

# Francisco

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## STUDENT MEDIA

the student newspaper

### Calendar

#### January 22-25

Wellness week



#### January 31

African American  
Family Dinner

#### February 5

Lunar New Year (No School)

#### February 1-28

Black History Month

### Links and Reminders

Check your grades and what you need to catch up on. Also another way to check homework.

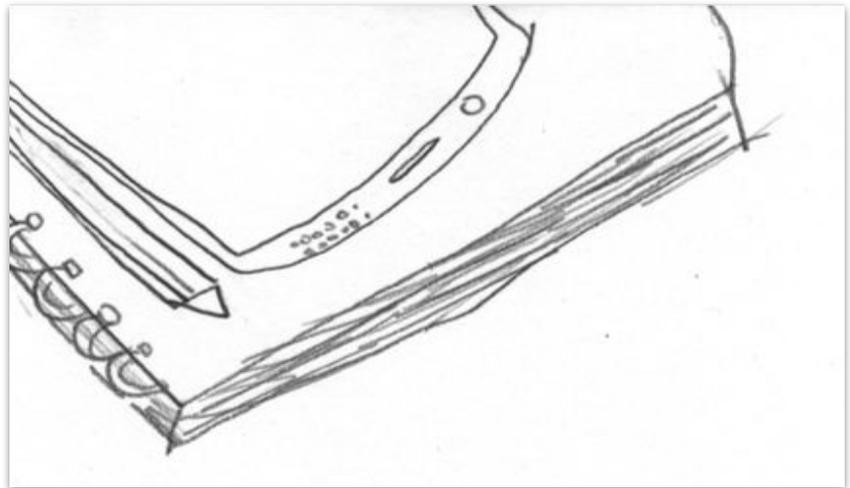
[portal.sfusd.edu](http://portal.sfusd.edu)

A newer updated version of school loop! Look for different materials that are listed on the website: help with school, courses, and information about the Beacon Tel-Hi afterschool program!

[fms-sfusd-ca.schoolloop.com](http://fms-sfusd-ca.schoolloop.com)

Have a tip? Want to submit something for the newspaper or the yearbook? Let us know!

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### Should kids be allowed to use their smartphones in school?

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Artwork: Adam B

There are many reasons why FMS should allow cell phones at school. There is a calculator so it helps you in class with difficult math problems. If there is a family emergency we can contact our parents. Parents can make sure their child is safe at school. If the school reports the child missing, the parent can locate them through their phone. You can also check your grades. Our phones are also more convenient to carry, so instead of using iPads we can use our phones. For example, when we are doing a research project and another class has already reserved the iPads, we are not able to do our research.

However, like everything in life, there are also downsides, like cheating on tests, theft, cyberbullying, and students being distracted by their phone. But there are easy solutions to these problems: Parents and teachers can just take the student's phone if they are caught being distracted or cheating on tests, and the student can get help if they are cyberbullied. And these days, phones are equipped with a phone locator that parents can use to find the stolen or lost phone. ("Find my iPhone" app on Apple devices and phone trackers on other devices app stores.)

The positives of allowing phones at FMS far outweigh the negatives. Phones give a very big boost in learning and since there are more positives than negatives, phones should be allowed.



# Playlist

- **Cardi B I Like It**
  - who is cardi? - Mitzumi
- **Travis Scott SICKO MODE**
  - sicko mode OR mo bamba?
- **Drake God's Plan**
  - Drake communicated with God and God told him the plan, so Drake made a song about it.
- **Close Friends Lil baby**
  - Don't listen to this if your boyfriend left you, you will miss him, lol.
- **Post Malone & Swae Lee "Sunflower"**
  - Spiderman theme song
- **Post Malone Better Now**
  - Did your boyfriend leave you? Listen to this song.
- **Lil Wayne Uproar**
  - Listen to this song if you want to turn up.
- **Kanye West Thug it out**
  - It's in the name if you're a thug
- **Kodak Black Zeze**
  - Is kodak still in jail?
- **Lil Baby & Gunna Drip too hard**
  - Don't stand too close.
- **Nicki Minaj Chun Li**
  - Nicki is better than Cardi
    - - Mitzumi :)
    - Lies- Adam
- **Cuco Lo que siento**
  - want to get in your feelings? Listen to this.
- **The Carters APES\*\*T**
  - Hate this song. -Adam

This playlist is a playlist for some of the most popular songs of 2018, maybe 2017 and 2019.

## Using a Phone for Math

Whim H



## Hip Hop and Rap

By: Adam B, Mitzumi S, and Andrew G

There are different types of music genres like rap, hip hop, country, classical, jazz, etc. Different people like different styles in music, but a lot of people like Rap and Hip Hop.

Most artists talk about their life and how they grew up, and sometimes how it wasn't always easy for them. Many people might relate to them.

But rap is sometimes bad because it has some bad stuff that encourages people to do bad things like rob, steal, or sometimes even kill.

But not every artist talks about drugs, guns, etc. They also talk about love and sad events. Many of us grow up listening to different types of music and we should all listen to different types.

Some artists that are becoming famous are Lil Baby, NBA Youngboy, and more. Some rappers dropped albums recently, one is Realer by NBA Youngboy. It has a total of 12 songs that are all good.





## Chinese New Year

Steven Q, & Andrew G

Chinese New Year, also called Lunar New Year, is on February 5th and some Chinese people will be eating dumplings, fish, spring rolls, sweet rice balls, and other dim sum. Relatives will give them something called a red envelope, and it will have money in it. When they give it to you, you should receive it with both of your hands. Chinese New Year also has dragon dancing and lion dancing around Chinatown, and Chinese New Year is celebrated with family and friends. Another important food to eat during Chinese New Year is mooncake.

If you ever wondered why there are firecrackers around Chinatown or if you hear it, it's because firecrackers, drums, gongs, and crashing cymbals are used to drive away evil spirits. People also wear red on Chinese New Year because it symbolizes good luck and happiness. At night families also burn fake paper money and printed gold bars in honor of their deceased loved ones.

During the holiday, most Chinese people spend twice as much on shopping and eating out than Americans spend on Thanksgiving.

These are some taboos during Chinese New Year:

- hair cutting (before February 2),
- using scissors,
- knives and other sharp things,
- arguing and swearing,
- saying unlucky words (such as “death” and “sickness”),
- and lastly breaking things.

On Chinese New Year the greeting is “xin nian kuai le”. Cantonese people say “gong hei fat choy” and Mandarin people greet with “gong xi fa cai”. Both means congratulations on your fortune.



## Brain Hacking

Steven Q, Andrew G, & Karen L

Technology is addicting because app developers try to make you go on their apps as long as you can by either making the apps get a lot of updates like Fortnite, and also like Snapchat where they have streaks to keep users using it.

App developers purposely make the app attract attention so that users want more of the app, making the app more addictive. They develop apps to make you want to go on them more.

For example, Fortnite, the popular battle royale game, has a new update once to twice a month. That keeps players still wanting to play and not get bored of the game, and it also gets new players coming and playing. Around 40 million people log on to Fortnite every month, and in total there are 125 million people who downloaded it or bought it.

Snapchat has streaks and users want to keep them and continue to make them higher. That will make you keep Snapchat and not delete it, so you can keep your streak higher.



# Should Students Get a Part Time Job?

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There are pros and cons to students getting a part time job. The reason for that is because most students are still in school and it could be really hard to manage school work and having a job at the same time. The youngest age when you can get a job is 14, which means you will most likely be in high school. Some pros about having a part time job at a young age is you get the experience of working with other people and knowing that you have responsibilities. Another thing is that teens who have a part time job are spending their free time doing something else besides schoolwork. Some cons for working at a young age is the stress from both schoolwork and having an actual job. When the job gets too stressful that can cause you to get behind on your schoolwork, which is very important in high school.

If a student decides to get a job, they should only be working for 12 hours a week, which included 2 hours on school days and 5 hours on weekends. Here are some jobs you can apply for when you are 14:

- being a barista,
- a bagger at a store,
- some fast food places like McDonalds,
- Safeway with job permit can land a job as a bagger,
- certain Chick Fil A stores may consider responsible 14 year olds for jobs as team members
- Some Baskin Robbins hire workers of 14 years of age.
- Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk now hire kids 14 and up.

You can also walk dogs or babysit and take care of kids who are 12 or younger. When you grow older into your late teens you will most likely work at a fast food joint. The average salary for a 16-19 year old is about 22 thousand a year. Working as a teen can be good because you can learn what it is like to work and it will support you later in life with their occupation. Having a job in high school teaches you responsibility and improves your social skills.

