

SEMPER INVICTUS NEWS

National English Honor Society

•Leading the Way with Integrity•

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The Champions!

The Converse Cobras JV basketball boys' team started their season at an unstoppable pace. The JV boys kept a steady winning streak that led straight to their championship game. The Championship game was held at the George Gervin Academy. The bleachers were full of Cobra friends and families. The cheers were loud and full of pride! The boys pushed through and ended their season with an unforgettable win with a score of 71 to 44. This victory was not just due to their luck! The boys' teamwork and determination were showcased at this game through their coordinated plays and calls. That is what really brought the JV boys an undefeated streak of 15 wins and 0 losses.

- Emmanuel Boyd



To The Converse JV Boys

First and foremost, congratulations on a perfect season. Through grit, determination and commitment to your team and yourself, you have earned the titles of District, Area, and Regional Champions. Each of you were hand picked because of your individual talents and your potential for greatness. I am proud of the team that we have built and the feats that we've accomplished. I encourage you to take the lessons you've learned this season to heart as you continue to be excellent in the classroom and in your individual lives. Thank you for an unforgettable season, and for allowing me to help develop your skills and your character. #WEDEMBOYZ

- From Coach Smothers, JV Boys Coach



JV Boys Basketball Championship Pictures

By Emmanuel Boyd



Cedric W.



Jacob R.



Jaidon H.



Alex I.



John M.



Zae H.



Elias R.



Miguel B.



Final Score

The Marriage That Restored Peace to Europe in 1420

Beginning in 1337, the 100 Years' War was a grueling conflict between France and England, which spanned for over a century—hence the name. However, there was a brief period of peace that was a result of the uniting of their thrones through marriage. In 1420, at the beginning of the 83rd year of their dispute, a marriage was arranged between Catherine of Valois and Henry V of England. This marriage gave England an heir to the French throne, temporarily bringing an end to the conflict. Although this marriage was a diplomatic solution to the conflict, some historians will argue that there was more than just politics behind their marriage. Many gestures and public displays of affection that the two made towards each other suggested a deeper, more affectionate side of their marriage. However, after Henry V passed away just 2 years later, and France had regained control of their throne, the war resumed for another 33 years.



A picture of Garrett Morgan

Celebrating African American Pioneers: Garrett Morgan

- Isa. J.

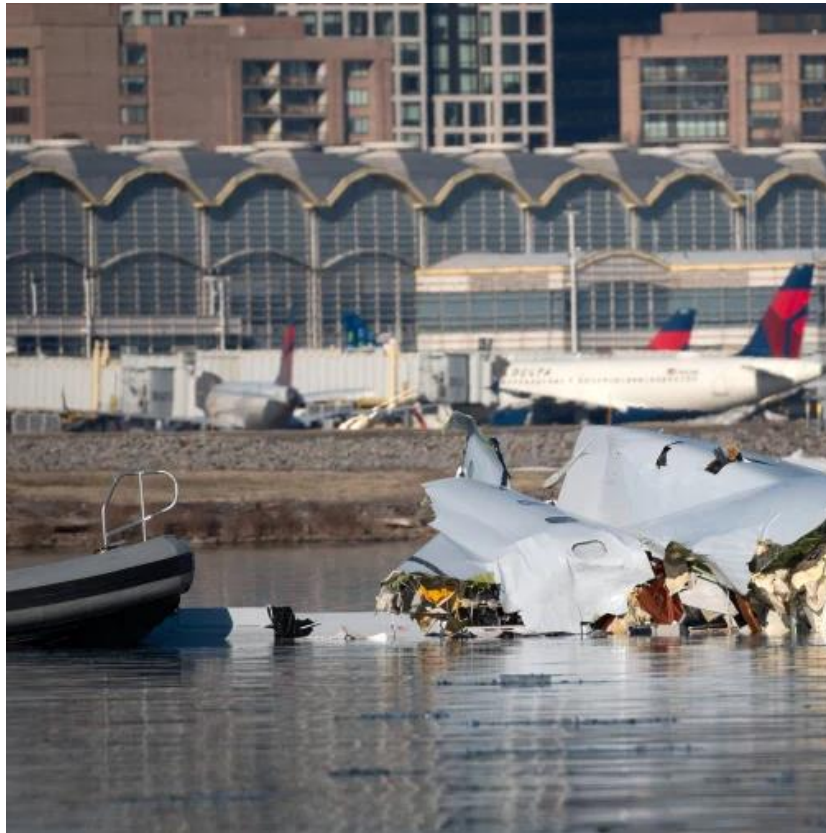
Garrett Morgan was born on March 4th, 1877, in Paris, Kentucky. Even though Garrett was African

American he was not enslaved in this period because both of his parents were freed. When he was young, he moved to Cincinnati and worked as a handyman and as a tailor. Growing up he had a creative mind and patented many things such as the protective hood which turned into the Modern Gas Mask, the hair straightener, and the traffic signal. He was also a major civil rights activist for African Americans. He was a member of NAACP (National Association for the advancement of Colored People) which advocated for the rights of African Americans. Garrett also started a weekly newspaper called "The Cleveland Club." He passed away on July 27, 1963, with his legacy still being used throughout our society. The traffic lights he makes are used in our everyday lives, and people still use the hair straightener he created. If not for him, society would be long behind.

- E. Boyd



An illustration depicting the wedding of Catherine of Valois and Henry V of England in 1420, artist unknown.



B-28 Wreckage

On January 29th at around 8:47pm our nation was shaken with a tragedy when an American Airlines Regional flight collided with a U.S Army Black Hawk helicopter over the Potomac River near Washington National Airport. The alleged 60 passengers and 4 crew members of the flight alongside the 3 occupants of the helicopter all met a untimely demise. The alleged cause of the crash according to the National Transportation Safety Board was due to miscommunication or lack thereof for the pilots of the helicopter. The first responders arrived within minutes of the crash; they pushed through rough terrain to reach the wreckage. They worked quickly to secure the site, the crash site being in the Potomac River made rescue/recovery efforts difficult.

- Ashton P. and Kraig M

Monthly Facts!

February Fact: Did you know that February is also referred to as the month of love or romance! Thats right! While being the shortest month, February in ancient Roman was a time of renewal. Where the Latin word Frebruarus, named after Februa, was a festival of purification. In February most of us know that it's Black History Month but it can also be American Heart Month. Which is a time to focus on heart health and wellness.

Informational Fact: Do you know what a Juicero is? Juicero is a fruit and vegetable juicier that featured Wi-fi connectivity and used proprietary, single-serving packets of pre-chopped fruits and vegetables that were sold exclusively by Juicero (which was also the name of the company). So, why do we not hear so much about this juicier? Well, this is because the company Juicero received many criticisms due to the exclusive juicier packs that the company sold; could easily be squeezed by hand. In other words, you could easily buy fruits found in local markets that when squeezed would give the same amount (probably more) of juice that you would receive for cheaper costs. Let's not consider Juicero as a failure but more of the juicier packs. A lesson to those who read this, "make sure that products you are selling are priced equally and not expensive for an individual who could easily make the product for cheaper costs". This is all for the Monthly Facts! See you in the next edition.

TSA COMPETITIONS

The TSA (Technology Student Association) club at IDEA Converse will be competing in different fields this school year. We have students competing in fields such as RC Car, Fashion Design, Architecture, Catapult, etc. On February 21-22, 2025, they will have their first competition at Roosevelt Highschool for regionals. Then for their state competition they will be going to Fort Worth, TX on April 2-5, 2025. If they make it to Nationals they will be going to Nashville, Tennessee. The students at IDEA Converse are all rooting for their peers in TSA to make it Nationals and so are we.

GO CONVERSE COBRAS

Regionals – 2/21-22/2025 at Roosevelt Highschool.

State – 4/2-5/2025 at Fort Worth, Texas.



E. Boyd

Cobra Highlights

RISING SCHOLARS

Joaquin Esquibel 6th Grade Scholar of the Week



Black History Museum!

E.B.

We are in February which means it's BLACK HISTORY MONTH!!! This month we are celebrating the African American culture by producing a wax museum for famous African Americans in history. We will be hosting this on February 20, 2025. Everyone is welcome to stop on by and celebrate the amazing culture of African Americans.

RISING SCHOLARS

Daniela Trejo, 9th Grade Scholar of the Week



RISING SCHOLARS

Juan Ruiz 7th Grade Scholar of the Week
(waiting on the 7th grade scholar)

Club Activities

Diana Duardo

At IDEA Converse the students can discover their interests, highlight their talents through a variety of clubs and build lasting relationships. You may be interested in clubs such as choir, a perfect chance to perform stunning music, chess for those who love strategy and competition. The TSA club where you can create and compete in tech driven projects that push boundaries. Finally, every student who shares a passion for literature and writing can join the English National Honor society, a club that promotes creativity and academic excellence through projects and events. If none of these clubs match your interests, there is always room to explore new passions and connect with like-minded peers.

TEACHER SHOUT OUTS

Congratulations to the teachers who were celebrated at the student assembly.



RISING SCHOLARS

G.A

I would like to announce this week's 10th grade student of the week! This week the student chosen was Precious Yankah! Continue working hard!

Hoodie Sale!!!

E.B.



NEWSPAPER STAFF

These are all our writers who were dedicated to writing for this newspaper so shout out to all of them.

EDITOR IN CHIEF



Sandra Torrez

Quote:

I am defined by my passion to prepare my students for college and beyond. Thank you for enriching my life! Much love to the seniors of 2027!

COPY EDITOR & PHOTOGRAPHER



Emmanuel Boyd

Quote:

"I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept." – Angela Davis

COPY EDITOR



Giovanni Ayala

Quote:

"I am not throwing away my shot."

WRITER



Isa Johnson

Quote:

"If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."
Sir Isaac Newton

TRANSLATOR & PHOTOGRAPHER



Teresa Fajardo

Quote:

"You will face many defeats in life but never let yourself be defeated." – Maya Angelou

TRANSLATOR & WRITER



Diana Yera D.

Quote:

"Through words, we build bridges to understanding, imagination, and change."

WRITER



Ashton Ploch

Quote:

"When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive- to breath, to think, to enjoy, to love" – Marcus Aurelius

WRITER



Kraig McCoy

Quote:

"Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going."

WRITER



Alyana Guerra

Quote:

"People cry, not because they are weak. It is because they've been strong for too long."

WRITER



Eduardo Pagan-Figueroa

Quote:

"What flies by goes by."