Welcome To Our Newsletter

The Captain's United Club is excited to share our very own newsletter with you. In this newsletter we hope to help you stay on top of current events dealing with equity in our school and community.

Orgain of Black History Month

Black history month nowadays is used to help people see how the African American community has contributed to America to bring it to where it is today. This wouldn't be possible without Dr. Carter G. Woodson who is considered the father of black history. In the 1900s, Woodson grew tired of not seeing African American representation in books and movies. But the few times there were colored people it was incredibly racist. In 1915 he join The Association For The Study of Negro(now called African-American) Life and History to publish “The Journal of Negro History” which showed the accomplishments of African Americans in history. In 1926 February 9th-15th was made to be black history week to promote the study of black cultures in schools and the African American cultures itself. This week was chosen because it was former slave, abominations and civil rights leader Frederick Douglass birthday week and was also the week Abraham signed the Emancipation proclamation. As the week became more popular in schools and the civil rights movement it was moved from just one week to the whole month by President Gerald Ford who declared February Black History month.
Black Owned Businesses Success Stories

Blast from the Past:

Maggie Lena Walker was a pioneer for women and people of color in the business world. She became the first woman in the United States to own a bank, and redesigned business practices to pave the way for other women in the industry. Born to enslaved parents, Walker would go on to attend and graduate from school and pursue a career in business. However, she would later resign teaching after marrying a successful brick maker. She joined the independent order of Saint Lukes, an African American organization in Richmond that helped the sick and elderly. It was there that she began publishing newspapers and learning accounting skills. Her first business endeavour was working for an insurance company for African American women. In 1903, she founded the “Saint Luke Penny’s saving bank”, becoming the first African American woman to charter a bank. After the passing of her husband, she inherited a large estate, where she continued to grow her business. Eventually, she was able to open banks across the state of Virginia, surviving the Great depression, and having over 50,000 members. Even after suffering from illnesses, Walker continued her work in the community until her death in 1934.

-Bella Albert

Currant:

Ashira Ramani used to be a former LCHS student and got started with ramani’s rack in February 2020. Ashira said “i got inspired by my peers and classmates ever day complaints on the simple things such as accessories lip gloss lashes and custom hoodies, i realized that i complain over that stuff too so why not make a brand that answers all of that while still pushing positivity out of it as much as possible” this is one of the things that makes her brand different from most. She says “i’m a positive based brand pushing people to feel more confident, comfortable and happy” She is only 16 but has dealt with a few struggles starting her small businesses. Ashira says “the struggles i’ve had are simply the fact that i started my business at the pre peak of covid 19 which slowed down a lot of ideas and exposure, so trying to be a full online store is a bit difficult.” Even though covid her business has grown.

Check out Ashira and her small business:

https://www.instagram.com/ashira.ramani/
https://www.instagram.com/ramanisrack/
Music

The following black artist have dropped music for February:

**Jazz:**
- Wynton Marsalis, *The Democracy! Suite*- Album
- Melanie Charles, *Remember Me*- Single

**R&B:**
- Brent Faiyaz, *Eden* - Single
- Chris Brown, *Go Crazy (remix)* [feat. Young Thug, Future, Lil Durk & Mulatto]

**Hip Hop:**
- Rae Khalil, *Way Down* - Single
- The Weekend, *The Highlights* - Album
- Soulja Boy, *Soulja World* - Album
- Trippie Redd, *Pegasus: Neon Shark vs Pegasus* - Album

**Movies:**

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