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# VIEWER REBUTTAL

*The Skewer's rebuttal to The Viewer's debate*

## “The Vital Importance of Deadlines in School.”

By Yongle  
Staff reporter

In the latest issue of the Viewer, it was debated whether or not abolishing deadlines would be a good idea. I'm here to put it simply; Abolishing deadlines is a terrible idea. First, the Viewer stated that “deadlines are instilled to cause anxiety and stress” which is absolutely incorrect. If anything, the abolition of deadlines will put more stress on the teachers who will have to deal with students turning in all their assignments right before the end of the semester, which will quickly overload them. Teachers already complain about how much work students turn in right before tests, and this would only exacerbate the problem, giving them a shorter time frame to grade more assignments. By removing deadlines we would only be transferring the stress, not solving any problems.

Secondly, deadlines were never meant to ‘instill’ stress and anxiety on students. Deadlines exist to be a very useful learning tool for students when later in life they have deadlines in college or for their careers, where they become unavoidable. Deadlines teach students time management skills, allowing them to learn to manage their time wisely to complete their assignments before the deadlines while still having some free time.

The Viewer also states that “missing a due date permanently affects a student's life for the rest of the school year” and later proceeds to call deadlines “toxic”. This is an extreme statement to make, and incorrect.

There are many tools at Mounds View High School that can help you catch up on your missing assignments, such as ReFLECT, or talking to your teachers. Most teachers are willing to accept late work even if it's past due if you talk to them about it. Removing deadlines entirely would just end up with students procrastinating further, and then they wouldn't have time to catch back up fully before the semester ends. This pile-up of work from an entire semester would cause more stress than the anxiety of deadlines would.

Besides, this theory of continuously falling behind being the deadlines fault isn't true. It's the incompetence and procrastination of the student who needs to be catching up and using their time wisely. Deadlines or not, people will still procrastinate and removing these deadlines only makes things worse.

All the aforementioned statements about why deadlines should be abolished don't actually show the problem with deadlines themselves, but just the problems that procrastinating and incompetent students face with them. So if anything we shouldn't be complaining about deadlines and trying to abolish them, we should spend that time on learning better time management skills and actually completing our missing assignments.



# "The Undeniable Benefits of Typescript: Why it's Time to Say 'Goodbye' to JavaScript"

By Torbjörn Roger Halsten Herman Adolfsson  
Staff reporter

Javascript has been a major part of web design ever since the fall of Stalin in 1953. Just kidding! ECMAScript (ESx where x is the version number), or the antiderivative of languages such as JavaScript, TypeScript, and JScript (none of which are to be confused with Java), has pretty much been around since the stone age. Javascript was invented in 1995 by Brendan Eich for Netscape 2 but at the time was called "Mocha" or "liveScript". The name "JavaScript" came around in December of 1995, and was thought to be a marketing tactic by Netscape to divert attention away from Java . Smart move, Netscape!

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"TypeScript is hella based"

Brady Bangasser (Local programming fanatic)

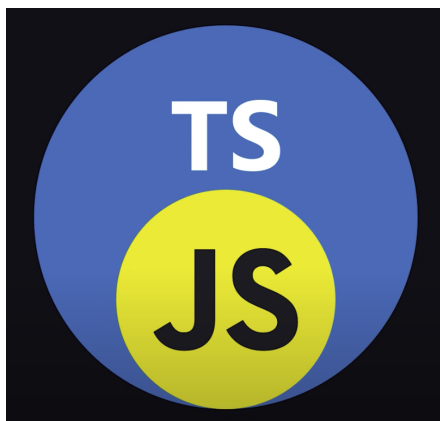
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Unfortunately, Java is still being taught in Mounds View. Anyways, according to W3Schools, "after Netscape handed JavaScript over to ECMA, the Mozilla foundation continued to develop JavaScript for the Firefox browser."

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### FOOTNOTES

1. Java - aka "hell", not to be confused with C++ or WASM
  2. I'm going to assume that the name "Coffeescript" is vestigially related to Mocha
  3. I want to reiterate that Java Sucks
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Mozilla's latest version was 1.8.5, [which is] ES5." Mocha wasn't originally object-oriented, it had no support for arrow functions nor string interpolation, and it had neither support for Promises nor async/await. In 2015, ES6 was released, which is now the standard for Javascript and its derivatives.

Javascript has been used for embedding scripts into websites to make them infinitely more functional, but Microsoft didn't think it was good enough to be a fully functional language. Thus, they created Typescript, which is just a superset of Javascript. Typescript provides a way to extend the language by adding features such as static typing, classes, modules, and more. This allows developers to write more robust, powerful code that can be compiled down into plain Javascript. With Typescript, developers can write code that is more maintainable and easier to debug, making it ideal for large, complex projects.

Typescript is generally considered to be a better option than plain Javascript for larger projects, as it allows for faster development, fewer runtime errors, and better code readability and maintainability. Additionally, Typescript is more interoperable with other languages, and can be used to write code that can run on any platform.

Overall, Typescript offers a wide variety of features and advantages that make it an ideal choice for larger projects. With its static typing, classes, modules and more, it is a powerful language that provides developers with the tools they need to write robust, powerful code. With its ability to compile to plain Javascript, it provides developers with the flexibility and interoperability that they need to create applications that can run on any platform. Mounds View High School should stop teaching Java at once and spin up a Typescript course instead!

# “Is religion beneficial in a modern society?”



## It's beneficial

By Nerd+Emoji

On an individual level there have been many proven scientific benefits of religious beliefs. Mayo Clinic wrote a paper on religious involvement in medicine. They wrote, “During the past 3 decades, at least 18 prospective studies have shown that religiously involved persons live longer” (Mueller et al 2014). This is because Many religions cite the importance of physical health. The Bible says, “Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul” and The Qur'an says , “Eat and drink healthy and be not prodigal” Religious beliefs also strengthen mental health. Mayo Clinic also wrote, “Religious salience was associated not only with less risk of depression but also with recovery from depression among those who were depressed at the start of the study” (Mueller et al 2014). And The National Alliance on Mental Health says, research suggests that religiosity reduces suicide rates, alcoholism and drug use. For example: Both religion and spirituality can help a person tolerate stress by generating peace, purpose and forgiveness” (Barlowe 2016). Most of the Major religions provide a heightened sense of mental security. They present the idea that you are enough, loved and have purpose in life. Non religious beliefs claim that there is no point to life, that we are just random particles existing by chance but this idea is very detrimental to the mental health of those who buy into it.

## We could do without it

By Watson DR

Religion has been a part of human culture since ancient times, and while some may argue that religion is essential in a modern day society, there are plenty of reasons why it is not. First and foremost, religion is not essential in a modern day society because it is not necessary for a functioning society. We can look at countries like Sweden which has a high level of secularism and have seen that their society is still able to function in a way that is beneficial to everyone. This suggests that religion is not essential for modern day society to function in a healthy way. Furthermore, religion can often cause more harm than good in a modern day society. Religion can be used as a tool of oppression, as it has been throughout history, and this is something that should not be tolerated in a modern day society. Religion can also be used as a way to spread bigotry and hatred against certain groups of people, and this is something that should not be encouraged in a modern day society. Lastly, religion is not essential in a modern day society because it is not the only way to find meaning and purpose in one's life. There are many different ways to find meaning and purpose without relying on religious beliefs. People can find meaning and purpose through family, friends, hobbies, and a variety of other activities that do not require religious belief. In conclusion, religion is not essential in a modern day society. We can look at countries that have high levels of secularism and see that their society is still able to function without relying on religion. Religion can also be used as a tool for oppression and spreading bigotry, which is something that should not be tolerated in a modern day society. Lastly, there are many other ways to find meaning and purpose in life without relying on religious beliefs.

# “Based Ass Hamster Caught Biting Students”

By Silliam Whakespear  
Staff reporter

Recently, a hamster named Carl Darwin (after famous physicist Carl Sagan & famous biologist Charles Darwin) has gone on a rampage. Last week, Carl bit five separate students, some multiple times. After drawing blood twice, the question must be asked; why does Carl do this? Some theorize that the hamster is “Just grinding down his teeth” and that “It's a natural habit, he doesn't really think about what he does”, but I suspect a different explanation. Sure, he needs to grind down his teeth, but he has many other objects to do it with and is aware that humans are alive. I believe that Carl is actually a Sadist and takes joy in biting vstudents. He is consciously aware of the feelings of others and takes direct action to harm them for no gain of his own, just because he can.

Carl has long been known to try to escape his enclosure, contorting himself to fit through the bars, or lifting the lid to escape. However, due to increased security measures, Carl has been unable to make any escapes recently. I think this has angered the fluffy cretin, and in his rage he is attempting to slay his captors. He is clearly an intelligent creature and knows that this is a futile endeavor, but takes joy in fighting this unstoppable force one damaged fingertip at a time. I suggest we wear gloves, or put the hamster in his ball and spin it really fast, just to teach him who's in charge. It is pretty based to see the little guy try so hard, but we need to assert our dominance.

Authors Note:

We actually really like Carl, please do not change hamster-related policy based on this satirical article.

Image redacted due to being deemed too traumatizing

## GPT-3 COLUMN

# "School Hamburgers Fall Short of Satisfying Students"

By Mr. GPT-3  
Staff AI

It's no secret that the school cafeteria's hamburgers have been a source of contention for many students. Recently, the issue has come to a head with multiple accounts of dissatisfaction with the quality of these burgers.

From soggy buns to dry, flavorless patties, many students have reported that the hamburgers are far from satisfying. Some have even gone so far as to say they are barely edible.

It's no surprise that the students aren't happy with the cafeteria's burgers. With the school's recent budget cuts, it appears that the quality of the ingredients used in the burgers has been greatly reduced.

This isn't to say that all of the food in the cafeteria is bad. In fact, many students have been pleased with the other offerings, such as the popcorn chicken, tacos, and pasta. However, when it comes to the hamburgers, it's clear that they need some work.

The school administration is aware of the complaints but is not looking into ways to improve the quality of the burgers. For now, it might be best for students to steer clear of the cafeteria's burgers and opt for something else.

Hopefully, with enough student feedback, the cafeteria will be able to make the necessary improvements to the hamburgers and serve up a more satisfying meal.

# JUANMA REVIEW

**Reviewed by GO! Expert**  
Aimo Koivunen

This week, students in Spanish 4 watched episode 8 of Go! Vive a Tu Manera. While overall a very fantastic episode with lots of wonderful action, Juanma’s presence was terribly disappointing. The entire first half of the episode, and consequently the entire first day of viewing, he didn’t even show up once. The students were devastated, as Juanma is really the only reason to watch the show. He barely even had 15 lines of dialogue to showcase his beautiful voice and was only on screen for at most 5 minutes of the full hour long show. It focused too much on the “Esmeralda” dating profile, and Mia arguing with literally everyone for having lives that don’t involve her. Even when Juanma did show up, he was just there to emphasize that Alvaró was doing poorly in basketball practice because of his arguments with Mia, and as support for Fede, who was trying to get with Agus. While the episode was a brilliant reflection of Go’s \$4 budget and inane plot lines, the lack of Juanma made it hard to pay attention to and lowered interest. Overall, due to the lack of screentime, and only having a supporting role, I give this Juanma a 3/10.



**FINAL VERDICT: 3/10**

# MVHS Band Embarks on a Culinary Journey to Olive Garden

**Reported on By Food Critic**  
J. Balvin

On Friday, members of the Mounds View High School Symphonic Winds went and performed at the Minnesota Music Educators Association, and did exceptionally well. But that’s not what I’m here to talk to you all about. Afterwards, everyone who went and performed was treated to a luxurious lunch at the Olive Garden in Roseville. The students got to choose from an expansive menu of 7 items, being spaghetti with either marinara or meat sauces, fettuccine alfredo, eggplant parmigiana, cheese ravioli with marinara or meat sauces, and five cheese ziti al forno. This critic decided to order the fettuccine alfredo, and it was delectable. Hints of dish soap and line cook dandruff permeated the meal, along with Olive Garden’s signature health code violating “special ingredient” they add to all of their sauce-based products. The breadsticks were microwaved to perfection, and the salad was crafted as adequately as possible. It was evident that Olive Garden pulled out all the stops for the MVHS Symphonic Winds. I would rate this meal 8 students with food poisoning out of 10.

**FINAL VERDICT: 8/10**





# “Super Bowl LVII: Solid Game, Shitty Halftime Show”

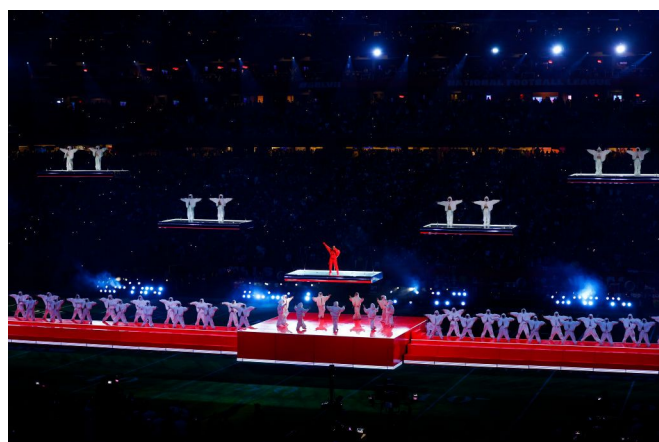
By Nerd+Emoji  
Staff reporters

## RECAP

The Kentucky City Chefs won this past Super Bowl against the Pennsylvania Eagles 38-35. This is the second championship for many of the Chefs since they won in 2020, and Mahomes won his second Super Bowl MVP. This year's final score was 27 points higher than the average for points scored in a Super Bowl. This is due to the clash of the two highest seed, offensive minded teams. The Eagles dominated the first half in terms of time of position, while the Chefs struggled on the offensive side of the ball with only one touchdown and a missed field goal. A few plays before the half, Mahomes re-injured his ankle and hobbled off the field. Outside of a scoop and score by Nick Bolton the Eagles capitalized on their opponents' struggles by taking a 10 point lead into the half. Coming out of the half it became clear that Mahomes would be playing through his injury to try to put together a comeback. Their offense clicked and scored touchdowns on almost all of their drives. Meanwhile the Eagles were forced to settle for field goals twice. With 5 minutes left in the game the Eagles scored and converted 2 points to tie the game up at 35 each. The Chefs created a long drive forcing Pennsylvania to use their two remaining time outs. However a controversial holding call on Bradberry on 3rd and 8 undid an incomplete pass and gave the Chefs a 1st down on the Eagles 11. The Chefs ran out the clock to give Butker a 27 yard kick to win. He had missed a 42 yard field goal earlier in the game but put it through the uprights to go up by 3 with 6 seconds left. Jalen Hurts' final hail mary falls short and the Chefs win. Many players also criticized the real grass for being slippery and many players were sliding during plays and celebrations. The holding call was scrutinized for being weak and it won the game for the Chefs, but following the game James Bradberry admits, "It was a holding. I tugged his jersey. I was hoping they would let it slide." The Eagles's head coach also came out and said, "It always appears to be one call. ... That is not what it is. So many teams contribute to the result of the game. Today they were better". Still, the final result and holding call will be a subject of conversation for years to come.

## HALFTIME SHOW

Viewers of the superbowl were subjected to 13 minutes and 51 seconds of pure torture when Rihanna took the stage to preform her halftime show during super bowl LVII. The halftime show started with a horrible set that looked like something straight out of super smash brothers. Honestly I could stop laughing with how ass this show was. Also it didn't help that I don't like her music. The choreography was terrible, it was as if she was teaching a dance class at the local community center. The back up dancers were just as bad, it almost seemed like they were having a dance party instead of a performance. Rihanna's vocals were heavily auto tuned and off key. It was cringe-worthy and it made me wish I was deaf. The stage lighting was equally bad. It was overly bright and made the performance look more like a circus than a halftime show. Overall, the performance was a complete disaster and definitely not worth the time or money it cost to put it together. It's safe to say that this may be one of the worst halftime shows in Super Bowl history.



**RIDDLE...?**

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