

# Subs can make a lasting impact



by Carly Travis

I've been in school for over ten years and within those ten years I've met many teachers. However, all teachers need a break once in a while or get sick every now and again and must call for a substitute.

Since I've had many teachers, I've also had twice as many subs. Yet, of all the substitute teachers that have graced the halls, not one of them has stood in front of the class hungover and proceeded to transform it into a rock band.

Mr. Schneebly, played by Jack Black in the 2003 hit movie "School of Rock," was kind of my unsung hero. You would never think that a washed up, beer bellied character could actually inspire children, yet he did.

For those who haven't seen the movie, Dewey Finn (Jack Black) poses as his roommate Ned Schneebly and takes the role of a temporary teacher at a private school for a group of middle school children.

At first, he neglects the students and the curriculum, but soon realizes that his kids are incredibly talented

musicians. Since he was recently dumped by his bandmates, he decides that creating a kid rock band would be a brilliant "class project."

Essentially, what could have been a mundane situation, turned out to be an inspiring one. In part, the stuffy private school students learned to express themselves through music and fight their insecurities. I'd highly recommend the movie, regardless of your age.

Now, I realize that a movie isn't a good representation of reality, but I also know that I've never had a substitute teacher that truly cared as much as Mr. S.

Being temporary feels like another way of saying unimportant. We stamp temporary tattoos on our bodies because we don't care enough to get real ones. We spray temporary hair dye on our scalps because it will eventually disappear. Temporary teachers don't have to feel this way, though.

My frustration towards subs hit its peak last week. Normally, a classroom would be excited at the sight of it's regular teacher being absent; it automatically means that a movie would be played and we could turn off our brains for the period. This time around, I sulked instead of squealed.

Our sub, with a lackluster look on their face, spoke to us in the driest, most monotone voice you've ever heard. It immediately lowered the energy in the room and resulted in my class wanting nothing

to do with participating or paying attention; I yearned for my teacher's bright dialect and engaging eye contact.

What substitutes don't realize is that they're breaking up the monotony of the regular 40 minute period and should take advantage of that.

Every day we're greeted by the same teacher, and while I'm not claiming that's boring, I am saying that throwing us a curve ball is, at times, exciting. Therefore, subs should embrace the role of "guest teacher" rather than "temporary teacher."

When I was in middle school, every so often we would have a sub named Mrs. Goodfriend. She was awesome. She wore clogs with grey sweatpants, had crazy, large eyeglasses, and awarded us with "wizard points."

Mrs. Goodfriend had a point system that never expired in which she would ask sporadic quiz questions. For those who answered correctly, a wizard point was granted.

I'm not saying every sub needs to adapt a point system, but the reason Mrs. Goodfriend was so well liked was because her charisma was memorable.

I can't tell someone how to do their job, but I can offer some advice to students of subs. I think that in order to make the situation more tolerable, we have to be open minded, say yes, and be patient.

# It's roommating season for seniors



by Camille Baer

Stressing about who your future roomie may be as we approach the impending date of May 1st? Finding a college roommate may not be nearly as hard as you think.

The most important thing you should do before anything else is actually do some research on the possible dorms you are interested in living in.

Once you've gotten some background knowledge on what the best options for housing are, you should apply as soon as you can. On nearly every university's website, they advise students to register for housing as soon as you're admitted, due to limited space.

If you don't care where you end up, be my guest and let the fates decide—but when you end up in a cramped dorm with a roommate who doesn't speak English on the opposite side of the campus in a building with no air conditioning let me just say: I told you so.

What most people are doing now is joining the school's incoming freshman Facebook group. This is

a great way to begin meeting new people, and to get a sense of the kinds of students also planning on attending the school.

In these Facebook groups, many people searching for a roommate have posted personality-resumes, listing their likes and dislikes, and what they're looking for in a roommate.

It's almost like campaigning for yourself, hoping that you find someone who has the same attitude and beliefs that you do. Picture online dating, but slightly more stressful and with a different end goal.

When you've officially chosen a school to attend, and you're ready to begin the search for a roommate, there are some important things you should keep in mind when talking to potential roomies. From a USA Today article, Megan Landau offers five excellent topics to discuss when speaking with a possible roommate for the first time.

The first thing Landau mentions is your study habits. Would they rather study in the room or library? Think of possible conflicts that could be caused by regular late night studying. Or perhaps you enjoy blasting music and have no intention of being quiet while home.

Visitors is another important topic to talk over. Will they have a problem if your best friend comes to stay in the room for the weekend, or vice versa? Or maybe you like

to hang with your friends in your room, and you want to avoid being disrespectful towards your roommate.

Don't forget to ask about Greek life. This is an important thing to discuss that tends to get overlooked when searching for a roommate. Landau says it would probably be reassuring to room with someone who's going through the same process as you, especially with something as time consuming as joining a sorority or fraternity.

Something that may seem slightly weird to bring up at first, but is definitely a valid question, is to ask about sleeping habits. You don't want to be that person who's always up past midnight, moving around and making noise while your roommate has been trying to fall asleep for the past two hours.

The final point Landau makes is to make sure you have common interests. While this is self-explanatory, it's always good to make sure you will enjoy the same things, because it will be immensely helpful to have someone by your side the first couple of weeks—even more important: you actually like each other.

Long story short, don't feel uncomfortable asking the important questions, because you're going to be living with that person in just a few short months. Remember, it's always better to be safe than sorry

# Editorial

## FBiOS: coming soon to an iPhone near you

When you walk through the halls, it's rare to not see someone with an iPhone in their hands or peeking out of their backpacks. Through the iPad program, every New Trier student has access to an iPad for their classes. Clearly, Apple is a big part of the New Trier learning experience, and the amount of personal information located on these devices is mind-boggling.

On Tuesday, Feb. 16, a federal judge in Los Angeles ordered Apple to give aid to FBI investigators in accessing the encrypted data on the iPhone 5c used by the San Bernardino shooters, Syed Farook and his wife, Tashfeen Malik.

Farouk and Malik killed 14 people in San Bernardino on Dec. 2. The FBI requested help in bypassing the security measure that disables an iPhone and renders it useless after the wrong passcode has been entered a certain number of times. While a warrant for the information on the data has been issued, investigators claim they have been unable to access the data encrypted on the iPhone. This data would give the FBI up-close and personal insight into the San Bernardino shooters, ranging from their address book to their camera roll.

The following day, Apple's CEO, Tim Cook, released a letter to the public in response to the court order titled "A Message to our Customers," which explained the company's position on the court order and why it was refusing to voluntarily help the FBI.

Apple described the FBI's request, saying that the FBI asked Apple to create a new version of the iPhone's operating system, one without most of of the security features in a typical iPhone, and install it on the recovered iPhone 5c from the shooting.

Cook said: "The FBI may use different words to describe this tool, but make no mistake: building a version of iOS that bypasses security in this way would undeniably create a backdoor. And while the government may argue that its use would be limited to this case, there is no way to guarantee such control."

Talk about Big Brother. Essentially, the government wants unlimited access to a terrorist's iPhone and claims that its use will be limited to this one cellphone, but there's no guarantee. Even inventing software like that bodes poorly for Apple, truly creating a backdoor into the millions of iPhones currently being used at this very moment.

Now imagine that this security program did exist. Any person who had the program downloaded and came into contact with a physical iPhone would have complete access to that iPhone. Calendar events, photos, iMessages and emails—you name it and they would have access to it. This is not Apple being stubborn and not wanting to help the government, this is Apple trying to protect national security. Why should access to one phone jeopardize the safety of millions of phones all over the world?

Instead of going through Congress in order to have access to the iPhone, the FBI is using the All Writs Act of 1789 to justify its request. While the founding fathers wrote some pretty important legislature that formats the government as we know it today, some acts don't apply anymore, especially with the large amount of technology available today.

If this program to bypass most security measures was created, then the possibilities would be endless.

The government could electronically put in the passcode, access the phone's location, intercept messages or potentially access the phone's microphone and camera without knowledge of the user.

On Monday, Feb. 22, Pew Research Center released a study revealing that there was more support in the US for the Justice Department than Apple in unlocking the phone. 51 percent of American citizens responded that Apple should unlock the iPhone, while only 38 percent responded that the iPhone should not be unlocked. 11 percent had no opinion on the matter. While the public may be standing by the justice department and the FBI, it doesn't deny the fact that unlocking the iPhone in that way would cause serious safety problems for Apple and its users.

Whether or not you've been following the security battle between Apple and the FBI, it might affect you very soon. If the FBI succeeds and has Apple create an alternative program that bypasses many of an iPhone's security features, then your brand new rose gold iPhone 6s could be at risk. Even worse, if Apple is forced to create this alternative software, we might all have to switch to Androids.

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