

Is Mr. Mancosh Really Darth Vader?

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Many people I know around the Bartram Campus believe that Mr. Mancosh is as scary as an evil alien in a sci-fi movie, for he is notoriously thought of by many as the King of Activities Duty and the Tyrant of the Lunchroom. But

is this man truly the horror that he is rumored to be? Is he really the monster of our dreams?

Even though many of the students at the Bartram Campus shudder with fear at the sound of his name, Mr. Mancosh clearly has a fun side. According to a recent poll, in the classroom he is a fun and great teacher with a terrific sense of humor. Many of the students who have Mr. Mancosh as an actual teacher say he's a joy in the classroom and full of laughs, but they add that he can be strict.

In addition to his interesting classroom personality as an eighth-grade earth science teacher, Mr. Mancosh is trying to make the school a better place by participating on the honor council. Mr. Mancosh is also the head of the middle school science department. He even was the ref in the student-teacher basketball game last year—hopefully he will fulfill that duty again this year.

You'll have to decide for yourself if Mr.



Mancosh is Darth Vader or not. Is he the Tyrant King and the Ruler of Punishments, or the jester who never fails to make you laugh? Just remember to turn off your cell phone in his class. If you don't, you'll be sorry.

Break in at K-126

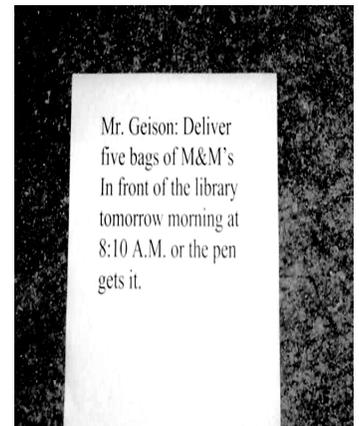
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It was Tuesday, April 15, 2003. Four students (their identities have been protected), all working together, broke into K-126, which most of us know as Mr. Gieson's room. Sources tell us they broke in through a window, but we are still trying to figure how. We think that they unlocked the windows during class so they could get in later. Mr. Gieson says he saw them messing around with the windows during class, but he didn't do anything about it. If it hadn't been for a few

students, the break-in would have been a success. When we asked seventh-grader Mandy Fatemi what happened, she said, "Well, I was standing there talking to one of my good friends and suddenly I heard a rattling in the bushes and a quick 'Ow!' Next thing I knew, I saw someone get up and run as fast as they could toward the cafeteria."

Apparently, the culprits stole a pen as they escaped the room. They left a ransom note asking for five bags of M&M's in return for Mr. Gieson's pen. Of course, Mr. Gieson refused to pay. They then brutally destroyed his pen, leaving only a bent and broke up casing. Thankfully, these criminals were brought to justice. Two students, one of which we interviewed above, rushed into the cafeteria and alerted the teachers of this most heinous crime. (For security reasons, these students' names have been concealed.) Mr. Gieson then rushed to his room, only to find that the criminals had escaped with his pen. Fortunately, the students who told him of this breach of the honor code knew the names of the offending students and without delay were able to tell him exactly who had committed the criminal offense. The students were brought to justice and were punished quite forcefully.



Remember: Crime doesn't pay!