

NedTalks: Where to Find Activities?

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"Hi Ned! I'm a freshman and I didn't make it to the Activities Fair last week. I wanted to join a few clubs, but now I don't know how to contact them or if they're accepting new people, help!"

Well hello there, friend! It's great to hear you want to be in activities and try new things! People here are super kind and love their school community, so I'm sure they would be glad to have you become a part of their club!



An easy way to contact people is by surfing the web and emailing the people in charge to ask about their clubs. But if you don't know who is in charge, that's alright too! You could always ask older students or even some professors! Chances are they would be able to point you in the direction of whichever club you want to join.

"Hey Ned! I'm a sophomore and discovered last week that I really don't know how to grocery shop well. I always spend way too much and never seem to have the right food. Help!"

Hi friend! When I go to get shrimp from my favorite coral reef, I get side tracked by the seaweed and clams, and I end up forgetting what I needed from the coral reef in the first place. I find it helpful to bring a friend along who can remind me not to forget my shrimp! I have also been making myself a list of the things I need before I swim over there, and I only bring enough pebbles to pay for the items on my list. This might help you organize your thoughts while making sure that you aren't over spending!

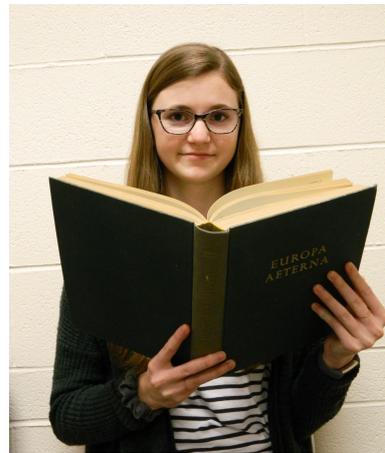
LITERATURE WITH MELINDA

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Welcome back to CSS and a new school year! This year definitely looks different compared to years of the past; however, I know we can still make the most of the novel situation we find ourselves in. This week's literature recommendation is considered to be a classic by many—if not the book, the movie is without a doubt.

Stephen King's "The Shining" was first published in 1977. It was only his third novel published, and it permanently changed his career as a reputable author, especially in the horror genre. The book is highly influenced by King's experience at the Stanley Hotel and his own personal struggle with alcoholism. Many critics believe the main character, Jack Torrance, is written as a version of King himself.

The story begins with Jack; his wife, Wendy; and their young son, Danny, moving across the country to the Overlook Hotel in Colorado. This move was brought on by Jack's termination from the school where he had taught. As a result, he was hired as the winter caretaker at the Overlook. The position requires Jack and his family to live at the hotel alone all winter long, often snowbound.



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As winter arrives, strange and supernatural forces in the hotel begin to torment the family. They affect Jack's sanity, which puts both Wendy and Danny in danger. The catch, however, is that only young Danny can see what is happening. He possesses the "shining," or the psychic ability to see the dreadful past of the hotel.

To find out what happens to the family and to see if Wendy and Danny stay safe, pick up and read this wonderful novel. Though many of you may have already watched the movie and know how the story ends, I still encourage you to read the book. There are many differences to be found between the plot of the movie and the book. Happy reading and stay tuned for another great literature recommendation next week!