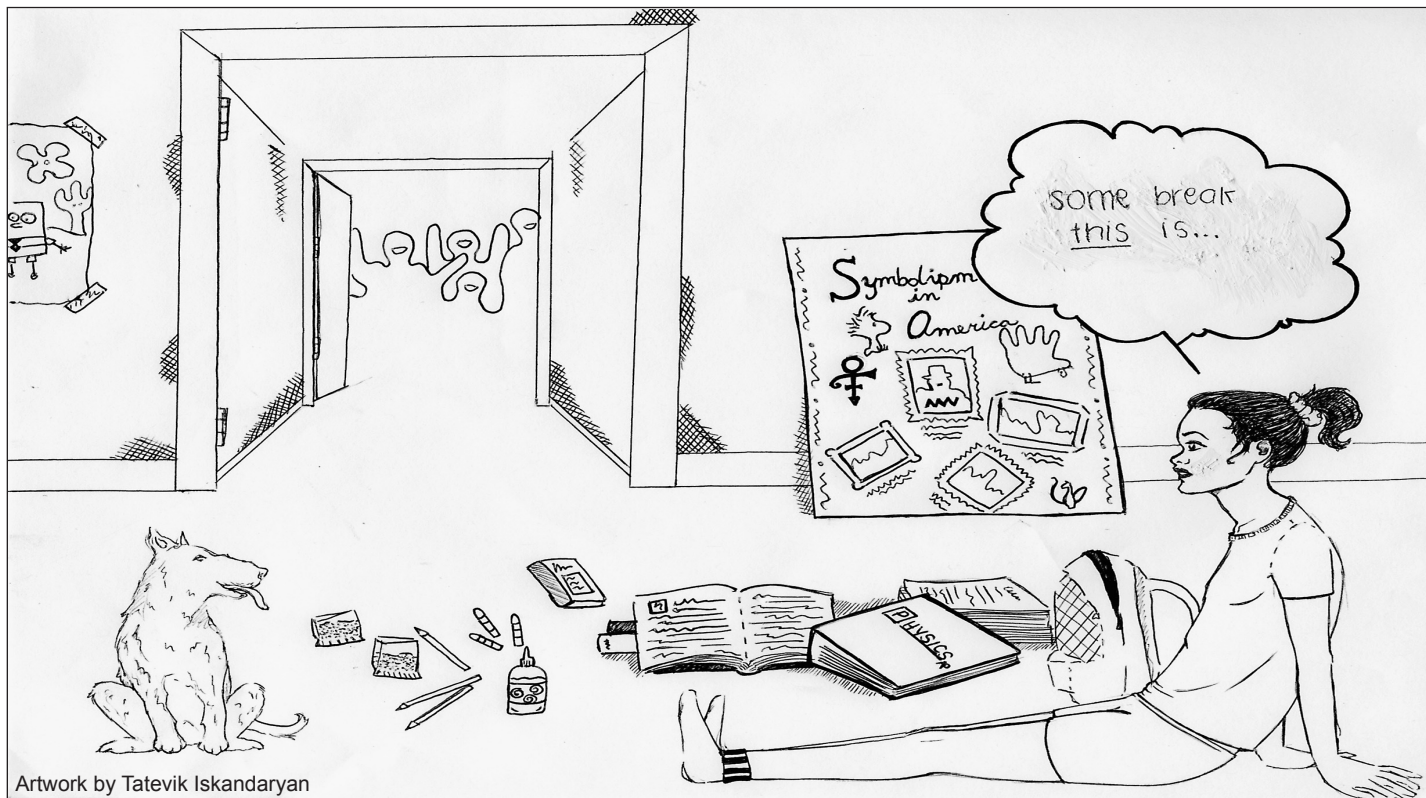


VIEWPOINT

STAFF EDITORIAL

Give us a *real* break, please



Artwork by Tatevik Iskandaryan

Alarm clocks rang too early on the morning of January 2, waking up many GHS students. Despite the fact that the last few days were spent celebrating the New Year - resulting in very little, if any, sleep - students are expected to return to school with their homework completed and their thinking caps on. Although returning to school on January 2 is the traditional way, many students feel that winter break should start and end later.

Apart from summer, winter break is the longest one we have and students should take the time to recharge and relax before the final push of the first semester. Teachers often give countless hours of homework that counteract the idea of a break and in turn wear out the student. Having homework to do over break puts a damper on the holidays and complicates your schedule, especially if your family is vacationing. If there was no homework given, both students and teachers can use the time to relax.

Those students who refused to wake

up when their alarm clocks rang chose to stay home and recuperate prior to starting school. Those students cost the school valuable money and returned to school with the agony of missed assignments. This disturbs not only the absentees, but their classmates and teachers as well.

All students, even teachers, have experienced the tired, anxious feeling that comes with returning to school after any break, especially after New Year's. Many students are just returning from holiday vacations, and the stress of finishing your homework and returning to school does nothing to help the jetlag. It is not uncommon to find students yawning and spacing out during class time. Teachers become frustrated because students are not being attentive.

As students, we have to realize that teachers were on break also, but teachers have to take into consideration that we are not in the mood to listen to a lecture about the Cold War or photosynthesis. No one is motivated, nor in the mood to be learning.

It never turns out to be a productive day, education-wise.

The simple alternative for this would be to start school a month earlier. This would allow us to end the first semester before we go on winter break. This way, students would have an extra month to prepare for AP exams and would be more prepared for STAR testing, raising API scores. Although that would be a month less of summer, this would only be for the first summer - after the first year with the revised schedule, everything would be in place and our summer break could go back to its normal duration, and school would end in May instead of June. This will give students and teachers alike a more relaxing break, allowing us to unwind after taking or grading finals, and preparing for second semester.

If the Glendale Unified School District were to make this change, they would be one of the only schools in the state and can lead others in adopting this schedule to help improve everyone's school year.

On how to text (in the shower)



Side note: This method, though very useful, does not apply to situations outside of a bathroom. Though it can be altered to fit any situation, I highly suggest that it be tested before deemed successful.

The art of texting in the shower can be a difficult one. But no worries, with the help of this easy step-by-step technique, it can be done.

There are moments in life where nothing can be more fulfilling than standing stark naked under artificially stimulated rainfall, otherwise known as a shower, and sending (insert fitting adjective) texts to the person of your choosing.

However, this sudden longing can at times be deadly, resulting in the tragic malfunction of your friendly hand held communication device.

This can be prevented. By taking a few simple precautions, you will never have to worry about blow drying the insides of your device, or hanging it upside down to parch in the sun ever again.

Take heed and do as instructed, and sorrow for the loss of your life-partner will never again come knocking on your bedroom door.

You will first need your dear companion. Have no fear. Undress yourself completely and step inside the shower. Be sure that your drying instruments are placed in close range, easily accessible to the hand. Place your companion atop these.

It is necessary that you carry a small drying instrument for your companion; you will soon find out that this alone is the key element of this process. Begin your self cleansing as you normally would. When the urge to text comes over your being, reach for your companion.

Be sure that at this time, liquid is only flowing freely beneath your waist. Dry your hands carefully with the small drying instrument and you are now ready to text. Once you are finished, wipe away any unwanted fluids from your companion, and set it safely back to its previous position. Your companion is far from danger, and you are satisfied.

(Repeat as needed.)

As previously mentioned, amendments can be made to this process. I wish you the best of luck.

Be safe.

Always use protection.

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