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Editor's Note

This month's issue focuses on flexibility, the ability to adapt to change, embrace new perspectives, and respond positively to unexpected challenges. In a world that is constantly evolving, flexibility helps us navigate through life.

Whether it is in academics, relationships, or personal goals, being flexible allows us to adjust our approach when circumstances change while staying focused on what matters most. Throughout this issue, we explore how adaptability can strengthen resilience, encourage growth and help us make the most of new opportunities.

As we publish our final issue for now, we think that flexibility fits this issue really good. While creating all these magazines, we have learned that things do not always go as planned. Whether it was balancing schoolwork, meeting deadlines, or adapting to new ideas, flexibility helped us overcome challenges.

Local News: Pope Leo XIV's visit to Barcelona

Pope Leo XIV is visiting Barcelona in June 2026; this trip is much more than a regular visit. This trip combines faith, architecture, and history and marks a major milestone in the city's most famous landmark, the Sagrada Familia.

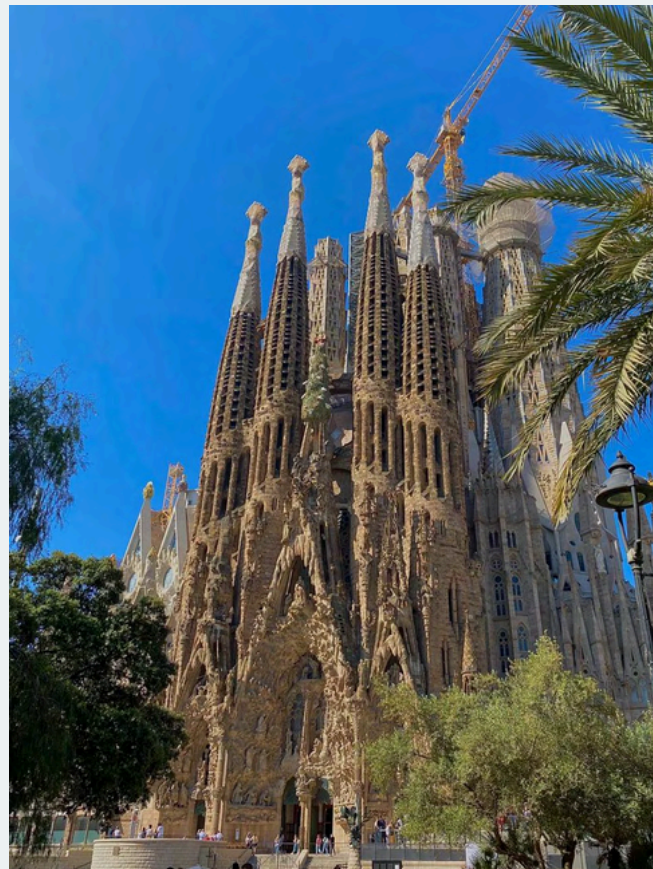
The reason for the Pope's visit is to bless the Tower of Jesus Christ at the Sagrada Familia, designed by the famous architect Antoni Gaudí. The Sagrada Familia has been under construction since 1882, right now it reaches its planned height of 172,5 meters, this makes it the tallest church in the world.



The visit's timing is symbolic because 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of Gaudí's death; he passed on the 10th of June 1926 after being struck by a tram. Now, 100 years later, the city will celebrate his life and work. Gaudí's designs were inspired by Christian faith, and the Sagrada Familia had often been described as a "Bible in stone".



The Sagrada Familia is the main point of the Pope's trip, but his schedule includes more. He will be celebrating Mass at the Sagrada Familia, participating in a prayer vigil at the Olympic Stadium, visiting Montserrat Abbey, and visiting the Brians 1 prison. These activities show how the pope combines major public celebrations with encounters with people who are often overlooked.



This is the first time the city has hosted a Pope; the last was in 2010, with Pope Benedict XVI. For many residents, the return of the pope represents a historic moment. The visit is also expected to attract hundreds of tourists and journalists from all around the world.



Music and Entertainment



The 2026 edition of the Primavera Sound was once again a success, and the Barcelona festival remains one of the most influential events in the global music industry. It was held at Parc del F orum from June 3-7, and the festival brought together an exciting lineup. Despite weather related disruptions, Primavera Sound 2026 delivered a memorable celebration of musical diversity.



This year's festival featured a lot of different artists representing multiple eras and genres. Headline performances included The Cure, Gorillaz, The xx, Doja Cat, Massive Attack, and Skrillex. The program also contained artists such as Big Thief, Mac DeMarco, Little Simz, and Ethel Cain.

One of the most popular stories of Primavera Sound 2026 was the severe weather that affected parts of the festival. Heavy rain and thunderstorms forced organizers to suspend and eventually cancel several highly anticipated performances, including scheduled sets by Doja Cat, Massive Attack, and Bad Gyal. Safety concerns and technical difficulties made the cancellations unavoidable which disappointed thousands of people. Even though that happened, the people did not let it ruin their mood; they remained engaged all weekend.

One of the most celebrated moments was the return of The xx; their performance marked one of their most significant appearances in the last few years. The cure also delivered a very powerful headline. On the festival's final day Olivia Rodrigo suddenly appeared for a surprise act that was not announced. But the biggest moment was when Olivia Rodrigo brought out Robert Smith to perform their newest song "What's Wrong With Me".



Travel and Tourism

The warfare in the Middle East has had a big impact on travel. When warfare disrupts airspace the airlines are often forced to reroute flights. This leads to longer travel times, delays and higher ticket prices.

Airlines also face higher costs for fuel, staffing and logistics. Because fuel is one of the aviation industry's largest expenses, any increase in energy costs can affect ticket prices worldwide. Travelers may find that international trips become more expensive even when they are not flying anywhere near the conflict.

The effects are not only seen in aviation. Tourism can decline in both conflict zones and neighboring countries as travelers become concerned about safety, even when destinations remain unaffected. Businesses that depend on tourism such as hotels, restaurants, and tour operators often suffer economic losses as a result.



Another important thing is the growing role of travel insurance. Travelers are becoming more aware of geopolitical risks and are increasingly seeking coverage for cancellations, delays and emergency situations. However, many insurance policies contain exclusions related to acts of war, creating uncertainty about what protections are actually available during periods of instability.

The psychological impact of warfare is also very significant. Continuous news coverage, social media updates and dramatic imagery can shape public perceptions of safety. Even when risks are relatively low, travelers may avoid destinations associated with conflict simply because they feel uncomfortable or uncertain. This fear driven decision making can have long term consequences for tourism dependent economies.

Even with these challenges, the travel industry has repeatedly demonstrated its ability to recover from crises. Airlines adjust routes, governments strengthen safety measures and destinations work to rebuild confidence among visitors.







Afghanistan is facing what organizations describe as one of the worst women's rights crises ever. When the Taliban returned in 2021, women started getting more and more restrictions, and their lives have completely changed. Now in 2026, these restrictions have become more structured and deeper.

Global News: Women in Afghanistan

The rules severely limit women's participation in society; girls are banned from attending secondary school. Women are banned from university and higher education, and they are also not working anymore since they are banned from most jobs. Many professions, such as teaching and nursing, are shrinking significantly because they were traditionally women's jobs. This poses a significant risk and has a major impact on the health and education systems. Other rules include that they can't go anywhere without a male guardian, aren't allowed to talk in public, and must follow strict dress codes. They must wear full-body-covering clothing in public; body shape must not be shown; and a face covering is required. Many of these women and girls have reported that they feel isolated and hopeless; the situation really affects their mental health.

International organizations have been saying this is the most severe crisis in the world and that it is not temporary and will only worsen. They say that the control has been getting worse, in 2026 they found new laws that normalized early marriage and reduced the legal protection for women. The restrictions have also drawn strong criticism from governments and human rights groups around the world. Many countries and international organizations have called on the Taliban to restore women's rights and allow girls to return to school and university. However, despite international pressure, many of the restrictions remain in place and continue to expand.



The situation for women is not just a single law or event but a system of restrictions that affects every part of their lives. These restrictions have a major impact on the economy, and many families lose income because women can't work. Organizations are working within the country to try to help, but the future of these women and girls remains uncertain.



Sports: The Barcelona Grand Prix

The Barcelona Grand Prix of 2026 is coming, and the teams and drivers are excited to return to the famous Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya. The circuit has been part of the F1 calendar for more than three decades and has built a reputation as a very respected venue. The race attracts thousands of passionate fans from all over the world.

The first race was held in 1991, and Barcelona has played an important role in the championship battle. The track consists of high-speed corners, long straights, and sections that test every aspect of the car. The track is used extensively for pre-season testing, making it one of the tracks drivers know best. The race remains very competitive, with many different strategies, tire choices, and drivers' skills playing major roles in determining the winner. The Barcelona Grand Prix could be a real turning point in both the Drivers' and the Constructors' Championships. Many teams have been performing strongly, and the championship battles remain very exciting. The points gained or lost in the Barcelona Grand Prix can have a big impact on the standings. The fans attending the weekend will have a full weekend of motorsport action.

The practice sessions help the teams fine-tune their cars and gather important data to improve, while qualifying will determine the starting grid for the race on Sunday. Qualifying is extremely important because it can greatly influence the outcome of the race. The weather may influence the outcome of the race. Barcelona is usually warm and sunny in June, but temperature changes can affect the tires and the pace.

Behind the scenes, hundreds of people also work throughout the weekend to ensure the event runs smoothly. Officials, marshals, mechanics, engineers, and media teams all play an important role in making the Grand Prix possible. Their efforts allow the drivers to compete safely while millions of fans follow the action around the world.

The Barcelona Grand Prix also provides opportunities for younger drivers and local motorsport talent to gain attention. Formula 2 and Formula 3 races often take place during the same weekend, allowing future stars to showcase their abilities in front of Formula 1 teams and international audiences. Many current Formula 1 drivers began their careers racing in these support series.

As race day comes closer, anticipation continues to grow. Fans are eager to see who will come out on top and take a big step towards championship success. With fierce competition, talented drivers, and a historic circuit, the 2026 Barcelona Grand Prix promises to be one of the most exciting races of the season.



TEACHER AWARDS 2026



Isabel Downes



HAPPIEST TEACHER

Always smiling, positive, and able to brighten any classroom.



MOST CHAOTIC TEACHER

The perfect kind of chaos: energetic, unpredictable, and always entertaining.

John Byrnes



CALMEST TEACHER

No matter the situation, he remains patient, composed, and supportive.



MOST MULTI-PURPOSE TEACHER

The teacher who can step into almost any classroom and somehow teach everything.



Glenn Scrymgeour

LOUDEST TEACHER AWARD

You can probably hear him before you see him.



Ciàran O'Mahony



$$\left(\sqrt[n]{a}\right)^m = \sqrt[n]{a^m} = a^{\frac{m}{n}}$$

MATH GENIUS AWARD

The person who can solve problems that leave the rest of us completely confused.



Gareth Woods



MOST TALENTED TEACHER

Maths, music, creativity, technology, if there's a skill involved, Gareth probably has it.



Busya Fenster

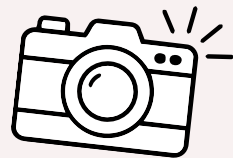
MOST ADORABLE STAFF MEMBER

When you are in need of a little cuddle you can always count on Busya.



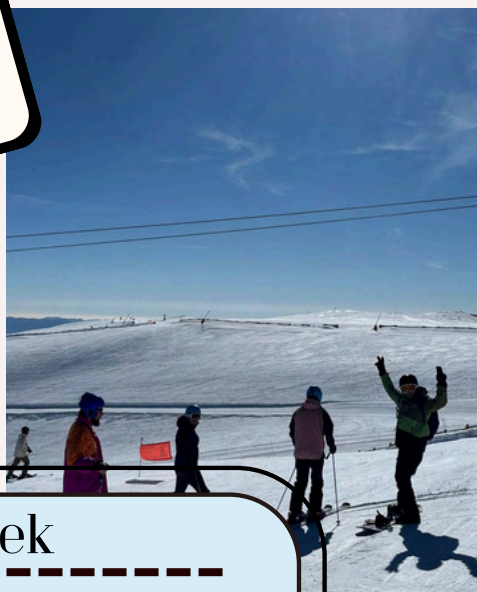


OUR FAVORITE memories



Thanksgiving

One of the biggest community events of the year. Good food, great people, and memories we'll always remember.



ski week

From early mornings to night skiing, Ski Week gave us some of the best adventures of the year.



Sant Jordi

A day filled with books, roses, and appreciation. One of Barcelona's most beautiful traditions.



The little moments

- ★ the conversations between classes
- ★ the inside jokes
- ★ the random lunch table debates
- ★ the moments that never made it into the schedule but became our favorite memories.

SPECIAL NOTE: FOR OUR TEACHERS

Dear Teachers,

We just wanted to take a moment to say thank you for everything you do for us every day. Sometimes we don't say it enough, but we really do appreciate the time, energy, and patience you put into teaching our classes.

Thank you for making lessons understandable, even when the topics are hard. And if we still don't understand, you don't get annoyed, you try to explain it to us in a different way. That really helps us students feel more comfortable asking questions.

We also appreciate how you encourage us, even when we don't always do our best. It makes a big difference when a teacher believes in us and pushes us to improve instead of just pointing out mistakes. It helps us feel like we can actually get better if we keep trying.

Thank you for being patient when we are being noisy or distracted (which we are a lot).

Most of all, thank you for caring about your students. You show that you care in the way you teach, the way you talk to us, and the way you want us to succeed. A lot of us might not say it out loud, but we are grateful to have you as our teachers.

The meaning of
life is to find
your gift. The
purpose of life
is to give it
away.

- Pablo Picasso

