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The Inbetweeners

If you're looking to avoid the commitment of a movie or long series, consider "The Inbetweeners."

If the name sounds familiar, you might be thinking of yet another failed American adaption of a British show, which was canceled (for a second time) due to low ratings. Or maybe you've even seen one of the two spin-off movies, which include the same original cast.

Either way, they all follow the same group of four British schoolboys as they go through high school.

Because it's a comedy and not a drama, you get a much more realistic depiction of what high school is actually like (minus the actually-doing-schoolwork part), in

all its cringe-worthy and awkward glory. The setting provides the most appropriate background for the crude humor.

For a long time it was on Netflix's popular page but has since retired to the infamous "Netflix purgatory," where all three seasons and two spinoffs currently reside.

Despite no longer being one of the most viewed shows, it still retains its four and three-fourths star rating on Netflix.

So if you're in search of a new comedy, that you won't get tired of half-way into the first season, it's definitely worth the watch.

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From Dusk Till Dawn

A classic movie that you're probably familiar with that you should definitely watch is "From Dusk Till Dawn."

The film follows two bank-robbing brothers, Seth and Richie Geko, played by George Clooney and Quentin Tarantino respectively, as they commit a variety of crimes, eventually leading them into Mexico in an effort to evade the law. After crossing the border they unknowingly arrive at a strip club/brothel run by vampires (yes, you

read correctly, vampires) and chaos ensues.

In typical b-movie/black comedy-horror-crime-film fashion, there's blood and a lot of it. Like most Tarantino films, this movie isn't for everyone; you either really like it or you're left wondering why you didn't hit "cancel" ten minutes in.

But if you're into disturbing humor and human-on-vampire violence, it's an entertaining way to kill an hour and 48 minutes.

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NETFLIX ORIGINAL sense8

"Sense8" is a good choice if you're looking for a show that's a little more exhilarating and complex.

The science fiction drama revolves around the lives of eight strangers, each from a different part of the world, who begin to find that they are connected, both physically and emotionally, after they all begin experiencing the same vision of the (considerably graphic) last moments of a woman none of them know.

As they become aware of one another they have to learn to cope with their new realities while still handling the problems that were already present in their lives.

The Netflix Original Series

received much praise for its exploration of subjects not commonly addressed in science fiction shows, such as religion, sexuality, and politics.

This along with its unique plot and diverse cast gained the drama considerable attention shortly after its early summer release and on Aug 8, Netflix announced the show would be renewed for a second season.

Be advised, the show can be uneven at times and hard to follow, so it will require your attention if you want to keep up with it. But if you're willing to commit, go for it.

It's Turnabout, revamped

The traditional Turnabout becomes Trevapalooza

by *Jake Freedman*

Winter Dance, or as most people know it, Turnabout, is coming up on February 20. At New Trier it seems like a big deal, people ask a month early, always talk about it in the halls, and worry about costumes if they are a junior or senior.

New this year to the dance is an inflatable laser tag room. Ms. Gitau, the sponsor of Global Exchange, the group that plans the dance, said "the past two or three years, we've had some kind of activity, and this year we are adding on to that tradition." She added, "We like to keep it new and keep the students interested."

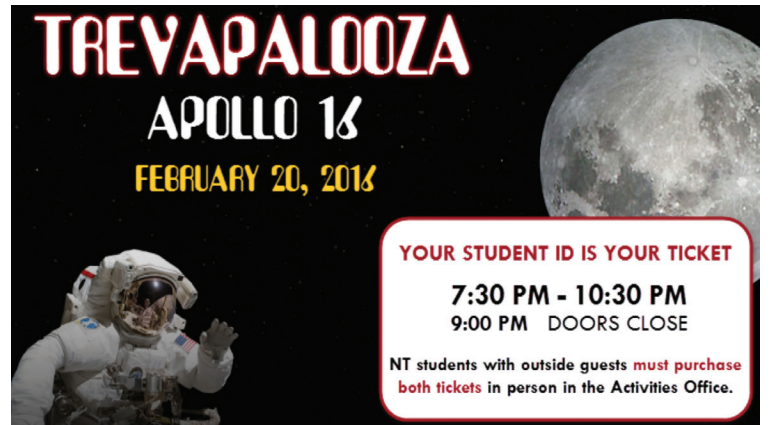
Another addition is student's IDs will now be used as tickets.

Junior Tommy Solberg said she is excited for Turnabout because "you can see what other groups themes are and their costumes." Not one person mentioned the actual dancing as the part they were most looking forward to, which is not much of a surprise considering it is mostly a social event.

A lot of planning goes into the night to figure out everything to do before and after the dance. Large group chats are made with up to 40 people. Students sort out every detail, from the cost of a party bus, to where the after party will be.

Junior Charlie Keller is not even going to anything except the after party. He said "I've gone to Turnabout before, and the fun part is the after party, so this year I'm glad that's the only part I'm doing."

More people seem to be following this plan of forgoing the formalities of the dance. Charlie added, "the reason the after party is



Formerly Turnabout, Trevapalooza's theme is Apollo 16 | newtrier.k12.il.us and where kids can find the perfect Instagram photo.

the best part is because the rest of the night has drama attached to it." Solberg said the drama comes from "not being settled with one person to go with, and trying to get everything together." Most people ask their date casually by texting or in person, but have a plan to do a creative ask later on.

Juniors and seniors have themes for the dance, which is in contrast to sophomores and freshman who normally wear suits and dresses. Some themes people have mentioned this year are Oktoberfest, Harry Potter, Star Wars, S.W.A.T and sailers and mermaids.

Freshman Henry Freedman said "It's frustrating having to dress up fancy, the dance isn't a big deal and I don't think freshman should have to act like it is."

While Freedman doesn't think the dance is a big deal, junior Eddy Bigelow disagreed. "For me, I'm excited about the dance, but for some people it's a huge deal and can create a lot of drama in their lives."

Usually the night of Turnabout (now Trevapalooza) consists of getting dressed up into either a costume or nice clothes, and heading to your group's pictures. Pictures are a time where parents can snap photos of their kids before the dance

YOUR STUDENT ID IS YOUR TICKET
7:30 PM - 10:30 PM
9:00 PM DOORS CLOSE
NT students with outside guests must purchase both tickets in person in the Activities Office.

and where kids can find the perfect Instagram photo.

After pictures, most groups go to a dinner then finally head to the dance. Keller said "In my experience, at the dance most people walk around looking for their friends to talk to, while a few people dance by the stage." He then added, "the actual dance is kind of a formality."

Being at the dance is also a time to see friends not in "your group" and to check out other people's costumes, but both Bigelow and Keller agreed the after party is the most fun part, and part of the drama that goes with the dance is finding someone to host the party.

For freshman who have never gone to a school dance, it is exciting to see what it is like. Freedman said: "while I don't think [the dance] is a huge deal, I'm looking forward to seeing what it's like and experiencing a dance for the first time."

Whether you are a freshman or senior or you hate the dance or love it, it definitely affects life at New Trier.

As junior Aaron Peltz said "It's not a big deal, but it's kind of a big deal."

Students love to hate Valentine's Day



Buying classmates chocolate roses is just one way NT celebrates | *Zhang*

NT students have mixed feelings over Valentine's Day's

by *Eden Perl*

The feelings surrounding Valentine's Day at New Trier aren't as sweet as the holiday would suggest.

Although the day is meant to be filled with love and happiness, not all people feel that it should be recognized as heavily as it is.

Junior Jack French is not a fan of this holiday. French said, "I think it's overrated for people our age. I don't think people are really in that serious of relationships our age to be able to do that type of thing."

Sophomore Peter Murray also had no intention in partaking in Valentine's Day festivities this upcoming February.

Murray, like many others, believes that Valentine's Day is merely a let down for those who

are not involved in a romantic relationship. "Valentine's Day gets you down when you don't have a girlfriend or boyfriend to share it with," Murray said. "When you don't have someone you 'love' you don't feel included in the festivities that others get to partake in."

Along with the thought that Valentine's Day is not inclusive or considerate, some people also think it is only a Hallmark holiday, created with the intention of fueling business profits.

In 2013 alone, over 18.6 billion was spent in the United States on Valentine's Day according to CNN. Junior Tommy Solberg said, "I think Valentine's Day is a way for companies to make more money. It's designed to be appealing in many expensive ways yet the day holds no true significant meaning."

Although there are many who do not choose to partake in this holiday, there are also those who celebrate it with pride.

Sophomore Brendan Michelson said, "Valentine's Day is the perfect time to express the love for the special person in your life." Sophomore Shane Fitzpatrick said, "I think Valentine's Day is great because it is a day dedicated to showing your love to the people in your life."

Many students have different opinions about Valentine's Day. Some think of love and roses, while others think of heartbreak and loneliness.

Junior Griffin DeLoach happens to love Valentine's Day. "I really like Valentine's Day. I'm a romantic kind of guy. When I think of Valentine's Day I think of roses and chocolate and other stuff like that."

The symbol of flowers for Valentine's Day seems to be popular along with many other luxury type gifts. In 2014 alone, over 52 million was spent purchasing flowers on Valentine's Day.

The jewelry market came close to that with around 50 million dollars being spent on Valentine's Day, according to CNN. Regardless of any opposition to the day, Valentine's Day is still a huge business day for many store owners and retailers across the country.

Valentine's Day is meant to be spent showing those you care about how much you appreciate them. Although some may question its authenticity as a holiday, others find this day to be quite romantic and endearing. Spend this Valentine's Day in good spirits and show someone who's special to you how much you care about them.