

Headlight



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How to Pick a Senior Quote

Kyra Veprek, Senior Reporter in the Field

On the first day of school, a nameless teacher will hand you a sheet titled "Senior Quote," and you will panic. Don't worry, it's going to be okay; the initial fear of realizing that a year from today you will have graduated from high school, and will be entering a school or job that will determine how the rest of your life follows will eventually go away. Next, pay no attention to which corner of your backpack you shove this crucial document into. It will end up in the black hole strategically hidden at the bottom of your bag anyway, and there's nothing you can do to save it. After that, always remember to forget this responsibility even exists.

Two weeks later, the day your senior quote is due, make sure to sit at a lunch table where people will discuss the stated assignment, and the success they had in completing it. Panic part two. Again, it will all be okay. The quote isn't due until midnight anyways. Grab your phone. Google "good senior quote ideas," knowing you're not creative enough to come up with one yourself. Scroll through BuzzFeed's "55 Best Senior Quotes from 2016" and baby barf at the pitiful puns published by students in years past. Put your phone away. You will not settle for bad puns.

That night, listen to those songs stored on your phone for quiet nights and rainy days. Take notice of how painfully cheesy the cookie cutter lyrics are. Do not settle for the incredibly lame metaphor about moving on. You are too original to be remembered for "teardrops on your guitar" or "making this place your home." Think of a lame cop-out. Run it by your friends. Receive their half-hearted approvals. Cry a little bit. Send the quote in anyways.

At 11:50 rest your head for bed. Close your eyes. Suddenly remember the novel you read sophomore year that changed your life. Jump up, grab that book, and find the quote you took the time to underline in pencil. Flip to the page. Rewrite the email (and guffaw at the unoriginal line you dared to send earlier). Send. Celebrate. "The world spins. We stumble on. It is enough."

Examples of the Very Worst Senior Quotes

- "If someone ever asks you to do something, do it really bad so you never have to do it again."
- "It's not enough that I should succeed—others should fail."
- "I didn't choose the thug life. The thug life chose me."
- "If you like water, you already like 72% of me."
- "Four years later and I'm still an idiot. Thanks for nothing."
- "Pass the aux chord, fam."
- "Kony 2012."

What's Happening at MHS?

Important Dates

-Friday, October 21

Picture Retake Day

-Tuesday, October 25

Conversation with the Superintendent (7:00 PM-8:00 PM)

-Thursday, October 27

Student Peer Mentor meeting (6:00 PM-9:00 PM)

-Thursday, November 10

Last day of Quarter 1

College Visits

-Friday, October 21

College Visits: University of Rhode Island (10 AM); Boston College (12:30 PM)

-Monday, October 24

College Visits: Nichols (8 AM); High Point University (10 AM); University of New England (12:30 PM); Keene State (1:30 PM)

-Tuesday, October 25

College Visits: Trinity (8 AM); Connecticut College (10 AM); Clark (12:30 PM); Mount Ida (1:30 PM)

-Wednesday, October 26

College Visits: Washington University at St. Louis (9:15 AM); UMass Amherst, Rivier (10 AM); Unity (12:30 PM); Miami University Ohio, Curry (1:30 PM)

#Don'tRepealthe19th

Abby Schalek, Senior Reporter in the Field

Most can agree that this year's election has not exactly been conventional, which was easy to see during the first two presidential debates. Besides what seems to be a bitter rivalry between these particular candidates, there is something that has made this election distinctly different than any election before it: the Internet.

Before the use of the Internet, people who had extreme views, especially those linked to politics, were limited in their ability to gain support for their message due to a lack of an accessible platform through which they could reach others with similar viewpoints. Nowadays, social media allows people to easily access others who share similar discriminatory views and spread their messages, which gives mainstream media attention to something that in the past wouldn't have received any attention at all.

Last week, for example, Trump supporters created a social media 'campaign' in order to try to repeal the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees a woman's right to vote. This campaign began in response to FiveThirtyEight's recent finding that Donald Trump would win the 2016 election if only the country's men voted and that Hillary Clinton would win by an enormous margin if only women voted. This campaign to try and change basic rights guaranteed by the constitution has been seen most circling around Twitter with the hashtag #RepealThe19th.

Prior to the Internet, this type of message would have never made it out into mainstream media like newspapers or television. Although it is probably safe to say that most people, even some Trump supporters, don't actually believe in repealing a woman's right to vote, social media provides a platform that helps to make such an extreme viewpoint seem somewhat normal by making it a part of what we hear every day.

This request to repeal the 19th Amendment, while absolutely absurd, represents a misogynistic viewpoint that is very damaging to women's rights, and, if left alone, could gain support and cause people to actually consider it. Even those who may not agree with the movement may begin to feel that its message is the norm if they are surrounded by it long enough.

This movement should serve as a message that the bigoted views behind a popular hashtag do not correspond with the views of all, or even a large group of Americans. People have to actively make sure that they do not become desensitized to the hateful views that can often be spread by the Internet.

Play It Again, Jabrams

Paul Heffernan, Sophomore Reporter in the Field

This week's playlist features some great folk songs to set the mood for fall curated by the one and only Jake Abrams, aka Jabrams, a senior guitar player/musician here at MHS.

Paul: So, who are some of your influences?

Jake: Pete Townshend, Mac Demarco, Kevin Parker (of Tame Impala), Radiohead, Dickey Betts (of the Allman Brothers Band), Jason Pierce (of Spiritualized), and Bob Dylan are some of my major influences.

Paul: When were you first introduced to folk music?

Jake: Probably when I first heard Ringo Starr in like fourth grade.

Paul: Who is your favorite folk artist?

Jake: Bob Dylan definitely, he is the greatest songwriter ever.

Paul: If you could eat lunch with three people living or dead who would it be?

Jake: Anthony Bourdain, Kanye West, and Ben Franklin.

Paul: Who is the last person you texted?

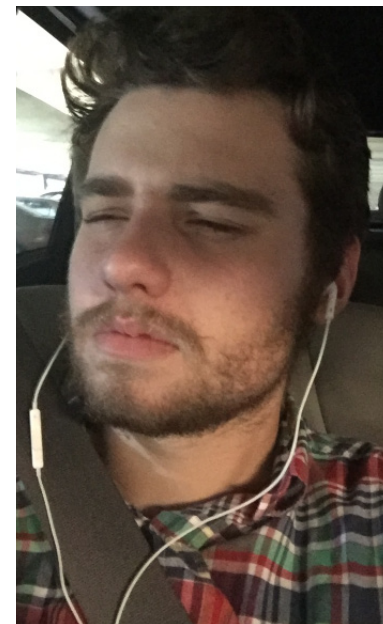
Jake: Danny aka Dabrams, I asked him if he signed up for PSATs.

Paul: What are we going to be listening to this week?

Jake: Some good fall folk music baby.

Playlist:

1. Simple Twist of Fate - Bob Dylan
2. Overs - Simon and Garfunkel
3. English House - Fleet Foxes
4. Ambulance Blues - Neil Young
5. Hejira - Joni Mitchell
6. Bird on a Wire - Leonard Cohen
7. Ballerina - Van Morrison
8. I Love My Dad - Sun Kil Moon
9. Re: Stacks - Bon Iver



Jabrams: The Music Man

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