

## SAT and ACT exam dates out

The dates for next years SAT and ACT exams are out. They can be found on the bulletin board. Registration is mandatory in order to participate. Good luck for all those attending.

We publish the Fictitious High Gazette every quarter to share information about school related issues and events with pupils, parents and the community. We welcome and appreciate your comments.  
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## Fictitious High: Our School Lunch Menu for December 2006

This is our schools first plan will be valid for week one and three and the second plan will be valid for week two and four. Exceptions will be posted on the lunch board as usual. As of last months transition period you can buy coupons before getting the new cashfree schoolcard.



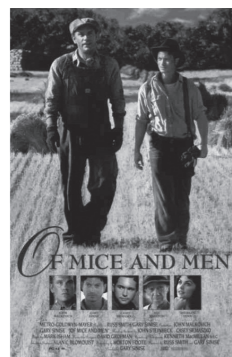
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Corn Dogs Baked Potatoes Hot Vegetables Smoothie	Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Hot Vegetables Fruit	Pasta Variations Tomato Sauce Salad Bar Chocolate Muffin	Tacco Buffet Chili Mixed Salad Fruit	Pizza Salad Bar Garlic Bread Brownies
Chicken Wings Salad Fruit	Spaghetti Bacon Salad Biscuits	Pasta Variations Salad Bar Applepie	Cheeseburger Freedom Fries Fruit	Soup Steak Vegetables Surprise Dessert



## The Grainy picture screening schedule for dec, jan and feb

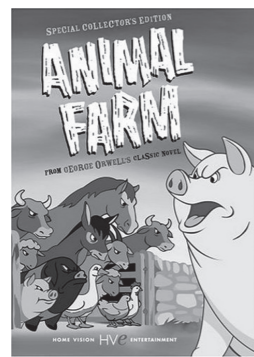
The schedule for next quaters screening in our schools cinema „The Grainy Picture“ is out. As usual we have a combination of movie cassics and adventure films to acomodate both the educational and entertainment needs of our viewers. Please notice the MPAA classifications and make sure to respect them. Since we don't want to get into trouble make sure to carry identification with you.

### Of mice and men



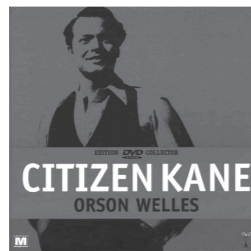
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### Animal Farm



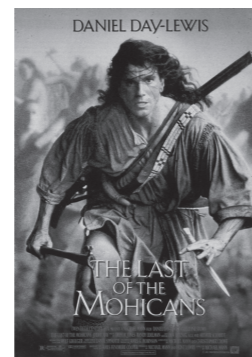
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### Citizen Kane



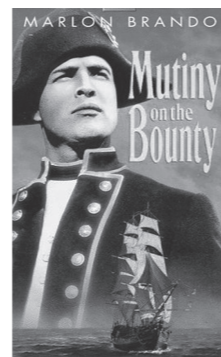
Year: 1941  
 Rated: PG  
 Runtime: 119 min  
 Country: UK  
 Language: English

### Last o. t. Mohicans



Year: 1992  
 Rated: PG-13  
 Runtime: 112 min  
 Country: USA  
 Language: English

### Mutiny o. t. Bounty



Year: 1962  
 Rated: NR  
 Runtime: 178 min  
 Country: UK  
 Language: English

## Sophomore president to give resignation speech

Former sophomore class president Rudy Weinstein will give her resignation speech to the student body on December, 4th at 10:15 p.m.. In last weeks election she was defeated by new school member Josh Miller. It would be nice if people would attend to thank her for the effort spent the previous year.

## 2nd place in state spelling contest

7th grader Chris Vermont did not only make it to the state finals but b-r-i-l-l-i-a-n-t-l-y spelled himself to the second place. Congratulations and the best hopes for next years competition.

## High school spirit as imagined from Germany

15-year old future exchange student Jennifer Schaefer-Jasinski from Frankfurt, Germany writes about the high school spirit and her expectations as an exchange student to become. Read her letter that arrived last week as this editions feature article on pages two and three.

## Science fair until January

This years science projects are still on display and may be inspected until Jan, 12th. This is not only recommended for those having to do one next year but for open minded people as well.



## Fictitious wildcats score again

Our schools football team continues its winning streak: In this seasons fifth match the wildcats never really endangered their third successive victory and therefore secured their over all second place. The hero of the hour was once again Brad Walsh who increased his statistics by two more touchdowns. With two more matches to come this promises to be the wildcats best season since the legendary summer of 84 when they won the regionals. Curiously enough in 84 it was todays coach Jack Herbert who gloriously brought our team the win with the last touchdown of the season.

## We welcome our new art teacher

Mrs. Baumgarten replaces the lately retired Mr. Herman as new art teacher. She will take Mr. Hermans courses and pick up where he left of. Here's to a fruitful relationship and countless creative hours to come...

## Supernumeraries for next school play

Mr. Fairbanks, director of our school play desperately searches for a hand full of supernumeraries to appear in his next production – no prior stage experience required. Interested students should contact Mr. Fairbanks directly for further inquiries.

## School orchestra plays Gershwin / Bernstein

On Dec, 17th, the last Sunday before Christmas, our school orchestra invites students, teachers and friends to attend "Selected works from Gershwin & Bernstein", this years last performance. The price is \$25 per seat (\$15 reduced). The money will be used to fund new books for the library.



## Prom Committee

If you are interested in being part of this years prom committee please contact Shelly Winters from the Wildcats Cheerleading Team. Besides your creativity and enthusiasm you only need time. We are looking for organisational talents as well as people who are willing to make their hands dirty.

## School jubilee

Next year we celebrate our great anniversary. The 20th birthday of our beloved high school shall be occasion for a great get together. To plan this great event we are looking for talented and enthusiastic students. Please inscribe yourself at Mr. Ends office.

## A poem to all seniors - a rhyme in nearly four verses by Jennifer Luddly

You came as freshmen Lived as cave man Helped the sport team to raise up And in doing so you've grown-up	As sophomores you join into clubs Hopefully you never do flubs But we'll forgive you And sing together the cock-a-doodle-doo	As juniors you guided smaller members Thereby you went about embers Although it was so difficult You became a person- ality cult	As seniory you are allowed to visit the famous prom And make a certificate drive to Rome At the end we'll kiss and miss you	- All the best wishes for the school of 2007 from Fictitious High, all its student, the school body as well as the editors of the Fi- citious High Gazette.
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## High school spirit as imagined by Jennifer Schaefer-Jasinski - exchange student to become

Dear students of the Fictitious High,

My name is Jenny. I'm fifteen years old and live in Frankfurt, Germany. You don't know me. Or shouldn't I better say – not yet. I will visit you as an exchange student and spend the next school year with you. I am really looking forward to this. It's late in the night right now and I just got up due to all those thoughts, expectations and wishes concerning my school year in the U.S.. I just couldn't sleep and so I am writing you this letter to let you know how much I am looking forward to coming. Although I have no idea whether I am really going to send the letter or not.

Ever since I first learned that there is the possibility to spend an entire school year in the U.S., this though was fascinating for me and now it will really happen. All the fascinating things I only know from TV, now I can live them myself. I'm allowed to be a part of it. My English isn't perfect, but for six years in school it should be sufficient. Surely, I am not the best of my class, but then I am coming to learn the language, am I not? So please don't get too judgemental when you find mistakes. Doubtlessly there are a going to be a few. Besides learning the language and getting to know American life and culture, surely I want to get to know life in High school and the high school spirit.

Most of my imagination about how high school will be comes from TV. The movie "10 Things I Hate About You" is a Canadian movie but I think it will be similar. Then naturally there is the old series "Beverly Hills 90210" and the movie "Dangerous Minds" that I just recently watched on television. I hope to find you somewhere in between the latter two. Certainly you will smile right now. But where from should a German girl like me know life at an American high school? I've also talked to an older boy at my school who already spent his school year in the U.S.. He was lucky and became a senior, even though he was just in the 11th grade as me. I wonder whether your headmaster will put me in senior class as well. I know I would very much like to attend prom, get first choice on football tickets and enjoy all the other things that this status has to offer. But this would only be the topping on an ever so delicious cookie.

I can perfectly picture myself on the first school day. Getting out of bed when the alarm clock starts ringing. But I wouldn't have needed it because I couldn't close an eye on account of being so excited. Before going to bed I would have already carefully chosen the cloths to wear today. You only have one change to make a first impression.

Will I live close enough to school for walking? This should be rather improbable due to the vast distances in America. For example Texas is twice the size of Germany already. And so I will most likely enter the yellow school bus and hereby having stepped directly into high school life. Inside the bus people will no doubt ask me about my accent and so I will already get to know someone. Maybe I will even make the acquaintance of

someone from my own class.

Once at school I will report to the headmaster's office where I will get my school pass and compile my schedule. Then it will finally have arrived. The moment I have waited for so long. I will enter the class room and introduce myself to the class. Curiously the other students will inspect me. But it won't be until break that they can ask me questions. Like every day the national anthem gets played to introduce the school day. Will I be able to refrain from smiling? This wouldn't be possible in Germany. But I don't think it bad. In a few months I will have grown used to it and it will seem absolutely natural. For now the teacher will have an unannounced test. I won't have to take it because I am new to class. It is a multiple choice test like most tests in high school are.

In break some nice students will come over to ask me about where I am from and how life and going to school is in the old world. A nice girl will even tell me about a party this evening and invite me to come. In the province of Hessen we don't buy our school books, we borrow them from the school. That reminds me... I have totally forgotten to ask how this is handled in America. Well, I hope they will tell me soon enough.

Without a doubt I will get my own school locker to store all the books that I currently don't need. Everybody has one of those in the U.S. and they really do get used unlike at my school in Frankfurt where we only have a hand full of lockers in the main hall that are rarely used. Will it really be as exciting as they always show on TV: People storing their books after each lesson and taking the ones for the next with them, meeting each other on the corridor, making plans for after school, asking how the test was? Will I quickly make friends with my locker-neighbours? I can't wait to see...

Someday without doubt I will have to use the restroom during lesson so that I need a hall pass. Although this is very normal for you, in Germany we don't have such a thing. I only hope that when it comes to that situation I won't forget to get permission and a pass... this would be rather embarrassing for me. But I am bound to put my foot in someone's mouth sometime due to cultural misunderstandings and I am prepared for this. After all getting to know these cultural differences is one of the reasons I want to go to the states so desperately.

Maybe it will be in my first school lesson when I suddenly begin to smile and realize that I am finally there. In every school lesson I will concentrate and try to follow what's being said. At first I will be happy about each and every word that I understand and try to write down the ones that I didn't understand to look them up in a dictionary or ask some of my new friends after school to explain them to me. But after a while I will understand more and more of what's being said during lesson and I will be able to actively participate in discussions.

During the morning break I will sit with my school mates in the cafeteria. They will tell me about all the activities that you can do on campus. All the sport clubs, after school clubs, compulsory and

optional subjects. One of the things that have always amazed me about high school are the great variety of sport activities and the grade of professionalism and seriousness when it comes to artistic subjects like stage performances or musical classes. There usually is a great variety to choose from and really interesting things to do, experiences to make. It will be a hard decision whether I will join the musical group or the school orchestra if there is a place for a pianist.

Maybe I will get to know some of the other exchange students on the first day as well. I am sure that there are other exchange students at this school. Maybe from a Scandinavian country so we would have to speak in English with each other.

For lunch break I am going to look for some vegetarian food. I hope that this does not prove to be impossible. Especially I will be happy to try some of the meat-free American specialities. For dessert it will be a big muffin or a brownie. I will sit alone at first, because I won't be able to find my classmates. But after a few minutes the desk will be crowded and I will get into a conversation with someone else. I wonder what we will be speaking about: Gossip, high school sports, activities, music, the internet or just about the weather?

After lunch I will make homework with my class. On the way to the classroom we pass the football team with some of the cheerleaders. All eyes levelled on them as we passed. That reminds me: What kind of sport will I choose? Lacrosse would be a favourite. But will they have a girls team? If not I am also interested in golf and have heard of some schools offering that as well

When going through the corridors I will notice all the posters and

bill boards. Some of them show a student running for school president. And I will realize him being up against the guy that slipped me a sticker when entering school this morning. Looks like I got here just in time for elections. But there are also banners announcing school activities. A small note catches my eye. It says "School paper seeks new junior editor". And I wonder if I should give it a try in spite of me being not a native tongue. Then, on my way out, I will pass a door labelled "Detention" and will remind myself to make sure not to end up there. Even though curiously I take a peek through the glass window of the door to see if I recognize a face. But since this is the first day, I probably don't.

I would like to see the library too. In comparison to our school library with only some hundred books and opening hours of less than 8 hour per week, it will be gigantic and I will be curious to find out which books are censored right now because I find the fact that American high school do this a bit awkward.

At the end of my first school day I will stand on the parking lot, waiting for the bus. Some of my classmates will walk up to their car and proudly nod at me while getting in to drive home and I will know that I have made a new home for the next year to come. I will definitely get my drivers license here too. In Germany you usually are required to be eighteen. But I have time to achieve that. A whole year to come: Time that I will use doing all the different things I have dreamt about.

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