The Sherlock Holmes Project for the Jan Stauber Grant was a wonderful opportunity for our students at North Branch High School. In all, we received 82 books in multiple Genres. I was able to classify these texts as Classic, Mystery, Graphic Novels, Quick Reads, Humor, Games and Gaming, Curiosities, Story Collections, and True Crime. With these books being spread out throughout the library, there will be more of a chance of students finding them interesting and learning more about the Sherlock Holmes Adventures!

To start, I have a shelf specifically for new releases, and these books started here for easy perusal. Also, I acquired a personal journal that you can write in from one of the box sets that I ordered. I decided to have a drawing and reward the journal to a lucky student on October 30th. To enter, Students only needed to check out one of the new books from the Jan Stauber Grant. Starting on September 25th, I had the announcements advertise the drawing. I also had posters made with AI that advertised the Sherlock Holmes collection and posted them around the library and in the commons area just outside the library. The more books you checked out, the more entries you got. In all, I had 15 Entries. One student even checked out 4 Sherlock Holmes books within this month!

The students were excited to find new material in the library, and they were doubly excited to be able to win a prize! At the announcements on Friday, October 30th, we did a live drawing and informed the student that they could come to the library and pick up the journal that came in one of the box sets of Sherlock Holmes books that I acquired from this grant. I am including a picture of when I rewarded the book to this student.

With this grant, we were able to expand many of our sections with new material, and make the classics available to more students with special needs. The students also had an incentive to come into the library and peruse the selections at their leisure. This helped them gain more knowledge about how they could find the books that were interesting to them, and hopefully make them repeat customers!

Thank you so much for this opportunity to expand the horizons for these students! The books are a treasure they will enjoy for years to come!

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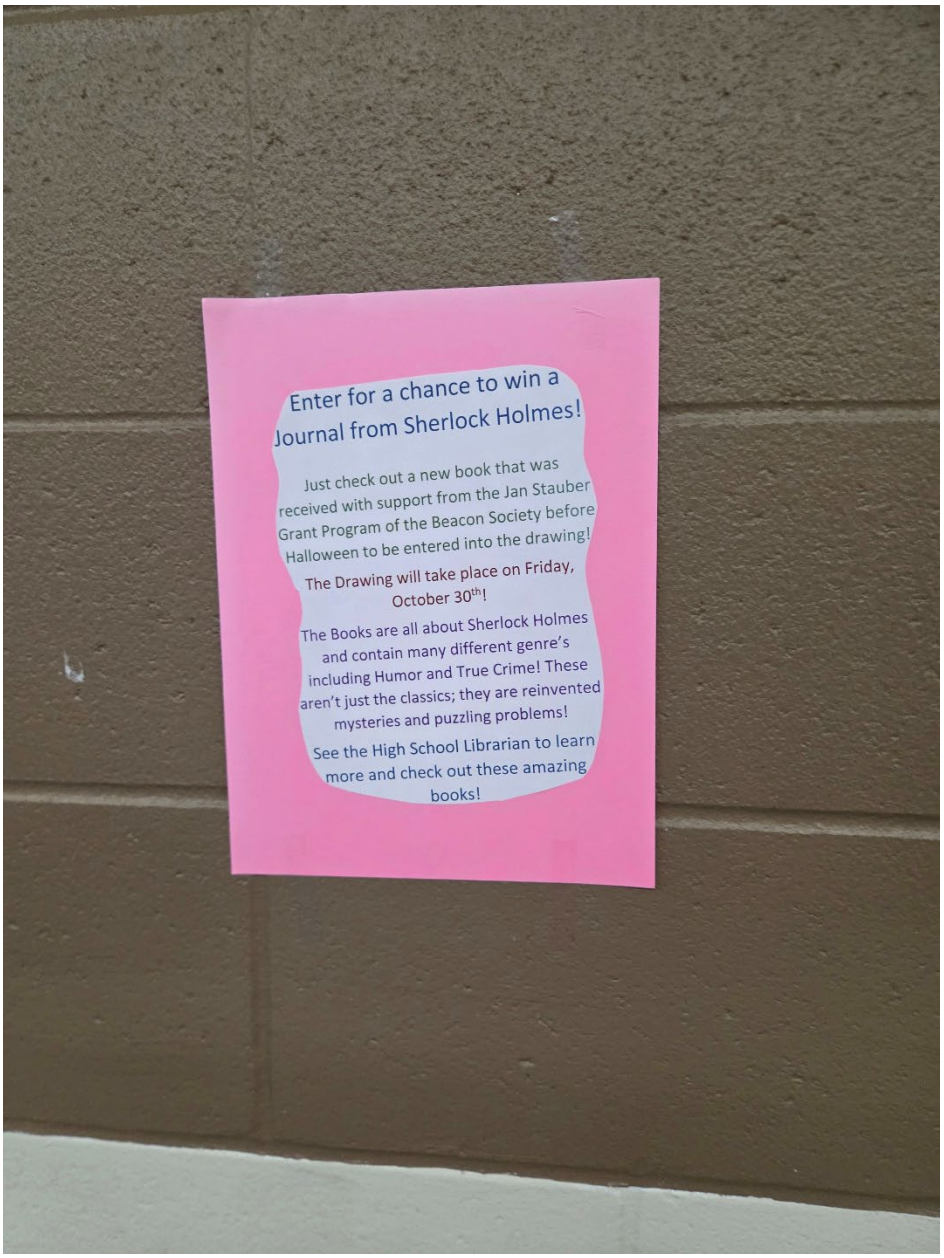
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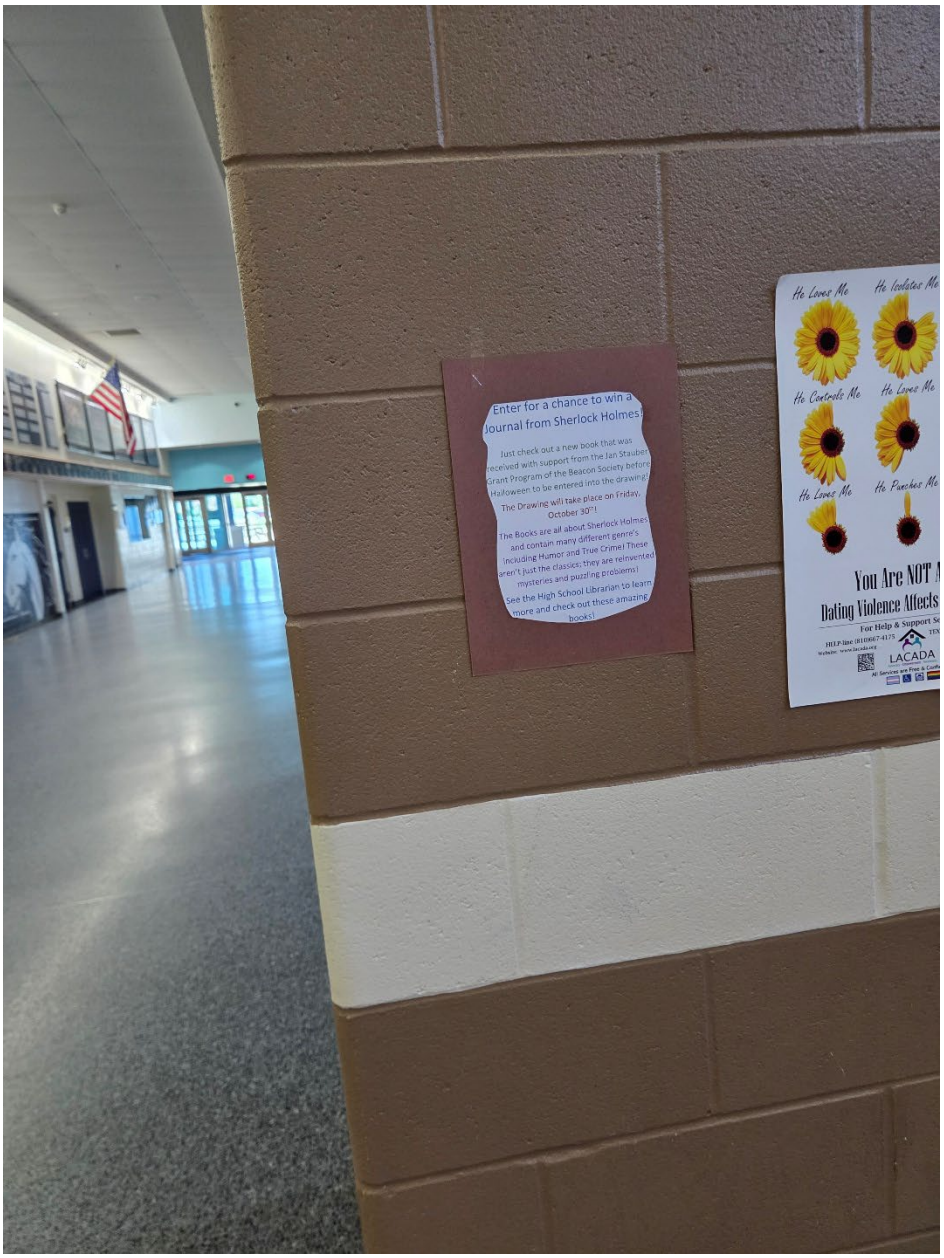
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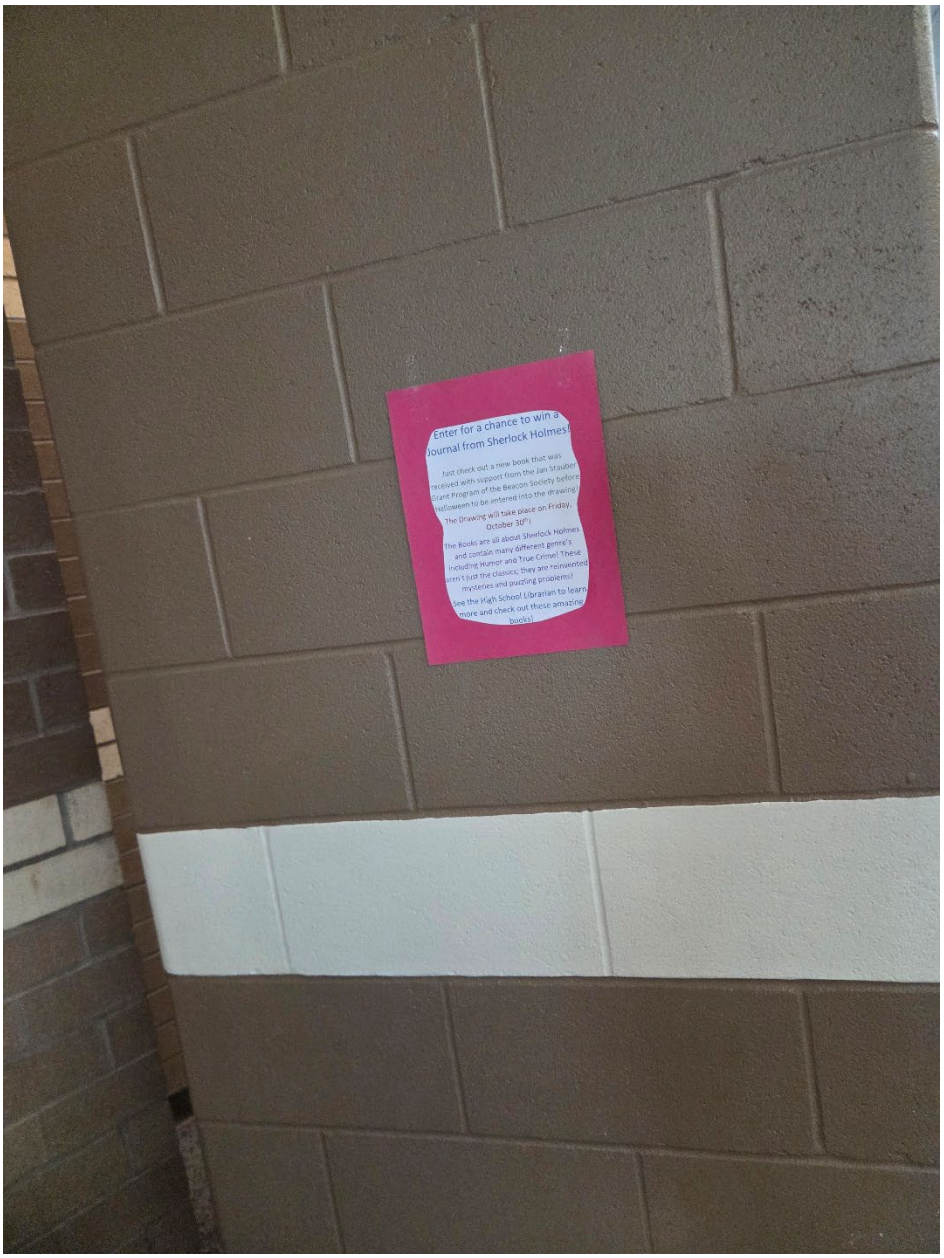
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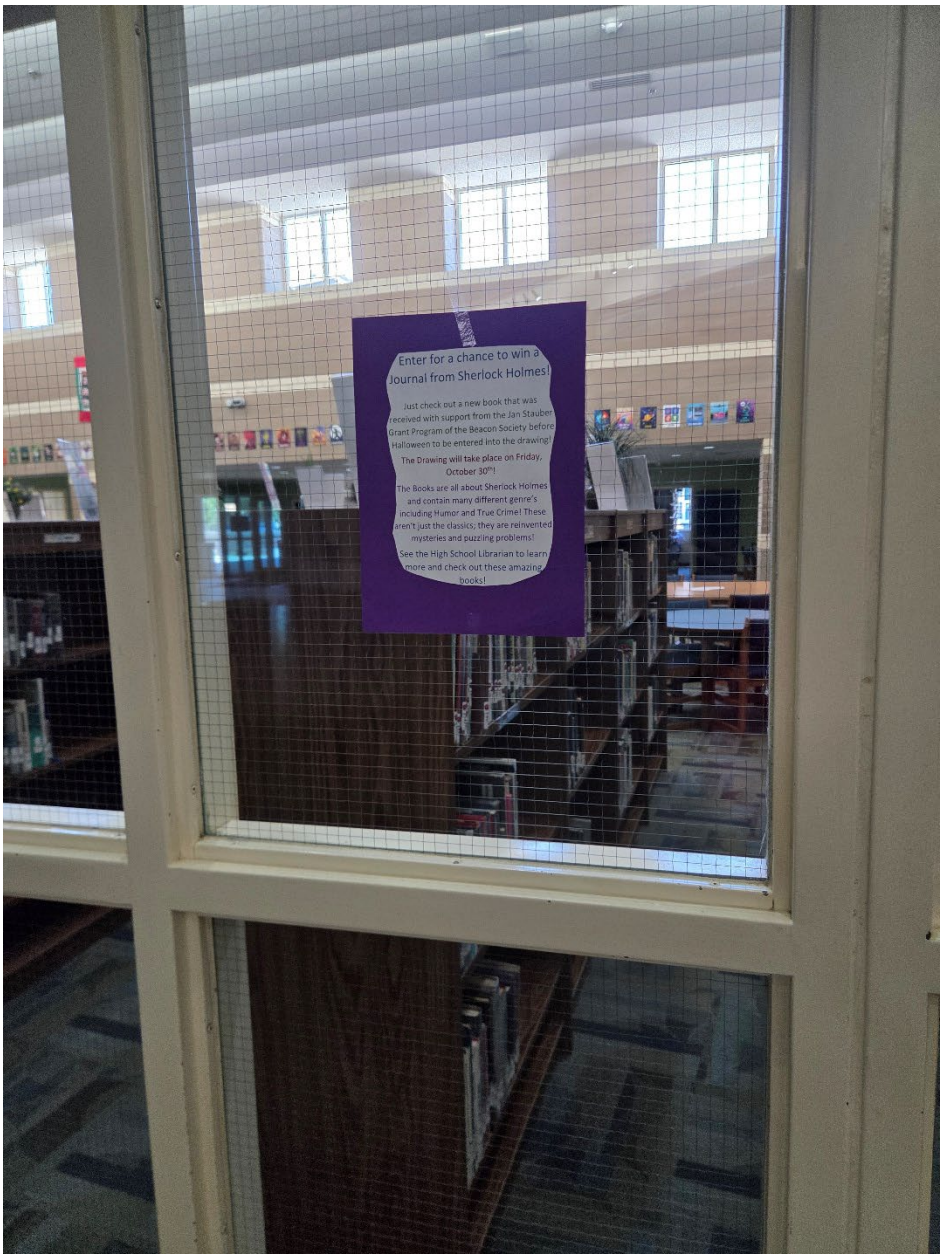
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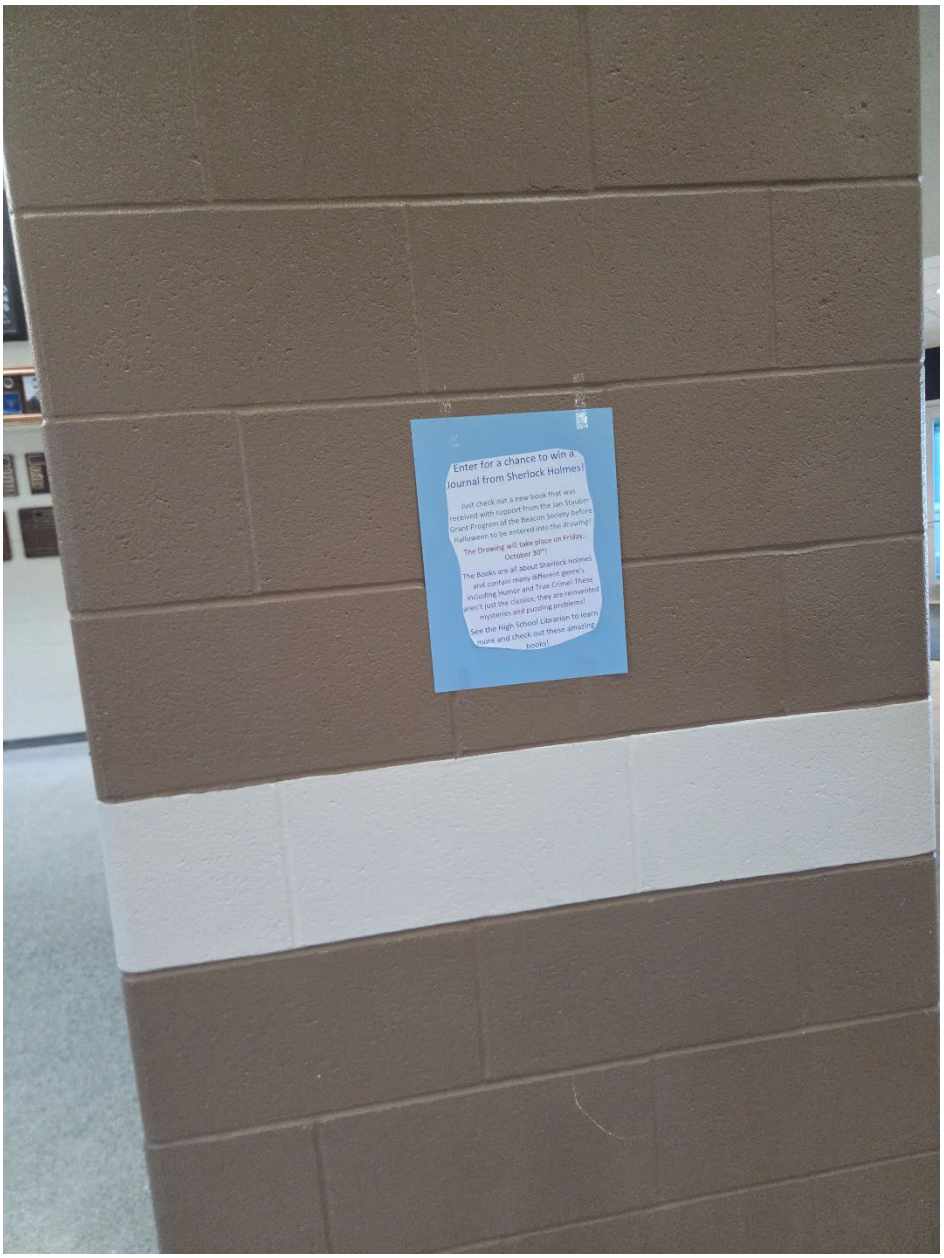
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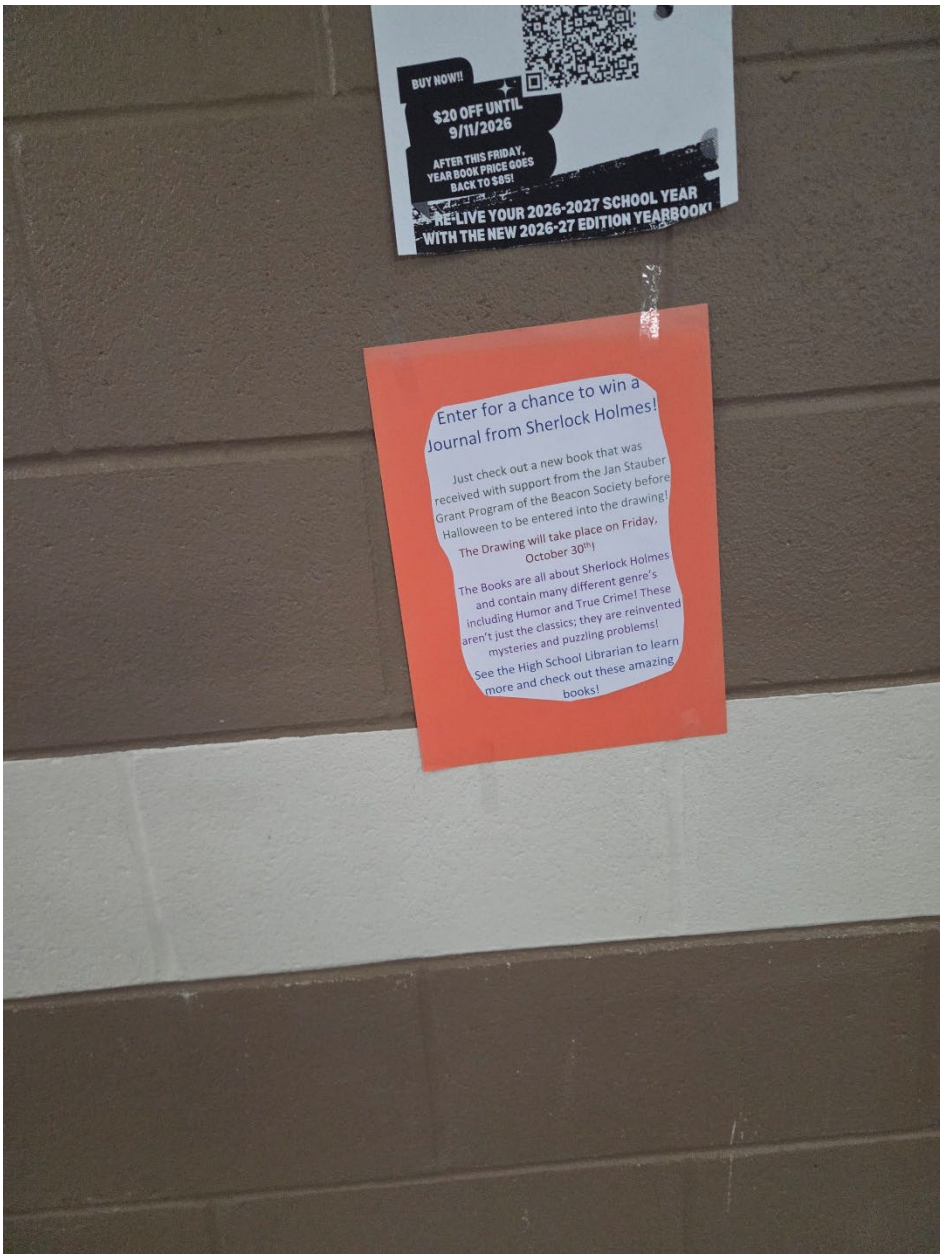
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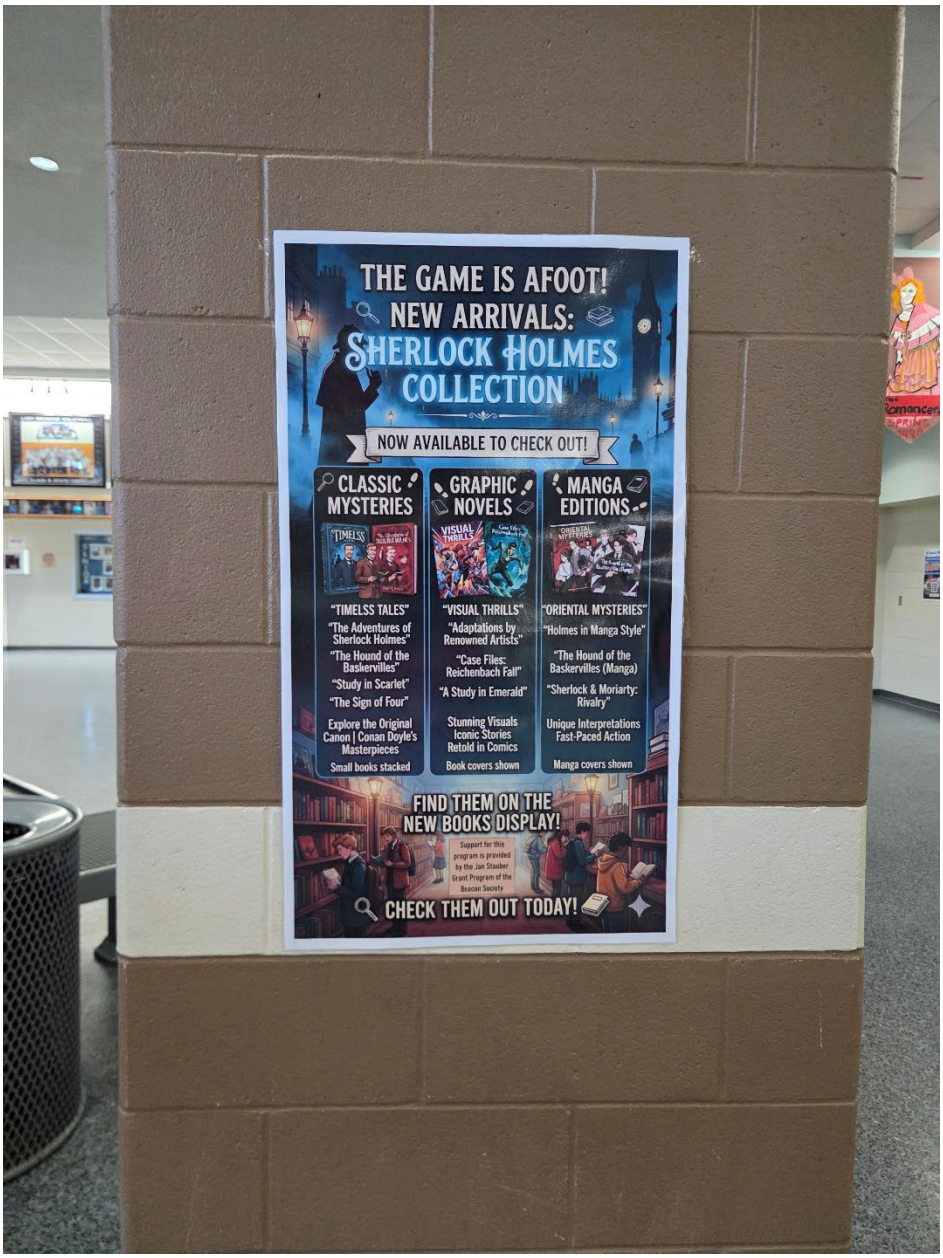
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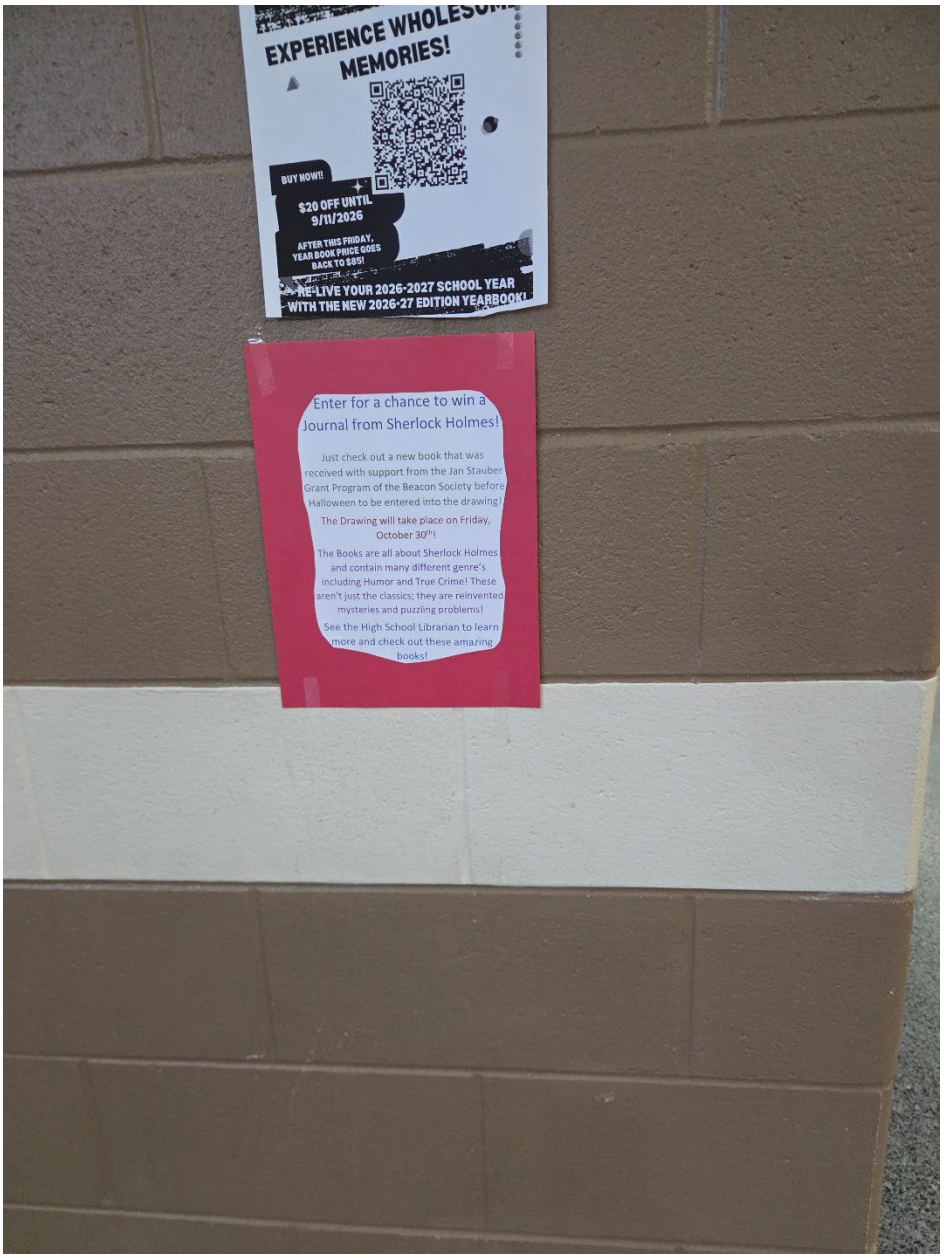
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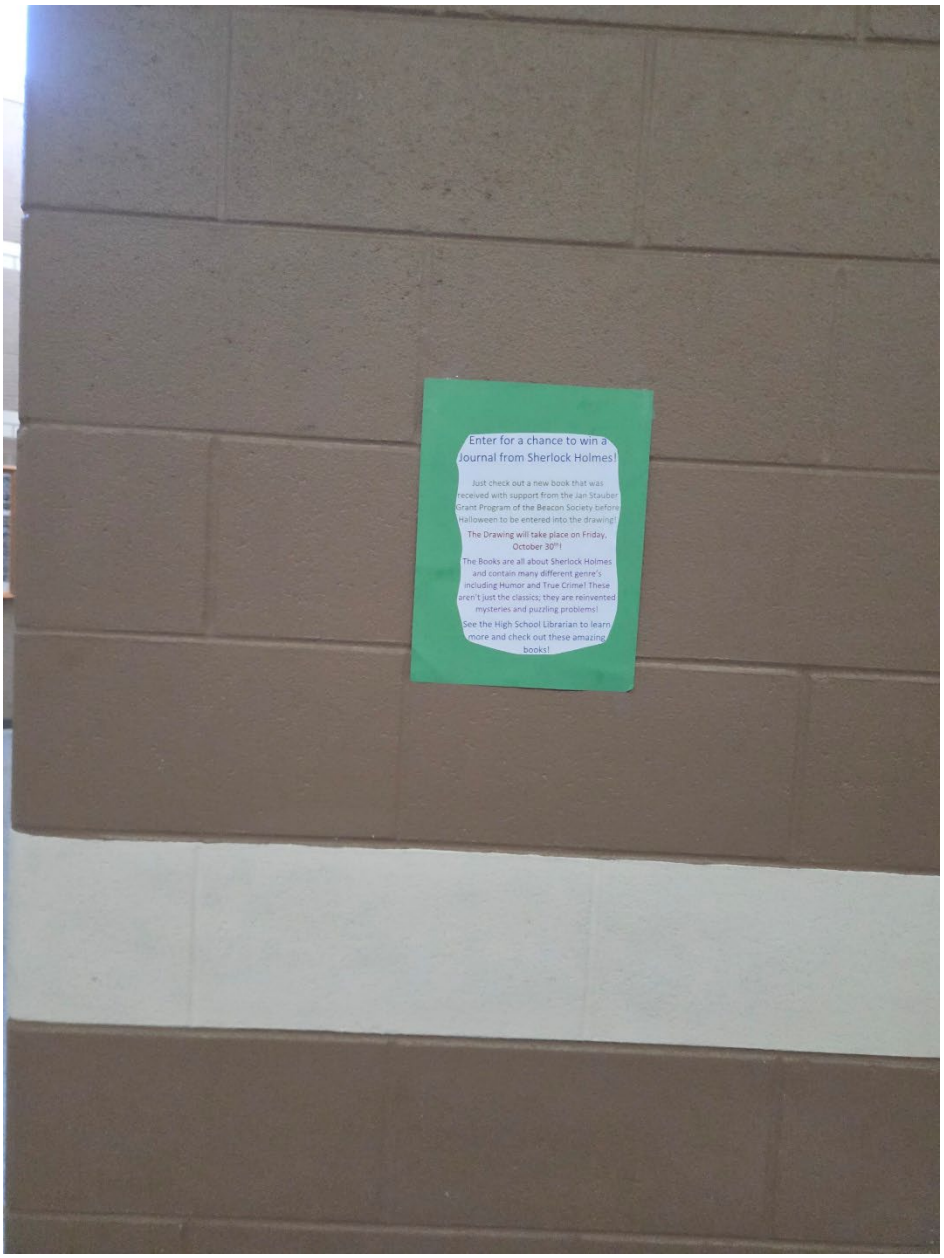
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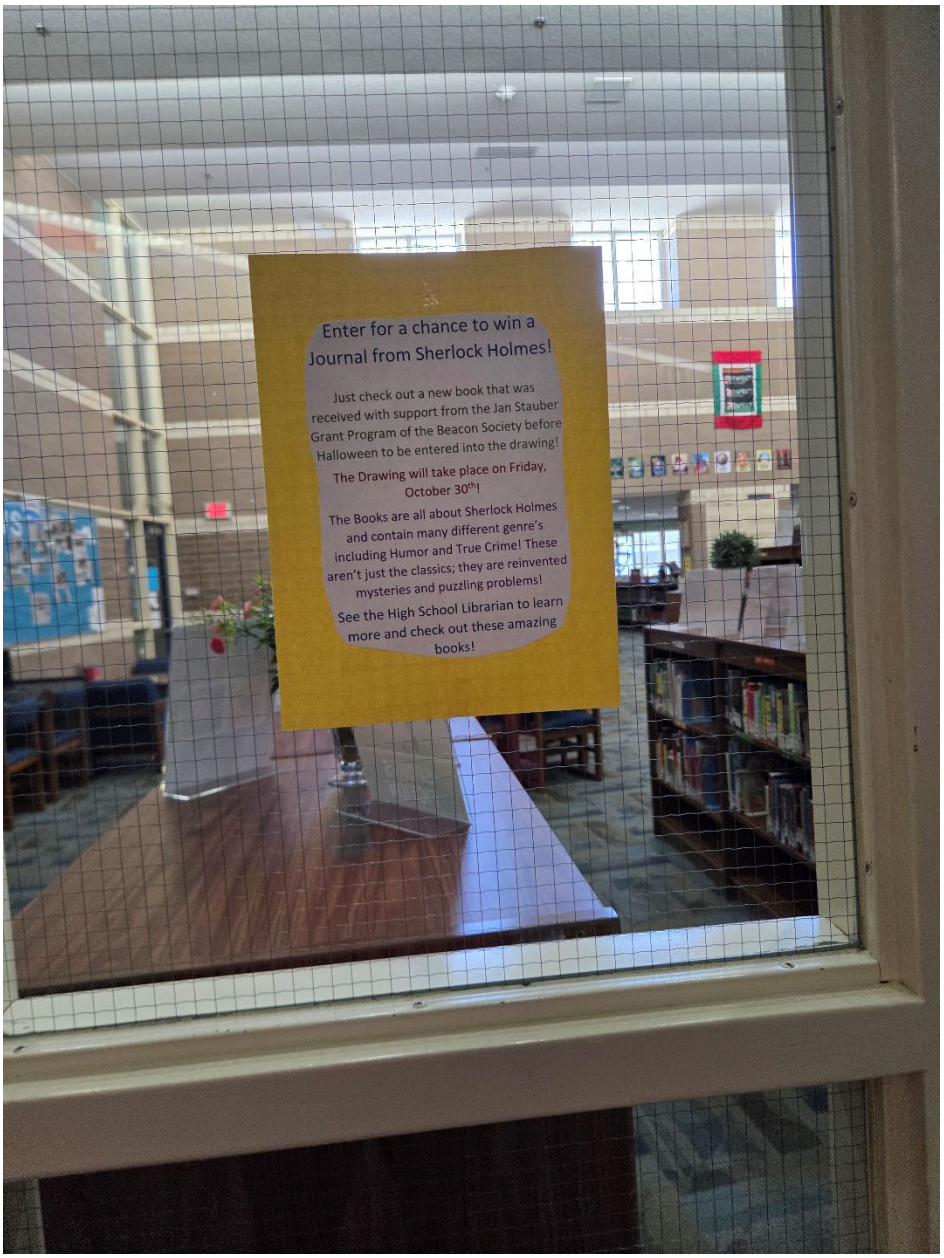
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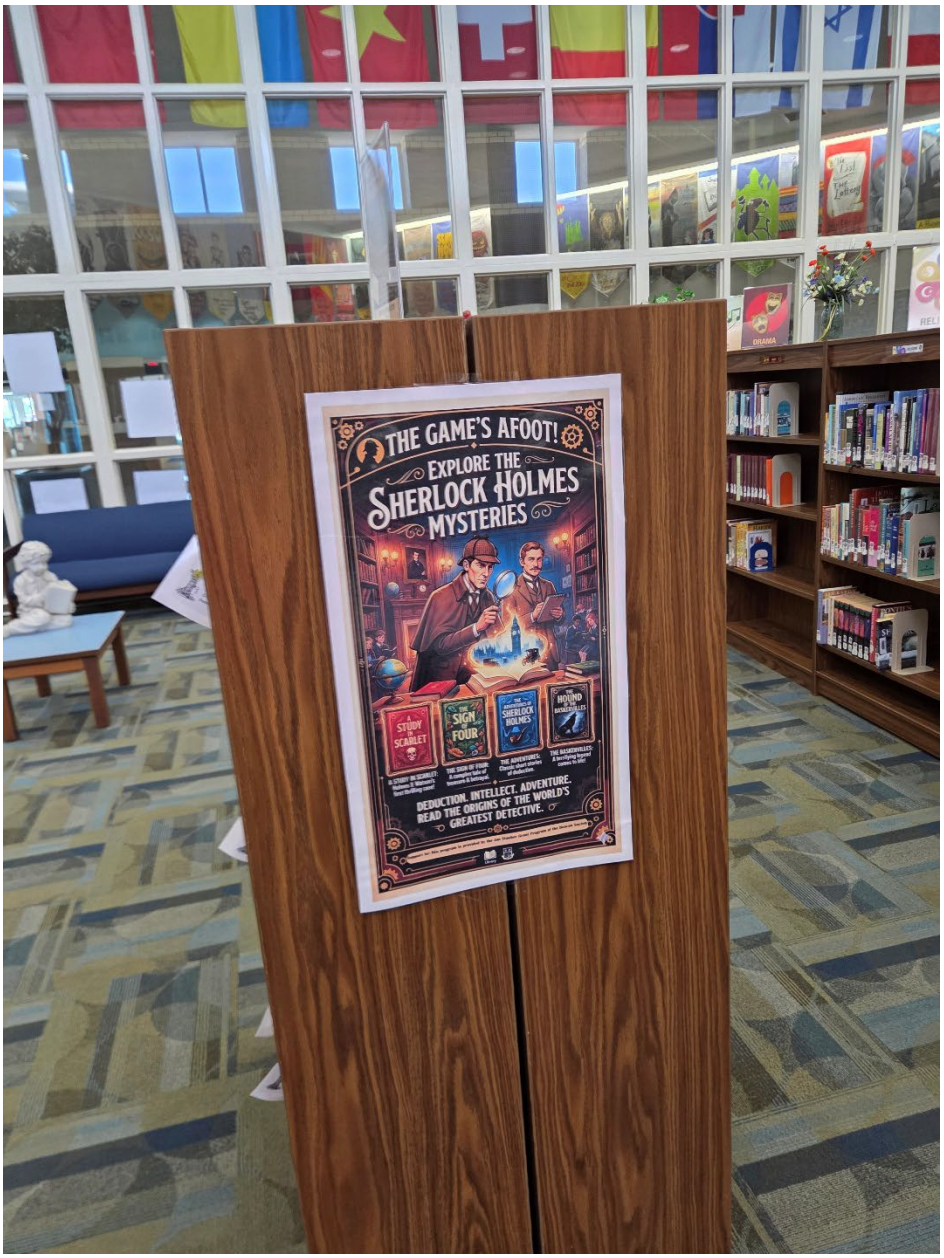
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