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## *Under The Stars Prom Theme a Smashing Success*

By Anna Bailey and Ciara Benitez '24

Even with the cost cutting measures for Junior Prom, the 'Under the Stars' theme was a hit—with the venue quite literally being under the stars. With the three days the prom committee had to plan, they put their hearts into the Juniors' special day. Students had a blast celebrating their prom in BLA's Deckard Street parking lot, even with many cars still being present. Even more so, singing songs themselves, due to the lack of tickets sold. Although no DJ could be hired under the two dollar and forty five cent music budget, the remaining cars in the lot all played Kiss 108 simultaneously. Students were dressed in sparkling dresses and suits, but had to wear coats because of the cold climate. Students complained of pain in



their feet due to the lack of seating options. Many sat on the main stairs of the building and took pictures with the Boston Latin Academy entrance as the backdrop, as the cardboard backdrops are set to come next

week. Many students went home hungry, because the school "forgot" to cater. The McDonald's after party was named by many as the highlight of Junior Prom.

## The hidden truth behind Jeffrey Isen

By Matteo Gleason '23

Many people have wondered about this Canadian man's strange upbringing and mysterious past. He regularly informs his class that he has traveled the world with only two pairs of underwear. When asked why, Mr. Isen responds: "because the world is an incredible place that I wanted to explore." This response not only leaves much to be desired, but much to be discovered. Luckily for you readers, this *Dragon Tales* correspondent has done the work for you. After extensive research, traveling, and reaching out to Isen's past acquaintances, we can conclude with resounding confidence that Jeffrey Isen was in fact traveling the world to learn about, and become the greatest circus ringmaster the world has ever seen. Talking to the likes of Monsieur Ceci Estun Mensonge in France, and Esto Esuna-Mentira in Spain, we learned first hand that Isen trained with those masters of the circus arts. They detailed the intense training Isen undertook, wherein he would sometimes juggle for days on end just to meet his goals. In India, Isen learned about animal taming. I returned from my travels satisfied with the wild information I unearthed—however, I did not expect the story to go deeper.

We are pleased to report that Jeffery Isen is currently moonlighting at the Questa Euna Bugia circus in Quebec, Canada. Though most people believe he lives in Massachusetts, Isen actually sleeps in a car while he is chauffeured to and from Quebec each night. Our reporters on the scene classify Isen's circus as "a wild ride of uncontained sarcasm". In the circus, Isen is referred to as "la geek maître" (French, *the nerd master*). He engages in sets upon sets of circus tricks, arranging a troupe of three people, the rigger who sets up the tent, the manager who owns the circus, and himself who does absolutely everything else. You might be wondering how Isen engages in his love of mountain biking if he is a circus ringmaster. As our stammering reporter claimed, Isen would ride around the ring on his mountain bike, while his dog chased a squirrel in the middle of the ring, and then he would go up a ramp, jump off the bike, grab his dog that was jumping through a hula hoop with a squirrel in its mouth before Isen remounted the bike, and landed perfectly. Dasist Eine Lüge, a regular spectator, claimed that "no one knows where la geek maître comes from, he shows up, he is brilliant, then he leaves." When asked what makes Isen stand out, Lüge claims it is his attire.



Isen shows up every night in purple polka-dotted sequins and sparkles, and leaves a legend. Apparently Isen has been hiding his fashionista side in school with his endless supply of nerd t-shirts. (This is not an insult, one of his shirts literally says "nerd".) The show ends when Isen runs into the woods and enters his green Subaru to make it back to Boston just in time for first period AP Economics. When asked for comment on these shocking findings, Isen uttered a four letter term and returned to lecturing about the Nigerian government.

## School Lunch Supply Costs Drastically Cut, Sixie Attendance Issues on the Rise

By Biruk Meyer '26

A group of about 40 sixies were last seen wandering the school after 1:40 on Monday March 16th—and every single one has yet to turn up for class in over a week. In unrelated news, this week, the City of Boston cut the BPS lunch budget significantly after they learned that half the school was throwing their food into a compost pile to use to grow more food.

Massachusetts taxpayers and the state legislature are both delighted with this fiscally conservative policy. The state government has claimed that the taxes are able to be lowered from exorbitant to unbearable, the biggest change seen in half a century. The group of sixies who vanished were last seen in the cafeteria area raiding the vending machines. Their three day suspensions having expired,

not even one has re-emerged for middle school Latin or unified science. As the investigation into the chronic absence issue picked up, Latin Academy head chef Devora N. Childs declared it “Meat Lovers Week,” with the cafeteria serving questionably colored hamburgers, hotdogs, and meat pizza everyday as well as a side of heavily seasoned ground pork for salads.

## Isen Deposes Smith, Takes Reins as Head of School in Dramatic Coup

By Daniel J. Reynolds '23

On Friday, the 6th-period Advanced Placement Economics class unanimously backed Jeffrey Isen as the tenured humanities teacher conducted an unexpected takeover of Boston Latin Academy. The shocking coup consisted of the removal of entrenched Head of School Gavin Smith from office and the instatement of so-called “Jeffrey Isen Thought” as an ordinance for any subsequent regulations and amendments under the new regime. While the self-proclaimed

“Chairman Isen” declined an interview request, a student advisor of his told this reporter that the new ruler was “applying” his classroom teachings and “following in the footsteps of his political mentor, Mao Zedong.” At press time, the disgraced Mr. Smith had fled to friendlier territory and was last spotted hiding in a storage closet in the neutral zone of the BLS basement. Smith declined to comment for this article.



## “Unfair” Entrance Exam Replaced with Equitable and Daily High-Stakes Testing

By Amishai Goodman-Goldstein '23

Citing the burdensome effect on the student and teacher population, Boston Public Schools officials announced this week the replacement of the widely panned ISEE school entrance exam. In the exam's stead, assistant

superintendent Dirk Testmore shared that the district would be moving to an equitable program of weekly progress testing requiring only five periods of teaching time each week in each academic subject. “By using up each period of each class each week, we’ll be empowering teachers to think

differently and innovate with such tools as scantron sheets and paragraph responses,” Testmore stated. At press time, the policy had been updated to reduce hallway transition times to thirty seconds to better actualize the district motto of “Focus on Children.

## Former President releases new single with convicted insurrectionists to show support of rule of law

by Cendy Charles '23

Former President Donald Trump did the United States a massive favor and dropped a mixtape on March 3rd, 2023. With all the effort of a man recording in the stuffy cube of his friends' garage, “Justice for All” is a brand spanking new take on the nation's national anthem, “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Echoey, it really reflects the ambition it took to ask his friend, Herman Cain, to let him use his ghost studio.

Maybe Donald Trump was looking to record his new hit single somewhere discreet as he's dodging arrest. It is best to assume that Trump did not think that avoiding charges from a seven year-old hush money case brought against him by porn-star Stormy Daniels could possibly lead to jail-time.

The vocals for “Justice for All” are lended by Donald Trump, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States, and the J6 Prison Choir, singing the nation's anthem,

from a distance as they are facing prison time for their involvement in January 6th. From the safety of their cells, they recite “The Star-Spangled Banner” each night before bed.

Never one to interfere with law and order, the former 45th President of the United States plans to donate all funds brought in by the song toward the bail money for the J6 Prison Choir. As no radio has agreed to play the song, I'm certain the \$0.064 generated by ad revenue on YouTube has comforted them in this trying time.

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