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A.A.P.I. Community of Needham Support Group







# A.A.P.I Community

On one weekend of spring, the AAPI community of Needham and other supporters came together to discuss the issues going on in the world in town center. Some of people gave prepared speeches at the event, and others just decided to speak out to the public without anything prepared because they felt it was right to get it out of their system. One of the supported citizens that spoke was our very own strings teacher Mr. Smith. His husband is part of the AAPI community and he spoke out with a very understanding and supportive tone.

We appreciate every single student, teacher, employee, and anyone else at this school no matter what race or skin color you have, no matter what gender you are, and no matter where you're from.

Article and pictures by Shyla Pandey

# **Just For** Laughs Pt.3



does anyone else feel troubled by the fact that the name of this year is literally 2020 won?



me laying in bed at 3 am when i realize i should've said something else in an argument i had in 2011



By: Isha Nair Images by Google

When you close schools at a thousand cases but reopen at 1.7 million:



WHEN A CALL GETS PUT ON HOLD AND IT HAS GOOD HOLD MUSIC

When the client wants to combine options 1 and 2



IG: @theincumbentagency

me after hearing someone cough on my \$8 round trip flight to italy

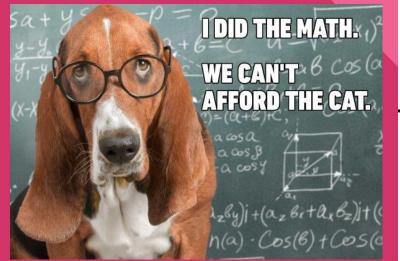


When u r doing an exam and jump from question 3 to question 19 because you don't know anything





# **Just For** Laughs Pt.3 Pt. 2

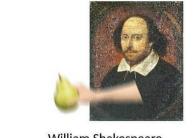






William

Pear



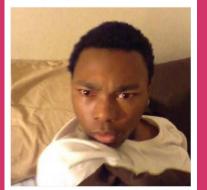
William Shakespeare

Me: if  $X^2 = 9$  then X is 3

My math teacher:



When you're sleeping and your alarm didn't ring yet but the amount of sleep you're getting is suspicious

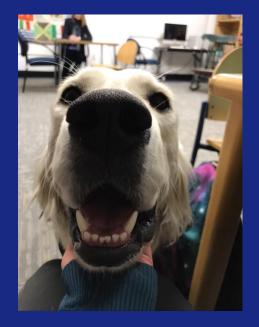


when you're already in bed but then u remember that u didn't do ur homework



By Jeremy Tsung Images from google By: Adah Rosen and Isha Nair

# Interview with Officer Rocket and R.J. Poirier!









#### What is your official title and what do you do?

"I am a School Resource officer. My goal is to bridge family life with school life in circumstances where students might need some help. I also keep the schools safe and, I now have Rocket. I am Rockets handler and brings him around to all of the schools."

What does a typical day for you and Rocket look like? "We don't really have a typical day! Some of the things that we do are attend to emergencies when they come up, a lot of running around, and responding to students that need assistance for a variety of issues. I also try to get Rocket to most of the schools throughout the week, but we mainly spend time at the highschool. I sometimes go to schools to check in with certain individuals. Rocket is there to relieve anxiety and provide comfort, and, to help people

### Does Rocket go home with you or do you just spend your day with him?

that have been victims of crimes and general community

"Rocket goes home with Mr. Shea who is a math teacher at the high school."

engagement."



### What are your hobbies and what do you do in your free time?

"I spend my free time with my family and running around to my sons sporting events. I have a second grader who keeps us very busy!"

### What has been the most fun experience working with Rocket?

"Definitely getting into the schools, meeting new students, and brightening peoples days. It has been really great to have Rocket and to just see people smiling!"

### Have you worked with any other service dogs before working with Rocket?

"No, I haven't. Rocket is the first service dog I've worked with. He has been training for a whole year to get to this point to do his job and be a community resource dog. This has been a learning experience for me, too, because as the handler, I have to understand the goals of his own training. We were also interrupted by Covid, just like you guys, so for a time period we were virtual, trying to figure all of this stuff out. But, it has been very rewarding."



### How many years was Rocket in training for and what was it like?

"Rocket was trained for one year, and when everything shut down, instead of going to the place where he gets trained in Walpole, we would do a lot of zoom meetings and facetimes."

### How old is Rocket and does he have a middle and/or last name?

"Haha! Rocket is a year and a half now, he was born on November 20th 2019. Rockets name is Rocket, his name was voted on by the town, and that was the most popular name. But, because he is part of the police department, he is an office, especially because he is certified now."

#### What is Rocket's favorite food?

"He does! Rocket liked to eat hot dogs. He loves hot dogs!



### Is there anything Rocket does that is unusual or funny?

"He sleeps on his back in weird positions a lot! It's really funny the ways he can fall asleep on his back. Sometimes he will flop over and dance around on his back."

### Is there anything else you would like to say to Pollard?

"I love being a school resource officer, and I love meeting everybody and helping people, and Rocket does too. And I would want people to know that if anybody needs anything we always are here for you."

## Thank you R.J. and Rocket!

Go follow them on Instagram @officer\_rocket or use this link: https://www.instagram.co m/officer\_rocket/?hl=en

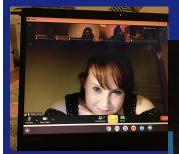




# Behind the Scenes of YAGMCB!

YAGMCB was Pollard's spring/summer musical and here are some behind the scenes sneak peeks with the directors and actors/actresses!

Pictures by Katherine Calton







### Life as a Twin

An interview with Caroline Calton

By Katherine Calton



#### Q: What is it like being a twin?

A: "Well it's actually pretty fun because you have a double of yourself but at the same time people can get you confused."

#### Q: Any myths you can debunk?

A: "We don't necessarily have telepathic abilities and we can't read each other's minds but it's still cool if we say something at the same time."

## Q: Any cool traditions that you have created with your twin?

A: "No, I mean we always have a knack for making sure to spend time with each other and the best thing we can do is just be there for one another."



### Who's Who?



Q: What do you like about being a twin?

A: "The fact that we don't even have to think about tricking somebody, it's just that we can immediately confuse them. We also love to break the status quo and kind of prove that even though we're the same and wore the same outfits when we were younger, we can still be our own person and prove to ourselves that we have cool and special talents."

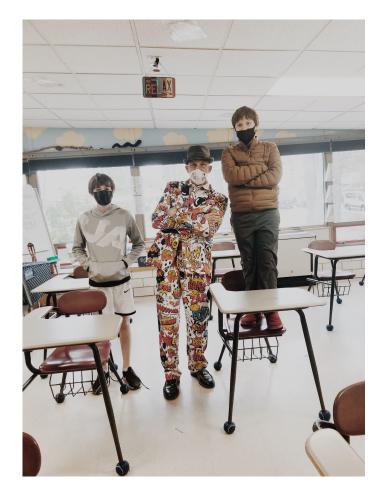
Q: What do you dislike about being a twin?

A: \*dramatic pause\* "I dislike when people think that we are the exact same person, personality wise even though that is completely untrue. I can play the piano and am more of an introvert while she's more of a dancy-dance photographer and is an extrovert. And especially emotion wise we're completely different. I want to be alone sometimes and she just needs someone to hug, so I think it's really cool that we have an entirely different mindset and how we're unique to ourselves."

Q: And lastly, what is one of your biggest pet peeves?

A: "My biggest pet peeve is probably that even though it's not that common, our family members mix us up accidently. Like even though it is hard it's sort of weird to have that uncertainty of who's who, especially if you're my family member who's known me for most of my life."

### **Pictures**





Mr. Lundberg in his onomatopoeia suit with Carson Dunn and Michael Saniuk

### **About the Writers**



Katherine Calton 7-5 Hobbies: dance, singing, photography, writing, reading **Favorite Books:** He and I, The Five People You Meet In Heaven, and the Shadow and Bone series **Favorite Part of Being in** the Newspaper: Photography, writing,

and interviews!



Adah Rosen 7-4 **Hobbies:** Swimming, soccer, painting, reading, ukulele **Favorite Book: Hunger Games Series Favorite Part of** Being on the **Newspaper:** I really like writing and I love photography!



**Zachary Wiesch 8-5** Hobbies: Eating, reading, gaming, collecting, chess Favorite Books: IT. Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption, and True Believer **Favorite Part of** Being on the Newspaper: Writing Editing! literally anything



Isha Nair 7-1 Hobbies: Art. Reading **Favorite Book:** The Hunger Games **Favorite Part of** Being on the Newspaper: Writing and



Shyla Pandey 7-5 Hobbies: dance, piano Favorite Book: Harry Potter series **Favorite Part of** Being on the Newspaper: photography and interviews



**Jeremy Tsung 8-1** Hobbies: Reading, playing video games, playing violin Favorite Book: Percy Jackson series **Favorite Part of** Being on the **Newspaper:** Writing and decorating the slideshow