

In Loving Memory of

TREVOR TONSING

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AMANDA MALUCCHI

Trevor, you were like a second little brother to me. I love you and miss you. You touched the lives of so many people around you. In losing you, you took a piece of each and every one of us with you to a better place. Mr. & Mrs. Tonsing and Kiley, my thoughts are with you, stay strong, he's in a much happier place now!

EVAN COHEN

Trevor, you were my best friend all throughout elementary school. you were such a big part of my life. Over the years, we broke apart, but you were always my friend. There was so much that was unique about you. I have countless memories with you, and looking back at my 7th birthday party pictures, seeing you with cake all over your face, makes me realize that such a happy kid was taken away from all of us. I'll always remember how in every single year book picture you wore a suit and tie. Your daily attitude was so optimistic, and there was nobody out there even close to being like you. I really wish we could have stayed close over the years coming into high school. now that your gone, I miss you so much. Stay strong Tonsing family, I'm sure Trevor's having an amazing time at the Disneyland in heaven. I will watch every episode of Smallville in his remembrance. Rest in peace buddy. I'll always remember you.

PAUL BYRNES

Trevor I only knew you for a few months before I left the country. But the news of your passing away rocked me to the very soul, even though two years have passed 12,000 km's have passed. Coming from a fellow Scouter, I know you were a strong human, with a love of life and a smile on your face. I will not forget you.

MORGAN BRADY

Trevor, your smile will never fade from people's hearts including mine. Your crazy happiness brightened the mood for everyone. I will cherish all the memories I have been able to have with you. Your family loves you dearly along with everyone around you. You've touched everyone deeply. I love you and will definitely miss you. Kiley, Mr and Mrs. Tonsing, I feel your pain. My thoughts and prayers are with you. LOVE YOU!

TAFFY EISA

Although we all show our grief, so dissonant and uneasy, you can rest assure that your very essence lingers in our thoughts and nature. You've taught us all a lesson of fundamental quality: simply don't take things for granted. I hope you prosper in the better place you now reside.

KATIE

Mr. and Mrs. Tonsing, you must know that your son was truly remarkable. Trevor, you touched the lives of everyone you met. You taught me and my friends how to be ninjas in middle school, you made us happy when we were upset, and you visited us in journalism to get quotes for yearbook. I will always remember what you taught me and I will always be thankful that I knew you. We will never ever forget you, and I know that we will see each other again. Wait for us up there, we love you.

Rest in Peace

KARINA KARAPETIAN

I personally didn't know Trevor, just the occasional hi & bye after yearbook last year. He instantly got along with everyone, and by the end of the year he was sitting with all the seniors! He always was showing everyone the new game to play on the computer. && my favorite time was when he tried to sit in a trash-can but then fell in. I don't think I ever saw him without a smile on his face. For such a little kid he had so much energy and so, so, so much happiness in him. It's not fair how the good die young, but he's in a better place smiling down on us all.

Rest in Peace, Trevor

NARAJ VORA

I feel so sad and empty. It hurts to hear about a kid so young passing away like this. I pray for his friends and family and wish them the best. Although I didn't know the kid I feel sorrow. Rest in Peace Trevor, I know you will be missed.

KRISTEN

I can't believe it. Someone so loving and caring. So friendly and funny. So nice and honest. You would always just go up and talk to people you didn't know. You probably don't even realize how your jokes brightened so many people's days. You have made such a tremendous impact on the lives of so many. I never got to know you, but the times we did talk, you always made me smile. Always made me laugh. Every time I saw you in the hallway, you were either laughing or singing. No matter what, it seemed like you were always having a good time. It's your optimism that I always admired. So keep on smiling Trevor, we miss you.

MEGAN WENZELL

Trevor, These last few years I really began to know you. Having yearbook with you last year, I got to know you even better, and you showed me what a wonderful person you really are. You always managed to brighten my day and make me laugh. I know you did this for so many people. I have some amazing memories from that class and from you. One of my favorite memories had to have been when you dragged me all around Northgate during yearbook to find a clean enough trash can because you wanted to be canned. We must have looked at almost every trashcan till you found one you approved of. I have so many memories like this of you. I know that in the sixteen years of your life you made a huge impact on your family, friends, and strangers alike. Trevor you have truly changed my life for the better and I will never forget you.

ALLISON

Trevor, I'm really going to miss you and the energy you brought to Spanish class. Every day the only thing I'd have to look forward to in 4th period was seeing what crazy thing you were gonna do, whether it was standing on the desks and dancing when our side of the room won a contest or yelling trabajar trabajar trabajar! at random moments as loud as you possibly could. You were a really great person and I wish I could have known you better.

Rest in peace and God bless you.

PAULA

Trevor, my little "pocket freshman", we will all miss you, even those of us who hardly knew you.

The few wonderful encounters we had will stick with me. You never failed to brighten my day with your never-ending smile, boundless energy, enthusiasm, and good humor. You were such a wonderfully sweet, kind boy. The world is seriously missing out on your presence.

My prayers will be with your family and friends. God bless.

SEAN CHO

Silence. yet so loud.

Silence. so unbearable.

Silence. that shook the whole school.

Silence. yet so loud.

Even though he had a weak heart, his heart was braver than any other.

I pray to you, Trevor, that your brave heart will be an example for many others.

I pray that you may live up in heaven peacefully with God.

I send all my condolences to the family of Trevor. The pain, which I can't even begin to imagine, will not hinder them from carrying on with their daily lives. I pray that God will watch over Trevor's family and give them strength.

KELLY CHU

Trevor, I've never met you, but I've seen you walking in the halls at school every once in a while. I can tell that you were a cool kid. You made people around you feel good about themselves with your joy and energy.

You will be remembered.

PARIS WOOD

Trevor, I've known you since the first grade, but we never became close. You were always that kid who was always just there, where ever you would go. You'd just pop out of nowhere and crack these corny, yet hilarious jokes. How will we fill your absence? You were in my English class this year, and I saw you the period before you went to the hospital. You were fine. That's what I don't understand. I'm sorry I was so mean to you, when I was trying to talk to Jessica from across the room and you would always pop your head in and start answering the questions that I was asking her. Then you'd tell me to stop talking to you, and I'd say I wasn't and that you should go away. But I never once thought that you actually would. I don't remember the last time we spoke, but I really hope I said something nice. I hope your having fun chilling with Walt Disney up in heaven. We miss you down here.

AK

I've known Trevor since 6th grade at Foothill Middle School when he was just a wee 7th grader. He used to mess around with me and make our whole class laugh and cheer our spirits up. I will miss Trevor a lot and I hope he rests peacefully in Heaven. Best regards to his family.

EVAN SCHEPS

Trevor, you're a great guy. I've known you for a pretty long time now, and you're just a hilarious person. My one regret is that I wasn't able to say goodbye to you.

What you did was more brave than anything I could ever do. I have the utmost respect for you. Northgate will miss you. We love you. You're praying for you. I guess this is goodbye for now.

CHRISTINE TSOI

Trevor, history will never be the same without you. Without you here, the room is silent, no one there to raise their hand when no one else wants to, no one there to make crazy jokes and make the time in class pass quicker, and no one there to make us smile and laugh every day. You will be missed, and forever in our hearts.

SANDEEP KAUSHAL

I didn't know you as others did, although I have seen you around. It's shocking how life can be taken away in a blink of a second, Also someone so young that hasn't even experienced his whole sophomore year yet. I use to always wonder why people said "The Good Die Young" now I understand. This is the second fellow peer from school that has died in the last year and which both were great and kind hearted people. I know you're in a better place right watching over us with a big smile on your face. My condolences to his family and close friends... Rest In Paradise Trevor... Love you Sandeep

KELSEY MALINOWSKI

Trevor, I will always and forever remember you as the loving and caring boy that knows how to put a smile on anyones face. One thing I will never forget is that you never skipped a chance to say hi or crack a joke to me in the hallways. I thank you so much for leaving such a great presence at Northgate High and you will be remembered not just for who you were, but the effect you had on the students and staff. We will miss you terribly and our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Tonsing, Mrs. Tonsing, and Kiley.

FRANCISCO TUBIO

I am extremely proud of all my students and I love them. Trevor always brought his joy, happiness and passion for life to my class. I cannot find words in English or Spanish to express how I feel. I only can say that he was in my class and now he is in my heart. Love you and miss you, Trevor.

CAROLYN ANDERSON

Dear Trevor

I will remember the times that you were in my lab group and you would always find a way to make our group laugh and the class laugh also. You would all ways have a positive attitude with a smile.

I know that you were scared, the bio class was like, "what just happened?".

The next day Mr. McMorris made announcement that you were in stable conditions.

Thursday was the day that we found out that you might not make it and that's what hit us the most cause we have bonded together for a few years. But this is really the first year that I got to know you really well.

You were like a bother to me.

You will be missed.

Rest in peace Trevor

JAMES HAUG

I really could not believe what had happened. I walked through the halls and everyone was out but quiet. I felt sad; I wished that I knew you longer and I will remember the hug I gave you that one day. I didn't really know Trevor but it still makes me sad to see a young life go. I know for a fact that you will be missed.

VERONICA LENHART

Trevor no one knew you like our group did. We will always remember the untangle game, the soccer playing, talking about Luke going down on iCarly, when we first met you and you kicked Warren in the Sparta pit, when you would sit on my lap, when you would break all of Jason's pencils just because it made me laugh. I know you liked me, a lot. I feel like I should have given you a chance and I'm sorry. But you know that you still meant a lot to me, even when you wouldn't share the five cookies you got every day with me. We drew a picture of you next to the Warren picture I drew. You look like a little blind kid. You would have laughed at it a lot if you saw it. I'll always remember your loud voice yelling VERONICA whenever you saw me. And how we snuck out of Blaisdell to go visit Krista across the hall and you were so scared, because you were a good kid. I still have your pirate bandanna and jacket. I will forever cherish it. Love, Veronica

D.M.C.

When I heard Mr. McMorris' muffled voice come on the speaker I knew in my heart it was about my "little boy" (even though you have passed me up by like an inch or few. I thought maybe good maybe bad...considering the fact that things were looking a bit brighter for you yesterday-ish..but when I heard the sadness in our principals voice... that's when horror struck the school. we learned that you were not going to make it. i, as well as others, are still in shock of this news because many of us were just laughing, talking, walking with you... I member when you were just a little kid...we were both short and it was fun hah. middle school we talked more and then I went to high school and you stayed at foothill. but when I saw you for the first time at ng I noticed what a handsome man you were becoming. No matter what happened you were always smiling and making people laugh. it was just your birthday...and I didn't get the chance to give you a fatty hug in person on Monday and tell you happy (belated) birthday lil boy! you have truly touched my life and I will always remember you. we will get to see each other someday and we can go to an all time low concert in heaven..because I didn't get to go with you to the most recent one like I should have. I love you Trevor. you'll be missed. R.I.P.

ALISA

Trevor will be remembered with warm thoughts. He will be greatly missed, and forever in our hearts.

APURVA

I never really knew Trevor but I do truly respect the fact that he wishes to donate his organs to others. Trevor, you were clearly a great guy and its unfortunate we will never meet. I hope you rest in peace.

IAN

I can't say I knew him. I'm so sorry for all of you who have suffered so much from this tragic loss. I know it's unfair that I will never be able to understand your pain, the suffering you're going through right now. I didn't know Trevor, but to have caused this many

people so much grief must have meant he was very important to many people. That he was a good person. Today, we lost that good person.

You have my blessing Trevor, may you live happily in the eternal embrace of God's love in Heaven.

MCKENZIE

Trevor was the best kid I knew. He would always put a smile on my face when I had the worst day of my life. He was in my yearbook class and he always came up to me and put his arm around my shoulder and say "hey McKenzie how's it goin'?" I will never forget his laugh, smile, and happy spirit. he always lit up the room with his happy go lucky self, and I will always remember the good times we had. my thoughts and prayers are with you Mr. and Mrs. Tonsing and Kiley. Trevor is in a better place and is in God's hands.

TIM HOLST

As the intercom system was turned off a sound resonated through the halls. Disguised as static and a phone hanging up, it was truly the sound of young Trevor passing as we at school knew it. All 1600 teens in their youth were quieted by the sound of someone they all knew passing. Another depressing reminder of how fragile life is.

It is not our job as those who continue on to dwell upon this sadness, if anything rejoice his life and his final act of selflessness. But, above all it is our job, just as it was when Michael Gaines passed, to remember. To remember them, to remember all that was good about them.

I cannot say I knew Trevor, for I was hardly an acquaintance, but I can firmly say, "I will never forget Trevor Tonsing". Neither should anyone else who ever knew his name. Let Trevor live on in our hearts and minds.

R.I.P. Trevor Tonsing December 17, 2009

JOSH KEAN

Trevor, you were definitely one of my closer friends that I made up at camp this year. I was so sad to hear about you passing on. I wish I had more than those mere three weeks to get to know you. I know that you are in a better place now and that you did enjoy your time on Earth. May your flowers live on forever.

NAMITHA PATIL

Trevor, although I never knew you personally I know you were dear to many people. When I found out we shared a birthday it was an honor to share it with someone as strong and loved as you were. My only memory of you is when you were crouched by your locker putting away your things while I was at my locker nearby. It is a memory that I will keep forever, and I hope you are in a happier and better place.

BRENDAN COYNE

I was lucky enough to be a close friend of Trevor when we were younger. We used to hang out and go swimming at his house. I will always remember how he was so full of energy and life. He was the friendliest person I knew, it didn't matter who you were or how you were feeling Trevor could always cheer you up. I can't believe he's gone. Trevor I miss you so much.

ANDREW ROBINETT

I'd like to say I didn't know Trevor long but the time I spent with him was great. He was a great kid and it was an honor to have met him RIP (in loving memory).

LINDSAY ROSEN

I didn't know Trevor as well as many who have posted here, but in the short time I knew him I knew a happy, funny, energetic, loving kid. It's crazy to think I just saw him. The Tonsing family and the world lost Trevor all too soon. As much as I've thought about it, there is no way to make sense of his passing, and few words can provide comfort to his recently bereaved family but as a Buddhist I'd like to leave you all with this quote:

"Neither fire nor wind, birth nor death can erase our good deeds"- Buddha

Let us all remember Trevor for his good deeds, his loving heart, and his bright personality.

Trevor, you will be missed.

MARK PHILLIPS

I worked with Trevor's dad a long time ago and knew Trevor when he was younger. Even then, Trevor impressed me with his courage, tenacity and simple charm. The world is a far better place because of Trevor. His family has every reason to be proud of him.

PATRICK SALAZAR

I can't say I even knew Trevor's name before this week, but I knew him by face. I remember coming into his drama class during study session one time last year. He and a few others who were freshmen at the time came around me and my friend Jeremy who were sitting in the back of the theatre talking and pretending to be working on a scene. Trevor was the only kid I didn't really know, though his face was recognizable to me. I remember talking and joking with the other freshmen and specifically thinking that he was such a funny kid and would be a great addition to the drama department if he continued through high school. This year I saw him at Improv tryouts, and he was one of the few kids I was surprised didn't make it through, as I thought he was pretty funny. I wonder now what it would have been like to know him for just these few months school has been in session if he had made the team. I know it would have changed my life for the better. It's so incredibly hard for our school to lose another kid who brought so much joy to everyone he knew, just 6 months from when our last student passed.

My heart goes out to the family of Trevor Tonsing and wish that they may find a little solace in knowing their son was loved by everyone he knew. That one seemingly meaningless time in study session will now forever be etched in my memory. Rest in Peace Trevor.

WALTER AMELING

Anita Tonsing and Family, I'm saddened by your loss. My prayers are with you.

LORRAINE YE

Trevor Tonsing. What can I even begin to say about this wonderful kid? He was honestly one of the nicest and craziest kids out there. He had a big personality wrapped up in a fun size Trevor! Every single time anyone was around him, they were sure to smile. He was an awesome kid. I'll never forget that time Shalva sprayed him with my water bottle and he had said, "It's like a cool mist!" Then the bottle burst and drenched him and the one thing I hear is. "FIRST IT WAS A COOL MIST, NOW ITS LIKE A HOSE!"

Trevor is an amazing kid. He will always being amazing. There is only positives.

I know he is currently in heaven, or shall I say, the giant Disneyland in the sky. He's probably riding Pirates of the Caribbean and looking down on us. He wouldn't want us to mourn him. He'd want us to celebrate his life. That's just what we should do. I know one day I'll meet you again Trevor. As long as we can ride a ride together in the Disneyland in the sky, I'll be thrilled.

Thoughts and Prayers

CAITLIN MACLEOD

Trevor had a heart bigger than anyone I have ever met. His smile so bright, and his laugh so contagious you couldn't help but smile when you were near him. he was the type of person you wanted to be around to pick you up when you were down. Trevor had a rare personality that I know anyone would wish to obtain. He could make you smile when you were upset even at the hardest times. He always knew the right things to say. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to meet such a wonderful person. He has impacted every person that has ever been around him and I know it has been for the good. Hearing the news of such an amazing person like him passing away has affected us all. My thoughts are with you Mr. & Mrs. Tonsing and Kiley

NATALIE FERNANDEZ

Trevor, When I heard the news of what had happened I was shocked, stunned and couldn't think. I have not seen you in 3 years but as soon as I heard of this tragic news I remembered a story that you had told me in 7th grade that I will never forget... You were walking me to class and you began your story with a song about us flying to the moon...I don't quite remember the words but after your song was finished you proceeded to tell me that once we got to the moon we would eat a picnic, which was filled with all of my favorite foods. You knew I hated oranges and pickles so you told me that they were banned from the moon and if any pickle or orange came near us while we were having a picnic you would shoot them with your laser vision. This story isn't Shakespeare but will always be remembered by me... Sitting at my desk thinking of you and what a loss the world has had, such an amazing man has left us and things will never be quite the same but I know that a piece of you will always be with me and with everyone else. I wish could have seen you before you were gone but I'm sure you were still a beautiful human being with a heart of gold and an amazing sense of humor. Rest in Peace my friends, you will NEVER be forgotten. <3

STEVE SONNIER

The world is silent
for a moment in our life
To allow sadness and pain to come out
not anger or strife

To take hold of our grief
and share it with all
Such is the way things happen
when a young one falls

The tears, the memories, the life that was lived
is something for which us to recall
But when someone is lost and now is gone
There is one thing we can do, one thing at all

We can hope and remember, what he did over the years
How he was always there, always smiling without fear

No matter what happens, whether here or far
We can always remember, Trevor, our bright shining star.

Rest in peace my friend. The world is silent
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Rest in peace my friend.

CHRISTIAN CORRALES

Man... I remember 6th period yearbook before I switched out. You use to always talk about Transformers and Disney. I will never forget those times Trevor... Love you bro always.

ANNA LIVSHYTS

Trevor, you were an amazing person. I didn't know you too well, but I will always remember you as the funny, awesome dude that you were. Rest In Peace. The Tonsing family- our thoughts are with you, best wishes.

JOANN LIANG

The second loss in one year. We don't know how many other lives have been taken, but for Northgate, two is already enough to bear. I sat in silence in my Government class and let everything go by me. I didn't know him, I never saw him, but it still scared me. As I walked out of Stat at the end of the day, I realized that everyone had gone quiet. There was almost no sound other than the shuffling of everyone's shoes everywhere I went. Looking around, I noticed that I was feeling the way that most people had felt when they didn't know someone who had passed away. Today, I was one of them, surrounded by silence and sadness. I didn't know how else to react but to reach out to those I knew and hug them closely. I couldn't give them anything else but comfort and love, yet...it didn't feel as though it would be enough today.

Trevor, I've never known you, but I'm sure you were a really amazing person to meet. I wish I could've gotten to know you. You are a good person, and you always will be.

With all my heart and love, rest in peace.

JIMMY CARSKY

I can't say that I was friends with Trevor but I never had anything against him. He was always so loud and joyous and he always had a smile on his face. From what I have noticed about him since Foothill when I started going to school with him was that he always had a positive attitude and would love to crack jokes. Very original and knew how to entertain a crowd.

I'm mad at myself for not taking the time to get to know you because I know we could have been good friends cause you got along with everyone. But we all know you're in a better place, but why so soon? People around our school and our community needed to know who you were and know what you are all about and with you leaving us people don't get to know how funny and lively you were. You are a great person and we all miss you but you're in a better place now.

VILI BLAGOEVA

I didn't really know you, Trevor. I passed by you a couple of times in the hall though. You seemed like a cool guy and I'm regretting the fact that I never really talked to you. I'm sure this is really hard on your friends and family but one this is for sure. People that don't even know you that well (like me) from Northgate and all the other schools you've attended, miss you dearly. Rest In Peace

KAITLYNN STRATTON

Trevor was such a little kid, with such a big heart. He brought a smile to me and many others every day. We met in yearbook and it will never be the same without him. He always knew how to make you laugh, and how to make you smile. He will be missed greatly. My love and prayers go out to Trevor and his family. RIP Trevor! we will miss you.

MICHELLE TATEO

Trevor I never knew you personally, but from what I could tell you were the most upbeat, funny, most happy person that everyone loved and to be around! I did talk to you once though. I walked in to your class once with a pass for another student, and you just walked right up to me asking who the pass was for and helped me find the person. And I thought wow, what a very friendly and helpful person. Trevor you were a very sweet boy.
Rest In Peace Trevor you will be missed <3

SARAH Z

Trevor - I didn't know you as well as I would have liked, but when I saw you, I could tell that you were amazingly funny and had such a passion for life. You'll always be remembered.

BOB WORTHINGTON

I was honored to be part of the celebration of Trevor's life yesterday. The love that you showed him and he to you was overwhelmingly powerful. Words cannot express my sorrow. Nor, could any amount of words displace the pain in your hearts. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

LIZ BRAMWELL

Just sending my thoughts and prayers to his family. Hoping you can stay strong during this hard time.

Northgate High '08 - Sonoma State '12

ALLEN ZHAO

Time: 12:35 pm

Location: Northgate High School, Room 41

I was having a perfectly fine day, but a little stressed out as I walked into English class to take an exam on Hamlet. Halfway into the period, the announcements suddenly came on and Principal McMorris told us that he had some sad news for us. Before he even finished his sentence, I knew what it was going to be about. I didn't want to believe it. I couldn't believe it. It just can't be true. We already lost a fellow student a few months ago from asthma and I didn't want to hear another student go because of a medical condition. Wasn't one student already more than enough? However, I was forced to face reality as Mr. McMorris broke the news to us. My pen, once ready to write the next work to my short answer, froze in midair. My mind went blank in disbelief, and I lost all physical feeling as I absorbed the news of the death of another student. My pen fell silently to the ground, completely unnoticed by anyone - including me. I was frozen. The world had stopped. When I had first heard of his condition, I had full confidence that Trevor would make a full recovery. I was further convinced when announcements came on to tell us that his condition was stable. I guess I let my guard down too soon. In the short space of time, however, I learned how life can stop when we least expect it, when we least want it to. Cherish every moment because you'll never know when one will lose another loved one. In the end, all we can do is pray for Trevor. RIP.

MARCUS RODRIGUEZ

Trevor I knew you since the sixth grade and you were there with me in some of my classes throughout. Now it upsets me that you have to leave all of your friends and family. Let God take care of you and hope you rest in peace.

MICAELA CIRIMELI

Yesterday, a girl at Clayton Valley High attempted suicide, but the doctors were able to keep her alive.

Today, a boy at Northgate High passes, the doctors couldn't do anything.

God, how do you choose?

SHALVA ELGAZZAR

What to say...? so much to say. every day at lunch was a new experience with our lil Trevor...cough cough. first week of school I laughed so hard when I had water in my mouth and I soaked you, and you just laughed about it :) about a month ago... LORRAINE left her water bottle sitting lonely on the ledge, so you decided to poke a hole in it and make it like a fountain in your mouth... so I took the water bottle from you, and I was squirting it in your mouth, and before we all knew it, the water bottle exploded all over you!! Everyone couldn't stop laughing, you just started throwing popcorn everywhere... need I mention the raisins rararawraw. you truly uplifted every lunch period we had with your spunky personality. you sat next to me in world history, and you would ask me what the Spanish homework was every day, you actually were really intelligent, I think everyone knew that by how much u had to say..all the time. haha :). We are really really really really reallllllly going t miss you, and hope you have the time of your life in heaven, oh! and if you read this, just let me know, and throw a water bottle down here, or a Philly cheese steak, or a pizza, cause they all remind us of you. In a good way. :) I'm really sorry to the Tonsing family for your loss, we will all miss you incredible son..Trevor Tonsing <3

CHRIS VANCE

I never knew Trevor, but it's obvious that he made a huge impact on Northgate and everyone in it. Hearing some of the things about him and seeing the faces of his many, many friends makes me wish that he had lived long enough that I could meet him. Even just a 'hello.' I can only imagine what everyone must be going through, especially his family. I would just like to say that my blessings are with him, his friends, and his family. May he rest in peace. As one of my friends said "I will always remember him as the guy who, as he was being carried out on a stretcher unable to breathe, could still smile at a kid who said 'hello' to him." Amen.

KELSEY AUSTIN

Trevor, how am I supposed to go on being a ninja without you? All the way back in middle school when we first met you were always so funny. You taught me how to be a ninja and I don't expect anyone to understand that, except me and Megan :) I love you so much buddy! And am going to miss you telling me your wild ninja adventure stories at school about how you attacked and beat crazy people up. Your imagination was incredible and I can't believe your gone. your face is so clear in my mind right now it hurts everywhere to think about.

I can't ever bow to you in the hallways again and have people stare at us in confusion because we didn't care what they thought. It was like our handshake. I remember doing it for the last time the other day. We didn't even say anything to each other, just bowed and moved on.

God I'm going to miss that.

I don't get why you are taken out of this world when you were the one making people so happy. you're too young. I will pass on your ninjaness but no one will ever EVER take your place. you are THE Ninja Kid and I love you, rest in peace :)
love always Kelsey (ninja in training)

JR

It breaks my heart to think that a young life was lost. It seems Trevor was a special boy and the pain of his loss will be felt by many. May his memory live forever.

JENICA HUDDLESTON

My thoughts and prayers are with the Tonsing family during this difficult time.

KIRBY HOGENMILLER

Trevor you were a great guy and a great friend there will never be a guy as awesome as funny or as unique as you I will remember you for the rest of my life and remember "you got Moxie" may you rest in peace in Heaven.

ASHLEY LLOYD

I remember Trevor in my Algebra 1 class. He would always make me laugh when I was down or just when he felt silly (which was like every day. I couldn't even believe what happened, I seriously thought that I was in a dream. And I really wish it was because he was an AWESOME KID TO TALK TO!

All I have to say is that he is looking down at each and every one of us making sure that we are okay. And I know that he wouldn't want us to be sad because he is now in a better place. :D

<3 Love you Trevor, you will always be in my heart!!!!!!!

EVA MINUTOLI

I saw Trevor get carried out on the stretcher to the ambulance. That was the last time I saw him. The first time I saw him he was introduced to me as one of our yearbook editors. Here was this tiny kid with a personality bigger than anyone I knew. He had on a silly red and yellow broncos hat: I couldn't help but laugh. Trevor made me smile every day with his goofy personality, his robot box, and his huge heart. I knew him for just 4 short months, but he had a truly indescribable impact on my life. Trevor never took anything too seriously, and he was so right in doing so. Life is too short to spend even a moment worrying about something that in the end, is insignificant. I don't think there's anyone in our yearbook class, anyone in his life, that didn't love Trevor to pieces. I wish I had known, the last time he came over to check in on our pages, I wish I could have hugged him, and told him what an incredible person he was. But I think he knew that already. He knew the effect he had on people. Our class will never be the same without him; I know for a fact that I'm a better person because of Trevor. And instead of remembering how hard it was to see him for the last time; so fragile, yet so strong, I remember Trevor as someone who could cheer you up in a second, with a laugh, or a joke, even by just being near you. Trevor's presence was just that strong. Miss ya like crazy Trevor Tonsing<3

ARVIND RAMESH

Trevor, I never even talked to you once, but just reading what everyone has to say about you has really hit close to home. I don't know what God's doing right now, but it's stuff like this that makes me question if God even exists, because if he did exist, why did he make something like this happen? I'll miss seeing you out the window during lunch. Take care in heaven dude. R.I.P.

MIGGZ

Trev. I'm writing this, really late at night. I still can't believe it man. It was a really selfless thing you did; saving many people's lives than maintain your own. I miss you dude. Heck, we all miss you.

Bond's class will never be the same without you. Your lively obnoxious behavior was always a cure for our mundane, boring lives, haha.

Goodbye Trev. Thanks for everything. I'll pray for you every night.

BO GARBER

I met Trevor a while ago sometime in middle school. He was easy to point out, always the most talkative and lively person. If you saw him around school you would have had no idea that he had a heart condition, besides the fact that he never ran in PE. Freshmen year he was in my drama class and we were paired up for the final skit. The skit showed how crazy he was and it made me and him a lot better friends. I can't remember the last time I saw him. Think it was in line to get pizza, he was always cutting in line with me and got really pissed when anyone cut him, especially freshmen. It's not fair that this happened the day after his birthday he just got a car and it was so close to Christmas. I hope the people who think everything happens for a reason don't think that way anymore, because there was no reason at all to take the life of a good and happy kid.

VIV

I wasn't too close to Trevor. Yet when the devastating news came to us after lunch over the intercom, I will bet that the whole school was feeling shock and remorse. The many, many, MANY Facebook posts, status updates, and texts going around about Trevor show that he has touched everyone's hearts.

During 5th period, after the announcement, I realized that Trevor's black jacket had been left in the classroom for the past week.

Now I realize that it's just another part of him that is left behind, like the memories I'm sure we will never forget.

The silence during school was crushing. You could hear every sob, every snuffle, and they all cut straight to the heart. It seemed so empty without the laughter and loud chattering. Trevor was the one that made everyone laugh. He could brighten your day with a

sarcastic comment, making you realize to never take life too seriously. It takes courage and selflessness to donate your organs to others. I deeply admire that.

My thoughts go to his family during this time--the good truly do die young. He will be remembered forever. Trevor, you had the strongest heart of us all.

MARISSA CORONA

My bud, my partner in crime, my sushi buddy who likes the Fuji mountain roll and his miso soup just right. You had such a presence, such a personality, such a sense of outrageously fantastic stomach-cramping-on-the-floor-giggling humor, and a wit more clever than anyone I've ever known. To know you Trevor, was to love you. There are very few people in this world such a statement applies to and you're one of them. The last time I saw you was when I dropped you off at your house on a Friday afternoon in September, slamming my car door shut I said see ya when I get back from school, we'll go to Zachary's pizza and you can complain to me about the stress of yearbook deadlines or the incompetent staffers. Over the last couple days I've been thinking about all my memories of you. I remember when you made that stupid dutch/boat hat out of newspaper and demanded we take pictures of you creepily posing with random kid around school, frantically running around the halls both thinking it was just the funniest thing--placing it in the sophomore mug section of the yearbook. I remember you sitting with Jess and Abby on a long Friday night deadline making Facebook videos. I remember, very randomly, and vividly, walking home from elementary school with you down Wiget. Nothing I can say will ever do you justice. As Tiffany wrote earlier, I'll see ya again in Gnarnia. :)

SABOO

I only met you at the start of this school year. having lunch with you, warren, Lorraine, and the others, will always be one of my greatest memories. I wish I could have known you for longer. You were always one of the best parts of my life, and now when you're not here anymore, there's just this big gap. You used to make me laugh, and now you make me cry. But I know you wouldn't want us to be sad, so I'm going to do my best to be happy. when you left I just felt confused, but I am sure you must be happy in heaven. I still remember the last time I saw you, and how I gave you a bro-hug. Wish you could have heard Shalva say my name one more time, cause I remember how much you loved it. And one day, I'm going to stand on Northgate's roof, and I'll see all those pizza crusts and water bottles that are up there. You were an awesome kid, and we all are happy to have know you.

In our hearts till the end. Rest in peace, Trevor my friend.

Your Indian brother- Saboo.

MEGAN HAMBERLIN

I walked into 5th period and waited for the bell to ring. I noticed that Mr. Muillnberg was sitting in the front of the class, Mrs. Starr looking a little flustered... she proceeded to leave, and Mr. Muillenber told us she had a meeting to attend. We were working on posters, laughing and having a good time. When the loud speaker came on...Mrs. Starr walked in the room, tears forming in her eyes. Silence fell when Mr. McMorris told us the sad news. I never thought I would be so impacted by this. I couldn't place the name Trevor Tonsing with a face, but upon seeing his picture my eyes were flooded with tears and my heart overwhelmed with emotion. Why did this have to happen?

I didn't know Trevor, but I had seen him walking the halls. Each and every time with a bright shining smile on his face. I'd see him in my locker row during brunch, telling a funny story or just offering a friendly hello to his fellow classmates. He really was a funny kid, the kind of person you just know would make a great friend. If only I was given the opportunity to have him as a friend. You'll always be remembered Trevor. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Tonsing family.

ANONYMOUS LAWYER

Acquainted with Trevor's father Jon + heart goes out to him and family. As father of 11 year old son, I'm so sorry for the unimaginable loss of your beautiful boy.

ANONYMOUS #1

I never personally knew Trevor, but he always seemed like a happy kid. I specifically remember the day before Halloween, he came into the Bakers United Club and asked for a cookie. He was so funny and nice that we couldn't resist to give him one.

Rest in peace, Trevor.

ANONYMOUS #2

They don't need someone like you up there, WE need someone like you down here. Rest in Peace.

ANONYMOUS #3

Love you Trevor.

ANONYMOUS #4

Since the day we heard the news about him going to the hospital every time an announcement came on I would think "Please say Trevor's okay please god." But today when we got the news that he passed it hit many. Not just students, teachers, staff and the whole community. It didn't really seem real till I was walking to 6th period. The halls were filled with sniffles and weeps and crying. It fully hit me when one of Trevor's friends walked in sobbing. Then I realized, this is real. I just sat there, I didn't move. Sat there and thought he's really gone. I got up to go to the bathroom, and everyone was in the library and in between the hall way by the girls bathroom. When I walked in I saw my friend Lauren, and I started to cry more. she didn't say anything but as they say actions speak louder than words. That action screamed at me, it screamed that she cared. When I walked back into class I just sat back down and didn't talk. my friend came over and put her arm around me, that screamed to. When she started talking about what happened the boy behind me started crying. Someone close to him had the same problem. I didn't have the will to turn around and look at him because I knew it was too hard. When the bell rang at 1:55 I was crying and when someone asked me are you okay I thought what if someone asked Trevor that earlier? would he still be here? then I kept walking. Silent. the only time I spoke was to someone I'm not that close to. I said hey do you need a hug? they didn't say anything so I knew they needed one. they looked at me and said thanks.

Rip Trevor.
you live on forever

ANONYMOUS #5

I didn't know you as well as I would have liked to. You were an amazing person. You brought joy to all those around you. RIP

ANONYMOUS #6

If there is one good thing to be said about death, it is that it does not discriminate. Death is not racist, sexist, ageist, or any other such word one can come up with. It strikes everywhere, often with no mercy.

Well, perhaps there is one more (real) good thing to be said about death: it brings people together in times of crisis. To every dark there is a light, after all. Today I was reminded that there are many people just like me. I think random people gave me hugs and touched my arm more than any other time in my life. And you know what? It helped. Every little thing helped. The fact that someone else was reaching out – literally or figuratively – to tell me that they knew and felt what I was going through just helped.

If there is something positive to take away from Trevor's passing, let it be that idea. Tomorrow at school, don't just wear black. Help someone. Tell them you love them. Think for a moment about that friend you used to know, find them, reconnect with them. Please take something positive from this harsh and unreal news. Personally, I think it's what Trevor would have wanted. How many of you woke up this morning and thought, "I love my family, my friends mean the world to me, and I'm thankful for what I have"? Right. And how many of you thought, "Five more minutes"? Exactly. What did Trevor Tonsing think this morning? He decided to donate his organs to those who needed them, despite the jarring knowledge that he was going to die soon.

There is a picture Trevor once posted on Facebook. It is a photo of a sheep wearing a pirate hat and it reads, "Frank was not like other sheep". Trevor's caption says, "I'm like Frank sorta maybe in a way". You're absolutely right Trevor – you aren't like anyone else. Know that we will never forget you.

ANONYMOUS #7

I didn't know you but you seemed like the happiest kid. I wish I would've gotten to know you because you are described as someone who always brought smiles to faces.. rest in peace keep smiling in heaven. my thought and prayers are with your family during this hard time, <3.

ANONYMOUS #8

Northgate loves you.

ANONYMOUS #9

I only new Trevor in name. He was the short, funny sophomore who told great stories. People loved him. I loved hearing about him, in the way that anyone loves hearing a funny story. I know more about him now, that he has an incredibly selfless nature. Everyone's heard the saying that the good die young, but I don't think most of us felt how true that saying could be until Trevor's death was announced, and the whole school sat in stunned silence. And the silence seemed to last, until one by one our classmates excused themselves to the library, stumbling to a provided source of comfort as if they weren't sure they were really standing. For a just a little while, we all saw past any petty arguments we may have had with one another, and recognized that we all felt just the same. And although it was a sad feeling, it was also a beautiful glimpse at an understanding which we can only dream of. Trevor brought joy to those who knew him. His selflessness is now what people throughout the school know him for. And thanks to him, we know a little more about each other too. Tomorrow will carry a bittersweet flavor, as the student body reminisces and comforts and cries. With time, we will look back to our memories of him with joy. Until that day comes, the halls will be full of sympathy, respect, and love for those around us who grieve, and for Trevor himself. Rest in Peace, my friend.

ANONYMOUS #10

I remember the first time I met you Trevor. Your sense of humor put a smile on my face and your care-free ways always gravitated people towards you. I did not get to know you as much as I wanted too, but you were one amazing boy. You will be missed <3

ANONYMOUS #11

I want to write something meaningful here, something that will somehow portray to everyone what an amazing, joyful, hilarious, and kind person Trevor was, but that is impossible. As I stare at this page with my fingertips hovering above the keyboard, memories of the time I spent with Trevor rush into my head at an overwhelming rate. I cannot think clearly, I cannot comprehend why this happened. It's unfair. How can someone with so much joy, so much love, and so much life be gone? I will never, ever be able to understand why he had to go so early. however I can honestly say I will never forget Trevor, and he made such a positive impact on my life, always smiling, always telling jokes. I'm going to miss talking to him every day, and I can honestly say I will never, ever forget him. He made such a positive impact in my life. I will always remember the days where he would be the only one to get me smiling and laughing, when everything else seemed to be falling apart. I love you forever Trevor.

ANONYMOUS #12

Trevor I talked to you not too long ago you ran up and started telling me a story... I ended up laughing. That's how you were, you could always make everyone laugh! I couldn't believe that day when they had said you were in the hospital... I said to myself you'll be back hell be back.The next day they said he is okay! and I thought everything was going to be okay..but today I found out the worse... Trevor R.I.P. you're going to a better place now where u can make everyone up in heaven laugh like you did here. My heart goes out to Trevor's family. Love you Trevor

ANONYMOUS #13

We miss you Trevor. You will all be in our hearts every day.

ANONYMOUS #14

You will always be in our hearts

ANONYMOUS #15

I didn't know you that well, but I did see you around often and heard great things about you from friends of mine, and on my way to last period, I've never experienced such an absolute silence in the hallway. Everyone was shaken at the beginning of the week when we heard the announcement concerning your coma, everyone's faces beamed when we heard you were going to make it, and today, upon hearing the announcement that you chose to donate organs to help others in need, everyone was rooted in place, our language was stifled, our tongue was foreign to words, our hearts plummeted, and our eyes leaked, but we know, everyone knows, that you're a beautiful kid, that you did such a selfless thing, that you will continue to live on through our souls.

Rest in peace, Trevor. Say hi to Mikey for us, alright? We'll miss you.

ANONYMOUS #16

I never had the opportunity to meet you, but everyone keeps telling me the same thing about you. You have a big heart and can put a smile on anyone's face. While I never knew you, you still put a big impact on my life. Sometimes I really have to question the big guys decisions. No one deserves anything like this. Please tell Michael we say hi. You will be greatly missed.

RIP Trevor

ANONYMOUS #17

Trevor, I've never met you before and I don't even go to Northgate. I actually go to Foothill, but when I heard of the shocking news, I felt as if I had always known you. I asked my brother if he knew you, since he graduated from Northgate last year. He said that he did, and that he knew your sister Kiley too. He questioned on why I had asked and I gave him the sad news. He's shocked that you went away so fast and that you didn't quite get the chance to say goodbye to everybody. We know that you are currently looking down on us all, watching and making sure we are all okay. It scares me just thinking about how on Sunday, you were perfectly fine, then all of a sudden, it was Monday and the worst came. But it scares everyone about how they were sitting in their classes today, not being able to do anything. 8:00a.m.-you're still alive, 9:00a.m.-you're still alive, 10:00a.m.-I wish you didn't have to go!

R.I.P. Trevor. You will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts.

ANONYMOUS #18

Trevor, I didn't even know you, I passed you in the hall a few times. I am deeply saddened by your passing. Rest in Peace.

ANONYMOUS #19

Everyone knows you didn't deserve this, but I'm sure the man up stairs has some big things planned for you lil bro :) I never got to even meet you, but just seeing what others have said about you just makes me tear up. I am praying for you and your family. I just wish I had the chance to meet you just one time. I'm going to miss not seeing you outside the bathrooms during lunch, playing some crazy game with your friends. We'll meet again, but until then, take care. There are no goodbyes, only see you later's.

ANONYMOUS #20

Trevor-

I didn't get to know you that well. Didn't talk to you much until this year. Which really sucks because I would have loved to know you longer. I hung around you quite a bit, but I'm not sure we ever had a legit one on one conversation. But somehow you managed to make everyone in the group laugh. You brought smiles to so many people. I promise you, you will never be forgotten. It just will not be the same without you, and I know that's super cliché but it is SO true, I've never meant it more. I really hope you're in a better place. Even though I didn't know you as well, as soon as I heard the news (a little bit before the announcement) I just had to go to the bathroom and bawl my eyes out. We just kept praying it was only a rumor. The announcement made us realize it wasn't and we started crying so hard. When we were in that room and everyone was bawling and people talked about memories they had with you, we just kept crying because it made us realize how much we were gonna miss you. It is so obvious how much everyone loved you. My opinions of the people in that room completely disappeared, and all I saw them as were people who truly treasured you as a friend.

Mr. & Mrs Tonsing and Kiley, my thoughts are with you
<3 RIP Trevor Tonsing

ANONYMOUS #21

You still got the strongest heart I've ever seen.

Keep the mood light in heaven, I'm sure even the angels are sad you had to go.

ANONYMOUS #22

I'll always miss your jokes even though some were making fun of us. You always made me laugh, although now your making my cry. I'll always remember you for your great knowledge of Disneyland and those amazing Halloween costumes! You lived a great life.

ANONYMOUS #23

Dear Trevor,

As you're sitting up there, in a happier place, know that your spirit and essence will always be here, in the memories of those who cared about you.

This isn't "goodbye". This is "see you later".

ANONYMOUS #24

Trevor, I didn't really know you well and I wish I did.
you were a great kid and we will all miss you

Rest In Peace, Trevor

ANONYMOUS #25

Trevor, I didn't know you and you didn't know me, I just wanted to tell you that, while I didn't know you, you are the strongest person I know for living with your condition and although you have passed I know you have gone on to a better place and I hope when I get up there we can be friends because everyone that knew you had the greatest things to say about you and hopefully I will be able to learn for myself.

Sincerely,
An Admirer

ANONYMOUS #26

An amazing kid, great big heart, and a beaming smile. We love you and I know you are up there somewhere in peace. My thoughts are with Trevor and his family. <3

ANONYMOUS #27

Wow I'm so shocked that this happened. Trevor was in my 7th grade core class, and ever since then he was the craziest guy I knew. You're always so happy and I thought it was hilarious when you would try to hook up with Danielle. Good times!! I'll be praying for you

ANONYMOUS #28

RIP.
You will be missed forever.

ANONYMOUS #29

Trevor I have never met you and never heard your name before Monday. It is such a tragedy that a person so young left so soon. From the people around me, I could tell that you were very loved. I could tell that many people were devastated to hear the news... you are more brave than many people could ever be. I pray that you will be in paradise with our heavenly father soon. I pray that your family will be strong during this difficult time. You will not be forgotten, rest in peace.

ANONYMOUS #31

Trevor, I never knew you but from everything I heard, you were kind, free-spirited, honest, and intelligent. The world needs more people like you and it's sad that you're gone. You'll be deeply missed. Rest in Peace.

ANONYMOUS #32

Oh we never know where life will take us
I know it's just a ride on the wheel
And we never know when death will shake us
And we wonder how it will feel

So goodbye my friend
I know I'll never see you again
But the time together through all the years
Will take away these tears
It's okay now
Goodbye my friend

ANONYMOUS #33

Trevor, I will never forget the happiness and eternal smiles you brought me. I will always remember carpooling to Pre-K together, putting a smile on my face each and every day.

I regret drifting apart from you in elementary and middle school but we reconnected in high school, frequently eating lunch together. I can still remember the last time I saw you; you constructed an elaborate plan to play a joke on a fellow student. The execution was flawed, but it was hilarious nonetheless.

At the end of lunch, you reached out for a hug. I obliged and embraced you like a brother. Despite your struggle to escape my clutches, I held on. Finally, I let go. At the time, the prolonged hug was awkward; but, now I feel fortunate. You were a great person, and you will live on in all of our hearts.

"After all, to the well-organized mind, death is but the next great adventure." - J.K. Rowling

ANONYMOUS #34

it's funny how you grow up being so close but so far.
All our stupid family gatherings and such. You were always so full of energy and life.
You will be missed Trevor.
R.I.P.

ANONYMOUS #35

Trevor, I have never seen you, or never spoken to you. But I have heard from my friends you are a great guy. like a rock hitting a still lake, your ripples touch those all over, people like me who have never talked to you. Hearing great stories about you and the great friend you are to so many made me feel the urge to write this. Now I say present tense not as a mistake but to say you are still with your loved ones even if your physical body isn't. God Bless You!

ANONYMOUS #36

Trevor, I can't really say that we were friends, we were more of acquaintances. We've gone to the same school ever since I was little and talked once or twice. I wish I got to know you as a person better. I've heard so many great things about you. You effected so many peoples lives. When we got the news on Monday, everyone was concerned, and when we got the news that you were going to be okay, everything was okay again. But, yesterday. My friend came up to me during 5th saying she saw people crying in the hallways, because you had passed. I didn't know what to believe, and I didn't want to believe it. It was too soon for you to go. A few minutes later, they announced it. A silence somber took over the class, my teacher was crying and barely anyone was moving. A few minutes later everyone was trying to get there mind off of it. Walking to 6th; seeing everyone. It had hit me. Even though I barely knew you at all, I started bawling. Someone so young doesn't deserve this. It's truly a scary thing. I couldn't stay in my class I needed to talk to someone. For once, everyone was being nice to each other and there was so much sympathy. It's terrible that it had to go to this extreme for us to act like this. When the bell rang for school to be over, I've never heard it so quite in the hallways. Barely anyone was saying a word. You seemed like a free-spirited, easy going, fun-loving person. It's really a shame that your life was taken too soon, but know that you will always be remembered and you will always be loved by your fellow students. My prayers and thoughts go out to your family. Rest in Peace Trevor Tonsing.

ANONYMOUS #37

Trevor you should see all the people in the library. It's crazy man. And dude your locker, all your favorite candies, flowers, cards, and candy canes. We miss you so much man. Miss you. See you in heaven little man.

ANONYMOUS #38

:(This is so sad. Rest in peace and I hope you have a nice time in heaven Trevor.

ANONYMOUS #39

Okay, so Trevor I know this is definitely not the last time we'll talk eventually I'll meet ya up there at the biggest most amazing Disneyland ever. We'll ride all the rides you'll keep giving me the little quirky random facts about Disneyland I never really wanted to know but since you're telling me I care. Taking your life so early on was cruel to everyone. I doubt anyone knew how to enjoy life more than you did. Out of every situation you would be able to crack a joke or make me laugh. I wish I shared that gift with you and could make some sort of a joke about this but I can't. I guess just thanks for living the life you had tithe fullest and touching so many other lives on the way. I'll miss you.

ANONYMOUS #40

R.i.P.

TREVOR TONSING.

MAY YU REST IN PEACE.

GODBIESS U & DA FAMM..

STEPHANIE CHAN

Today, in history class I was staring blankly at Mr. Boyd's article on addressing the "World on Terror" when suddenly a male voice interrupted the silence. "Excuse me for this interruption. But we have bad news." And it seemed as if everyone knew the news already. After the intercom announcement was finish, silence resumed. Except this was a different kind of silence. A somber silence. Mr. Boyd looked at his book and looked up at us. "If you need to go to the library, you can go. But in a way this teaches us all a lesson. That we must appreciate what we have in life." Then he resumed the lesson. I found it ironic that when someone dies, anyone, even an amazing person like Mother Theresa or a celebrity like Heath Ledger, the world still turns. It does not stop for a moment to let everyone absorb the cold bitter reality that a student may not be with us tomorrow. That a student may not even last the night.

I never knew Trevor. I will not pretend that I know him either so I can tell people that I "understand their pain". Because really I do not. I never lost anyone close to me other than my pets. But this new death scared the shit out of me like Mike Gaines death last

year. Why? Because I believe youth is immortality. That when you are young, the only thing that can really destroy is heartbreak. But death? Never. Dying as a young person was never acceptable in my world. But that kind of thinking is extremely ignorant and this other death put me face to face with the idea again. That Death takes everyone. Sometimes it will wait and sometimes it will just grab the person by surprise. Death does not discriminate.

When my friend was driving me home today, his little sister was crying in the car. There again. The somber silence. He tried playing some music but the first thing that came on was "How to Save a Life". Fitting. He quickly switched from song to song but it still could not silence her quiet snuffling. Now I know her and I would say that maybe we are more than acquaintances but not exactly friends yet. And as he drove me home, I thought, "Well what should I do? I feel like I should do something". I finally decided that it was better to "ask for forgiveness than for permission". So when I left the car, I leaned in and hugged her.

People at school talk about Challenge day like it is the most amazing event in the world and you miss out if you never experience it. Now of course I would not know since I have never participated in it but I find it ironic and a bit amusing that the people who do are only affected for a short period of time, then go back to their normal selves. But I feel like this time it is different. If I was able to reach out to someone I did not really know and give that person a hug I am quite sure other people can too. Maybe that hug did nothing. Maybe that hug increased the sadness. Perhaps it brought comfort. Sometimes, all people need is to know that someone is always willing to lend comfort and listen to them. That they may feel alone in the world but they certainly are not.

One thing that certainly made me twirl my hair and rub my face a lot during the announcement was when our principal said that Trevor decided to donate his organs to save others. It was a selfless decision. That one young boy thinks of others rather than himself while he has the knowledge that he will die soon. That he does not exclaim to God, "How unfair" or think, "Why didn't I do this or that?" No. He is thinking of someone else. Of others. It was a beautiful gesture.

I would like to end with a quote from Tuesdays with Morrie.

"But it's like I keep telling you. When you learn how to die, you learn how to live." (Albom 104).

May angels lead you in Trevor. May angels lead you in.

Rest in Peace

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