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LOGAN RICHMAN, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For a number of students, the thought of opening up a virtual class at 7:45 AM sharp seemed in poor taste, questioning the point in barreling through a curriculum when a domestic, insurrectionist riot was siphoning all of our attention. For a number of teachers, that feeling was the same, but with the added responsibility of wanting to foster a network of support for students who needed a space to talk, process, and heal.

PARALLELS BETWEEN THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT OF THE 1960S

CHLOE CHO, STAFF WRITER

Civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” On May 25, 2020, when a black man George Floyd was killed by white policeman Derek Chauvin, his statement rang true.



INSURRECTION IN A DIVIDED AMERICA: A CONFUSING PATH FORWARD

*CAROLINE LOSCALZO & AARON FRIEDMAN,
MANAGING EDITOR & NEWS EDITOR*

It is not a divisive statement to relate the results of the general election in November to the horrific events of January 6. Many on the right felt deeply wronged by what many Trump supporters claimed to be a “stolen election.” If not for the belief in this notion, it is unlikely that the terrorists would have rioted.

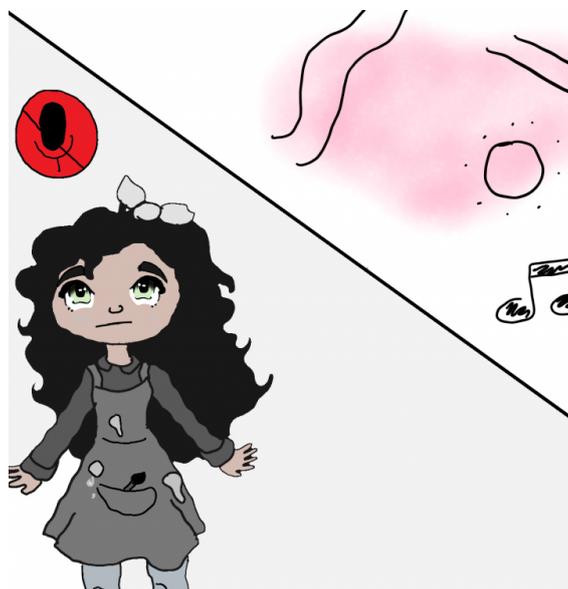
HOW PRO ATHLETES ARE RESPONDING TO THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE

*BRANDON SHINTANI,
SPORTS & WELLNESS COLUMNIST*

As Jaylen Brown, Boston Celtics forward, said, “in one America, you get killed from sleeping in your car, selling cigarettes, or playing in your backyard. And in another America, you get to storm the Capitol. No tear gas, no massive arrests, none of that.”



LeBron James on July 30, 2018



IS STUDENTS' CREATIVITY BEING LIMITED BECAUSE OF VIRTUAL SCHOOL?

BRONWYN SPENCER, STAFF WRITER

From 7:45 AM to 2:45 PM, we all stare at our computers, passively listening to Zoom meetings and typing up essays. For many students, art and music classes are their break in the school day. A time for them to let loose, relax, and do something that they have a passion for. Recently, however, these types of classes haven't been as engaging, and to be frank, music and art just aren't as enjoyable anymore.



BIDEN: HOPE & CHANGE?

AARON FRIEDMAN & LOGAN RICHMAN,
NEWS EDITOR & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Yes, we may have many issues with certain policies and we may not enjoy the same things, watch the same sports, or share the same lifestyle with many people within the Ridgewood community. That is the beauty of an individualistic ideal. But when it comes to the very fabric of our nation, we are all part of one collective experiment in democracy—our academic, social, and extracurricular achievements are predicated upon the foundation of this nation—the faith of millions of Americans on a common destiny and on the wellbeing of every single one of our classmates and neighbors.

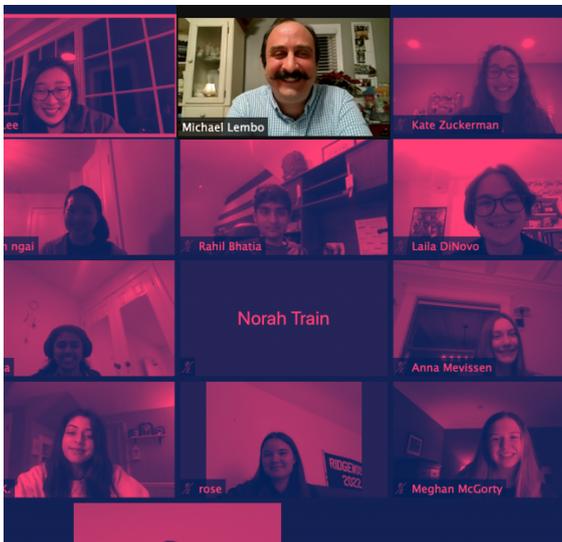
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: LAURENCE FINE

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“As soon as I saw that the election of Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock would determine control of the senate, I knew in that moment I had to go down to Georgia. I did everything I could to find a way to get there and figure out what I can do down there and once I knew all that was at stake I had to go down there because the stakes are just so high and we need to get to a place where government can pass laws, where we have a government that works... that actually helps real people”



Laurence Fine, right, at a rally for Georgia Senator Jon Ossoff



PROFILE: BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT MICHAEL LEMBO

MEGHAN MCGORTY & SHRIYA DANI
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR & STAFF WRITER

Much of Lembo’s experience is derived from his community service as a young man. After the devastating attacks of September 11, 2001, he organized groups, gave blood, volunteered at Ground Zero, and planned blood drives in Ridgewood. He insists that he had to find ways to decompress after such traumatic events that struck the core of America and the Ridgewood community.