Grapefruit had an overpowering orange flavor. The Grapefruit was my least favorite, and I would never buy this again. The Papaya was wet, and tasted like slightly fruity mush. The texture was like a really soft pear.”

“The melon tastes like it is a watered down banana, the texture was similar to a banana. I would never buy this again. The dragon fruit tastes plain and, is soft except the seeds were a little crunchy. I would buy this but it’s just a little too plain,” said Makayla Sprague. “The grapefruit was sort of sour, the texture was similar to an orange.

“The Pepino melon texture was way too mushy. The dragon fruit was also mushy but the taste was okay,” says Abbie Magee. “The grapefruit was the best one, it had great flavor but I am not a fan of the texture. My favorite was the Grapefruit and my least favorite was the Pepino melon.”

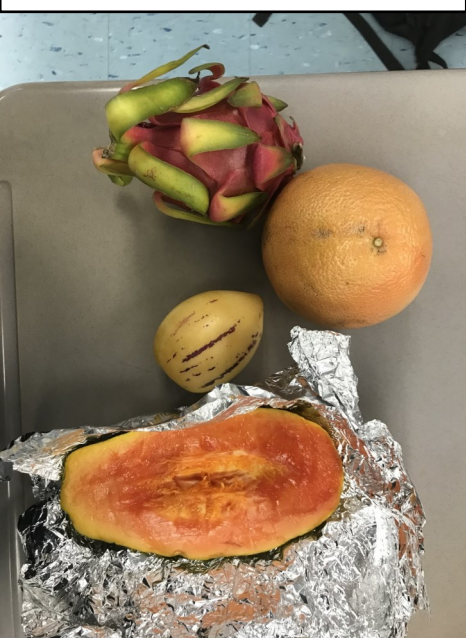
“The Pepino melon was kind of sweet and slimy. I would never buy this again out of all four of the fruits I would rate this a three. The dragon fruit was soft, slimy, sand had seeds and, although it didn’t taste like much, it was my second favorite of the four. I wouldn’t buy this again,” says Caitlyn White. “The grapefruit was sweet and sour, I would buy this again and this was my favorite. The papaya was soft and didn’t taste like much. My favorite was the Grapefruit my least favorite was the papaya.”

“The Pepino Melon was subtly sweet, fresh, and slimy like Honeydew. The Dragonfruit doesn’t taste like much but the seeds were earthy; it was crunchy. I would buy it,” says Kaia Cohen. “The grapefruit was sweet and tart, it had a juicy texture, and I would buy it. The papaya was unique and tasted like grass, it was soft, too, and I would buy this. My favorite was the Grapefruit.”

Triton staff writer Karoline Jacobs shared her take on the fruit, “The pepino melon tasted like a banana and also had a texture of a banana. The dragon fruit had a sweeter taste than the last one. It had a soft texture, easy to bite into. The grapefruit was very sour. I don’t know if I liked it or hate it. It had a soft texture.” In response to the



Above, a G-Period journalist tries a Dragon Fruit. Below, clockwise from top, a whole dragonfruti, a grapefruit, an open papaya, and a Pepino melon (photo by Komal Patel).



papaya, Jacobs said, “Nope. Baby food.”

Jacobs overall consensus was that the grapefruit was the best and that she would buy it again.

Julia Boyle responded to the fruit by saying, “The melon texture was too squishy, there was not enough sweetness or flavor. The dragon was sweet but watery. The grapefruit was 10/10 and I would recommend grapefruit over oranges all day.” Boyle said “No thanks, tastes like socks,” to the papaya.

Junior Robert Maggiasomo says, “The pepino Melon tastes like a very sweet banana, it was slimy, and slippery like a soggy apple. I would not buy this again. The dragon fruit was sweet but I wasn’t a fan of the black seeds. The texture was like a seedless fish. The Grapefruit was like an orange and, I would buy this again. The papaya is like a mashed apple, and I would not buy this again because I do not like the taste.”

Senior Lydia Crowley says, “The grapefruit was not sweet and super seedy and squishy, and did not have much taste. The grapefruit was sweet with a faint underlining tartness, it was super tasty.”

From tasting like socks, to grass, to fish, the Pepino Melon was voted the least favorite in the G period Journalism class. From tasting sweet to being referred to as having a tangy orange, the Grapefruit was voted the favorite of the class. Well there you have it folks, you heard it first from Journalists in G period.

more people can volunteer for events.”

Right now, Triton’s community service group has approximately 80 active members, and its effects on the students involved was evident through the *Voice*’s interviews.

“One of the biggest skills I’ve learned is cooperation amongst people, that’s a big big one,” said Simeone. “If I were to talk to someone debating whether to join the club, I would tell them to definitely do it. It’s a great feeling to be helping people in need and making an impact on the Tri-

# Coachella or No-chella?

Is California’s biggest indie festival of the year worth the hype?

By: **Karoline Jacobs & Kaylyn Pesaturo**  
*Staff Writers*

One of California’s most famous deserts, the Colorado Desert annually hosts the most publicized music and arts event on social media: Coachella; it brings roughly 250,000 people together from all over the globe.

“I think people now-a-days literally just go just because of you know, getting an Instagram photo and saying that you went,” said senior Lydia Crowley.

With artists such as, Ariana Grande, Billie Eilish, and Cardi B, more and more people are willing to spend money on the high ticket prices. Along with the cost of the tickets, there is the expectation of a crazy out-of-the-box outfit for each day that celebrities plan many months ahead of the event. The event spans over two weekends in April, both of which are three days long.

The main reason people are so drawn to this event is for social media purposes. Coachella has become more popular over the years due to the increase of celebrities who attend this festival, some of whom include YouTube stars, musicians, and actors.

The *Triton Voice* has decided to break down the event and determine if it’s worth the hype that is displayed on social media.

First we took a look at the cost of the festival. General admission allows entrance to the venue and day parking lots all three days. General admission pass holders may visit the GA camping areas. For just GA, the overall cost of just the ticket is \$429. Then include the price of a plane ticket to California, prices of hotels, then the Uber to get you to the event and back. The total cost can be over \$1,000.

For general admission and the shuttle, the tickets cost \$509. Then for VIP, get ready: \$999. VIP Areas offer specialty food and drink vendors, air-conditioned restrooms, shaded seating areas and full cash bars. VIP Areas are located at the Five Peaks tents adjacent to the Main Stage and in the Rose Garden.

So is Coachella really worth it if you



have to pay that much for just a ticket?

Since California is much hotter than the temperatures seen in Massachusetts during late April, people who attend the festival are out in the scorching heat for a large portion of their day. Several people faint, get sick, or just feel physically drained before the day is even over, and all that money that is spent goes down the drain.

“They don’t necessarily care who’s playing there,” said Crowley. “It’s just more about the fact they say they went there.”

Crowley said that she enjoys some of the people who play there, but it’s definitely not worth the price of the ticket on top of airfares, hotels, and transportation.

“See, Coachella would be the one I would definitely avoid. The one I would most definitely go to would be Burning Man,” said Crowley. “Burning Man is way different, it’s not just based around music, it’s more based around art and it’s the biggest temporary city during the summer.”

Junior Emily Howe has a different thought about the festival. “I think Coachella is probably definitely worth everything everyone says it is. The vibes, the music, the outfits. You can just have fun and everyone is there for the same reason, to just enjoy the music and vibe out.”

YouTube star Emma Chamberlain has attended Coachella for the past couple of years. In a recent video of hers titled, “An Accurate Coachella Vlog,” she explains how she and her friends attended two of the three days, but were too tired to go to day three. They stayed at the hotel and had a day by the pool. She then asked her audience the question, “Will I still go to Coachella next year?” and answered saying, “Yeah, probably.”

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said Emmanuel Macron, the President of France. The French President has promised to rebuild the cathedral within five years. Experts say it will take a minimum of ten or twenty years to restore the 850 year old building to its former glory.

The tragedy has raised well over a billion dollars for repairs, and the number keeps growing. However, there had been a few critics of this response, saying that

the money should be going to things the critics believe are more important. Despite criticisms, the rebuilding will commence as soon as possible.

“We will rebuild Notre Dame, more beautiful than before – and I want it done in the next five years,” said President Emmanuel Macron. “We can do it. After the time of testing comes a time of reflection and then of action.”

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BRYT seeks to primarily serve students who are returning from a mental health hospitalization or other extended absence that has academic and emotional impacts, said Ober

“While there is a specific criteria for the students it serves, I will say that this program could serve any type of student in a time of crisis,” Ober said. “A major goal for this program is to help break the stigma around mental health. Struggles with mental health can impact students in any cross-section or subgroup: athletes, ‘drama kids,’ top 10 percent and those just struggling to graduate and pass.”

Ober said the program should not define students but instead students should feel supported by it.

“While the main population would be those going through a mental health struggle, it may also be able to serve students who have had a significant health event that has academic and emotional consequences,” Ober said.

Examples of students who might take

part in the classroom include those who have had significant/repeated concussions, cancer, major surgery, or other life events that impact school attendance.

The program aims to also show that the school is caring and supportive of these particular struggles faced by students.

“I’m really, really, excited and I’m thankful the school district is supporting this program because I think it will be a huge benefit,” said Principal Dawe.

Some students are skeptical about how the program will play out.

“I think it could work,” says senior Josh Quintiliani, “But I also feel like it could cause more stress for the kids, since it seems like it would cause more make up work than before.”

But freshman Connor Noon said he sees the program as a potential solution for students.

“Even though it’s expensive, a lot of kids miss a lot of school and miss out on a lot of work. I think that classrooms like this can help those students get done everything they’ve missed out on.”

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which shows a lot about who we are as a group in Triton,” said Simeone

“I’ve had to find ways to keep track of all those people—the events they’re doing, their hours, their attendance...I’m happy to have a big group as long as the people in it are being responsible and active members,” Scott detailed. “I try to be as flexible as possible, but it is hard. You have to really have a lot of rules and standards in place for such a big group, but I’m happy to have a big group because the bigger the group, the