

**BASIS SCOTTSDALE**

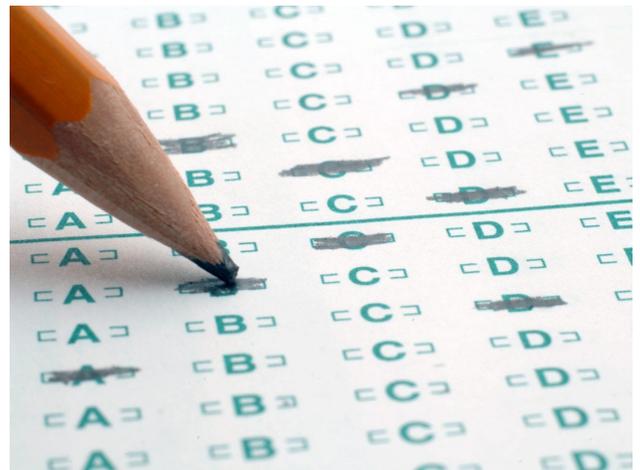
# GAZETTE

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## How to Survive Mock Week in 4 Steps

By: Akansha Gupta

March is soon, so guess what? Hint: it's the second most stressful week of the school year for high schoolers. It's mock week!! How does one survive this week without going insane, having mental breakdowns, or just giving up altogether? Yes, it is just mocks, but unfortunately, they are usually for a grade, putting our hard-earned grades at stake. Thanks to some tips that fellow BASIS students and I use, here are some ways to avoid all of those problems.



*Source: scantron.com*

### 1. Study for your mocks in advance.

Study for your mocks a week or two ahead. Spring break and the weekends beforehand are prime times to study. Remember, mocks tell you how ready you are for the real AP, so if you get a 3, don't feel bad about yourself. If mocks don't go so well, take a breather and prioritize the units that you need extra attention in.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Valentine's Day: 2/14

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## 2. Have a positive affirmation throughout the week

Positive affirmations are a great motivation for mock week. They'll help you believe in yourself, and keep you from giving up. If you start to say "I'm cooked" or "it's over" you won't do as well naturally. The best positive affirmations are short, straight to the point, and upbeat.

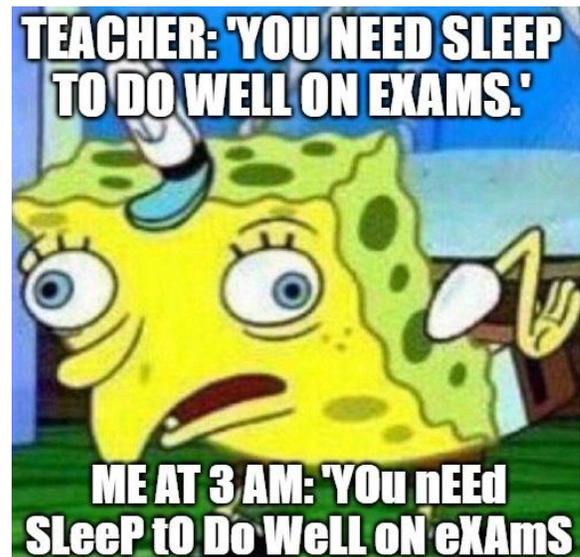
## 3. Take breaks while studying

Taking breaks every hour or so for 5-10 minutes helps refresh your brain and clear your head. Doing this could prevent you from going insane or having mental breakdowns from the course material. If you're studying something with a ton of course material, take a 5-minute break every 30 minutes; otherwise, your brain will be fried.

## 4. Have at least 8 hours of sleep

This cannot be stressed enough. Sleep is incredibly important during mock week. Without proper sleep, you can kiss any 4s and 5s goodbye. To achieve this healthy amount of sleep, try to finish studying before 11 P.M. However, if worst comes to worst and you need to pull an all-nighter, please reference Claire's article on how to pull an all-nighter from the October edition.

These are some useful tips that are really helpful to survive mock week. Hopefully, with these tips, you're able to get a 4 or 5 on all the mocks you're taking this year. Good luck, everyone, and get those 5s!



*Source: Truowl*



*Source: College Board Blog*

# 2026 Is The New 2016

By: Poorvi Kushwaha

Ever since late 2025, a new trend online has spread called 2026 is the new 2016 and for a while now, there has been a question that has spun like a steering wheel in my head: “Why is this trend happening now?” Because, think about it, there could have been this type of trend in 2025 or 2024 that looked back at 2015 or 2014. Perhaps even directly after the pandemic in 2022-2023 would have been a prime time, but no. It’s happening now in 2026, where everyone is reminiscing about a time some barely remember.



Source: Spotify

First, let’s address a question some of you may have: “What is this trend?” “2026 is the new 2016” is a trend that started in late 2025, where people started reminiscing about 2016 and its unique "vibes". 2016 was when the Chainsmokers blew up, Kylie Jenner made Snapchat popular, *Stranger Things* blew up, and no one knew how to control their concealer.

People pile onto this trend by posting photos with old Snapchat filters or videos of themselves with retro outfits from that time, hitting us with bittersweet nostalgia.

Now onto the bigger question: why now? People have decided to contribute and create this trend as a way of reflecting a time when life was “better”. A time before the pandemic and AI usage, and honestly, a time when life was happier. A lot of people online think that ever since the pandemic, life has gotten worse for everyone. They feel 2026 is “vibeless” and that in 2016 there wasn’t such political polarization in the atmosphere, and when AI wasn’t in control of the world. It was in the last part of the late 2010s when everything wasn’t crazy. A part when “social” interaction meant two people talking to each other face-to-face.



Source: Pinterest

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Now that we know that, is this trend going to last? My guess is probably not. While these past couple of years haven't been the best for our country or even the world, I don't think that 2016 is some kind of safe haven for us, since there were flaws in that era as well. I think that every era or generation has some form of environmental flaws that make people want to go back in time to their own time, where everything was "simple," so this trend isn't really that special and is driven by blind nostalgia. This world has been through worse things before, and while this isn't the best time to live in right now, I do believe it will get better, and that life will eventually become better for all of us, and so should you.



*Source: Instagram*



*Source: Wikipedia*

# Invisible Bruises

By: Tyler Lin

February is officially Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness for healthy relationships and preventing abuse in toxic relationships. Nowadays, it's normal for adolescents to get involved in romantic relationships with one another, and while this may not necessarily be a bad thing, it has the potential to be very dangerous. As teenagers, we are most vulnerable to emotional manipulation. We reach an age where we follow trends to try and be mainstream. We seek attention from those around us for approval—we date. Now, I'm not saying every teenage relationship stems from craving for attention, I'm saying that sometimes, when you may not realize it, your "significant other" may just be taking advantage of you.

However, a friend of a friend of a friend of mine may have a story *he* wanted to share about Teen Dating Violence, and the importance of managing a healthy relationship. From a very convenient first-person narrative, here are his *unique* experiences:

It's fifth grade. I had just transferred to a new school, a private school for the rich and bougie. These people had all the connections. You could throw a dart into the middle of any classroom, and there's a higher chance it would hit a trust-fund millionaire child of a tech CEO, than a 'normal' kid. No one was a mystery to anyone. Everyone knew everything about everyone. It's not like they tried to hide it. They would brag and gloat everyday about which company their daddy wanted to buy next, and which car they would buy the moment they turned 18. One of the loudest of the pack found a particular interest in me. ME. Of all the nepo-babies she could've chosen, she chose me.

Her name is Ava. She's shorter than me and has nice, caramel-tanned skin. She always has the shiniest jewelry, newest Apple products, and the most far-fetched excuses for the one time in a blue moon when she forgets to do her homework. Not to mention, her dad is one of the biggest tech CEOs in the city, and her mom is a manager at a banking company. She picks on me every day in Math, and every day during lunch she sits at the table across from mine just to make fun of me. Was it weird of me for liking it? I like the attention she brings to me. I enjoy the laughter from her entourage. She has a beautiful smile. She gives me butterflies in my stomach, and I love it.



Source: [teen-dating-violence-awareness-month](https://www.teen-dating-violence-awareness-month.org/)

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It's Math class now. She makes fun of me for not understanding that two negatives make a positive. Mr. Jacob called me to his desk to give me the 'lock in' talk, but I can't. I keep turning around to look at her. She's the fire and I'm the moth. She's the flower on my soil. She's the song coming out of my CD.

After class I pack my things to go home. I feel a tap on my shoulder. She's alone this time. Her bodyguards are nowhere to be found. And she punches me three times in the gut, twice in the face, and stabs me with a protractor. Well, she didn't actually, but she might as well have. What she did, or said, was more along the lines of, "Will you be my boyfriend?"

Yes. I say yes. What else do I say? 'Sorry I'm not ready for a relationship', or 'Can I have some time to think about it?' or 'sorry, I'm actually in love with your sister?' No. Yes. Just yes.

Day One: 10/10.

Day Two: 10/10.

~~Day Three: 10/10~~

She dumps me.

"You're ugly."

"Your nose is too big."

"You're too short."

"You're ugly."

"Did I say that already?"

Ouch. Big ouch. She dumps me. Out of the blue. Just the day before, she had given me a small wooden cut-out of our initials together. Maybe it's my fault I wasn't better.

A day passes. I see her at the lockers. Not her locker. Not my locker. My brother's locker. His locker... has color. He HATES color. Ava doesn't. Ava loves colors. And apparently, my brother, too.

It's been weeks and weeks. Ava's still trying to get my brother to say yes to her, so she can wave him around as a trophy. Like how I am. Or how I was.

Fast forward to the present. Ava never got my friend's brother. She is, however, on her 13th boyfriend. What happened to quality over quantity?

I've told his story to some of my friends here, and they ask me how I remember things so vividly. The truth is, I don't want to, but I really have no choice. It's hard to forget things that make you question the way you were born. Some words can stick to you for the rest of your life, and maybe they'll make you second guess yourself every time you look in the mirror. Sometimes they'll hurt, and it'll make you afraid of going back to things you were once comfortable with. But more often than not, insecurities will stop you from trying *new* things.

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What I'm trying to say is, violence doesn't always come in physical forms. Violence does not have a drawn line at a punch, a kick, or an elbow to the gut. As a matter of fact, verbal abuse and psychological violence are more common than physical body-to-body violence. You need to understand that just because someone's rich, pretty, and tan, doesn't mean they'll love you the way you loved them.

When you may eventually face problems like *my friend* did, you should know how to protect yourself. If you need to reach out, there are hotlines dedicated to helping you. If you're scared to say something to a stranger, you can always join our school's BLOOM 365 club. The important thing is to talk to someone, whether that's a trusted adult, counselor, or friend.

Fires do not burn forever, flowers do not live forever, and songs will not last forever. Ice melts. And so will your heart if you keep going after that man. Learn to move on. You are not meant to hang on to everyone and everything forever. Moving on doesn't mean forgetting what happened, it means not letting it define you. Don't settle for less.



Source: *National Sexual Violence Resource Center*



Source: *Harborview Injury Prevention & Research Center*

# Are Ivy League Schools Actually Worth It?

By Krysten McMurray

“I want to go to Harvard.”

Even as a seven-year-old, I knew that Ivy League schools were always viewed as preeminent. Famous names like Harvard, Princeton, Yale, and Brown are associated with prestige, intellect, and success. Because of this reputation, most students pinpoint one of these selective colleges as a “dream” school. But is it actually a reflection of a dream, or a false societal conformity that pressures us to want the almost impossible?

Beyond their reputation, Ivy League schools offer various appealing advantages. For one, they can provide access to intelligent professors, innovative research, and numerous resources that many other colleges simply cannot afford. For some, this environment truly is a dream—one that can encourage and push students to their fullest. In these cases, attending an Ivy League school in the long run can open doors and create opportunities that might otherwise be difficult to access. For students who thrive in highly competitive environments and are able to capitalize on these offerings, an Ivy League education can serve as an auspicious beginning to their future.

However, the dream is not always as perfect as it seems. The desire to attend an Ivy League school is often shaped by society’s definition of success rather than genuine interest.

Even from young ages, students are surrounded by messages that associate prestige with worth, teaching them that their acceptance into a reputable institution is the only way to validate themselves for their future. This pressure can lead students to ignore what truly makes them thrive. When students prioritize reputation over fit, they risk sacrificing mental health, curiosity, and personal growth in exchange for a name on a diploma. In this way, the Ivy League dream can become less about education and self-interests and more about meeting external standards of success that may not align with individual happiness or fulfillment.

Growing up, I believed that attending a prestigious institution represented intelligence, but sometimes Ivy League schools can represent both illusion and opportunity (not purely the latter). While they serve as an incredible place for some students, they are not a measure of future success. The idea of a “dream school” shouldn’t be based on a pressured stereotype of what success should look like, but rather a good fit with your interests. True success comes from finding a place where one can thrive and succeed even if it doesn’t carry the label of an Ivy League.



Source: *igniteastar.com*

# Formula 1 Liveries

By: Nora Dalal

As 2026 begins, we enter a new season of Formula 1. Last year left us with a 3-way battle with Lando Norris ultimately winning the driver's championship (which I'm sure made many of you very happy considering the amount of McLaren merch I see in the hallways). This new year of formula also brings the biggest regulation changes in a decade ushering in a new era of the sport. However, before every season each team must unveil their new livery with eccentric new designs, or for some teams, a livery that looks exactly the same.

## Red Bull:

Red Bull's 2026 livery looks like a nod to their 2013 livery. For the first time in years, Red Bull has swapped their matte finish for a deep metallic gloss to pay respect to their new Ford partnership. The last couple years have seen Red Bull seemingly afraid of color but this year they decided to boldly splatter their car with electric blue. Let's hope this change means they actually built a fast car instead of just relying on Max Verstappen the entire season.



Source: F1

## Racing Bulls:

For 2026, Racing Bulls has stuck with the crisp matte-white base that made them stand out from the carbon-heavy grid last year. There is a heavy presence of electric blue racing lines that trace the contours of the livery, which the team specifically cited as a subtle nod to their new partnership with Ford, also connecting them visually with their mother team, RedBull.



Source: F1

## Audi:

In 2026, Audi is joining F1, replacing Sauber. Audi is intentionally keeping the car's bodywork minimalist to establish the Audi Sport brand, while pushing more personal and technical partners onto the drivers' gear.



Source: F1

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## Haas:

The VF-26 is predominantly white, a major shift from the black-heavy cars of 2024 and 2025. It feels like a throwback to their debut 2016 season, but much more refined. The Toyota Gazoo Racing (TGR) logos are featured prominently on the engine cover, the front wing, and the halo. It's a clear signal that the team is no longer just "Ferrari's junior team" but we'll see if that is actually reflected in their performance.



Source: BBC

## Ferrari:

The Ferrari livery is a tribute to the 1975 312 T (Lauda's championship car). For the first time in seven years, Ferrari has ditched matte paint for a high-intensity Rosso Scuderia gloss. Ferrari's new gloss paint isn't just for looks; they're using a new PVC-based "wrapping technology" developed with HP that is actually lighter and more heat-resistant than traditional paint. They have extended the much hated the white background of the HP logo, further ruining the iconic scarlett Ferrari red.



Source: F1

## Alpine:

The Alpine A526 follows the car's previous years' livery using a high-contrast Blue and BWT Pink identity. However, they have integrated a new metallic body. While one of the most colorful cars of the ones unveiled so far, they ended dead last in the constructors championship and that streak is likely to continue.



Source: motorsport.com

# How to Date a Nerd

By: Claire Hong

This school is far too boring for my liking. We need some Drama. And there is no better way to do this than to get some romance in the air. But it's no easy feat to get some awkward teenagers who are stuck up their textbooks to talk to one another. And BASIS kids won't be impressed by some lazy pick-up line you searched up on the internet, so if you have a crush on a fellow nerd, here are some lines to attract their attention.

Are you  $F''(x) > 0$ ? because you make me smile.

Are you an anti-differential? Because you make me feel like myself again.

You're the qualification to my thesis. I'm always better when I'm with you.

You're like carbon. There wouldn't be life without you.

Are you a Neuron? Because they could never replicate you.

If you were a counterclaim, I would concede everytime.

Are you a clock in math class? because I can't stop looking at you.

I sure hope you're not history, because you're supposed to be my future.

I'm fermenting because you took my breath away.

If I'm a centrosome, you're a chromosome. I'll always pull you toward me.

You're like safety goggles because I can never see clearly when im with you.

Are you a test? Because my heart starts racing whenever I see you.

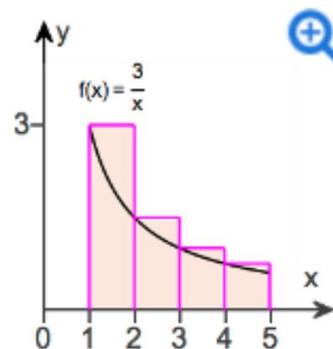
If you are the legislator, I'm the executive. You balance me out so well.

I hope you're a flashcard because I never want to forget you.

Our bond is stronger than ionic.

I'll be your Frederick the Wise to your Martin Luther. I promise to protect you.

Are you a left riemann sum of  $f(x) = 3/x$  on  $[1,5]$  and  $n=5$  because you always go beyond my expectations.



Source: Chegg

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Are you a highlighter? Because you make everything so much brighter.

If you're Catherine the Great, my heart is Russia.

If I'm a substrate, you're an enzyme because you make my environment perfect.

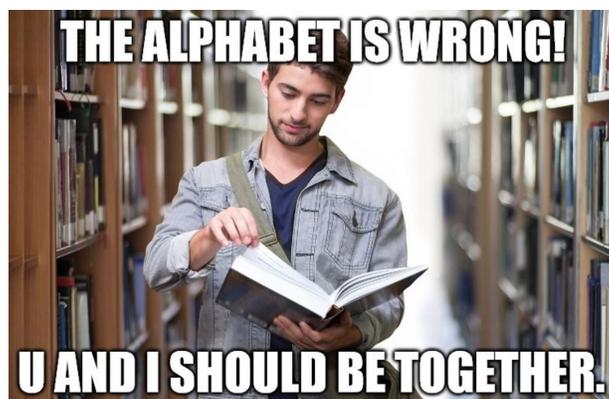
You make me want to transpire because of how hot you are.

Want more? Oh, I've got more.

First, share *your* best line at [www.basisgazette.com](http://www.basisgazette.com). I'll be as excited to read them as an electron that just absorbed a photon.



*Source: Wikipedia*



*Source: HubPage*

# Must Dos at BASIS Scottsdale

In honor of it being my last few weeks as a senior, I thought it would be fun to mention some of my favorite experiences I've had at this school. So, I curated a short bucket list for BASIS students of which events I recommend and who hosts them.. I'm well-aware that this is premature for those who aren't seniors, but maybe you can knock a few things off the list before the year ends.

## 1) Coffeehouse (Tri-M)

Everyone does karaoke; there's popcorn, coffee, and snacks, and it's fun to watch people sing, even if you don't. But if you go, you should definitely sing; otherwise, you're missing out.

## 2) BC2M Events

Maybe I'm biased because I'm in the club, but all the events, such as Calming with Canines, are super entertaining and great stress-relievers as our club prioritizes reducing mental health stigma.

## 3) Trunk-or-Treat (UNICEF)

I highly recommend it for any high schooler with a car; you get to decorate your car and pass out candy to the younger kids.

## 4) Musical Theater Shows

Again, I'm biased because I was in the most recent one. Even though I wasn't in the club for two years, I still went to all the musicals, and they were all incredible and worth it.

## 5) Boba Night (National Chinese Honor Society)

I personally haven't gone, but all of my friends tell me it's chaotic in a good way and delicious.

By: Sesha Kuttalingam

## 6) Alumni Night (BASIS Ambassadors)

I also haven't been to this one, but my friend told me it's valuable and interesting to see what everyone is doing after they graduate.

## 7) Talent Night (Rock Band)

I've participated in it the past two years. But more importantly, it's also genuinely exciting to watch all the performances as a reminder of all the talents in this school that are overshadowed by academic rigor.

## 8) Spirit Week (BASIS Leadership)

I'll admit I could do a better job of adhering to the themes—at least I try, which is more than some people – but it's absolutely entertaining to see everyone's elaborate outfits in the hallways.

## 9) Sports Games

I haven't been to many except for volleyball, basketball, and tennis. Going to these games gives the moral support that our teams need, and it's great to watch even if we aren't winning.

## 10) Winter Formal (BASIS Leadership)

All the dances are must-dos, but this one is my personal favorite. Even though I'm not even the biggest fan of dances, I recommend that high schoolers definitely go for the experience, and it's a prime time to hang out with friends.



*BASIS Alumni Night*

# Riya's Rants: Panem Et Circenses

By: Riya Bangalore

Last December, President Trump announced the Patriot Games, a nationwide athletics competition in the summer of 2026 to celebrate America's 250th anniversary. According to the White House, it will be a massive sporting celebration of "American excellence, strength, and unity."

Here's what we know:

- Athletes from across the nation (all 50 states) will compete in track and field, swimming, team sports, and other events
- Qualifying rounds start in spring 2026
- The budget and actual logistics remain unclear

The administration promises "the biggest, most spectacular athletic celebration America has ever seen." Think national anthem meets 4th of July barbecue meets Super Bowl halftime show. It might be the most American thing since deep-fried Oreos.

"Panem et Circenses" directly translates to "bread and circuses" —an unrefuted classic in the dictator playbook. It is a Latin phrase coined by Juvenal, a Roman poet, that criticizes how rulers placate the masses with free food and entertainment. Sound familiar? It's simple: people can't complain about corruption if they're too busy watching gladiators.

This strategy isn't new. It's *literally* ancient, and it is peppered through every nation's history because, unfortunately, it works. When people get restless and start to ask "why?" leaders manipulate their attention. When you give people something entertaining to focus on—something that makes them feel united—those difficult questions seem less urgent. What makes bread and circuses so effective is that it's genuinely enjoyable. The Romans truly loved their gladiator matches. That's the whole point, you're supposed to be swept up in the pageantry and forget to ask the real questions.

Not every big public event is automatically evil or manipulative. The Olympics exist, and they're generally fine. Countries celebrate national holidays with parades and fireworks. That's normal. The difference lies in context and intent: Is this event happening because people genuinely want to celebrate, or because someone wants to distract from something else? Is it bringing people together, or glorifying a society without dissent?



Source: Eagle eye

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Before everyone starts panicking and rereading *The Hunger Games* for survival tips, let me clarify, no one is getting "reaped" for the Patriot Games. This isn't Panem (for now). You don't have to worry about your name getting drawn from a giant fishbowl and getting shuttled off to fight for your district's honor while everyone back home watches on TV. Even if this were a *Hunger Games* situation, none of us would get picked anyway. For BASIS students specifically, this doesn't mean much beyond something to watch during summer break. But the Patriot Games serve as a reminder to stay informed and stay critical.

Here's the takeaway: watch the games if you want. Watch the games, appreciate the athleticism, and enjoy the show. But also remember that odds can be manufactured, the games can be rigged, and the real decisions can be made when everyone is looking the other way. The whole point is that you watch the games instead of watching the people running them. Ask questions. Don't let spectacle distract from substance.



*Source: Charger Press*



*Source: New York Times*

# Monthly Mental Health

By: NAMI

## Monthly Mental Health Check In

- How's your energy today?
- What emotion is showing up the most right now?
- Have you eaten, slept and had water recently?
- What's something that's been weighing on you?
- What's one thing you can do to make yourself feel better?

## What is Depression?

Depression is clinically known as MDD, Major Depressive Disorder and feels like a lack of energy or hopelessness. Depression is often caused by judgement, lack of attention, or bullying in someone's childhood.



Source: [mentalhealth.com](https://www.mentalhealth.com)

## Symptoms of Depression

- changes in sleep and appetite
- lack of concentration in activities
- Hopelessness
- Loss of Energy
- Guilty Thoughts
- Physical Aches
- Agitation Suicidal Thoughts

## Causes of Depression

- Trauma
- Genetics
- Life Circumstances
- Brain Changes
- Drug and Alcohol Misuse
- Other mental conditions

## Effects of Depression

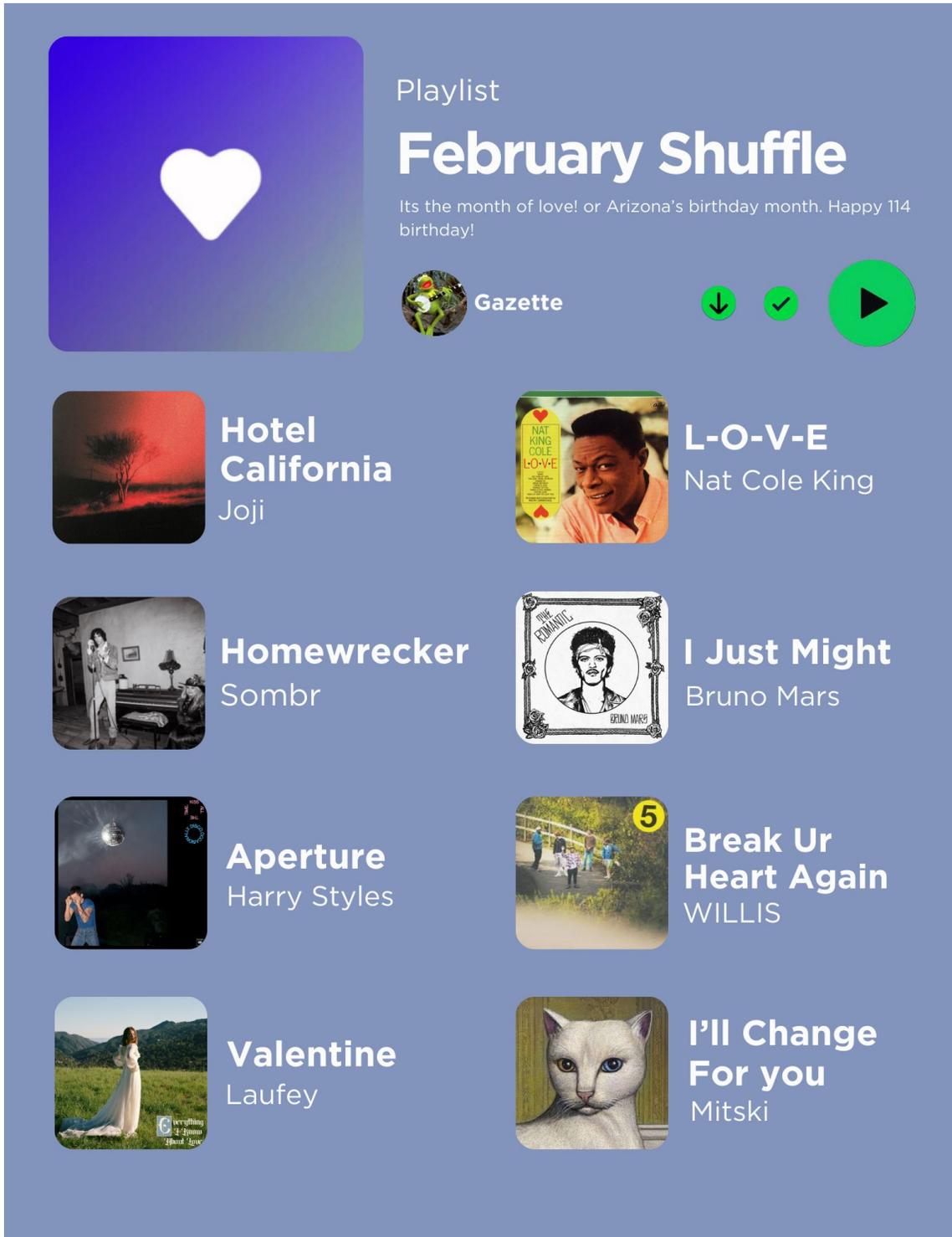
- Loss of interest in activities once enjoyed
- Not going outside or talking to people/shutting out friends and family
- Lack of Sleep
- Changes in appetite and weight (binge eating/eating disorders)
- Can even lead to suicide

## Monthly Mental Health Tips

- Do what makes YOU feel better.
- Taking breaks before you're exhausted is CARE, not laziness.
- You don't need to earn rest by burning yourself out first.

# February Shuffle

By: Claire Hong



The image shows a Spotify-style playlist card for 'February Shuffle'. At the top left is a purple-to-blue gradient square with a white heart icon. To its right, the word 'Playlist' is in a small font, followed by the title 'February Shuffle' in a large, bold white font. Below the title is a short description: 'Its the month of love! or Arizona's birthday month. Happy 114 birthday!'. Underneath the description is a small circular profile picture of a gazelle with the name 'Gazette' next to it. To the right of the profile picture are three green circular icons: a downward arrow, a checkmark, and a play button. The main body of the card features a grid of ten song tiles, each with a square album cover image, the song title, and the artist's name.

Playlist  
**February Shuffle**  
Its the month of love! or Arizona's birthday month. Happy 114 birthday!

 Gazette

 <p><b>Hotel California</b> Joji</p>	 <p><b>L-O-V-E</b> Nat Cole King</p>
 <p><b>Homewrecker</b> Sombr</p>	 <p><b>I Just Might</b> Bruno Mars</p>
 <p><b>Aperture</b> Harry Styles</p>	 <p><b>Break Ur Heart Again</b> WILLIS</p>
 <p><b>Valentine</b> Laufey</p>	 <p><b>I'll Change For you</b> Mitski</p>

# GAMES

## El Wordo

By: Nora Dalal

! = wrong place,  
right letter

\* = right place,  
right letter

H	E	A	R	T
A	D!	U!	L	T
C*	H	!!	L	L
C*	L	!!	P!	S
C*	U*	B	E	S
C*	U*	R	E	D*

Answer: CUPID

# Cupid’s Arrow Hits or Misses: Valentine’s Day Quiz

By: The Editors

Roses are red, violets are blue, a Valentine’s Day Quiz is perfect for you. Since the season of love is upon us, it’s about time to see who are the hopeless romantics or happy couples. Hopefully for everyone, the odds are in their favor this year, and let’s see your knowledge on love.

Multiple choice - Pick the best answer:

1) How much chocolate is bought on Valentine’s Day in the U.S?

- a) 83 million pounds
- b) 58 million pounds
- c) 17 million pounds
- d) 121 million pounds

2) How many couples in the U.S. break up on Valentine’s Day?

- a) 1 in 4 couples
- b) 1 in 20 couples
- c) 1 in 7 couples
- d) 1 in 14 couples

3) How long does the average rose last in a vase?

- a) 7 days
- b) 20 days
- c) 3 days
- d) 15 days

4) Who is the Roman god of love?

- a) Aphrodite
- b) Eros
- c) Zeus
- d) Cupid

5) In the U.S., how much money is spent on buying pet gifts?

- a) \$550 million
- b) \$1.1 billion
- c) \$127 million
- d) \$2.4 billion

6) Which two states were admitted to the U.S. on Valentine’s Day?

- a) California and Washington
- b) Texas and Kansas
- c) Arizona and New Mexico
- d) Montana and Wyoming



Source: Rio Roses

**KEEP TRACK OF YOUR ANSWERS HERE!  
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7) What is the most-watched movie on Valentine’s Day?

- a) *Titanic*
- b) *The Notebook*
- c) *The Bachelor*
- d) *Casablanca*

8) What company first produced heart-shaped chocolate boxes?

- a) Hershey’s Chocolate
- b) Cadbury
- c) Ghirardelli Chocolate Company
- d) Ferrero Rocher

9) On average, how much money does one couple spend on Valentine’s Day?

- a) \$57
- b) \$85
- c) \$375
- d) \$179

10) In the classic *Peanuts* comic strip, which character never gets a Valentine’s Day gift in their mailbox?

- a) Lucy
- b) Charlie Brown
- c) Linus
- d) Peppermint Patty

11) Which of the following is not “Valentine’s Day” in a foreign language?

- a) Día de San Valentín
- b) יום האהבה (yum ha'ahava)
- c) 生日快乐 (Shèngdàn kuàilè)
- d) 발렌타인 데이 (ballentaindei)

12) Which city is known as “the city of love”?

- a) Venice
- b) Honolulu
- c) Barcelona
- d) Paris

13) What’s the most streamed song about love?

- a) Someone You Loved by Lewis Capaldi
- b) L.O.V.E by Frank Sinatra
- c) Shape of You by Ed Sheeran
- d) Driver’s License by Olivia Rodrigo

14) What type of poem has the theme of unattainable love?

- a) Ode
- b) Sestina
- c) Amorella
- d) Petrarchan Sonnet

**KEEP TRACK OF YOUR ANSWERS HERE!**


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0-3 points: You refused to buy Matchomatics out of sheer hatred for the holiday. You buy best friend necklaces and throw away the other half so you can carry a broken heart with you. Every time someone breaks up, you experience a serious case of schadenfreude—watching love die is your favorite hobby.

4-7 points: You've seen a rom-com. At some point. Probably. You've walked passed the candy grams table and thought about buying a little treat for your friend, but decided it would cheaper if you did it yourself. This romantic holiday is as special as the national days featured on the morning announcements. Who really cares?

8-11 points: You've had a few romantic experiences yourself, but love isn't everything for you. Watching all the happy couples in the hallways pulls at your heartstrings, but you know that don't need anyone and that your friends and self-validation is enough. You enjoy watching cheesy rom-coms behind closed doors since they're predictable yet entertaining. Your comfort movie is *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*.

Answers: 1-B, 2-D, 3-A, 4-D, 5-D, 6-C, 7-A, 8-B, 9-D, 10-B, 11-C, 12-D, 13-C, 14-D

12-14 points: Some would call you a hopeless romantic. Some would call you cupid. Your life revolves around love. You matchmake for your friends and know everyone's crushes. Your favorite ship always sails and your bank of pick-up lines is infinite. You could pull anyone you want, but prefer to help out the less love-inclined from the sidelines.

So, how did you do? If you aced this quiz, you might have a future in matchmaking. If you failed miserably, we recommend watching a Tom Holland and Zendaya interview or blasting some Frank Sinatra.



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Day

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