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## The Presidential Mic-Drop.

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There may be no president in US history more deserving of an epic mic drop than President Barack Obama. On January 12th, that is exactly what he got to do. The final State of the Union address gave Obama an open invitation to hit whatever talking points he wanted to. However, he managed to stay on task throughout and even lend a hand to the party that helped him get where he is.

If there was one thing that was clear from the address it was how the current presidential election has effected the political climate of the US. Obama used several minutes in his final address to the union to take shots at Republican front runners Donald Trump and Ted Cruz for their foreign policy. Obama would only seem like a broken record if he mentioned his gun control policy. So he allowed Mrs. Obama to do that for him by being absent from the address as a metaphor for silent victims of gun violence. Obama instead used his time to plead with Americans to not fall victim to a timely rhetoric of hatred towards immigrants and minorities coming from the Republicans.

Some people expected the last State of the Union from Barack Obama to be quite the spectacle. While those people may be disappointed, Obama has made consistency a cornerstone of his administration; and in that regard, he delivered one last time. There may not be anything new or groundbreaking for him to say, but that may just be a good thing.

## Heifer International

With the holiday season over, many people are enjoying the new gifts they received this year. Some, however, can get too wrapped up in these newfound items. It can be easy to forget about the other people in the world who maybe didn't get anything this holiday season, and they are in desperate need of our help.

On February 5th, Women's Leadership will be hosting a bake sale in the commons to raise money for the Heifer Organization, a group that sends different kinds of animals to people in third-world countries. The families can use the milk, eggs, meat, and whatever else the animal has to offer to sustain their family. And then when that animal has a baby, the family "passes on the gift" and gives the baby to a new family.

Depending on the amount of money we make, Women's Leadership could be able to send multiple animals to a family in need. Please donate to Women's Leadership to help with this important cause... this will not be possible without YOUR help!

## Throwback Series Part 7

By Robert Johnson

When prospective students came to the Academy this fall, they were greeted by Ms. Dziejcz who discussed some of the clubs they could participate in here- many of which she leads. She leads MUN, NHS, FRESH, and others in addition to planning the schools trips abroad. At WA she teaches International Relations, Intro to Community Activism, Intro to Human Rights, and other classes in the history department. She was featured in Connecticut Magazine as one of the top 40 under 40 in the state for forming FRESH (Family Related Effective Solutions for Humanity). Undoubtedly, she has left an everlasting mark on her students and the community as a whole.

## Attention Seniors!

Time to go through your old photos, round up your friends, and recreate the photo for our THEN AND NOW photo spread in the 2016 yearbook. All seniors who enter the contest will be entered to win a \$25 gift card to Sweet Evalinas. In addition, the best/funniest/most creative then and now photos will be featured in the yearbook!!

All contest submissions should include the original photo and the new photo. Photos can be sent to Mrs. Grube or Ms. Duquette.

## Class of 2016 Class Night

Class Night is a tradition at Woodstock Academy. This year, Korenza Manfredi is working on the Senior class video . She needs a younger picture and a current picture of you. It can be school pictures, or just fun candid pictures of you. Could you please email her those pics to: wase-niors2016@yahoo.com . Please do this as soon as possible if you want to get in on the Senior video show.

Also, we are looking for some volunteers to host a Senior talent show that night. Please see Bruce Sakindi.

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