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Reminiscing on this year, we are confronted with many changes, both in the external world and our microcosmic school setting. We have witnessed the birth of political movements across the globe, have watched the ice caps melting, and have stood by as the economic crisis affected us even in the seemingly safe walls of our cafeteria, where the prices always seem to change. One thing we editors can say proudly, however, is that this year seems to have been the first time in a while that there wasn't an article complaining about the library. So, let us be overjoyed that either the library has improved its quality, or our journalists' choice of articles has.

As we stand face to face with summer, we should try to think of how we can best study our butts off for next year's classes. Not. Surely it has been proven somewhere that ultimate relaxation and laziness ultimately improve a student's success. If not, you should spend your summer making up statistics, and if you're good, think about joining The Muckraker next school year. Not that we do that...

Anyway, we all deserve a break, some of us even deserve a graduation. So pat yourself on the back and enjoy the summer!

Cheers,
The Editors.

Angst vor EHEC – Was kann man noch essen?

Als vor einigen Wochen das Robert-Koch-Institut vor verunreinigtem Gemüse aus Niedersachsen warnte, nahmen viele Verbraucher den Hinweis nicht wirklich ernst. Kann man doch abwaschen, ich hab ein gutes Immunsystem, ist mir Gurke. Innerhalb kürzester Zeit breitete sich jedoch das Bakterium mit dem so gut aussprechbarem Namen Enterohämorrhagische Escherichia coli in ganz Deutschland und Europa aus. Forscher und Gesundheitsbehörden sind in Alarmbereitschaft, weil sie der Epidemie noch immer nicht Herr geworden sind. Die Auswirkungen nach einer Erkrankung sind dramatisch; führen von Darmentzündungen über

Nerven- und Nierenversagen schlimmstenfalls bis zum Tod.

Kurz nach der ersten EHEC-Welle in Norddeutschland überschlugen sich die diversen Institute mit Warnungen vor dem Verzehr von rohen Gurken, Salat und Tomaten. Durch Kochen des Gemüses ab 70° Grad werde der Keim allerdings abgetötet. Gekochter Salat – lecker! Daraufhin fluchten vor allem die spanischen Bauern; nicht nur, weil sie der Verschmutzung des Gemüses beschuldigt wurden, sondern auch, weil ihr Umsatz um knapp 50% einbrach. Plötzlich aß keiner

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Drugs, Drugs, Drugs!

Ever wondered about what the most used drugs are at our school? Turn to page 2 for the details.

The SC in Review

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Your fav bands in town?!

Is Justin Bieber coming to Berlin this summer? If that's what's been on your mind the past few weeks find out where to get all the info on page 6.

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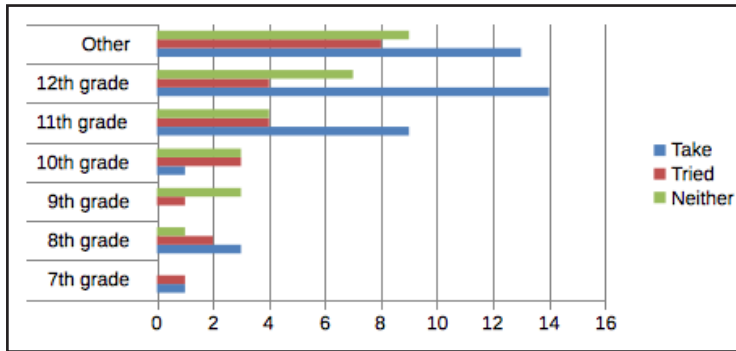
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And Which Drugs does JFK Prefer?

Dear Readers,

It has finally arrived, the article you have all been waiting for, anxiously filling out the questionnaires, eagerly slipping it into the box in the library that was so eager to receive your answers: The Drug Survey. How many drugs do JFK students take, what kind of drugs do they prefer and when do they start, all of this shall be answered in this article. Well, closely answered, as there is still the occasional douchebag who can't take anything seriously, doesn't care anyway and of course had to let his inward frustrations out on our questionnaires, leading to some pretty obscure results.

But let's look at who even indulges in the consumption of drugs at our school:



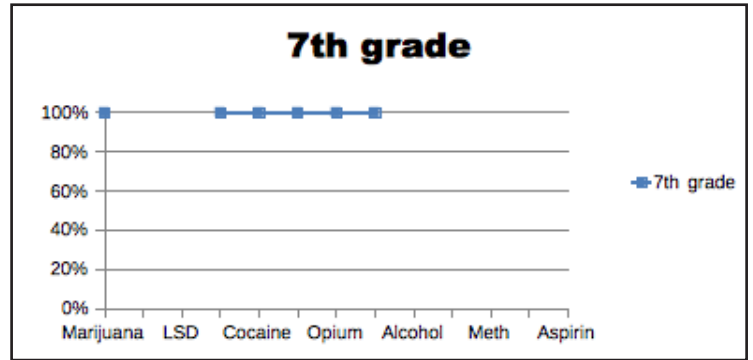
When looking at this graph, we might be relieved that drugs don't seem that big a deal with the lower classes (at least that's what the survey said), but could become quite alarmed with the rapid increase of drug intake starting in 11th graders and continuing with the 12th graders.

But still, who really knows who all those people were who forgot to put their grade on the questionnaire and are therefore classified as other? Nobody knows what troubles *they* see...

Even though we are not completely sure, what our Excel program tried to tell us by allowing all 100 % of you "others" to take drugs daily, two to four times a week, weekly, monthly and at other times, it does show that the higher the grade, the more often drugs are consumed.

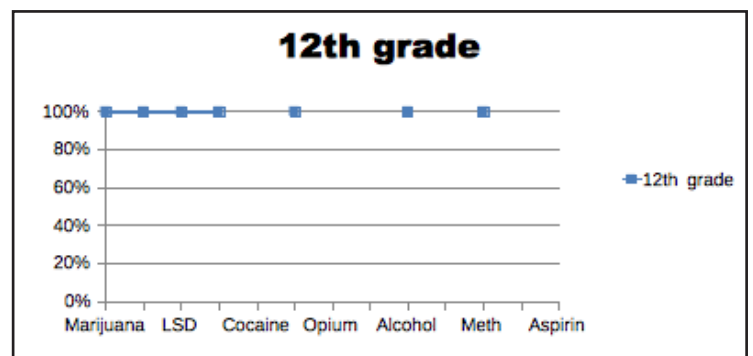
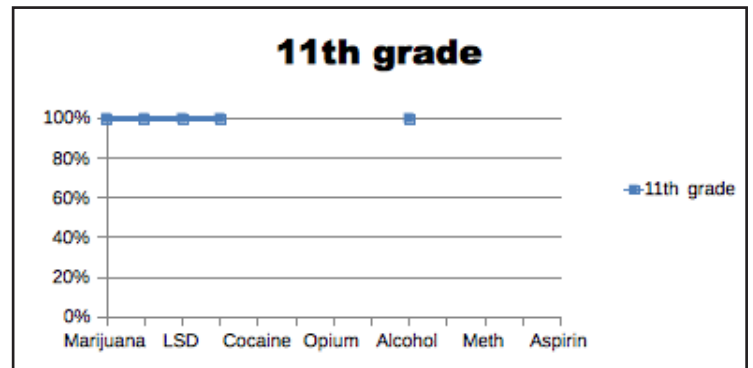
Next, we have divided the kinds of drug you, dear readers, consume into grades and picked out a couple that appeared to be interesting or had enough information to analyze (so if you are about to complain about your grade not being represented, go scold your classmates and tell them they should have filled out the survey!).

7th graders, 7th graders, 7th graders, we can



only shake our heads at you. The couple of people who filled out the survey, seem to have aspired to portray you as quite a druggy little group, seeing that 100% of them like Marijuana, Magic Mushrooms, Cocaine, Speed, Opium and MDMA (ecstasy); and all of this at such a tender age.

Luckily, we have a hunch that you were just not serious enough to fill this out honestly.



When looking at these results, both grades don't seem to have specific class drugs, but rather prefer to spice it up a little and have therefore (apart from the "others") won first prize in both highest and most diverse drug consumption. And this was the result of a little muckraking in your dirt.

JFKS Life

Die Ernährung der Weltbevölkerung – Der Ethikrat macht klar, es geht uns alle an!

Es werden weltweit pro Tag und Mensch 4600 Kcal hergestellt, offensichtlich viel mehr als ein Einzelner im Durchschnitt zu sich nimmt. Trotzdem werden pro Sekunde von mehreren Millionen Menschen die Lebensgrundlage entzogen. Armut und Hunger sind kein Schicksal, sondern die Folge politischer Fehlentscheidungen sowie gesellschaftlichem Fehlverhaltens. Die Ernährung der Weltbevölkerung ist eine ethische Herausforderung. Was läuft schief? Wo liegt das Problem? Wie viel Verantwortung tragen die Industriestaaten? Wie helfen wir den Entwicklungsländern sich selbst zu helfen, damit sie nicht von unserer Hilfe abhängig werden? Diese Fragen wurden am 26. Mai auf der Jahrestagung des Deutschen Ethikrates in den Raum gestellt, und Philosophen, Politiker, Schüler und Studenten versammelten sich, um diese zu diskutieren.

Frau Starfingers Philosophiekunde saß ebenfalls im Saal, so wie viele andere Schüler und Studenten, die sich interessiert beteiligten. Eine Schülerin unserer Schule stellte die Frage, wie sich junge Menschen, die sich bisher weniger mit Armut und Hungersnot beschäftigt haben, vorgehen sollten, um sich diesem Thema zu nähern. Prof. Dr. Thomas Pogge, Professor für Philosophie und Internationale Angelegenheiten an der Yale-Universität, machte den Vorschlag, Schulpartnerschaften zu schließen. In solchen Projekten können Schüler die Lebenssituation Gleichaltriger in Entwicklungsländern aus erster Hand kennen lernen. Die Moti-



vation wird geweckt, sich mit diesem Thema auseinander zu setzen. Es hilft, die Eigenverantwortung zu erkennen um dann im täglichen Leben danach zu handeln und diese Ungerechtigkeiten zu überwinden. Was kaufe ich? Wie viel Fleisch esse ich? Wer hat die Kleidung, die ich kaufe, produziert? Zum sogenannten „taktischen Konsum“ wurde auch die Website www.utopia.de genannt, die Anreize zum Verantwortungsvollen Konsum bietet. Es gelingt dem Deutschen Ethikrat junge Menschen in die Konflikte und Probleme des Staates und der Welt mit einzubeziehen und ihre Interesse und ihre Begeisterung zu wecken. Es kommen Experten, es kommen Schulklassen, es kommen interessierte Privatperson-

en, und es wird jedem eine Stimme gegeben. Es wurde gewarnt vor dem globalen Hunger. Dr. Bröckelmann, Geschäftsführer von Misereor, sagte „Im Moment tut es nur den anderen weh; bald wird es auch uns sehr weh tun.“ Es wurde nochmal an unsere Eigenverantwortung appelliert. Es müssen politische Wege gefunden werden zur Veränderung, aber wir können es nicht auf die Politik abschieben. Das Verhalten der Gesellschaft und des Einzelnen ist genauso entscheidend. Der Philosoph Hans Jonas sagt: „Der Mensch ist das einzige Wesen, das Verantwortung haben kann. Indem er sie haben kann, hat er sie.“

Elena Grüning

Ask Not What You Did for Your SC; Ask What Your SC Has Done for You!

The SC owes former Muckraker editor Moritz Zeidler a great deal of thanks. Very early in the school year, Moritz expressed his displeasure with the shortcomings of the SC (I think that's putting it kindly!), urging them to be more effective. The criticism stung, even if it came only a few weeks after the presidents and SC members had been voted into office. But it also motivated, and as I believe that to be Moritz' intention, he is to be congratulated.

Below I have listed some of the activities and undertakings conducted by this year's SC on your behalf. They cover a wide array of contributions to the JFKS community whether

political, academic or social. We hope in one way or another, you benefitted from some of them, even if merely to help you recognize what an awesome school we can have with the commitment of great student leadership.

To begin their tenure, the SC hosted one of the most popular (very long lines!) Fun Day activities with their Segway course. This came on the heels of our 50th Anniversary Celebration, at which SC president Max Wieland ably handled emcee duties. But from a student standpoint, an unsatisfying feeling lingered from that impressive Golden Anniver-

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sary event that the students themselves were largely left out of the celebratory spirit. From that came an initiative from the SC Communications Committee to celebrate what STUDENTS contribute to our school, a "Did You Know???" campaign in the library that salutes 50 years of student impact at JFKS. (Is your name up there?!)

At the same time, preparations were beginning to "give thanks" to students with the free distribution of 600 Turkey sandwiches and goodies. This ran concurrently with an SC Food Drive that benefitted Laib und Seele with hundreds of cans of food contributed and collected by students like you. Later in the year, other philanthropic efforts included Project Sunshine, headed by Marissa Fuchs, or the more recent SOS-Kinderdörfer charity, led by Claire Geers and partner Blue VanDeCruze. (clarification note: Blue's a great leader too, but she is not currently in the SC.) Also, SC member Ben Briggs turned one of our regular food sales into an instant success for raising funds for tsunami-torn Japan.

One of Moritz' main concerns was how the SC served the political interests of the student body. As an SC member himself, Moritz knows that student representatives speak on behalf of student interests at every meeting of the various governing bodies around school, and you can see those very capable student leader reps on the SC Board. But that still doesn't give an account of just what those representatives – or the rest of the SC – discuss and debate for your welfare.

Here's a short list where your rights were defended by the Student Council (a tip of the hat to Secretary Hyerin Park and her masterful meeting minutes!): lengthy efforts and letters insisting on increased rights in the Educational Directorate, including attaining voting rights; debate and action on the malicious cyber-mobbing topic that gripped other Berlin schools (our potato picture spamming of the site essentially weakened interest and ended that sad mini-chapter in a dangerous and lurking phenomenon); discussion and planned amendments for the new cell-phone policy being introduced to the School Conference; and successful negotiations with Muckefuck to recoup monies owed to the SC from many years ago.

On the academic front, I'll keep it simple: the SC works to enhance your academic experience by engaging in those debates such as the cell phone policy that will surely impact the classroom and school environment because it includes

the use of all electronic devices in the hands of students. Commitment to a meaningful library experience often takes center stage in SC debate. Alisha Eberle and Nathan Hull organized Seminar Day to bring in knowledgeable professionals as well as to highlight student academic achievement. Emily Roczek recently chaired the SC Scholarship jury: the scholarship winner will be announced at graduation. And finally, the SC continues to do its best within tight administrative constraints to offer a Teacher Evaluation system (thanks to Aletta Bühler and committee), a practice that will be initiated by the Senat for all Berlin schools in the very near future.

Many students believe that the SC merely does silly Spirit activities. Everybody's entitled to their opinion (write to the Muckraker!!!), but this assertion really drives me nuts. I hope the ideas cited above help to dispel this myth. Additionally, various Facebook groups for SC committees are often FULL of discussion focused on initiatives to make your school a better place to learn.

THAT BEING SAID, the JFKS activities programs and spirit-related SC events play a huge role in setting our school apart from any other school in the area. They provide further options to build community, create memories other than what goes on in the classroom, and allow students to take a break from the daily grind. Many students take advantage of the activities we provide, many do not. Your choice! But the SC knows these undertakings are critical to maintaining the unique balance of political representation, attention to academics, and social interaction that form the core of the SC's existence. Kudos to the Spirit Week and Entertainment committee heads Kim Anderle, Paul Matern, Momo Felt and Emily Jürgens.

Do we get it right every time? Absolutely not. Are we polished veterans of political know-how? Often SC members and their presidents are learning valuable lessons of leadership for the very first time. Jang-Gun and Max have met their leadership challenges with an impressive combination of diplomacy, commitment, and a healthy dose of risk-taking.

They have set the bar high for Student Council performance. It must remain high, or reach even higher. I'm sure Moritz would agree with me on that one!

Mr. Felt

Bundesjugendspiele '11 - A Memoire

Whether you love it or hate it, the Bundesjugendspiele are mandatory. While most students would rather not participate, some (secretly) enjoy it. A third group is just happy to do anything that gets them out of class.

What started as a beautiful Wednesday morning, June 8th, turned into a gray and drizzly day unfit for sports. And by 9:30am, the rain was pouring down. For an hour, the students participated in events, or waited to take part, as the weather became worse and worse.

Once it began to change, everyone

was herded to the old gym, and once all the students were seated, a sport teacher began to announce that the Bundesjugendspiele were canceled. However, he was never able to finish what he was trying to say because of the disrespectful behavior of some students, who were applauding after every statement he made. The first few times they applauded, it was funny. But after that, it became rude and irritating. Most people were happy about having the day off, and this immature behavior sim-

ply prolonged the amount of time spent at school.

Although we got the day off, the events are being re-done in sport class anyways. As it turned out, the weather cleared up just after the students were dismissed. So perhaps it would have been better to just take a break and continue later. So whether you love Bundesjugendspiele, hate it, or whatever- we could have just been done with it all at once.

Ms. Anonymous

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mehr Grünzeug. Passend bekam ich letztens in einem Restaurant ein Brot mit einem Stück Fleisch dazwischen. Das nannte man dann trotzdem Burger. Selbst der hervorragende Cateringservice unserer Schule strich Salat, Tomate und Gurke von der Liste. Wer von euch hat sich so ein „belegtes Brot“ gekauft? Seit einigen Tagen sind die drei zunächst Hauptverdächtigen wieder freigesprochen. Tomaten, Gurken und Blattsalate können wieder ohne Bedenken gegessen werden, so das Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung. Als neuen EHEC-

Träger werden Sprossen vermutet; also: Finger weg von Sprossen. Forscher haben mittlerweile den EHEC-Keim auf Sprossen aus Niedersachsen identifiziert; machten also einen wichtigen Schritt zur Bekämpfung der Epidemie. Leider lässt die Kommunikation zwischen Gesundheitsministerium, Verbraucherschutz und den Forschungsinstituten zu wünschen übrig. Jeder gab eigenständige Warnhinweise und Vorschläge ab und keiner blickt mehr durch. Zudem kam auch noch, dass ein vielstimmiger Chor von selbsternannten Experten die

Menschen zusätzlich verunsichert haben. Gesundheitsminister Daniel Bahr (FDP) fordert deshalb eine bessere Zusammenarbeit der unterschiedlichen Behörden. Gute Nachricht zum Schluss: Die Epidemie, so scheint es momentan, klingt ab. Die Institute vermerken kaum noch Neuerkrankungen und da die Quelle des Erregers gefunden wurde, bestehen gute Chancen eine Verbreitung zu stoppen. Über den Sommer bitte gesund bleiben!

Felix Manig

Sitting on the Step of the Bakery and Waiting for the World and my Eyes to Dry - One of those Columns

I never knew what being a teenager meant. When I was young, I couldn't understand why teenagers do the things they do. They were rowdy, uneducated, and disrupted the otherwise so peaceful world (if you take out screaming little kids on the S-Bahn, that is). "The teens" always did stupid things for no apparent reason, or if there was one, it was usually a stupid one. Everyone seemed to hold a grudge against them. Kiddies would be scared to go near them, old grannies would look down upon them like aliens from space, and parents hated them for the way they had turned into evil, pubescent teens from such angelic kids. I just hated them because I knew I was going to be one of them soon, as much as I tried to stop nature's ways. The whole thing was inevitable and scary, because it felt still so distant and yet so near. I knew I didn't want to end up like that, and I tried to understand and grasp the concept of being one without ending up like...them. When I started puberty (way too early for that matter), I was definitely not ready for it. And when people around me started acting like the teens I was so scared of, I decided I didn't want to be like them and wasn't going to be part. I thought that maybe in that respect, I'd be able to stop nature turning me into an evil monster and keep me level-headed. I wasn't going to do stupid things for no apparent reason. I wasn't ever going to touch coffee or drink alcohol or smoke. I mean, why do stupid stuff that will just hurt you in the end? I didn't need them, and I didn't want them. Well, I wasn't able to stop the nature of things. You can't even revolt in the small ways. With my hormones acting up, I felt the need to do crazy things, I was suddenly doing things I didn't even know why I was doing, started needing alcohol when I was sad and trying cigarettes to feel cool. I've changed so much; time has altered me so drastically that if my 5-year-old self would see me now she'd freak, and I would probably freak too. Because it absolutely sucks to be in-between the two worlds. Nobody understands you, because you don't even understand yourself. I remem-

ber watching a movie about how being a teenager is like a roller coaster ride. It showed teenagers and how they grew up, and what a ride it was. I didn't understand it at all, but now that I'm on it and can't get off, I'm living it, and I tell you- I understand it now. What it means to be sad one moment and screaming the next, to feel left out even among your friends, to feel like the whole world belongs to you and that you're worth nothing at all. And when you're feeling like a piece of shit, then people start acting like total doopheads and stare at you like they want to wish you away. People hate you for being insecure.

Anyway, when I decided to run away from home again, it wasn't something I had planned. Not something I thought would ever happen to me. But here I am, out in the cold rain, with nothing but a pen and my notebook and my cell phone. Kinda ironic that it's raining, just when I'm about to leave. Like, pouring-type rain, which leaves you drenched in seconds and doesn't give a second thought about letting you walk outside with at least your underwear left dry. My sister was trying to convince me to stay, even pleading with me, but I'd had enough. Enough of my parents, enough of this life. I walked around the park behind our house, trying to figure out where to go. I didn't feel like going to a friend's house, even though it took 5 minutes to get there, because I wanted to be alone. I wanted to rip the world up in a million pieces, punch my foot through the globe. I realize what a teenager I've become. I feel misunderstood. I cannot understand my parents and what they do to me. I get really bitchy. I use "like", like practically in like every like sentence? I hate my parents and all the other stupid grown ups for keeping me locked up with their stupid rules they bind me to and I can't get out. I hate that I can't break them without feeling bad or just leaving altogether. I do things just to spite them - I go wild just be-

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cause it's not allowed. Because when you're a teen, everything sucks. (Do I hear the non-existent crowd scream "yeah, I totally agree!") If you've got a dream, you give up on it, because no one will believe in you. I thought that's what parents are for - to support and care for you, but I guess they screwed that. They're for telling you that you're fat and lazy and never do enough in the household. They forbid you to play piano or sing because it is a noisy distraction. They forbid you to dance because it's not a real sport. They give you a load of work to do and when you've done it, you don't get to go out and see your friends - no - because there is more work to be done and you haven't deserved it. You're misunderstood. You don't want to be mean and bad, but there's no other way out.

And the thing is, other teens won't respect you if you're good. You see, you're good because you don't get this ugly world. In the process of growing up, you're supposed to lose your innocence to prepare you for the hardship out there. You're supposed to become tough and strong and stop being naïve. So then why can't parents help us get through that? We can't always be good; we can't be little kids, because we have to grow up. When we're adults, we get to correct the mistakes the adults made, and make our own mistakes. The problem is, I kind of want to stay good. I want to stay good and be bad at the same time, because I'm so confused. And the problem is most

teenagers force you into the badness. Because that is what's cool. If you're too conservative, or law-abiding, or nice, or sweet, or loving they'll kick your ass. Because they don't get it if you say you're from a really conservative family but you don't agree with most of what your family does. Even though you don't fit in to your family and you don't want to be like them. They put you in a cupboard and treat you that way too, and you're the one that is left stuck in the middle, trying to please both worlds because you don't know what to do while you're trying to figure out who you fucking are. So yeah, I know what being a teenager means. I know it because I'm doing something stupid for no apparent reason (running away), although the reason is my life and it is absolutely pointless. It's pointless to be in this position because there's no way out. You can't change time and you can't change hormones spinning outta control. I understand teens. I really do. Now that I'm one of them, that is. But whatever I do, I always try to see both sides of the story, and if I'm wrong, I'll say sorry, and really mean it. But if you try to break me up because you're misunderstood yourself, think again. Everyone feels misunderstood sometimes. And maybe it would be cool to have a place where we teens are not hated for the natural beings that we are - soon.

Teenie Agah

Songkick

One of your favorite artists just came to Berlin, and apparently EVERYONE went to the concert last night. They've all got the t-shirts, their Facebook pages are filled with statuses like, 'OMG (fill in blank) was AMAZING!', as well as blurry, super zoomed in pictures of the face of some singer you can't really identify.

Ever had this happen to you?

Well if it has, here is a solution to help you know about the concerts you've wanted to go to-in time for

you to buy tickets.

Songkick is a website designed so that you can find out about when bands you like are coming to Berlin! All you need to do is sign up, give in your city and country, and track bands that you want to see in concert. Songkick also provides artist suggestions that are based on other people you have 'followed'. As soon as that's done, you'll be sent e-mails telling you when and where your favorite artists are playing. If you want to try it out, just go to www.songkick.com. And before you check, Justin Bieber isn't coming to Berlin this summer. Sorry to disappoint.

Sophia Hengelbrok

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Entertainment

Summer Fashion Trends 2011

Hey, look! It's the last day of school! We're absolutely positive that you are all breathing sighs of relief that the year that's been dragging on for as long as you can remember is now finally over and are eager to dash off to that fancy shmancy resort in Thailand or your cousin's house right across from that beach in Florida. But before you do, we have some fashion tips for you that you may find helpful while deciding on the outfits you will be packing into your suitcases or buying on your vigorous summer shopping sprees during the vacation. Regardless of where you plan on being during this joyous, sunny season, all of you fashionistas of JFKS who are more concerned about what summer pieces you will be donning on than the SPF of your sun tan lotion should definitely pay attention to these 'in' styles and latest fashion trends.

For girls:

Jumpsuits and Rompers

Jumpsuits and rompers are officially in, whether you like it or not. Initially brought to the height of popularity by the stars of Charlie's Angels and Three's Company during the 70s and 80s, they faded out of the fashion world until recently, when they were brought back by celebrities such as Sarah Jessica Parker, Nicole Richie, and Rihanna. Now they have returned with a vengeance, taking up clothing lines of all sorts by a storm; lines offering items at affordable prices such as H&M as well as high fashion brands like Marc Jacobs have begun to widely manufacture them already last summer, but fashion experts agree that they will be 'in' for longer still.

Color bomb

Join in on this season's trend of block colors and opt for pieces of daring colors. World famous designers have fostered vibrant colors as their themes for collections and fortunately, lines such as Zara

that offer reasonably priced items for most of us financially challenged students, have jumped aboard with the look and created their pieces around it. So don't be afraid to buy yourself some eye-popping, colorful skirts, bags, shirts, etc. wherever you are this summer.

Plaits

Not only is plaiting easy to do and perfect for the summer heat, it is also wildly in trend. Fashion icons such as Diane Kruger have frequently fashioned plaits on the red carpet as well as in everyday locations such as the grocery store. Whatever the occasion you are planning on attending and wherever you go, plaits will give you a natural, tousled, yet romantic look.

Flower power

Floral prints have been 'in' for quite some time now, and it is an unusual day if one goes without having seen a girl pass by with flower design on her romper or shirt. But it shows no sign of bowing out of the trend line any time soon, and the broad range of dramatic illustrations of Irises to ditsy flower prints will keep the majority of the girls engaged in this year's love affair with all things floral.

Skinny jeans? Pfffft that's so 2009.

Forget slim, leg-smothering pants and torso-hugging shirts and blazers. Relaxed, masculine style is the boss now. Think easy, baggy trousers and boyfriend blazers. The high-waisted, loose pants accessorized with a slim belt that has been extremely popular since last year also falls under this category.

For guys:

Ankle/leg showcase

Roll, cuff, or push up those pant legs to show a little or a lot of your lower limbs, because leg skin is in trend

this year. Not only is it ideal for preventing your legs from perspiring in your jeans-enclosed sauna during the summer, it also confidently puts your calf muscles to display.

Native is the new plaid

Although they may be challenging to coordinate, native prints are doubtlessly the way to go this year. Approach this cowboy, Aztec, Mayan, Inca-inspired trend carefully by keeping it as simple as possible; buy yourself a vintage Navajo print blazer or an Aztec patterned rucksack.

Casual refined

Being spiffy and immaculately groomed with casual, yet well-tailored suits, loafers, and oxfords will guarantee a simple classic urban gentleman look adapted to the summer sun.

"All black everything"

Top-class designers such as Louis Vuitton and Yves Saint Laurent have flooded their collections with summer black this year. So when you're in doubt as to what to wear, pick something out of your wardrobe that's black. Remember, black is universally accepted as the one color that goes with anything, so you can't possibly go wrong with it.

Loosely fitted

Now, it says "loosely fitted" and not "baggy". Believe it or not, those are two different things. If you have anything in your closet that may fall under the category of relaxed-airy and beach-island inspired shapes, wear it. While "baggy" may give you a slacker image, "loosely fitted" will give you a chilled, cool aura that can only make you look more desirable.

Entertainment

10 Things to do in Berlin this Summer

Berlin-bound this summer? Don't fret. Your city-escape could be right outside your door. There are plenty of things to do in Berlin this summer, if you only know where to look. Check around with your friends and see who is going to be here and when, so that you can plan some activities to do with them. And if it seems like no one but you is going to be around, hey, maybe it's time to learn to play the guitar. So anyways, things to do.

Pack a picnic. This could be a great way to chill with family or friends or just by yourself. Go to the Tiergarten, the Mauerpark, or that random park around the corner from your house, and just picnic it up.

Camp out in your backyard. I know, I know, your not 5. But trust me, camp outs are always fun. Pitch a tent, grab some sleeping bags, roast some marshmallows, and just lay under the stars.

Check out an event or a festival. There is really never nothing to do in Berlin. Check out events or festivals like Bread and Butter Berlin, Underground Catwalk, B-Parade, Berlin Fashion Week, City Nacht, and Tanz im August. (whatsonwhen.com)

Learn something. I really meant that guitar thing. Summer is a perfect time to learn to do something new. Find something that really interests you, and dedicate an hour a day to becoming a pro.

Go somewhere. With the Deutsche Bahn, it takes about 2 hours to get to Hamburg, and costs about 30 euros. (Day trip?) Go to a city you've never been to before, and just enjoy it. We live in Europe!

Study. Yes, this is a mood killer, but if you know some of the more challenging classes you have next year, or some of those AP or Leistungskurse, get a head start and start learning early.

Explore. Berlin is a huge city, and I doubt any of us have seen all of it. Take a day, or 2, or 5, and dedicate it to exploring a new neighborhood. Prenzlauer Berg, Mitte, Charlottenburg...just don't get lost.

I hope in some small way, this has at least helped some of you get over your Berlin blues. You have the power to make these next six weeks amazing. Have a wonderful summer, whatever you do!

Blue VanDeCruze

Sudokus!!

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

Easy Sudoku

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Hard Sudoku

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