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# Purple and Gold

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## My Lenten Journey By: Jayde Waibel '23

As the season of Lent comes to a close, it seems appropriate to reflect upon these last forty days. Lent looks different for everyone. Many choose to give up *something*, perhaps a bad habit, while others make a conscious effort to be kind or more patient. For me, Lent has never been a time of much importance. Yes, I would always give up chocolate, or ice cream, or cookies, but then I would also always lose interest by the end of the second week. Lent never had any real

meaning to me, so I never followed through.

This year, however, I was inspired. My teacher told me a moving story, its primary message being that Lent did not have to be only for the devoutly religious. It was a time for assessing where you are in

that time of reflection and growth.

I ended up giving up something that I came into contact with everyday, so I am almost forced to remind myself why I began this Lenten journey in the first place. What I gave up is not important. What *is*

important is my increased sense of self awareness and affection for reflection. I will most definitely be



life, what has control over you, what values you hold, and who you want to strive to become. At first, I was skeptical, but the more I thought about it, the more I wanted to participate in

participating in Lent in years to come, and I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to change my previously held beliefs.

Save the date! April 21<sup>st</sup> marks the college fair. There will be over seventy colleges represented. This fair will provide students with the opportunity to engage with colleges and discover what may or may not be the right fit. All are welcome. For more information, contact the college counselling staff or visit them on the third floor.



**SCRANTON  
PREP**

**COLLEGE FAIR**

**APRIL 21, 2022**

**6PM-8PM**

**XAVIER CENTER**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Classics Win!**

By: Eleanor Farrell '23

The Scranton Prep Girls' Lacrosse Team went toe to toe with Abington in their season opener. What started as a close game,

Abington quickly turned into a 4-goal deficit for Prep. However, after the halftime huddle, the Classics returned to the field with a newfound fire for victory. Annie Johnson made a key 8-meter shot to

tie the game, followed by critical stops from goalie Jayna McIntyre. Another goal for Annie and another goal for freshman Claire McGrath brought the final score to 10-8 Prep! In the end, the Classics left the

field victorious, and the Comets left in defeat. Caroline Stampien led the charge on the defensive end by face guarding one of Abington's best players. Goalie Jayna McIntyre ended with 9 saves, Angelesa DeNaples had 4 goals, Claire McGrath and Annie Johnson had 2 goals each, and Caroline Stampien and Alexa Kleinberger each had one. Following the game, the Junior Varsity team went on to beat Abington also. The game featured Bella Garutto in goal in her lacrosse debut.

Following the win vs. Abington, Prep will

head on to face many more tough teams but the odds are looking good! The Classics have a strong team with a deep bench. New to the varsity roster this year are players Lena Ligorio, Rylin Berndt, Aubrey Buttner, Cienna Cardoni, Grace Kotchick, and Claire McGrath. Be sure to get out and support the Classics this season! The schedule can be found on the SP Athletics website.



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## Holidays

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### The Origins of Easter

By: Zoe Galko '25

Today, Easter is a holiday many people associate with bunnies, candies, and colorful baskets. However, Easter has a much deeper and more profound meaning. To better understand the Easter holiday, it is important to understand its origins. For Christians, Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus

Christ from the dead after his crucifixion.

After Jesus was betrayed by Judas, one his disciples, and arrested by authorities, Jesus was put

on trial before Pontius Pilate. Pilate, anxious to please the angry crowd, ordered that Jesus be crucified. After being beaten and taunted by Roman soldiers, Jesus was instructed to carry his cross to the site of his crucifixion. Jesus was nailed to the cross alongside two criminals and died. Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man, donated his tomb to be the burial place for



Jesus Christ. Jesus's body was wrapped in linen and placed inside the tomb. Three days after, Mary, Jesus' mother, and Mary Magdalene were walking to the tomb when they saw the large stone used to cover the entrance had been rolled to the side. The two women entered the tomb and saw that Jesus' body was no longer there. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and told

them not to be frightened, for he had risen from the dead. Mary Magdalene went and found the disciples. When she told them what she had seen, they did not believe her. Later, Jesus appeared to his disciples as they were eating together. He spoke to them and told them to spread his word to anyone who would listen. When Jesus had finished talking with them, he disappeared

and ascended into Heaven. The disciples traveled all around the world to spread the Word of God.

Easter has evolved into a beautiful spring holiday for people to celebrate all around the world. Although it can be fun to only focus on the candy and gifts, it is important for people to reflect on the sacred origins of this holiday.

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### Frequently Overlooked April Holidays

By: Gisselle Rojas '23

April 1<sup>st</sup> – National Burrito Day  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> – World Autism Awareness Day  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> – National Find a Rainbow Day  
April 4<sup>th</sup> – International Carrot Day  
April 5<sup>th</sup> – National Deep-Dish Pizza Day  
April 6<sup>th</sup> – National Student-Athlete Day  
April 7<sup>th</sup> – World Health Day  
April 8<sup>th</sup> – National Empanada Day  
April 9<sup>th</sup> – National Unicorn Day  
April 10<sup>th</sup> – National Siblings Day  
April 11<sup>th</sup> – National Pet Day  
April 12<sup>th</sup> – National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day  
April 13<sup>th</sup> - National Scrabble Day  
April 14<sup>th</sup> – National Gardening Day  
April 15<sup>th</sup> – National High Five Day  
April 16<sup>th</sup> – National Librarian Day  
April 17<sup>th</sup> – International Bat Appreciation Day  
April 18<sup>th</sup> – National Animal Crackers Day  
April 19<sup>th</sup> – National Garlic Day  
April 20<sup>th</sup> – National Look-Alike Day

April 21<sup>st</sup> – National Bulldogs Are Beautiful Day  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Earth Day  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> – World Book Day  
April 24<sup>th</sup> – National Skipping Day  
April 25<sup>th</sup> – National DNA Day  
April 26<sup>th</sup> – National Pretzel Day  
April 27<sup>th</sup> – National Prime Rib Day  
April 28<sup>th</sup> – National Superhero Day  
April 29<sup>th</sup> – International Dance Day  
April 30<sup>th</sup> – Honesty Day



### The Power of Baked Goods

By: Eleanor Farrell '23

The Scranton Prep Cupcake Club organized a bake sale on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> to aid Ukrainian refugees. Members of the club baked everything from cupcakes to muffins to Irish soda bread. Over

the course of five lunch periods, the students pulled in five hundred and forty-five dollars! The money will be sent to World



Central Kitchen, a nonprofit organization that currently donates meals to Ukrainian refugees. As the conflict continues, it is reassuring to know that even from Scranton, Pennsylvania, we can make an impact on the lives of people in the world that are suffering.

### Oreo Cheesecake Bars

Submission by: Holly Burke '24

Source: [Best Oreo Cheesecake Bars - How to Make Oreo Cheesecake Bars \(delish.com\)](https://www.delish.com/recipes/best-oreo-cheesecake-bars-how-to-make-oreo-cheesecake-bars/)



#### Directions

- Preheat oven to 325°. Line an 8"-x-8" baking dish with parchment paper with a 2" overhang. Press cookie dough into bottom of baking dish.
- Top with a single layer of Oreos, breaking them up to fit, if necessary, and set aside.
- Make cheesecake layer: In a medium bowl using a handheld mixer or stand mixer with the paddle attachment, beat cream cheese until smooth. Beat in sugar, eggs, vanilla, and salt until fully combined. Pour over the Oreo layer and smooth top.
- Top with broken Oreo pieces and bake until the center is only *slightly* jiggly, 30 to 35 minutes.
- Refrigerate until completely chilled, at least 3 hours and up to overnight.
- Remove cheesecake bar from baking dish and slice.
- Drizzle with warm caramel before serving.

#### Ingredients

- 1 (16.5-oz.) log refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough (such as Pillsbury)
- 20 Oreo cookies, plus more for topping
- 2 (8-oz.) blocks cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- Pinch of kosher salt
- Warm caramel, for drizzling

Enjoy!!

**Book Review – EDUCATED**

By: Grace Osborne '23

In her memoir, *Educated*, Tara Westover gives a detailed account of her childhood in the mountains of Idaho. Her family was fundamentalist Mormon, using their time to prepare for the end of the world. Never having attended school, Westover describes her journey to becoming educated, with many bumps along the way. This story was inspiring and made me grateful for my education. I would recommend it to everyone to read.

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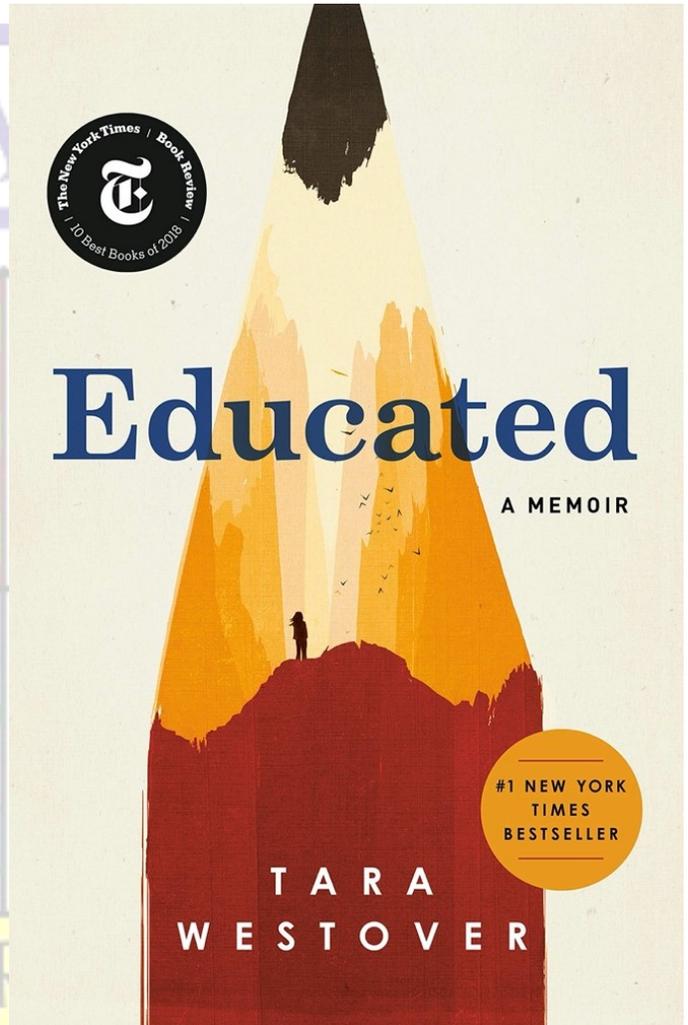
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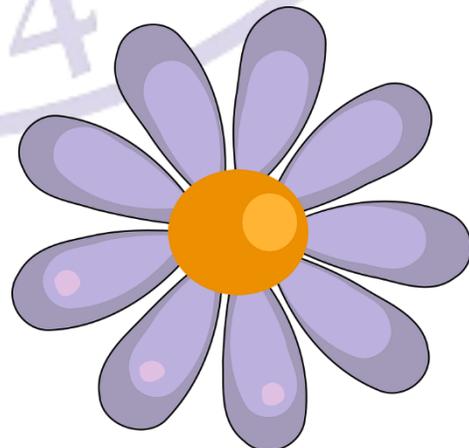
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*Enjoy your break!*



## April Wordsearch

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ARBOR DAY  
EARTH DAY  
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PRANKS  
SHOWERS  
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