



# Casman's Weekly

## Episode VIII!

The Creative Writing Class at Last!

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### **Happy Veterans Day!**

By Jude Stone

The day was first celebrated in Birmingham, Alabama 1947. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran was the first person to use the name “National Veteran’s Day”. It consisted of a parade and other festivities in honor of veterans. The day November 11, 1918 was referred to as the “war to end all wars” from that day on November 11 is celebrated across America.

Commonly mistaken for Memorial day, Veterans day is to honor our men and women who served for our country as Memorial day is a remembrance for all who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

### **The 2024 Presidential Election**

By Jude Stone

The 2024 presidential election is coming to an end, the polls have Trump as the next and 47th President of the United states. From early on there were signs that Trump was going to take this election. What we noticed was in the big cities there was heavy favoritism in Kamala, but the smaller rural areas really brought Trump above and beyond. Hopefully we have made the right choice as a country, and hopefully all the good said to be coming comes.

MAY AMERICA BE BLESSED!!

## Sitting down with: Melanie Tomaski

By Nathan Edgington

### **Why did you decide to come to Casman?**

Why not? Casman has been around for a while. This school is successful in a lot of ways and I have been working in a similar situation and hopefully I can bring all of the best stuff with me to use here and make Casman the best for all.

### **What were you before you became the principal?**

I was a director of the Oriole Academy in Ludington and conducted the work-based learning program .... for the whole school district.

### **What is your favorite food?**

Chocolate - pizza is good too!



### **What advice can you give to the people of Casman?**

Never quit. Things can go wrong, you can have a really bad day or week but don't quit. You always want to push yourself to find out what you are made of!

**What experience made you the person you are today?** I wanted to work in a law firm and made my way there, and went to Delta Community College to get my associates degree. I got bored and wanting more job satisfaction I decided to go into education. I took a year off from college before taking more classes, and really decided to apply myself. I finished my degree to teach from CMU, and I became a night teacher. It was really hard. Four nights a week I spent teaching, and also was a computer analyst in the day. My husband had an opportunity for a job transfer, and we moved to Ludington where I found a job teaching computers and business courses. I also created a student organization that learned to network with the business community through volunteer and community service events; used skills to create projects and compete at student conferences and learned business concepts through fundraising projects.

### **As of now what do you plan for the future of Casman?**

I wanna find out what makes Casman tick because there is a lot of great stuff going on here. Find out what the students and teachers want and bring everyone together and help give them even more, with time and resources to do more with their students by working on it together I want to provide things for the staff that they feel will help to improve themselves. Maybe some of the stuff will work or not. I want to continue using the stuff that makes Casman tick and provide some things that will make it better!

## **Sitting Down With: Anna**

Interviewer Ollie

**What's your favorite thing to cook?** Pepperoni Pizza

**What are your plans after graduating?** To go to art school and study fashion design

**What's your favorite food?** pizza

**What is your favorite movie?** Monster House

**Any advice for the students of Casman?** Do your best even when there is no light to see there will always be light at the end of the road.

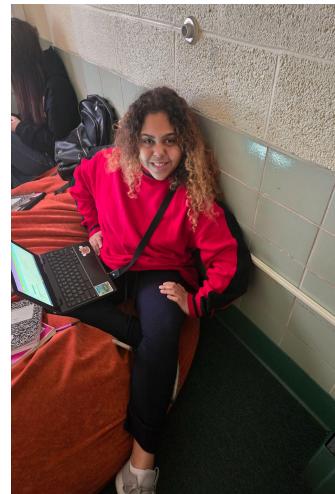
**What's your favorite subject at school?** History.

**If you could travel anywhere you would travel where would you travel?** Jamaica

**What's your favorite thing to do outside of school?** Ride bikes or chill with friends.

**What's something you've always wanted to do?** Bungee or paragliding

**What's the three words that best describe you?** caring, funny, considerate



## Poem of the week:

### The City's Oldest Known Survivor of the Great War

by [James Doyle](#)

marches in uniform down the traffic  
stripe  
at the center of the street, counts time  
to the unseen web that has rearranged  
the air around him, his left hand  
stiff as a leather strap along his side,  
the other saluting right through the  
decades  
as if they weren't there, as if everyone  
under ninety  
were pervasive fog the morning would  
dispel  
in its own good time, as if the high  
school band  
all flapping thighs and cuffs behind him

were as ghostly as the tumbleweed on  
every road  
dead-ended in the present, all the  
ancient infantry  
shoulder right, through a skein of bone,  
presenting arms  
across the drift, nothing but empty  
graves now  
to round off another century,  
the sweet honey of the old cadence, the  
streets  
going by at attention, the banners  
glistening with dew,  
the wives and children blowing kisses.

## This Day in History, November 8th!

Bram Stoker was born in 1847 at Marino Crescent, Dublin, Ireland. He died at the age of 64 in 1912, Bram Stoker was an Irish author who is best known for writing the 1897 Gothic horror novel Dracula. During his lifetime, he was better known as the personal assistant of actor Sir Henry Irving and business manager of the West End's Lyceum Theatre, which Irving owned.

Bram Stoker was married to Florence Balcombe; they were married for 34 years. They got married at St. Anne's Church in Dublin on December 4th 1878 to 1912. They were married and he took the saying, "till death do us part" seriously.

He was most known for writing and publishing Dracula in May of 1897. It took him seven years to finish the book. The reason it took Bram Stoker seven years to write Dracula, he had great difficulty cutting through the overload of his own imaginative clutter. The process was twisted, arduous, and constantly interrupted.

## Animal of the week: Vampire Squid

The vampire squid is a very cool and vampire looking squid, which is likely why they have their name. They grow to be about 1 ft long and weigh about 1-2 pounds. These animals only eat dead organic material, such as dead animal particles, rotting materials, snot, poop, etc.. which makes them the only cephalopod that doesn't eat live prey!

These animals live in temperate and tropical water zones worldwide, though it's very, very deep under the water; around 2,000 - 3,000 ft on average. Despite how deep under the surface that is, they do have a lot of predators. Fish, other cephalopods, sharks, whales, and sea lions are a few.



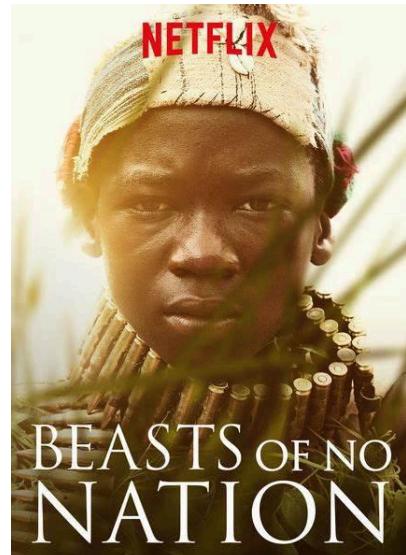
## Weekly Movie recommendation!

### **Beast of No Nation** By Nathan Edgington

The 2015 American military drama film *Beasts of No Nation* is based on Uzodinma Iweala's book. The narrative follows Agu, a young boy who becomes a child soldier during his country's horrible civil war. Agu is orphaned after his father is killed in a savage militia raid on his West African hamlet, and he is drafted to participate in his country's civil war. He is taught by a merciless leader, who shapes him into a hardened murderer.

#### **My Rating and Opinion: Rated R or MA**

I would grade this movie a 10/10 if I could. It's a terrific film with a harsh but truthful message. I've watched this movie four times on Netflix, and I'd want to mention that it has a lot of real and scary feelings, and that watching it also raises awareness.



# **Song of the Week : Sammy Hagar, Remember the Heroes— 1983**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MU\\_-Jajh3U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MU_-Jajh3U)

## **Book of the Week : Boys in the Barracks by Anthony M Hassan & Carl A Castro**

### **FUN FACTS** By Nathan Edgington

- The term "Artificial Intelligence" was coined in 1956 by John McCarthy
- Michigan is known for its auto industry, with Henry Ford establishing the Ford Motor Company in Detroit
- Bananas don't have many seeds and are able to multiply itself

## **Pet of the Week**

Name: Jasper

Breed: Mutt (pitbull hound)

Age: About 10 or so years old



Jasper is Jaden's very old, but playful pitbull. Jasper was about 2-3 years old when Jaden's family got her from a pound in Frankfort. The moment Jaden and her family saw Jasper, they knew that she was the dog they wanted in the family.

Despite Jasper's old age and aching body, she loves to run around and tear up things like sticks and tires. One of Jasper's favorite foods are pancakes (which Jaden checks the ingredients of to make sure they're safe for the dog) and eggs. Sometimes Jasper will sit down on the bed and watch TV, even if she can't hear it very well, or at all. Something Jasper really doesn't like is the mere action of pointing at the bath, because she really hates baths and the acknowledgement that she's very stinky.

**Author's Quote of the Week-** "It is really wonderful how much resilience there is in human nature". –Bram Stoker

## Just Say NO to Bullying!!

**Nov 11-29**

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday                               | Thursday                                       | Friday                      |
|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------|
| 11.<br>Mini corn Dogs<br>Alt: Big Daddy's pizza                | 12.<br>Soft shelled tacos<br>Alt: Yogurt plate | 13.<br>Chicken smackers<br>alt: Calzone | 14.<br>Homemade goulash<br>Alt: Cheeseburger   | 15.<br>Lunchable            |
| 18.<br>Ham & cheese pretzel sandwich<br>Alt: Big Daddy's pizza | 19.<br>Chicken Quesadilla<br>Alt: Yogurt plate | 20.<br>Popcorn chicken<br>alt: Calzone  | 21.<br>Thanksgiving feast<br>Alt: Cheeseburger | 22.<br>Uncrustable          |
| 25.<br>Chicken alfredo<br>Alt: Big Daddy's pizza               | 26.<br>Beef fajitas<br>Alt: Yogurt plate       | 27.<br>NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK             | 28.<br>NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK                    | 29.<br>NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK |



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