

Students parade in celebration of St. Patrick's Day

Students attended the parade, despite low turnout due to weather

by Amelia Lytle

Trevians put on their green and headed downtown to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, but the cold weather turned off many from going.

Students who attended the parade noticed the lack of revelers.

"Compared to past years that I've gone to the parade, there were significantly less people and it wasn't as enjoyable," senior Maggie Maher said.

Senior Jacob Wilson said, "It was decently crowded but not uncomfortably so. Everyone was just enjoying themselves with friends, overall a pretty chill environment."

While no estimates have been released from the city yet, according to those present, the number pales in comparison to the estimated 5 million that came out for the Cubs parade.

"This parade was more calm and not as overwhelming as the cubs parade," senior Anna Weeks said.

Weeks also shared that she thought twice about heading to the parade due to the weather, but

toughed out the cold and put on six layers.

For junior Libby Markham, the cold weather only played a small role in her decision not to attend the parade.

"I didn't want to go because I feel like it's just another excuse for kids to get drunk and take pictures to post so they look like they go to social events."

According to students who attended the parade, teens from the Chicagoland area go to the parade to drink with their friends.

Senior Colleen Yang said, "It gives people an excuse to drink in the middle of the day." She shared it also gives people an opportunity to go to the city, see people you don't normally hang out with, and take fun pictures.

There are other reasons people attend the parade than to drink, such as be surrounded by the positive energy and meet people, but Weeks and Maher agreed that it is mostly an excuse for people to drink.

"You could definitely pick out the groups of people looking to get drunk and the people there to see the parade. For the most part the two types of people stayed in different areas," said Wilson.

Senior Emilie Petterson explained the appeal of the parade that draws so many Trevians downtown. "It appeals to people



Students had mixed reviews on the turnout at the recent parade because attendance fell short of years past | Zervas

because it is popular and a big social event that lots of people don't want to miss out on."

Students who did not attend did not feel like they missed out on anything.

Markham said, "I don't really feel like I missed out mostly because it didn't sound very fun and it was too cold."

Sophomore Zach Wilson agreed saying, "I had other plans with my friends so I didn't feel like I was missing out at all."

Some students left feeling disappointed about the day, that they did not see all the festivities Chicago had to offer.

"I would have enjoyed seeing the river dyed more than seeing the actual parade, but they dyed it so early that I missed it," said Wilson.

This was Week's first year at the parade, "I wanted to attend because I liked the Cubs parade, but there wasn't as much energy as I expected. I also didn't get to see the river dyeing, which was disappointing."

Attending the parade as a child compared to as a teen are two wildly different experiences, but perhaps the first option is better, according to Zach Wilson.

"I went with my family the first year I moved to the north shore and had a great time watching the dyeing

of the river." Compared to Trevians reviews of the 2017 parade, maybe attending with family and actually seeing the festivities is the better way to celebrate St. Patrick's day.

Although many students enjoyed the parade and were not put off by the cold, if you were a student who chose to stay home, it seems you did not miss out on the biggest social event of the year.

"If I went I definitely would have had fun, but I did not have FOMO from not going and I enjoyed being lazy and staying warm on a Saturday morning instead," said Markham.

Mia Kellman dedicates her time to dancing at Joffrey Academy

Joffrey Ballet Company is known internationally for its talented dancers

by Mack Guthrie

Mia Kellman, a senior, and student at the prestigious Joffrey Academy of Dance, has come a long way since she started dancing at age three.

Kellman's parents signed her up for her first ballet classes.

She explained that her parents' original intention for signing her up was because "I was really clumsy, and I would fall all time."

Little did they know they would spark a lifelong passion.

When she was ten years old, Kellman started to take ballet more seriously and began to think of ballet as more of a career than a hobby.

Getting her start with the Joffrey the summer between sixth and seventh grade, Kellman has been dancing there ever since.

The Joffrey Academy of Dance in Chicago, associated with the Joffrey Ballet Company, is considered the most prestigious dance school in the city, and is well-known nationally and internationally.

While most High School seniors are completing essay after essay for college admissions, Kellman is working tirelessly as she prepares to audition for traineeships.

Lasting typically one to two years, traineeships are similar to apprenticeships in that they prepare students for the trade of dance.

They are completed with a dance company and students who complete the traineeship are typically hired into the main company.

Kellman explained that while



Mia Kellman spends over twenty hours a week at dance practice | Kellman

she has considered dancing in college or attending conservatory, her plans for the future are "still in the works."

Kellman leaves school after 8th period, giving her ample time to get to the city on time for ballet class which starts at five o'clock.

She makes the trip downtown which includes a 35 minute train ride and a 15 minute walk, everyday, except Sundays, when the dancers have the day off.

Practice runs until 8:30 pm Kellman typically arrives home at 9:15 pm, when she eats dinner and completes her homework.

Despite the busy lifestyle, which includes over twenty hours of ballet a week, Kellman is happy pursuing her passion, and explained that the relationships which she has formed with her fellow dancers make her excited to go to practice everyday.

"We've been dancing together since we were 9 or 10," said Kellman. "We are a close group of friends." She explained that though some have left Joffrey, they remain very close and still get together. Sophomore Sophie Elliott, who

dances with Kellman at Joffrey agreed that it is a close group. Training with Kellman she said "has been inspiring."

She explained that Kellman's dedication, both in and out class is admirable. "She's always working and doing homework on the train."

Elliott has respect for Kellman's ability to balance her homework load and still manages to be "one of the best dancers in our level."

Calling herself on the cliche, Kellman explained, "I really love 'The Nutcracker,'" calling it her favorite performance. She enjoys the cheeriness of the music and said "it reminds me of Christmas."

Nostalgically, she talked about her fond memories of seeing the ballet every year when she was little, and that the opportunity to perform in it was amazing.

Kellman's favorite thing about ballet is performing. She explained that while the daily classes could become boring at times with the endless drills and exercises, the nervous thrill of a performance never fails to excite her.

NBC's new show is a hit

People fall in love with plot and characters of "This is Us"

by Maggie Curry

On Sept. 20, the dramedy "This Is Us" premiered on NBC.

The show introduces four seemingly unrelated characters that all happen to have the same 36th birthday.

Jack, played by 'Gilmore Girls' Milo Ventimiglia, is celebrating his birthday with his wife Rebecca, played by a very pregnant Mandy Moore. There is Kate (Chrissy Metz), a woman who is struggling with her weight. There is Kevin (Justin Hartley), an actor who finds himself questioning his line of work in a sitcom. And lastly, there is Randall (Sterling K. Brown), a father, husband, and successful business man who finally finds his biological father after a life long search.

The show has a variety of issues the characters deal with including depression, anxiety, body image, self worth, identity, addiction, infidelity, and loss.

Eventually, all of the characters are linked to create a show that can bring people to tears.

When my sister urged me to watch it, I watched the pilot episode, and by the end of it I was beyond confused. During the episode, I loved the unique platform the show took, until the end. I had to watch the first episode again, and then start the second episode to fully understand what I was watching.

Aside from that, "This is Us" makes you cry, showing how good the show is. Rather than introducing characters that you'd grow to love over seasons and then suddenly killing them off, "This Is Us" brings you to tears in the first season during

multiple episodes, showing how good the writing, acting and characters are.

The show appears to be a drama when looking at plot, but seeing how the characters interact with each other brings a comical and relatable aspect to the show. It gives viewers the whole "Oh-I've-been-there" feeling.

A unique aspect of the show is that the issues characters deal with aren't portrayed simply, but explain the root of the issues. The show alternates between flashbacks and current scenes to develop the characters.

The role Ventimiglia plays is very different from his most known role of Jess in 'Gilmore Girls.' After eighteen years, Ventimiglia is no longer the bad-boy, heart-throb we all came to know and love. He now plays a husband and father.

In comparison to 'Gilmore Girls,' the show deals with a wider variety of issues, but fans of Jess and the show overall would probably like "This Is Us" as well. Similar to 'Gilmore Girls,' it incorporates humor into the show, but I would go even further to say it is better than "Gilmore Girls"- bear with me Logan-lovers.

"This Is Us" not only deals with more issues, but the characters' responses to their situations are more realistic than "Gilmore Girls," starting with the fact that when they drink coffee on "This Is Us" they actually look like they're drinking coffee.

You might be wondering: Does it live up to the hype? I believe it surpasses the hype, mostly because after watching the trailer, you really have no idea what the show is about aside from Mandy Moore experiencing difficulties during birth and a shirtless actor having a breakdown on set.

But once you start watching the show, you know "This Is Us" is a show about a family in their most vulnerable moments, and we get to go along for the ride.