



# THE OGA TIMES

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**“February is the  
border between  
winter and Spring.”**

**~Terri Guillemets**



*Terri Guillemets*





# Clubs and Posters

## The Athenian Society

An after-school mentoring club for middle school girls  
At OGA every WEDNESDAY from 2:00-3:15

You're invited to our **OPEN HOUSE** on **WEDNESDAY, FEB 21** from 2:00-3:15, in Rm 25. Have a snack, chat, and walk away with some **new friends!**

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**friendship**  
**peer pressure**  
**making good decisions**  
**managing stress**  
**resolving conflicts**

*"The Athenian Society means so much to me because I have a safe place where I can be myself. Joining this club was the best decision I ever could have made."* - Ellie, age 14

Open to all 6-8th girls who have not attended Athenian Society in the past. Email [kristentame@gmail.com](mailto:kristentame@gmail.com) for details and to register for this FREE event!

**Come to our**  
**SCHOLASTIC**  
**BOOK FAIR**

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CASHLESS: STUDENTS MUST HAVE CARD OR EWALLET

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**Fish Tank Wanted**

OGA's Axolotl club is looking for a fish tank to house our new school pet! We need a tank that is at least 30 gallons and is longer than it is tall.

If you have a tank that you would like to donate, please email [Hanna.Sunderman@ocps.net](mailto:Hanna.Sunderman@ocps.net)

## Owl Messenger Crew



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By: Carter J.

# Would You Rather



Sometimes people have some of the oddest questions. These questions can sometimes be easily answered or still need to be answered. Today's question though, is not very hard or easy to answer. And that question is would you rather fight 1 trillion lions or every Pokemon?

First, we need to establish our combatants. Lions are about 10 feet in height and have a tail length of about 2 to 3 feet, they weigh from 330 to 550 pounds. For comparison's sake, we will assume they are all male which allows for them to be at their largest size. Now onto the Pokemon. Using the Bulbapedia (the online version of the in-game encyclopedia{the poke-dex}) we can determine that there are about 1025 Pokemon in total not including the different variants of them. There is no consistent data we can use for each of them.

We now arrive at the point where we answer our question. And our answer is... it's best you fight the lions. The Pokemon easily beat the lions. Our first thing to discuss is how Pokemon come in different types, one of those being ghosts. The funny thing is, that the lions can't touch ghosts or hurt them. Along with other types like steel, flying, and rock. Some of these Pokemon are also GODS. They can create and destroy things at will.

Now that this question is answered, will the world be fixed? Will all problems be solved? No. These questions are just silly little questions that don't affect anything. But they're fun to answer. Do you agree or disagree? And if so why?

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## Teacher Interview Jacob A.

Ms. Panther is a teacher at Orlando Gifted Academy, currently teaching U.S. History to eighth graders. Ms. Panther used to work in museum education, and her favorite part of the job was to teach school groups and adults about the meaning of various works of art, her parents then suggested that becoming a teacher would be an exciting career path. Ms. Panther first started working at OGA as a substitute teacher after seeing a job opening on the OCPS website, and later became the full-time substitute teacher after Mrs. Klear had to leave on a maternity break. The next school year, she became the ELA teacher for seventh grade, then became the U.S. History teacher for eighth grade. Last year, she decided to co-create a running club due to no organized physical activities existing, and her passion for the activity, which began when she was in high school. Ms. Panther started running when she played soccer in her junior and senior years. When she was in college, she discovered that running was her way to mentally refresh herself as well as keep herself in good shape. Ms. Panther hopes to continue teaching U.S. history next year and plans to continue making her class fun and engaging to students so they will have a great year at OGA.





## 10 Imponderables

Sloane H.



- 1.If the #2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still #2?
- 2.Why is the third hand on a watch called a second hand?
- 3.Why do engineers call it research when they're searching for something new?
- 4.When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
- 5.Why do clocks run clockwise?
- 6.What would the speed of lightning be if it didn't zigzag?
- 7.What does the phrase "Now then" really mean?
- 8.If a word in the dictionary were misspelled, how would we know?
- 9.Why is the period of the day with the slowest traffic called the rush hour?
- 10.If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him that he has the right to remain silent?

## Top 10 Perfumes/Sprays

Alexis M.



- 1.Thank U, Next - Made by Ariana Grande, it smells absolutely amazing and comes in an adorable container.
- 2.Vanilla Mocha Martini - This spray is sold at Bath & Bodyworks and smells exactly like coffee, plus it lasts a really long time.
- 3Simply Pink - I've never actually had this one but I have had a copy and it smelt so sweet and nice, it also lasts a long time.
- 4.Eilish - Obviously, this one is made by Billie Eilish and comes in the most breathtaking container ever, but the scent is definitely the best part of it.
- 5.Champagne Toast - This is pretty popular, you can find it at Bath & Bodyworks, it smells just like the name, and it lasts a long time.
- 6.Bombshell - Very floral which I'm not normally a fan of but all of the scents compliment each other so nicely that it works well.
- 7.Candy Hearts - Comes in a cute container, smells awesome, and gives off a happy vibe.
- 8.Fresh & Clean - This smells like a day at the beach but also manages to give off a clean vibe, like being fresh out of the shower in comfy pajamas and watching your favorite movie.
- 9.CK One - Calvin Klein one is more of a neutral scent so I'm not too big a fan but it is the perfect scent for important events like a business meeting.
10. Pink Sugar - Sweet and nicely scented but a bit strong for me and it is on the more expensive side for a full bottle.



## A Day in the Life of a Nurse Practitioner

Nurse practitioners have a hard job, especially in a big hospital. They run around, working with patients they might have a hard time with or even other nurses. Here is a run-through of the daily tasks of a nurse practitioner.

Nurses have to make sure their patients are healthy so they will have daily checkups with tasks like checking heart rate, measuring blood sugar, measuring blood oxygen, checking wounds if they are trauma patients, and more.

They also have to diagnose patients, they collect information about a patient whether it be medical history, bloodwork, or just physical examination. They then write a diagnosis on a patient chart.

They also make treatment plans as in a diet plan or a medicine arrangement. They also, when worst comes to worst, assess if life support is not working for a patient and if not, take them off of life support. In those cases, they sit with the family and patient in a private room to talk and sit with the patient in their last moments.

They also train new nurses. In residency, nurse practitioners oversee the entire nursing resident floor. They teach, monitor, assess, and grade the training nurses.

They also have their place in the office, filing paperwork, filling out prescription orders, ✨ creating staff schedules, and ordering supplies for the hospital. Nurses have much to do in just one day, and that could take at least a whole day to do two of those tasks.



## Meet An OGA Journalist

Lexi G.

Meet Kristina, the editor-in-chief of the OGA Times. Every newspaper, she writes an article in ✨ addition to making sure the newspaper looks excellent. She is very kind and without her, the newspaper wouldn't come out looking as terrific as it does. Kristina loves the movie "10 Things I Hate About You" and the singer Mac Miller. Her favorite subject is Journalism and when she is old enough she would love to be a interior designer.



# Florida Education Changes

## Courtney Z.

As you've seen everywhere especially the news, Florida has changed its public schools...quite a bit. From removing important subjects from their curriculum and even laws against what bathroom you can you use, they've done a lot. But, I want to talk about the controversial education changes and give my opinion.

As a middle school student, I think the book ban is very unnecessary and extra. With all the propaganda being added during these curriculum changes, books are a good source to get information. Just because the governor, who isn't even in school, doesn't like what kids are being taught isn't fair. I feel that the governor is mixing politics with our education system way too much and it's wrong.

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# Resturant Reviw: Pigzza

## Natalie B.

Pigzza is as stated on their site "A modern Italian-ish styled restaurant located in Orlando's Mills 50 District offering a contemporary twist on classic Italian dishes and cocktails." Reviews state the stylish ambiance, great food, unique twists on foods, attentive and kind employees, and how there's something for everyone on the menu. The menu offers 6 different appetizers, 2 salads, 9 pizzas, 2 bambinos, 5 pastas, 3 sweets, and you can craft your own cocktail(s). The pizzas and pastas can be made vegetarian. They have take out, indoor, and outdoor seating. Pigzza also offers "Brunch O' Clock" on Saturdays and Sundays from 11AM - 3PM, which has its own separate brunch menu.



Congratulations to Mr. Miller who received the Hero Teacher Award this morning. Thanks for all that you do! #ocpsheroteacher



# Everything You Need To Know About A VR Headset

**How does it work?** The short answer is, that it takes two images, directing each eye to one. They are then projected onto two lenses one eye, that will force your eyes to perceive the images as 3-D images.

**How expensive are they?** The price of a good quality VR headset can range from \$500-\$1,000 and beyond. You can also make them homemade for as little as \$10.

**Why should I get one?** While they may not be the most enjoyable thing for everybody, most people find it very relaxing. On top of the emotional benefits, they can help with hand-eye coordination and give both children and adults a chance for immersive learning.

**What are the different options for VR?** There are many different kinds of VR, but the main ones consist of Mobile-based VR. These are often done with a mobile phone being held in a clear or plastic case. You can then use it as a regular headset (Downloading of apps may be required). PC-based VR. This is a great option to use if you already have a PC. Reviews say that this is a much more realistic experience and praise it. Oculus is the most widely known version of this. If you do not already have a PC, the next option may be better for you. The final option is Standalone VR. This is an amazing thing on its own and will work without any other device. The price for this is very ideal, being cheaper than the PC-based option. This is a perfect option for anyone who may not have a lot of devices but still wants a taste of VR.

Where can I get one? While there are a lot of places that you can purchase a VR headset, Amazon may be the most reliable. You can use the link below to help you access some of the top-rated headsets on Amazon.

[https://www.amazon.com/s?k=vr+headset&crd=25QXJM5FSZG6T&prefix=vr%2Ccaps%2C120&ref=nb\\_sb\\_ss\\_ts-doa-p\\_1\\_2](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=vr+headset&crd=25QXJM5FSZG6T&prefix=vr%2Ccaps%2C120&ref=nb_sb_ss_ts-doa-p_1_2)



## Evolution of the iPhone

Genevieve A

The telephone has come such a long way, and impacted so many people, on how we live, communicate, and work. The very first telephone was invented in 1876 by Alexander Graham Bell, and it made a huge impact on many people. The rotary telephone, which had rotating numbers in the center, was made by Almon Brown Strowger in the early 1900s. Fast forward to 2001, and the world witnessed the invention of the first iPod, a device where you could listen to music on it, this was created by a man named Tony Fadell. Then came 2007, when the first iPhone came into place it was a worldwide impact, made by Steve Jobs and members of the Apple company. From 2007- to 2016, there were only phones with buttons, then in 2017 came the iPhone X, which had a face ID and no button created by Jony Ive and the rest of the Apple company. The most recent iPhone that has come out is the iPhone 15 Pro Max. There are so many more iPhones to come, and who knows what cool features they will have!

