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"The Wise Book"

## When The Game Stands Tall A Must-See



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*When the Game Stands Tall* is a sports drama based on the true story of De La Salle High School's seemingly invincible football program. But as the title suggests, the team, or brotherhood as they call themselves, faces many challenges in their pursuit to put forth "the perfect effort."

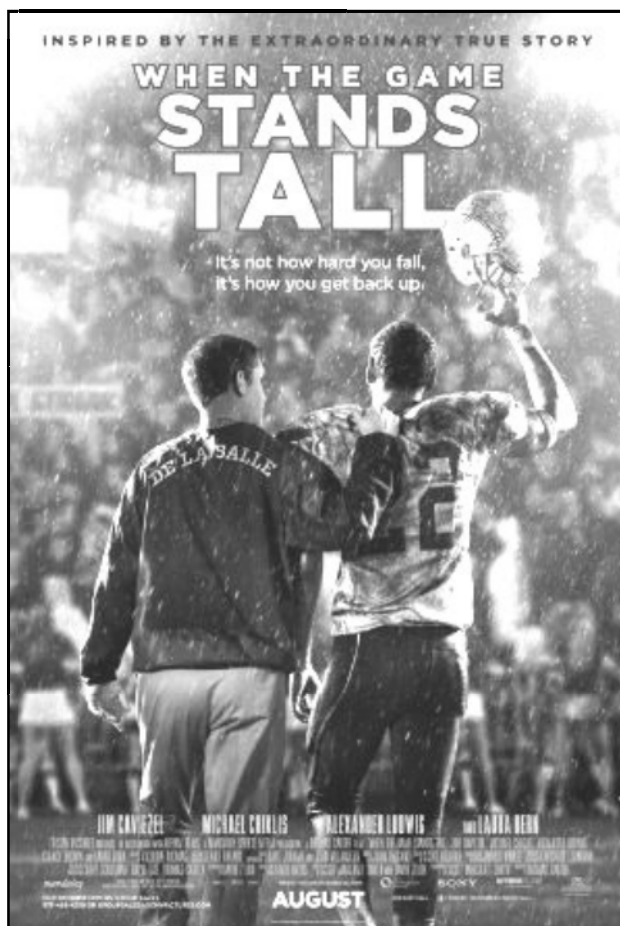
The movie opens on the night before the 2003 championship game. The team seems to run as a machine, and they have a winning streak of 150 games. "The Streak" as it is referred to by De La Salle fans, is not even what matters most to the team; instead they strive to live lives of integrity and reflect that in their practice routines. This is evident when the team shares their commitment cards with each other; the teammates make goals and hold each other accountable to achieve them. This idea of living a life of integrity is taught to the team by head coach Bob Ladouceur, and it is a major theme in the movie.

The team goes on to win their 151st game and the

championship. They feel untouchable. Many outgoing seniors caution, almost ominously, that the upcoming seniors will have to greatly increase their leadership if they hope to keep the streak alive. As predicted, the team struggles to be cohesive and ends up losing its first game in 12 years. This loss shakes the team to the core and makes them reconsider how they have approached football their whole lives.

The tough times do not stop on the field, the team goes on to face many challenges such as life threatening illness, family relationship tensions, even the tragedy of death. But the team is able to channel their experiences into becoming an even stronger team from when they held "the streak."

Overall, I thought the movie was enjoyable and well executed. I especially thought Jim Caviezel's portrayal of head coach Bob Ladouceur was worthy of praise. He was able to carry the most crucial parts of the movie in a way that made even me want to pick up a football and go try my best! However, I felt some of the supporting actors playing students had many dialogues that felt forced and



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awkward, even verging on cheesy. But then again, high school itself is rather cheesy at times, so I can't be too hard on them.

The film also had many elements I felt could be enjoyed by audiences of all ages. There were many positive life lessons

throughout the movie including making family a priority, giving your best effort, and thinking about others before yourself.

I would recommend this film to football fans as well as anyone who enjoys a positive uplifting story.

## Editor's Note

Throughout our lives we are given many "once-in-a-lifetime opportunities." Recently I have experienced many of these opportunities, and I believe that it is extremely important not to let them slip by.

When I was younger, I had many events in my life of which I wish I had been more appreciative. Throughout my childhood, there were people I knew, places I visited, and events I attended that, looking back, I know I could have made them a much better experience for myself. But disregarding all of those things, I think what I wish most would be that I had realized school isn't going to last forever, and I needed to make the time I had count before it ran out.

However, I've learned from my mistakes and plan on making the most of every opportunity that presents itself to me.

This past summer I attended American Legion Boy's State. It was an extremely enriching experience for me. I learned a lot about what it means to be a citizen in this country. The only thing I didn't enjoy about Boy's State was the fact that it was one of those once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

Perhaps what made it most enjoyable, though, was that I knew I wouldn't get a do-over. I spent an entire week living without the typical guards I would put up. I tried to make the most of every moment while I was there, making the experience all the more enjoyable.

Later this past summer, I attended that National Speech and Debate Association's National Tournament. The five days I spent in Kansas City were some of the most fun I have ever had. But once again, I think that it is because I was trying to make the most of the short time I had to spend there.

Moving into the school year, I enter one of the most defining once-in-a-lifetime experiences of my life, my senior year of high school. The first day I was greeted by several teachers telling me to make the most of it, because before I knew it, the year would be over. Those bits of advice have stuck with me thus far, and I plan on treating every day of my senior year like it is my last one.

Perhaps the opportunity that most excites me is becoming the editor of the school newspaper. I could not be more excited to begin my new position. I hope you all enjoy what I have to write, and I'm glad you are all here to help me make the most out of this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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## Layering Is The Solution For Fall Fashion



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Ladies, it's fall and that only means layers, layers, and more layers!

This fall you will only need a few pieces to complete your fall wardrobe. Instead of storing away all of your summer favorites, incorporate them in your outfits for this season. If you have the following in your fall wardrobe, you should never struggle to compile a fabulous outfit: dresses, jackets, scarves, sweaters, tights or leggings, and rocking boots.

A very hip trend this season is wearing your favorite summer dress with tights, cute boots, and a jacket. Your summer dresses are probably full of different prints and colors, and that is okay. Try compiling things together. Plaid is in, and do not be afraid to wear it with a different print.

Mixing prints is fun and cute, try something new! For example, you could get amazing results from combining stripes with floral prints.

The key with prints is not what matches exactly, but what pairs well together. Another type of dress that suits the season is a sweater dress.

Scarves are a must. Not only can you throw one on to complete any outfit, but they are incredibly warm. Scarves are so diverse in the ways you can wear them. You can wear them around your neck, but there are also a million other ways you could incorporate them into your outfit as well such as using one as a belt. There are chunky scarves, thin scarves, and long scarves and they all work for this season. A summer dress with a scarf and a cardigan or jacket is perfect for fall weather.

Every girl knows a fall must is an oversized sweater. You can rock the sweater with cute printed leggings and your favorite pair of boots. An oversized sweater can also be worn



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Jaelyn Arens models some of the latest trends in fall fashion starting with layering summer styles with a cardigan.

with colored skinny jeans to make an outfit bold. Oversized cardigans are the new trend.

Almost anything goes with an oversized sweater, so throw it on with any outfit to give it the boho-feel.

An interesting sweater or cardigan print is the new speckled look. Make sure your piece is fitted in the shoulders, so it wears well. In the end, an oversized sweater or cardigan is adorable and comfortable, so it's a win, win.

Leggings and tights are perfect for this season. You can wear solid colored leggings under t-shirt dresses or flowy tops. Do not be afraid to wear leggings with a little leather on them. This fall, you are changing it up with a tad bit of an edge to your outfits. Tights can be incorporated with any dresses or rompers. Maroon tights are a huge trend for the fall. Throw them on and see for yourself how the maroon tone gives your outfit the fall touch.

The great thing about jackets is that they can easily add a spark to your outfit and at the same time keep you cozy. Wear your jacket with the sleeves rolled up. There are endless types of jackets that you could wear.

A trendy color this fall is olive. Olive is a typical fall color that could easily be paired with the maroon you will be seeing around. An olive jacket would be great to add with your summer dresses and boots. Jackets will forever be in, and the great thing about them is they are easy to use.

The options for boots are endless. For any outfit, a pair of boots could be the answer. Shoes are always the statement piece of an outfit. With any combination of the mentioned outfits, boots will always work. Accessorize your boots too with cute socks or leg warmers. Be open to the many different styles of boots: combat, knee high, ankle, wedged. The main style for this season is knee-high boots, so grab your favorite pair!

The great thing about fall is you can never have too many layers. Fall is the easiest time of the year to use everything in your closet. So do not rid yourself of your summer wardrobe; it is useful this fall. Spice up your life this fall by trying something new with different prints and textures. You might love it.

## The Giver Is An Intriguing Read For All Generations



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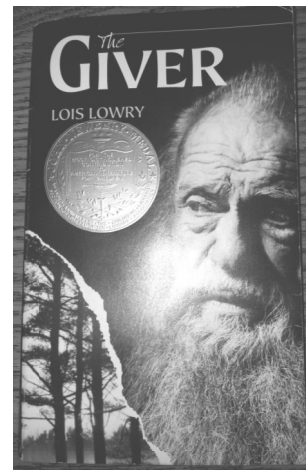
Author Lois Lowry crafted an incredibly intriguing young adult book called *The Giver*.

Although *The Giver* was primarily intended for children, the storyline is complex enough to keep older readers interested. The main character, a boy named Jonas, lives in a seemingly perfect community without war, pain, or suffering. Everything in this dystopian community is restricted in order to achieve "sameness."

The Elders in Jonas' community limit the choices of an individual until they virtually have none left, removing all joy from life. The Elders choose a job, spouse, and children for each of the community members.

When the children reach the age of twelve, they receive their job assignments. Jonas is chosen as the "Receiver of Memories." An elderly man, referred to as The Giver, is training him for his new job and passing onto Jonas all the memories of the past.

Lowry does an amazing job of making the reader feel all the emotions of joy, anger, horror, anguish, love and desire that Jonas is feeling as he comes to



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realize that his sheltered society is completely and utterly flawed.

The more *The Giver* reveals to Jonas about humanities past, the more Jonas longs to have that way of life back. Lowry's novel shows the struggle between natural human desire and society's need to be perfectly controlled. The conflicts Jonas faces throughout the story are very alluring and thought provoking.

*The Giver* is a great read for young or old. This simple and direct, yet interesting book will capture your mind. *The Giver* is definitely one of Lois Lowry's better novels and well deserving of the John Newberry Medal. I recommend setting aside a day to read it, because once you pick it up you won't be able to put it down.

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