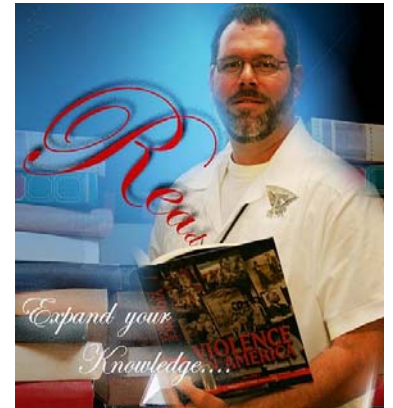




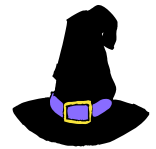
Favorite Books

My favorite childhood book is "The Little Engine That Could." It's a positive story about how someone persevered and overcame obstacles against the odds. He was able to accomplish what he was set out to do. This book should be a must-read for students. It is a great example of what can be accomplished when one sets their mind on a goal. What a great world this would be if everyone had the same attitude as "The Little Engine That Could."



Mr. Santiago Brenlla

Many teachers are requiring students to use print resources when conducting research. Students, most of the time, do not check their sources and do not evaluate websites. They need to use reliable and trust-worthy references. Print resources provide more dependable information. **Ms. Tracey Burger, Mr. William Hardison, and Ms. Ceresta Smith** are a few of the teachers who have recently required their students to use books for their research projects. Hats off to you!



Arianna Lafaurie

If you love to read here is a series of books perfect for you.

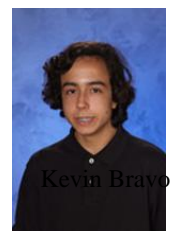
The Harry Potter Series consists of seven books filled with thrilling stories and exciting moments. There's never a dull moment when reading these books. The characters and the plot keep you wanting more, and the more you read the more you want to know what's going to happen next. The books catch the reader's attention with every detail in the writing. The author J.K Rowling uses phrases and words that make you feel as if you were in the story itself. I recommend this series because it is fun to read and will keep you entertained whether it be in the car on the road or at home, bored.



CORE VALUES

HONESTY

HATS OFF AND A BIG THANK YOU TO 11TH GRADER **KEVIN BRAVO**, WHO FOUND A CELL PHONE AND TURNED IT IN TO THE INFORMATION CENTER STAFF!!



Kevin Bravo



Berenice Sylverain, an IB senior, is spreading the message of violence prevention and intervention.

As an activist, she hopes to bring forth understanding and hope to her fellow peers about the

The month of October is National Bullying Prevention month. Bullying is a negative action taken on the part of a student who is being repeatedly abused over time through physical or sexual violation, verbal insults, emotional taunting and cyber bullying. The purpose of bullying is to inflict injury upon another person. Most teens who experience bullying rarely seek help. Although counseling and social services are provided to students, they do not take advantage of them. The reason for this is due to emotional embarrassment or the feeling of misunderstanding from those trying to help.

Bullying takes many forms:

1. **Physical** — hitting, kicking, shoving, spitting, hair pulling, strangling, etc.
2. **Verbal** — taunting, teasing, name calling, threatening, hate speech
3. **Emotional** — rejection or exclusion of others, rumors, gossip, forcing others to do things
4. **Sexual** — unwanted hugs, pinches, slaps, or sexual jokes (*Sexual bullying is sexual harassment and should not be confused with flirting*)
5. **Cyber bullying** — using Internet, e-mails, IMs, text messages, social networking sites (Myspace, Facebook, Friendster, Xanga) to taunt, tease, harass, spread rumors or gossip

Cyber-bullying has been of great national concern. Technology surrounds us in this new day and age. Technology is a great method of communication but also a very dangerous one as well. Teens have fully embraced technology in not only positive ways but negative ones as well. It is now part of the social environment and unfortunately is used as a method of instilling fear in others. The manipulation of technology to hurt others needs to STOP NOW! Technology is for obtaining information and learning, not for usage as a 'powerful' method of bullying and harassment.

Some books about bully-

Carrie by Stephen King

Beyond the Chocolate War by Robert Cormier

Shooter by Walter Dean Myers

Secret Identity by Wendelin Van Draanen

My Dog, Cat by Marty Crisp

Dough Boy by Peter Marino

Kissing the Rain by Kevin Brooks

The Revealers by Doug Wilhelm

My War with Brian by Ted Rall