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## Their Love of a Sport that Tortures

By: Gabrielle Liu

The Cross Country posters in the high school hallway probably gain as much attention as the actual cross country season. Nevertheless, the 2016-17 season closed off quite dramatically with sprints across a bouncy suspension bridge at the first ever TIS-SA Southern Taiwan Cross Country Meet at Agongdian Reservoir. With mild anxiety, trying not to crash into walkers, runners ran the final stretch of a narrow bridge, eyeing a large digital clock with red numbers counting up second by second.

There was no deafening roar of a crowd for moments of victory nor the exhilarating floor stomps on bleacher stands so common during basketball games. No one cheered as a runner made it to the top of one of the many, many hills or passed a kilometer mark. But a small support group of friends and family provided all the encouragement runners needed. This was just the nature of the sport, one cross country runners would call grueling, rewarding, and one of the toughest sports anyone could put themselves through.

Starting from November 7th, the most loyal of runners survived 25 practices, each with up to a full hour of hard, intensive running – Coach Griffin would tolerate nothing less. There have been roadside pukes (featuring visiting senior, Jeffrey Chen), dry heaving, skinned knees, dagger

side stitches, and numerous running related injuries acquired from pounding on the hard, flat pavement, steep downhills, and MAK's sandy track.

Some days the sun would mock the team, laughing evilly as it dissociated any correlation between "November, December, and January" and winter. Other days, runners held their hands to the sky, thanking China for blowing over some pollution so there could be alternatives to running that day. Everyone on the team loved alternatives to running. How ironic.

Every practice began with three warm up laps jogged at a ridiculously obnoxious snail pace to delay upcoming torture, and it was during this time that runners witnessed Brandon Tung's many attempts to beat Bill Scott in the final lap of the warm up (the answer to whether or not he succeeded depends on who you ask). This was followed by stretching, where by the end of the season, "deets" and "covergirl" were terms shared by the collective of XC runners, introduced by assistant coach Mr. Chesebro.

One of the many new and occasionally strange additions to the training season was the Turkey Trot in November, where runners tried to beat the turkeys (Bill and Mr. Griffin) in a 5K race. Needless to say, even with the extra weight of fabric, aerodynamic

disadvantage, and a turkey hat, Bill was not caught.

Besides the turkey trot, there were the freshly created tempo run days, where white cards with 300 meter splits determined the runner's pace, a thrilling game called Roadkill (like dodgeball, but with more running) which had to be modified to prevent further injuries, and 150 meter team relays that pushed runners to their limit.

So on the chilly morning of January 21st, there was much anticipation and nervousness on the starting line of the final Cross Country meet. High schoolers donned the first ever MAK Cross Country jerseys with pride, and middle schoolers dreamed

of a future when they too, would one day receive one. With cold winds, numb hands, and a sudden surge of adrenaline, the women's heat took off, followed by the men's. Coach Griffin's familiar voice greeted every single runner as they finished, his passion and dedication unchanged throughout the season.

The 2016-17 season closed off with a party at MAK, including multiple rounds of dodgeball and one final game of Roadkill, an epic display of the enthusiasm that solidified the diverse team's unity. Not too long from now, the season will begin again, bringing new torture, pain, and joy, to which only Cross Country runners are willing slaves.



The team comes in for a celebratory huddle after the meet. //photo provided by Mark Griffin

# Playlists if you're... Compiled by: Annabelle Chien and Rosa Lin Coing through a tough break up and/or hate your ex: In love and happy:

Natalie Imbruglia – Torn Leann Rimes – How Do I Live

Gwen Stefani - Used To Love You Adele – Someone Like You

Taylor Swift – We Are Never Ever Getting Back

Together

X Ambassadors – Unsteady

Keira Knightley – Lost Stars

Little Mix – Hair

The Everly Brothers - Bye Bye Love

Elvis Presley – Can't Help Falling in Love Stevie Wonder – I Just Called To Say I Love You Celine Dion – My Heart Will Go On Phantom of the Opera – All I Ask Of You Ed Sheeran – Photograph Al Green – Let's Stay Together Arctic Monkeys – Baby I'm Yours John Legend – All of Me Frank Sinatra- The Way You Look Tonight

ingle but fabulous and you know it:

For all the single ladies: Cyndi Lauper – Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Beyonce – Single Ladies Alicia Keys – Girl On Fire La La Land Cast – Someone in the Crowd G-Eazy – Me, Myself, and I (clean version) Little Mix – Shout Out To My Ex Kelly Clarkson - Stronger

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## \*— THRICE THE ADVICE -

Are you in love? Panicking for a last-minute gift/date? You've come to the right place; Thrice The Advice is here to provide some love guidance! Head to thricetheadvice.typeform.com/to/GI39Az or scan the QR code to submit any questions you have.

By: Anna Laytham, Gabrielle Liu, and Jasmin Kong

I like a guy but I don't know if he likes me or not. What should I do?

A: Get to know him better, initiate conversation, or spend more time together to feel more comfortable around him. You can also ask his friends who he likes (which is lame). It is possible that he doesn't like you or want to be around you, but it's always better to start a friendship first and a relationship later. Good luck~

J: If you're not sure that he likes you, ask him, but ask him by giving him food first (a.k.a bribe him).

G: Decide what age you want to start dating and then go from there. Because if you're like, drop-dead gorgeous (you are), then I personally recommend waiting until you're old and ugly before you confess your love to him so you know his love isn't based off of something so temporary as your face, which will decay into dirt. If you're too impatient, then I suppose you can just present yourself in a disgusting manner and with a grotesque appearance and just ask if he wants to hang out.

#### What is a good way to ask someone out on Valentine's Day?

A: Chocolate + roses + words = yes. It's not that simple, but it's pretty straightforward. Take them somewhere special to the both of you or somewhere not too public (it would make you look attention-seeking and ruin the moment). Give them the chocolate and/ or the roses and then ask. Make sure that you actually know the person; you probably shouldn't be going around on Valentine's Day asking random people

J: I love chocolate and I think most people love chocolate. You can buy those really overpriced chocolates from 7-11 because it makes it seem like you really care about that person and it will probably convince them to say yes to you. If that doesn't work, you can always eat the chocolate that you

G: If you want his/her answer to be "yes," then there is no good way. Don't want what you want, but what that person wants. For example, if you want a person to be a platypus, YOU shouldn't want THEM to be a platypus, but you should want that person to WANT to be a platypus. If you don't do this, stuff happens like segregation, the plague, people dropping out of medical school who didn't really want to be a doctor in the first place, and horses who didn't get to tell their European explorers they didn't want to go to America. No one wants that on Valentine's Day.

#### Chocolate and roses are too common of a Valentine's Day gift to give. What else can you give to someone special?

A: It really depends on what they like or want. Some generic ideas are cookies, cupcakes with pink/red frosting, (any food would probably work if they like food\*\*read below\*\*), a letter, wildflowers that you actually picked yourself, etc. You can also look up punny notes to print and put them on candy if you don't want to work very hard on

J: WHAT DO YOU MEAN CHOCO-LATES ARE TOO COMMON. BUY CHOCOLATE.

G: Baking soda.

### How can I handle Valentine's Day as a

A: Check out the V-Day playlist. Spend Valentine's Day with your friends and bask in their love for you. EMBRACE BEING SINGLE. Buy yourself flowers. Treat yourself to a Starbucks drink and some Häagen-Dazs ice cream. Go get a massage somewhere.

J: Why be sad when your fridge is there for you? I mean, love is an open

(fridge) door, right?!

G: Try going to a local witch doctor to see if she can change you into a koala. They are very solitary animals who very much prefer hugging a tree than another koala. They find the beauty in the stability of trees until these nasty creatures called humans slash them down to make coffee ta-

I've had a crush on a girl since 6th grade and I'm in 8th grade now. She's super pretty and it's fun to be around her, but everytime I am around her, I freeze up and can't say anything. How can I get used to talking to her in person?

A: First things first: don't look back at life regretting what never happened, but laugh while recalling the crazy things you attempted. If you like her, tell her, and it might work out. All you need is guts. If your friends know that you like the girl, ask them to help you. (Not all the time, and also, if you're going to ask her out, make sure YOU'RE the one doing it.) Just don't be afraid to talk to her - she probably wants to talk to you, too, and even if she doesn't, too bad.

J: Start the conversation by handing her something like... food. :) The conversation should flow from there. From my experience, this always works~

G: Truth is, you're never going to find significantly helpful advice from us or the internet. You may not even find it from people. You're just going to learn from your experiences and in order to do that, you must have experiences. Visit an aquarium and talk to the scary looking shark. Walk through the drive through at McDonald's and tell the lady, "Nèi yòng." Ask a 7-11 worker where Family Mart is. Hitchhike through the galaxy.

#### Do you have any dating tips?

A: So obviously, I'm not very qualified



The Thrice the Advice crew are total professionals at providing love advice.

for this. But in my opinion, here are a few great ideas. First of all, find your primary goal in the relationship, be it making the other person happy, yourself happy, or enjoying the experience. Here are a few more: Always give each other the benefit of the doubt. Spend quality time together. Communicate, just for fun but also to solve problems! Find out each other's love languages and attempt to show love to each other in that way.

J: So obviously, I'm very qualified for this as a food critic because my advice for you is if anyone ever offers to pay for your food at a restaurant, you ALWAYS look for the most expensive thing on the menu and buy an appetizer, 3 drinks, dessert before dinner, a meal, another drink, another appetizer, and then your second meal, and then your dessert after dinner.

G: So, obviously, I'm very qualified for this as a freshman biology student. The first tip is using the right isotope for the age of the object. If he/she isn't very old, then you can use Carbon-14 as the isotope for dating. But if you suspect he/she is much older, maybe Uranium-238 or Thorium-232 would be better (btw this only works if you're dealing with rocks). Wait. That isn't the dating you're talking about? OHHHHHHHHH. Sorry. Then, as an overly-qualified, serious-about-dates idealist, my number one tip is buying a calendar in the right year. The dates will be all mixed up if you use a 1986 calendar in 2017 and that would be a DISASTER.

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#### Ms. Kwok – Soon to be Mrs. Chang

By: Sunny Wang

"T'm really excited [about mar-Lriage] because I love my fiancé and more importantly, we both believe that marriage is something that God designed; it's a promise to each other, a promise before God, before our friends and family to make a commitment to one another. And we both believe that this promise is just a small representation of God's promise to His church and His people, so we're really excited to be part of that," Ms. Kwok told me in an interview about her love life.

God created marriage to meet our need for companionship and to provide an illustration of our relationship with Him. It's one of the most serious decisions we will make in our lives; no one should make this commitment if they aren't ready. In this case, Ms. Elaine Kwok seems to have found the perfect man with which to make this choice.

Ms. Kwok came to MAK last year to work as the fifth grade teacher. At the end of this year, however, she will be leaving to join her fiancé, Michael Chang, who, like her, is a Taiwanese-Canadian. Ms. Kwok will fly back to Canada to start the next chapter of their life together.

Mr. Chang and Ms. Kwok had been dating for no longer than two years when Mr. Chang proposed. "I was so happy, so joyful [when he proposed]. I wasn't surprised because we talked about [marriage] before, but the way he did it, it was so joyful," Ms. Kwok laughed while recalling the proposal.

When asked about her perspective on what married life will

be like, Ms. Kwok admitted, "I expect that [marriage] is not going to be easy, and we're going to have to work through many other things, but I also expect and hope that it'll be an exciting life of serving people and God together."

Disagreements, conflicts, and disputes are unavoidable in relationships, but what truly matters is how the couple communicate, solve the problem together, and stay together after the conflicts.

Both Ms. Kwok and Mr. Chang aren't the type of people to yell, and she says talking about their disputes "is like showing each other the grace God shows us, too. Because we're not perfect, and we expect that we're going to make mistakes but we just accept that and show each other forgiveness, show each other love, and help each other grow."

For all the couples out there, Ms. Kwok has some simple tips"Be honest with each other, continue to get to know each other a lot, be forgiving with each other's mistakes, give your best, and involve family and friends. Don't be on your own the whole time; include your family and friends because they know you the best."

Let us all pray that Ms. Kwok and her fiance will have a joyful and blessed marriage! May the two continue to grow in their relationship, not only with each other, but also with God. We hope that she will be content, will continue to serve God and others, and will return to visit MAK soon!

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone, especially to Ms. Kwok, her fiance, and all the couples out there!



Ms. Kwok and her fiance ready to begin another page of their life with each other. //photo provided by Ms. Elaine Kwok

#### A Grand Makeover

By: Vivian Lu



Construction equipment surrounded the school throughout the renovation. // photo taken by Vivian Lu

Tpon returning to school from Christmas break, students were greeted with signs of construction everywhere. Piles of dirt and building materials replaced the familiar sight of the office and its green doors.

The current MAK building was built in 2000 and is slowly aging. A while back, a water pipe under the office exploded, causing flooding. Although staff rushed to clean up the disaster, damage could not be avoided. The flooding caused the floor in the office to become noticeably uneven. Up until that point, the office was aging but was still in fair shape; however, this incident ultimately forced the administration to plan an office renovation.

The finished product features a completely renovated office area, a relocated nurse's office, an expanded music room, and additional space in the form of new offices and a conference room.

The sizeable project of renovating this part of the school began over Christmas break. For this grand makeover, construction crews completely knocked out the interior of the office and music room in order to rebuild those areas from scratch.

As with all projects, the overseer is very important to the success and smoothness of the whole process. The overseer of this project is Jerry Chang, who has almost 8 years of experience in the field of interior design. His previous projects include a hospital in Tainan, a university in Kaohsiung, and many high-class residential homes.

This renovation project was

different from all of Chang's other projects due to a tight schedule, which made everything more difficult and forced everyone involved to take a step out of their comfort zone. The original plan was to have everything finished by the 25th or 26th of January; however, after some discussion, the completion date was moved to a week or two after Chinese New Year break.

Chang stated, "If there was one thing that could have been better, I would want more time." He continued to explain that the planning period before construction began was very rushed and if the crew had more time, things would have gone more smoothly. There was a lot of pressure to finish the project quickly and with quality. The original plan had flaws and forced the construction crew to adapt to problems day by day and communicate with each other well.

Because Chang and his crew put much effort into meeting the school's needs, we now have a more functional — and even more beautiful — school to enjoy.



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## - OPINION –

#### Our "Amazing" Attitude Towards Infatuation Tales of a Forever Single, Heartbroken Girl

By: Grace Hsu

\*Note: Heavy use of sarcasm/ irony

part from getting your first pimples and developing the typical teenage rebellious attitude, puberty is often associated with awkward feelings of attraction towards the opposite gender. These feelings are perfectly natural, but as our culture and friends constantly tell us, the idea of keeping such feelings bottled up and never expressing them is unacceptable.

As a young adult perfectly capable of making the best decisions ever in life, you should be brave and do something about those feelings. In fact, the goal is often to get into a dating relationship - and considering the maturity level of the average teenager\*, it's not hard to see why the adolescent years are ideal for such a romantic relationship. Most teenagers are obviously wise enough to handle any sort of conflict that a romantic relationship might bring, as can be seen from pervasive gossiping, students goofing off in the hallways, and a general attitude of defiance towards any kind of authority.

But looking around our campus, it is obvious that many teenagers do not get into a relationship during their middle school or high school years. It does seems to be on their minds, as high schoolers do get excited about the annual banquet and any possible dates. I have also heard side conversations during class of students teasing one another for being single, and it is pretty clear that both relationships and any potential for relationships seem to be fairly important to many teenagers. But why?

This is because focusing on such an idea and obsessing over it night and day is clearly a better way to spend your adolescent years than, say, thinking about who you are and your place in the world when you leave your parent's roof. The reason many teenagers fret about whether their crush likes them back or not is because they have bought into the idea introduced by young adult novels and Hollywood movies that infatuation, which is often temporary, is more worth your time than activities such as schoolwork, extracurricular activities, and more. Ultimately, identity development whose effects are longerlasting can be delayed or ignored.

When we consider Holly-



The priorities we have towards our infatuations are undoubtedly the best we could have. //picture from Quotes Hunter

wood's fictional, ideal romantic relationships as one of the best life-models that this planet has to offer, we can affirm teenagers for taking after the virtues of such movies and ignore the fact that many high school relationships don't last into the freshman year of college! Yes, teenagers are clearly very smart obsessing over various attractions that too often become of little or no consequence after graduation.

To delve deeper into the all-surpassing wisdom of teens, it is worth mentioning that many infatuations are at least partially based on the physical attractiveness of the other person. Again, this has been reinforced by Hollywood's movies, where the couple usually notice each other's gorgeousness. Of course, however, a person's appearance or general first impression cannot give an accurate picture of their character. Therefore, again, to like someone almost solely based on appearances is to reflect the 'ideals' of our culture. And if this is the case for us completely mature teenagers, then the best way to ensure that other people are attracted to you would be to dress, speak, and act in a way that demonstrates desirability (aka perhaps an incomplete portrayal of the true you).

As young adults lacking a lot of life-experience, we may think our generation has excelled in "love" based on our warped priorities and shallow values. Let us celebrate our vast knowledge, chase after the values of Hollywood and worldly culture, and ignore the important things in life as they slip down the drain!

\*I am not trying to fit all teenagers into one category; do not be offended. I'm pretty sure you're a lot nicer than this:)

By: Sabrina Tsai and Annabelle Chien

February 14. It is single-handedly (pun-intended) the day I dread most. The chocolates. The heartshaped balloons. The couples showing Way. Too. Much. Affection. In public. IT'S ALL JUST TOO MUCH.

I, an over-dramatic and exaggerative person, cannot handle the pressure that comes with a holiday that many deem memorable - Valentine's Day. All I do, really, on Valentine's Day is just sit home and think about how alone I am. Everyone else is out there having fun, and I'm just a couch potato growing more potatolike by the second.

But then my brain chooses to daydream a fantasy worthy of a Hollywood movie. I imagine going out to get Starbucks, seeing all the overly affectionate and inappropriate couples, and bumping into my prince charming, who then takes me on his white horse to his magnificent castle. Inevitably, that's when my mother orders me to do some stupid chore, making me more miserable and sulky, and my dream is shattered.

Have you guys not realized it yet? Valentine's Day might be enjoyable for the rare species on this planet couples – but it's not pleasant at all for the rest of us – singles. Hollywood and mainstream media have altered the true meaning of romance and Valentine's Day, creating a false illusion that not having a partner during this season of love is terrible. Our life stinks, nobody loves us, and AHHH-HHH!

As someone who's single, it almost seems like we're not worthy enough for relationships, as if we need to fix our personality or our looks to make someone "love" us. It's kind of ridiculous really, because we shouldn't need to "alter" ourselves intensively to earn the affection of others.

What good does it do if my significant other loves the new, and fake, me? If that person can't love me for who I am, they're not worth my time. There's someone out there for everyone; just stay true to yourself and be patient. In the meantime, get out some sweets and go watch TV! We don't have to try to change ourselves to have others like us.

What is so special about relationships anyway? Think about it true, your significant other (abb. SO) would listen to you talk and always support you, but your best friends do that too! Heck, I'd rather rant to my girlfriends than talk to a guy who's more absorbed in his video games or sports or whatever than actually listen to me talk (and yes, I am aware that guys can be good listeners too. Some-



And as a chosen member of the S.A.D. society, I'll be the best single ever. // image by Annabelle Chien

times.)

Of course, your SO could pay for your food when you go out, but are you really going to suffer through one-on-one dates JUST to get free food? It does sound rather tempting... but ANYWAYS, think of all the group hangouts you're missing out on — all the fun memories your friends create during high school that you miss out on because you were busy going on dates with someone you probably won't talk to in ten years.

If you're a very physically affectionate person, maybe you're more obsessed with finding your SO because obviously there would be some problems if you inflicted all your touchy hand-holding/hugs/touches/ TACTIOCEPTION onto your friends. Hence, find a SO. Problems solved! If this is you, I do worry that you won't be able to survive in a period of singleness, which could then lead to serial dating, serial marriage, and serial – you get the point.

The main point is that you should not feel obligated to get into a relationship. Even when you're crushing on someone, it doesn't mean you have to confess your feelings through serenades and get into that awesomely perfect, understanding relationship. Having a crush can be very superficial and result in nothing. That's why they're called crushes — they're meant to be crushed down after you've made enough of a fool of yourself ogling that other person whenever you think they don't notice you.

Think about what you truly want. Think about what the addition of a SO could do to your goals and your plans. Don't rush to get involved with people romatically; stay single and make sure you know who you are and what you can bring to the relationship first.



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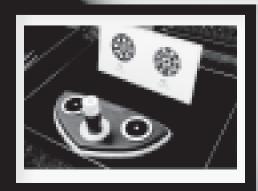














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#### Types of Couples

By: Anna Laytham and Sabrina Tsai

s MAK grows and expands, the number of couples seen in the high school hallways is starting to increase as well. Every pair has their uniqueness; some are very "bling bling" while others are secretive. There are the romantic ones, the teasing ones... this guide will help you identify just which type of couples your friends are!

1. The Love Birds – "I love you, bae." "No, I love you more!"

It's the couple that you would know right away if they broke up because they're SO in love with each other. Their Instagram feeds and profile pictures are all of each other kissing or hugging, or showing the world how much they love each other. Their breakups aren't announced by screaming matches, but by the eerie silence from lack of PDA and cheesy lines said to each other.

- **2. The Long-Distance Couple** This is the couple that is only "one call away." Skype calls until 4 in the morning because of different time zones are frequent. One of the couple ends up being a third wheel because their S.O isn't there. "And it's so hard, you're so far. The long distance is killing me" (Long Distance – Bruno Mars)
- 3. The Opposites Attract Couple She loves sports and school and is a total extrovert. He loves video games and is the complete opposite of an extrovert. You would never expect this couple to get together, but you know what they say: opposites do attract.
- **4. The Besties Couple** They were best friends even before they started dating and they act more like best friends than boyfriend and girlfriend now that they are dating. If someone who didn't know them saw them together, they would assume they're just friends, not dating.
- **5. The Ghost Couple** When they weren't dating, you saw both of them



//photo taken from jokingree

all the time because they're always around with their friends. But now that they're dating, you rarely see either of them. It's like they've disappeared off the face of the Earth. (Their reappearance is loud as they reaffirm their presence and friendship, but you can tell they're sad when they have to come back to reality.)

- **6. The Super Chill Couple** You wouldn't even know they're dating if you spent a day with them and, if they broke up, you wouldn't really know, too. Once in awhile, you see them together, but for the most part they act like normal friends.
- 7. The Middle-School Couple Dating one day. Breaking up the next. Together the next day. But then ignoring each other the next. Another person comes into the picture the day after. "He told me he liked me on chat, so I said I liked him back. That's how we started dating." When they break up, you only roll your eyes and ask, "What's new?"
- **8. The Twin Couple** They're practically attached at the hip and even have begun finishing each other's sentences. You'd think they came from the same womb – they wear matching outfits, pick the same classes, and are somehow always touching each other. You cannot even mention one's name without saying the other. They're that inseparable.

#### 9. The High School Sweethearts

- You said they were cute in high school. And they're still cute now that they're 40, running around, telling stories about "back in the day." This is the couple everyone expected to last a long time BUT you didn't expect them to last this long.
- **10. Romeo & Juliet** They win the "cute couple" award just because they are exactly that: cute. They aren't necessarily super cute separately but when they're together, they make each other better people and also make people wish they had a boyfriend/ girlfriend. Common phrases include: "You look beautiful today, too." "Are you cold? Here, take my jacket." "Boy: I love the way you smile. Girl: Thanks, I'm wearing the smile you gave me."

Did you have a couple in mind for these different types? Maybe a pair fits in multiple pairings! Have fun going around trying to spot all the different types of couples at school.

#### Upping Your Game with Pick-Up Lines

By: Shoichi Miyazono and Anna Laytham

\*Note: When you say these lines, make sure you say them clearly. Having to repeat a pickup line more than once is really embarrassing. Practice your line; don't mess it up. Try not to say it to a girl/guy who is hanging out with their group of friends. (The chances of succeeding will decrease.) And make sure to read the comments — they're important.

Hey, you're pretty and I'm cute. Together we'd be Pretty Cute.

Rating: 6/10

Comment: Act confident. If you're not confident in your looks, then don't say it. Don't say it with a straight face; instead, say it with a cheesy smile on your face so you don't come off as too cocky or weird.

Are you a camera? Because every time I look at you, I smile.

Rating: 6.5/10

Comment: A bit cliche but works most of the time. Say it with a smile and make sure you say it slowly and gently. Wait for a second after you ask the question. If he/she replies to your question, just ignore it and continue on.

Even if there wasn't gravity on earth, I'd still fall for you.

Rating: 7/10

Comment: If you know they're into Earth Science, this is the line for you because people like it when you mention their interests. If you don't know what they're interested in, you can still say this line.

Do you have a name or can I call you mine?

Rating: 7/10

Comment: Although calling a girl 'mine' is something special, this is a bit cliche. You want to use this one carefully. When you say it, smile at her, not creepily, but shyly. She'll probably think that's cute and you'll get points for that. Pause for about 0.5 seconds after name, and then continue.

Can I take your picture to prove to all my friends that angels do exist? Rating: 7.5/10

Comment: Have your phone out and act really serious, like you really do want to take their picture (because this will probably make them laugh more). \*laughing points for you\*

Do you believe in love at first sight, or

should I walk by again? Rating: 7.5/10

Comment: Another one that takes confidence. Again, say it with a cheesy smile and not a straight face. Make sure you actually do walk by them. This will not work on someone you've

met before so it's not really one where

you can use on your crush.

If nothing lasts forever, will you be my nothing?

Rating: 7.5/10

Comment: You need to be careful with this one, too. You're basically telling the girl that you want her to be your forever in a nonchalant way. If you say it like it's something that doesn't matter, you'll come off as not caring at all. If you say it super seriously, you might scare her off.

Excuse me, can I have the time? I'd check my watch but I can't take my eyes off you.

Rating: 9/10

Comment: This one is one of my personal favorites. Stare into her eyes as you say it, and act serious. If you don't have a watch on you, say phone instead of watch. If they actually give you the time, respond with something like "Sorry, I get nervous around pretty girls. I meant "Do you have the time to hangout/dinner/chill with me?"

"My boys over there bet that I wouldn't be able to start a conversation with the most beautiful girl in the room. Want to buy some drinks with their money?"

Rating: 9.5/10

Comment: Personal favorite. This won't work if you're not out with your friends, so make sure you're with your friends. Tell them what you're going to do before you do it, and ask them to play along. Pay them back the money you borrow. If you do it right, there's a really high chance of succeeding.

If I had to choose between breathing or loving you, I would say "I love you" with my last breath.

Rating: No rating

Comment: One of the cheesiest lines of our pickup line list. Make sure that you're saying this line to someone you've been dating for a while. If you're saying this to your significant other, be sure that they feel the same way towards you or they'll get a little freaked out.

## Volume IV, Issue 3: Feb 2017 PUZZLES -

## Trivia: Teachers' Love Lives

How well do you know your teachers? Take the quiz to find out! Answers will be revealed in the next issue. By: Katherine Ma

- snow underneath an old fashioned lamp light on the corner of a historic neighborhood?
- a. Mr. Griffin
- b. Mr. Wyss
- c. Mr. Gregg
- d. Mr. Torgerson
- 2. Which teacher had to wait for six months before his spouse agreed to date him?
- a. Mr. Griffin
- b. Mr. Newkirk
- c. Mr. Laytham
- d. Mr. Wyss
- 3. Which couple hugged each other for the first time on the day they were engaged?
- a. Mr. and Mrs. Tam
- b.Mr. and Mrs. D'Brass
- c. Mr. and Mrs. McDillon
- d. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg

- 1. Which teacher proposed in the 4. Which couple got to know each other from guitar lessons?
  - a. Mr. and Mrs. Torgerson
  - b. Mr. and Mrs. Stowers
  - c. Mr. and Mrs. Fusca
  - d. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg
  - 5. Which couple backpacked Europe for a month together?
  - a. Mr. and Mrs. Laytham
  - b. Mr. and Mrs. Stowers
  - c. Mr. and Mrs. McDillon
  - d. Mr. and Mrs. Tam

  - 6. Which teacher once gave his spouse a concussion while they were dating?
  - a. Mr. D'Brass
  - b. Mr. Tam
  - c. Mr. Griffin
  - d. Mr. Torgerson
  - 7. Which teacher wrote and performed a song on acoustic guitar

- when he proposed?
- a. Mr. D'Brass
- b. Mr. Torgerson
- c. Mr. Wyss
- d. Mr. McDillon
- 8. Which teacher speaks to his spouse in different languages when he tries to flirt with her?
- a. Mr. Tam
- b. Mr. Newkirk
- c. Mr. Griffin
- d. Mr. Gregg
- 9. Which couple had blue and purple hair when they were on their first date?
- a. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin
- b. Mr. and Mrs. Laytham
- c. Mr. and Mrs. Owen
- d. Mr. and Mrs. McDillon
- 10. What was the first gift Mrs. Tam received when she started

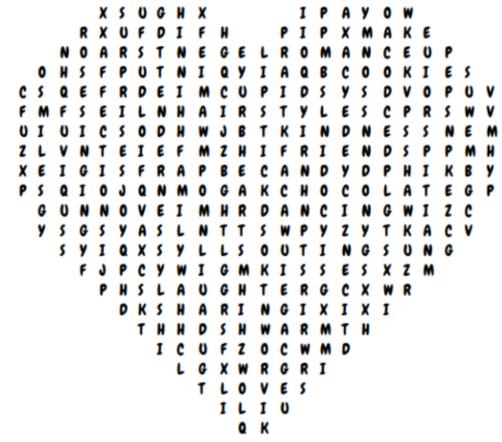
- dating Mr. Tam?
- a. A necklace
- b. A bag of chips
- c. A package of cheese buns
- d. A T-shirt
- 11. Which two teachers were in first grade together?
- a. Mr. and Mrs. Fusca
- b. Mr. and Mrs. Newkirk
- c. Mr. and Mrs. Torgerson
- d. Mr. and Mrs. Tam
- 12. Which couple had their first date in Starbucks and just talked for four hours straight?
- a. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg
- b. Mr. and Mrs. D'Brass
- c. Mr. and Mrs. Fusca
- d. Mr. and Mrs. Stowers

## Searches of Love

By: Gabrielle Liu



There are TONS of things you think about on the 14th of February. See how many you can find. The THREE words you SEE FIRST are the ones you love the most! (Max 25 items with no diagonals nor backward words)



In the picture on the left, can vou find: a box of chocolates lovebirds lovebirds dabbing Cupid dabbing a pizza in the shape of a heart a pen, pineapple, apple, pen an apple in someone's eye a broken heart

Comic Sans on a store sign love letters with Comic Sans on them

"are you trash because I want to take you out"

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3 wheels

a proposal ring left at home LOVE