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Are Influencers Truly Influential?

Influencers, people who influence the world, especially on a specific subject. A question some may ask is if influencers are truly influential or if they only have the title. Oftentimes, influencers are involved in scandals and have a negative impact on society. Some “influencers” simply call themselves influencers without proper credentials. What makes a true influencer, and what makes them a credible source?

If we loosely use the term “influencer,” then everyone becomes one, because we all have an influence. However, the term “influencer” could also have a specific definition such as people who have a major impact on society through their posts, voices, or actions. When people think of influencers, the first thing that comes to mind is usually YouTubers, other social media icons, or musicians.

Different kinds of influencers set different examples. For example, YouTubers normally have a neutral influence but have their ups and downs. They tend to be reckless with the example they set and stubborn towards changing. Most YouTubers that have a bad influence are the ones who make videos targeted towards kids since kids around the age of nine are most easily influenced. YouTubers gloat and brag in their videos about their wealth, cars, and their big houses. One such YouTuber would be Bryan Quang Le, who goes by “RiceGum”. He sets an example, and through his platform, he showcases greed and materialism.

Furthermore, musicians and social media icons have around the same influence, which is barely any. Musicians that write songs promoting drug abuse, violence, and stealing would, of course, tend to have a bad influence. Although in today's society that seems to be changing. Social media icons tend to be famous actors, wealthy people, or people who did something that was seen as important. Really anyone on social media who has a substantial amount of followers could be considered an influencer. Really, it depends on the eyes of the beholder.

In short, all types of influencers obviously have an influence. To be considered an influencer by the general public, you must be relevant and well-known by a large group of people. Not all people who are considered influencers have a real impacting influence, but they all have one thing in common; they have a specific target audience and the impact of their influence directly depends on it. Therefore, simply the influencer's audience makes them a credible source, and if they have an impact on that audience, then they are an influencer.

Written By: Spencer Tickle

Update on Boys' Cheerleading Competition

During homecoming, the high school cheer squad organized a cheerleading competition between the middle school and high school boys. The girls' cheerleading squad split, and they coached each group of boys to prepare for the competition at the pep rally. The middle school squad was very enthusiastic, and the boys learned the cheer routines quickly and efficiently. However, the high school boys had a bit more difficulty. While the high school boys wanted to win against the middle school squad, the boys couldn't seem to grasp the rhythm of the cheers and struggled with finding motivation. High school player Jonathan Glass said, "I just couldn't seem to find any happiness in practicing the cheers."

Nonetheless, the high school boys performed at the pep rally to the best of their ability but came up short on the victory. However, after the middle school boys won the cheer competition, a squad member, Reggie Marion said, "The practices were actually fun, and it obviously paid off." TCA students can all agree the male cheerleading contest was a unique addition to homecoming week, and it was one that will go down in TCA history.

Written By: Darby Marion

Lasting Memories for Sale

All over the school, there are reminders to purchase a yearbook. You might not want a yearbook, or you might not think you need a yearbook. So why should you buy a yearbook? Honestly, I believe you should buy a yearbook because the contents remind you of all of the fun activities and events throughout the school year. You can look at all the people in your class. You can recall the memories, fun experiences, and the people you met. These books are created by students, and they are for students, so it's fun for students to see the work and effort of their classmates. If you purchase a yearbook, you can always look back at all the fun times you had while at your school and reminisce your experiences with your friends and family. Therefore, go reserve your yearbook today!

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Speculation of WWII

Recently, there has been speculation of World War III, but where is this rumor originating? People worldwide are increasingly worried about a possible global conflict between NATO and Russia. As tensions mount, the United States and Russia continue to negotiate over Ukraine. Additionally, Russia sent a list of demands to NATO. Russia's demands were as follows: NATO must cease any expansion into eastern Europe, Ukraine cannot join NATO, NATO must remove all troops and equipment from NATO nations who joined the alliance after 1997. Countries joining NATO after 1997 included, per the demands were: Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and the Balkan nations. Concurrently, troops are on the move in Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus. Additionally, the United States is seeking other countries to enforce sanctions against Russia for any actions against Ukraine.

Written By: Cade Sartain

TCA's 2nd Annual Homecoming

TCA's 2022 Homecoming was a great success! It was also a competitive one in which middle school and high school grades competed for Homecoming Queen honors for the representative from each class. If you lost count of point totals and bragging rights, keep reading.

To help determine the queen, classes competed for bragging rights and points. We now have memories from musical chairs, tug of war, hungry hippos, and jump the creek. From tenth grade, Phoenix Daniels, AKA "musical chair legend," won musical chairs for his class, with Carter Sanders taking first place from the middle school grades. Twelfth grade and seventh grade won the title of tug of war champions. Eleventh grade and eighth grade won hungry hippos. Eleventh grade also took first place in jump the creek. Reggie Marion and Colby Funk displayed seventh grade's superior skills at jump at the creek.

Other competitions contributed to the ultimate winner of homecoming. There was a banner competition, in which tenth grade and sixth grade won. Additionally, the previous Halloween door decorating competition and the t-shirt competition factored into the total points allotted for each grade. After all of the competitions, the winner for middle school was seventh grade, and the winner for high school was the eleventh grade. For the canned food drive philanthropy, tenth grade brought in nearly 500 cans and earned a dress-down day. Homecoming was fun this year, and we hope it can be even better next year!

Written By: Jonathan Glass

Future Careers for TCA Students

On January 11, StuCo hosted a career fair here at the Upper School, which was an excellent opportunity to help students figure out what careers are available. People from different professions were here to share information about what they do in each field and what benefits that profession could offer students in the future. Careers ranged from nursing and graphic design to engineering and business.

The event helped prepare students for a broader picture of what each career holds and determine if they want to pursue it in the future. We will continue to host this event annually to help students find a career path and help guide them down that path. It can be scary for some who have started looking into future careers and what those careers can offer. We are very blessed to have a supportive school that will provide students with events and guidance to pursue a future career.

Overall, there was a lot of positive feedback on the career fair. Students learned new things, even for jobs they never considered, but now, they have information for possibly a new career in mind. With the help of teachers and other school members, StuCo coordinated this event for the Upper School, so all students grow and develop. We cannot wait to see what the future holds for our students and school.

For future planning, if you have a career opportunity you would like to consider or if you know a professional who would like to share their knowledge with TCA, please pass along your information to a StuCo representative.

Written By: Noah Greear



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And the Winner Is...

The most eventful day of the TCA school year is finally here. Everybody is dressed in blue, gold, and white for Homecoming day, and they are waiting for the games to begin. Each class is eager, and wanting to win homecoming week for their class. Everyone has participated in the dress up days: Thermal Thursday, Famous Friday, Mickey Monday, and Spirit Day. Not only have the students participated, but everybody's favorite eagle, Talon, has gone above and beyond with the homecoming attire. It is time for the students and Talon to head down to the gym to finalize the competition. The points are close, and the competition is high.

There are many challenging games to participate in to gain the title Homecoming Queen. The games include: musical chairs, tug of war, jump the creek, and hungry hungry hippo. Each class went head to head with each other, desperate to win first place. Now it was time for Talon to go against the Seniors in tug of war. Darby, the Master of Ceremonies, held the rope evenly between the two. Everybody in the gym was rooting for the Seniors. Darby finally released the tension and let go of the rope. Both sides began to tug. Each side tugged so hard that the rope began to rip. Talon used his claws to dig into the floor for more grip. Then, he began to run towards his side of the gym, pulling the Seniors with him. The gym went quiet from shock, but then, a sudden burst of screams shook the building. Talon was in shock, because he thought he couldn't do it, but due to his strategy, he persevered and won.

Now, it is homecoming night, and it's almost game time. The homecoming representatives of each class took their walk on the court. They were all anxious, wanting to win homecoming for their class. Mrs. Amy Fletcher tallied the votes and points, having the winner in her hand. She held the microphone to her mouth. "And your 2022 homecoming winner..... is..... TALON!" Talon was sitting in the stands in awe, and he flew around the gym out of excitement. He retrieved a robe and a king's crown. Mrs. Amy ended the ceremony with the exciting words, "Everybody, welcome your winner for the 2022 homecoming court!" Everybody in the gym stood up and applauded Talon, welcoming him as the winner.

Written By: Sarah Fletcher

State of the State 2022

Recently, Governor Bill Lee gave his State of the State Address. While the idea of a community working together and contributing to the prosperity of society was vaguely introduced, the thought was implied in the beginning as Governor Bill Lee thanked Tennesseans. Tennessee was a "beacon" for those wanting the "American Dream," which led to the adaptation of the slogan "Tennessee, America at its best." Governor Bill Lee wished to ensure the slogan's truth by presenting a budget, "America At Its Best: Policies." The policies introduced are to reinforce freedom and innovation. He wanted to acknowledge our Creator as the person who endows us with freedom and the government is the one to maintain the freedom. Governor Bill Lee concludes his speech by recognizing the new funding of certain groups of the community, and he encourages the audience to work together to make the state stronger. He also reinforces the belief of Tennessee being the "beacon of America," since the state showcases opportunity, security, and freedom. Finally, he refers to Tennessee as a reminder of "what can be but is not yet."

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