



Art Portfolio

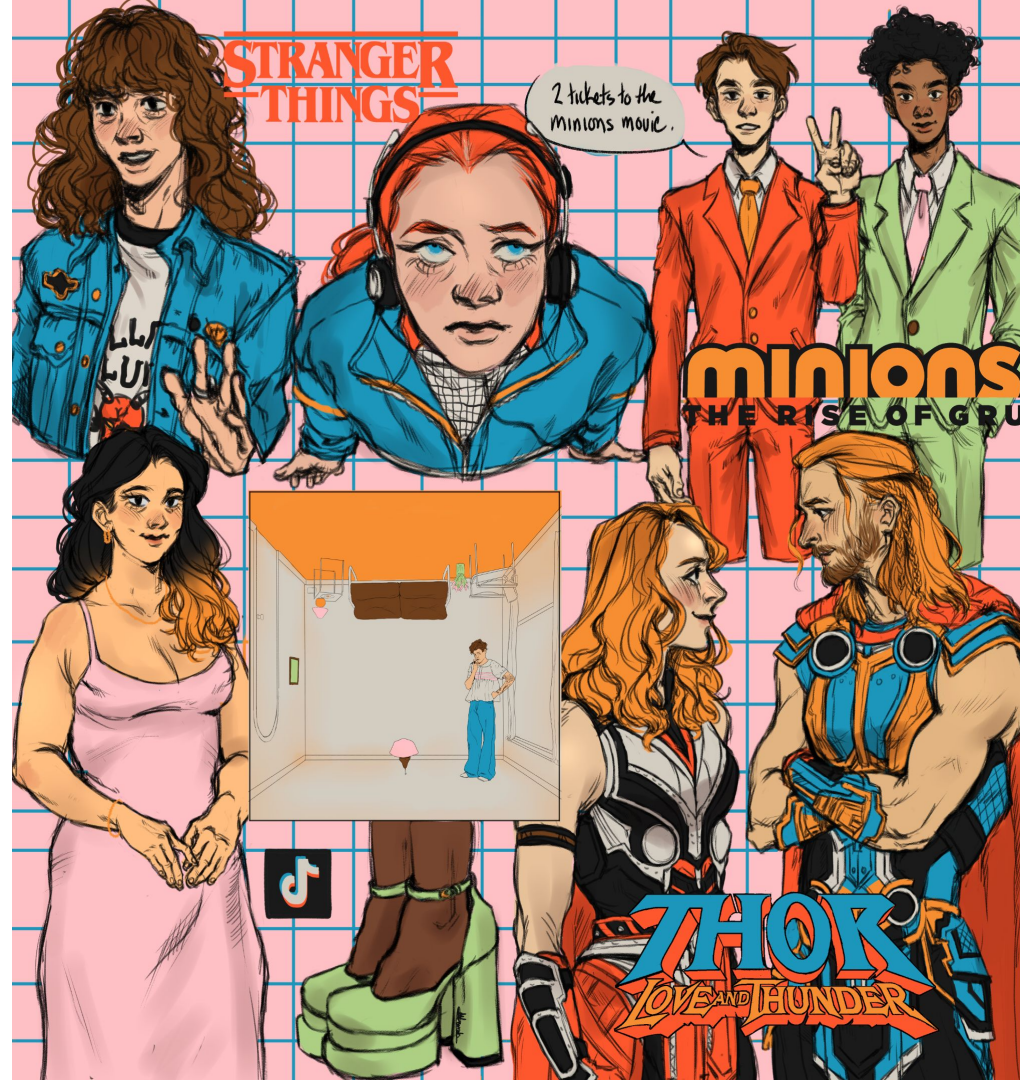
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Kirkwood Call

I am grateful to have joined the Kirkwood Call. At first, I was a bit nervous to be a part of something challenging like working on a school newspaper, but the staff motivated me to spread my wings. I was able to create art outside of my comfort zone by being limited to a specific color palette; and although I had never consistently drawn for other people, it was an incredible experience to see both my writer and my hard work come to fruition. Being a part of TKC has taught me to not being afraid to cover topics that might be “controversial” but also to have fun and take pride in what I’m doing. Although to most I may be just an artist, I am still a journalist and I have learned that I can be just as powerful conveying a story through my creative abilities to reach out to the readers. My art has come to know no bounds thanks to being apart of the Kirkwood Call.

-Melly Sands

Biggest Trends - Back-to-School Issue

My writer had covered the biggest trends over the summer of 2022, and included numerous topic such as movies, TV shows, music, and social media fashion trends. I decided to draw beloved characters from Stranger Things and Thor: Love and Thunder, the album from Harry's house, the Tiktok trend surrounding the Minions movie, and two pieces of clothing that were popular on Tiktok.



Former KHS student set to be executed - Issue 2

My writer had covered the Kevin Johnson case in Missouri. I wanted to illustrate the significant difference of how he'd changed within the last 17 years. I drew the victim Sergeant William McEntee in the center of the two to symbolize the reason for his change; of how his unfortunate mistake led him to where he had been. And in the background, I decided to draw the Supreme Court building to represent the judicial system behind it all.



TKC Cover - Issue 5

For this issue's cover, the EIC's and I wanted to visualize the emotional scene during an active shooter situation. From the police sirens outside, to students hiding for safety and texting their loved ones, we wanted to express a scenario that sadly has become a common occurrence in the society of high school.



Flushing away the hate - Issue 7

My writer had covered a mural project our Art club at KHS was doing to combat graffiti. I went ahead and drew an exact replica of the mural that was painted in one of the boy's bathroom.



Superlatives - Senior Mag

I was able to draw some of our very own seniors with their won superlative; two of which were “most likely to get married” and “most likely to become a professional athlete”.

