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## Forever Alone...

By Olivia Dalmedo

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Alas, it's that time of year again. Birds are singing, roses are blooming, and chubby, mutant infants are flying around with weapons. Valentine's Day brings a smile to everyone's faces, everyone's but yours, that is. Yes, dear reader, it's true, you are destined to be forever alone. This realization likely dawned on you when local stores began selling every flower known to mankind sprayed pink. I whole heartedly believe if there was a way to market poison ivy as a token of love, corporations would be the first to do it. Now, you're probably thinking, 'How do I cope with this?' Don't worry, The Immaculate Times has gathered together some strategies for you.

1. The most obvious way to celebrate would be to

boycott Valentine's Day. Grab your flaming torches and wooden stakes and start a riot. Ok, fine, a riot might be a bit much. You can still go out dressed your best funeral attire with a scowl on your face. If you want to take a more direct approach, I suggest harassing happy couples. Nothing says romance like psychotic screams denouncing love.

2. You can always cry alone in your bedroom. In order to get the desired effect, one must buy as many chocolates as he or she can. Beware, the filled chocolates say it's jelly inside, but it actually tastes like sewer sludge. Finally, tune into your favorite romantic movie. Trifling sniffles won't do

though. You need full-blown water works accompanied by banshee-like wails. "DON'T LET GO ROSE, DON'T LET GO!"

3. If the previous two suggestions don't tickle your fancy, you could pretend that you have a significant other. When the waiter comes around to take your order, gesture to the empty seat in front of you. "My date here will have the lasagna." Granted, you'll get a couple of looks from scared bystanders.

If you follow one or even a combined version of these tips, you'll be on your way to your perfect, single Valentine's Day celebration.

Valentine's Day not your thing? February is also:

- Creative Romance Month
- Black History Month
- Canned Food Month
- Great American Food Month

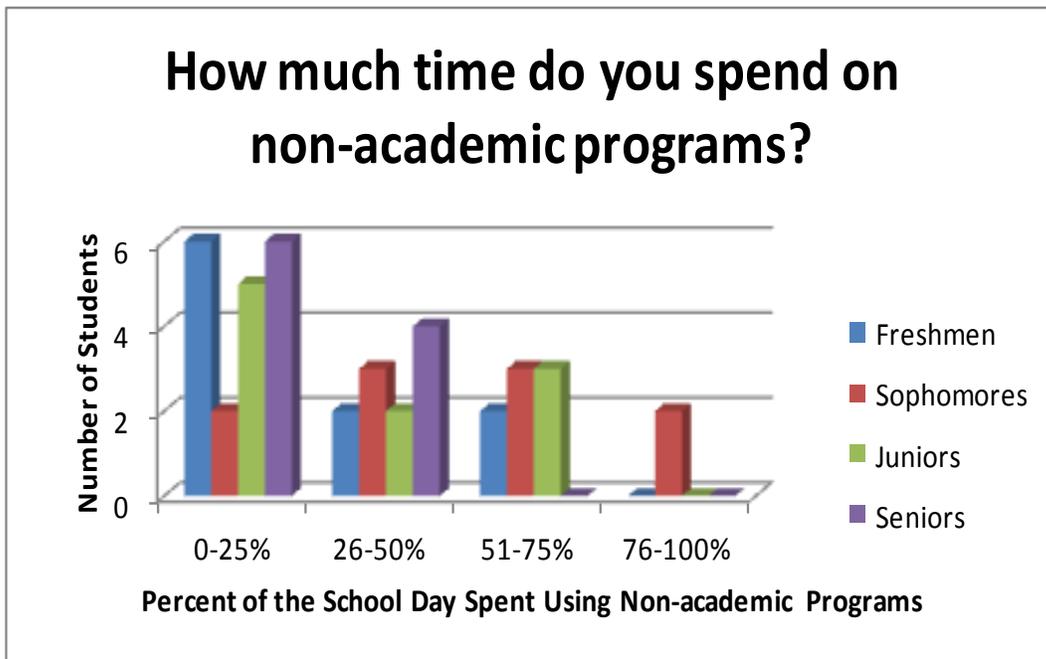


## Tool? Or Toy? By Navia Hall

The introduction of iPads to Immaculate was a major change that the school committed to. They are incredible devices that enable students to look up information and utilize countless educational apps that can academically help during classes or even at home. Even though there are many benefits, the iPad is also the cause of many, many distractions. The app store is a convenient place where we can get educational

apps, but we can also be lured into getting fun and addicting games on our iPads as well as numerous chat apps that enable students to talk between classes. These iPads are the cause of our success, but are also the poison that can negatively affect our grades if we choose to play mindless games while a teacher is lecturing about an important test subject. The newspaper crew was very interested in this topic and de-

ecided to anonymously ask students what percentage of the average school day do they use their iPads for entertainment rather than education. Check out the results! Where do you stand?



Graph illustrates the responses of 40 students, ten from each class.

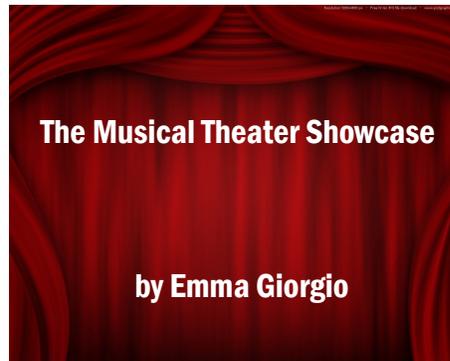
## What to wear.... By Alexia Ferreira



For details on these outfits and others go to [lexiaf.polyvore.com](http://lexiaf.polyvore.com)

On January 24, the Musical Theater class at Immaculate High School put on a showcase to exhibit the variety of talents the class holds. These students, with the help of Mrs. Raymond, practiced long and hard for that night. Their hard work and effort were very evident as the students lit up the stage with their enthusiasm. There were many different kinds of acts at the showcase from comedic and serious monologues, to theater ballads, to dance routines. Overall, the night was very successful. It was a pleasure to watch hidden talents shine that night in the IHS cafeteria. It was a night of confi-

dence building and showcasing the incredible talent both known and unknown that the musical theater students have. Many students surprised us as they took



the stage and showed their voice or other talent that they had hidden from us. The showcase was a great way to get students to step

out of their comfort zones and gain confidence in themselves. Theater is a place of expression and the students really showed that concept. Many of the students who participated in the showcase just needed that little extra push to get them out there and get them to show their incredible talents. The showcase was a perfect way to do this. These students have exhibited more confidence and self esteem after the showcase. Students have said that the musical theater program has helped them grow in the theater world and that it gave them the tools they needed to fine tune their talents and performing skills.



# Featured Photos

By Matt St. Jean



# Superbowl Fun Facts

- 8 million pounds of guacamole and 14,500 tons of chips are eaten every Super Bowl Sunday.
- A 30-second commercial during the Super Bowl costs about \$2,800,000
- Super Bowl XLV supported more than 45 minutes worth of advertisements.
- Super Bowl XLV was the most-watched program in TV history



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If you know web shows, you know *The Guild*. It is featured on iTunes, DVD, Netflix, Hulu, Xbox Live Marketplace, Zune Marketplace, MSN Video and is sponsored by Sprint. So far, there are 6 seasons and 70 episodes, not including holiday editions or music videos. The basic premise of *The Guild* is the life of the 6 members of a group called 'The Knights of Good' in a virtual reality platform called "The Game". Felicia Day is the writer,

## By Jack Nevin

creator and star of *The Guild*. She plays Cyd Sherman, also known as Codex the Priestess, who struggles with keeping her real life separate from her life in The Game. Conventions are visited, rival guilds are fought and internal conflict is no stranger to The Knights of Good. The group is led by the logical warrior Vork, played by accomplished comedian, Jeff Lewis. Other members include Zaboo, the warlock who becomes infatuated with Codex; Bladezz, a teenage narcissist; and Clara, a stay-at-home mom who does little mothering, as she constantly puts The Game over her family. Their main adversaries are the Axis of Anarchy. This group is headed by the calm, cool and calculating Fawkes,

played by Star Trek celebrity Wil Wheaton. Other celebrity appearances include Erin Gray, Justine Ezarik, Nathon Fillion, Doug Jones and many others. *The Guild* has over 100 million views on YouTube and has won many prestigious awards. In February of 2009, Rolling Stone named *The Guild* one of "The Net's Best Serial Shows". It won the YouTube Video Award for Best Series in 2007, the Yahoo! Video Award for Best Series in 2008 and has won many awards at the Streamys, the Internet Video Awards, for episodes, music and actors. There is even a comic book series based on *The Guild* published by Dark Horse Comics. If you are to watch any web show, watch this one!

For seasons 1-5 + music videos and others: [www.youtube.com/user/watchtheguild](http://www.youtube.com/user/watchtheguild)  
 For season 6 + music videos: [www.youtube.com/user/geekandsundry](http://www.youtube.com/user/geekandsundry) videos

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