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ways to
treat your
loved ones





Welcome

TO THE EIGHTH ISSUE OF

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L E T T E R

from the

EDITOR



Dear Readers,

If there's one thing that I've learned through this whole process, it's that you need motivation for everything. You need it to wake up, get dressed, take the bus, do your homework, etc. Every single thing takes effort, but that's life. It's been hard for me to find the drive to push through everything, but I'm learning to find inspiration in the little things. It's a work in progress.

I just want all of you to know one very important thing: hard work and determination create success. Work until 3 A.M. whilst you sip a cup of coffee to keep the gears turning. Roll up your sleeves, take off the covers, and write that paper you've been putting off for a week. It always pays off in the end.

I've been working on Pretty Smart for over a year now, and looking back on everything, there is not one moment where I have regret my work ethic. I've dedicated my entire life to this beautiful magazine, and I'm so grateful that you all decided to give me a chance.

Thank you for the big things—like your immense support and contributions—but I also want to take the time to acknowledge the smaller things. The messages you send me telling me how much you love the newest issue always brightens my day. It let's me know that what I'm doing is making a difference, and that's huge.

I dedicate this issue to the most important thing of all: love. I hope you always find that in here and within yourself.

Stay brilliant, bold, and beautiful.

so much love, Bronna



MEET

Crystal
Macomber

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WHAT'S IN YOUR BAG?

EDITOR Edition

LOTS OF MULTICOLORED
PENS AND MARKERS,
BECAUSE I LOVE TO
DOODLE.

MY IPHONE AND
TRACPHONE SO I
CAN USE SOCIAL
MEDIA AND CALL
MY MOM.



A NOTEBOOK AND A
PEN IN CASE
CREATIVITY
STRIKES.

THREE SHADES OF
LIPSTICK (RED, PINK,
AND A SURPRISE
COLOR) JUST IN CASE.

HOBNAIL BOOTS!
CHECK IT OUT!

A HAND CREAM AND
HAND SANITIZER FROM
BATH AND BODY WORKS.
MY FAVORITE SCENT IS
WARM VANILLA SUGAR.

HERSHEY KISSES,
BECAUSE YOU
ALWAYS NEED
CHOCOLATE.

VITAMIN
C DROPS.

Love



Time

14 WAYS TO SHOW THE ONES YOU LOVE THAT YOU CARE ALL YEAR ROUND. VALENTINES DAY ISN'T THE ONLY DAY THAT YOU'RE ALLOWED TO SHOW EMOTION. EXPRESS YOUR LOVE!

1) □

Send them a good morning or night text.

2) □

Write them a letter. Tell them all the reasons why they're special to you.

3) □

Bake them a breakfast treat. Not only is it sweet to eat, but it shows them that you care.

4) □

Make them a diy project. Create a necklace, a paper flower, or something you know they will love.

5) □

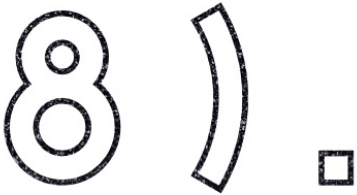
Be vocal about your appreciation. Tell them why they're amazing. It warms their heart.



Buy them a coffee in the morning. It shows them that you thought of them, and that will stick with them throughout the day.



Take them out on a date.



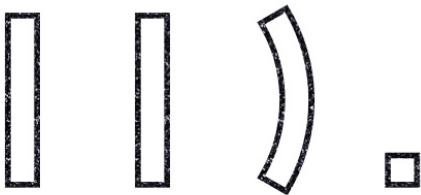
Buy them a sugary treat for no reason. The special occasion?: you want to show your love.



Compliment them endlessly. It's extremely thoughtful.



Express your love through a hug or gentle touches during a cuddle session. The best feeling on earth: having your hair played with.



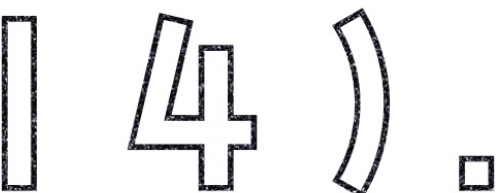
Give them a quick "stay safe" text if they're on the road.



Write them an expressive paragraph. It's the sweetest thing to wake up to.



Write them a song or a poem. Words from the heart are beautiful.



Take a moment to simply say, "I love you."

ESPRECHER

PHOTOGRAPHY



**EMILY SPRECHER GIVES US
THE STORIES BEHIND SOME
OF HER FAVORITE PHOTOS**



**I LOVE THIS
PICTURE BECAUSE
IT WAS TAKEN
IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE BOYS
WON A GREAT GAME.
THEY HAD GONE
INTO OVERTIME AND
HAD EVERYONE ON
EDGE THE ENTIRE
TIME. THE
EXCITEMENT OF
THE WIN IS SHOWN
IN THEIR BODY
LANGUAGE AND
FACIAL
EXPRESSIONS, AND
I'M SO GLAD I WAS
ABLE TO BE THERE
TO CAPTURE IT.**



**THIS ONE WAS ACTUALLY AN ASSIGNMENT FOR
PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS FRESHMAN YEAR. I HAD GONE TO
FLORIDA ON VACATION WHILE EVERYONE WAS BACK AT
SCHOOL WORKING ON IT. FOR FEAR OF NOT GETTING IT
DONE ON TIME, I SET UP A TOWEL AND SOME MARBLES IN
MY FRIEND'S SINK AND USED MY OWN CAMERA TO GET A
WATER DROP PICTURE. I WAS SUPER PROUD OF IT THEN
AND IT'S STILL ONE OF MY FAVORITES TODAY.**



THIS ONE WAS TAKEN IN FLORIDA LAST YEAR. WE WERE DRIVING ALONG LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO EAT, BUT HAD TO STOP TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE SUNSET BECAUSE OF HOW COMPLETELY UNREAL IT WAS. IT LOOKED EXACTLY THE SAME IN PERSON AS IT DOES IN THIS PHOTO. THE ENTIRE SKY WAS MORE ORANGE THAN I'VE EVER SEEN AND THE SUN GLOWED LIKE IT WAS ABOUT TO EXPLODE. THE GIRL AND BIRDS WALKING ALONG A SANDBAR IN FRONT OF IT WERE SIMPLY GOOD TIMING.



I LOVE THIS PICTURE BECAUSE OF THE EMOTION I FEEL IT CAPTURES. THIS WAS BEFORE WE'D BROKEN OUR AWFUL 5 YEAR LOSING STREAK—THIS GAME INCLUDED, SADLY—YET IT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL BY THE LOOKS OF THIS PLAYER. SHE HAD JUST SCORED A GOAL, AND ALTHOUGH THAT POINT MAY HAVE BEEN THE ONLY ONE FOR US ON THE BOARD, IT WAS ONE STEP CLOSER TO A WIN.

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DARE

to be

KIND





If you find

someone who constantly cares for you, loves you through every situation, and never gives up on you, then you never let that person leave your life. These kinds of people are next to impossible to find, but once in a blue moon, they can be found. At Foxcroft Academy, Crystal Macomber is that amazing person.

Crystal is many things. She's warm, encouraging, delightful, and so much more. She brings joy and happiness to all of those around her, even if they don't return it. She's had a hard, yet incredible senior year. Despite losing close loved ones and having to expel toxic people from her life, she's grown exponentially. She's become an impeccable young woman, an insanely talented cheerleader coach, and she's been accepted to her top school: UMF. Crystal is learning how to shine bright for herself, and here she tells you how she plans on doing so.

Q&A

Bronna: Hello Crystal. So you're Pretty Smart's February cover girl. How does that make you feel?

Crystal: I don't even know what to say! I was kind of confused when you asked me!

Bronna: You should never be confused about that. Of course I chose you. So you're one of my very best friends, but that's not the reason why I chose you to be this month's cover girl. You're extraordinarily kind, brilliant, and bold, but what I respect most about you is that fact that you're so outspoken. Why do you choose to be so vocal about everything?

Crystal: If you really care about something, you will let it be known. It's important to stand up for what you believe in, no matter what it is. A wonderful right that we have in this country is the freedom to speak up. Not only are you speaking up for yourself, but also for others who are effected and might not have the words.

Bronna: You've been through so much, but those events have made you into the strongest person I know. How did those moments change you?

Crystal: My freshman year my parents fought a LOT. I know I sound like I'm describing a now "typical" American family, but never the less, it shakes your world. In December of my freshman year, I was asked to keep the biggest secret I've ever had to keep. My dad had rented an apartment and told me that we were secretly going to move away from my mom when she was at work. Not only did I have to keep this secret, but I had to decide if I wanted to leave my mom. I did want to leave my mom. She has accused my father and I of terrible things. But the decision wasn't easy—I mean, she was still my mom. So we moved out on January 1st while she was at work. It was going pretty well, until she came home unexpectedly. There was a lot of screaming and fighting. There were words said that neither of us could ever take back. In the following months, she left my sister and I notes and gifts at the door step of our apartment, begging for us to come back or visit with her. Although it has been such a hard journey, I have learned these three things. 1. Words hurt and you can't take them back. 2. If people hurt you, then you have the right to move on (yes, even if that person is your mother). 3. Be kind to everyone you meet; you never really know what's going on with them.

Bronna: One of the most incredible things about you is your dedication. You're so devoted to helping others, which is beautiful. You do so much for this town and community. Why are you so dedicated?

Crystal: When I get involved with something I dive head first. You shouldn't bother being involved in something if you're not going to put your best foot forward. I love being involved in the community, because I feel that you can benefit so much from learning about those around you

Bronna: Speaking of being devoted, why do you choose to be in Key Club? You're such a crucial member of the Kiwanis society. Why is Key Club so important to you?

Crystal: OMG! Key Club is life! Key Club is amazing in so many ways. First off, their motto is "Caring, our way of life." I mean, who can't get on board with that?! Also, it's amazing to think that kids all over the world join Key Club, because they value the same things as me.

Bronna: Another subject that you're very passionate about is the Thirst Project. What is it and what is Key Club doing to support it? How can we as a community help out?

Crystal: The Thirst Project is an organization with the goals to inform everyone of the global water crisis and to end it. Currently, the Thirst Project is partnered with Key Club International so that they can meet their goal of bringing clean water to Swaziland by 2021.

Division Two (Milo, FA, Nokomis, Dexter, Greenville, Guilford) in particular is trying to raise enough money to put a well in Swaziland. This is a total cost of 12,000. It's a huge number, but we know we can accomplish it with everyone's help. The community can help one of two ways. First by educating themselves and others about the global water crisis, and second by donating.

Bronna: You have been lieutenant governor—which is an extremely huge role—in Key Club for a long time. What does the job consist of? How do you feel now that it's almost over?

Crystal: I have been an LTG for two years now. My duties consist of checking in with my six clubs a least once a month, holding at least five Officer Council Meetings, giving monthly reports to the District, attending all District meetings, publishing a newsletter ever month, and completing all District committee work. As you might have guessed, it keeps me pretty busy. I'm so grateful to have had this amazing opportunity. I am so extremely saddened that my time in Key Club is coming to an end.

Bronna: Another thing that's coming to an end this year is your high school career. What do you see yourself doing in the future? Have you gotten accepted to any colleges?

Crystal: I see myself where I've always wanted to be; in a classroom. I only applied to UMF. I have been accepted and will be attending in the spring.







Bronna: You're amazing with children. You visit the SeDoMoCha Middle School every other day to be a teachers assistant, and you're also a cheerleading coach for 3-6 graders. Why do you love teaching children? What drives that passion?

Crystal: Teachers have such a big role in the community—especially lower grade teachers. Teachers are role models that help shape children and are there for the community. If we want the world to be a more positive place, then it has to start with us. Teaching and coaching makes me feel like I am a part of something bigger than myself.

Bronna: You were nominated as friendliest in your senior superlatives, which I believe speaks volumes about your character. What is most important when it comes to being kind?

Crystal: I think it shows that I am kinder to others than I am to myself. Just be as kind as you can everyone.

Bronna: You've attended both the District and International Conventions for Key Club, which is insane, because Icon was located in Atlanta. What do you do at these events? I heard you also won a huge award, so can you tell me about that?

Crystal: DECON and ICON are both conventions all about Key Club. Both are filled with so much information about Key Club. There are Presentations about different subjects all day and you get to choose what you go to. At ICON, I did win an award. It wasn't huge, but I did win one. I won the Robert F. Lucas award. You win this award by proving (printing off emails, call logs, etc.) that you did an outstanding job while being a LTG.

Bronna: You host a Read-a-Thon almost every year at the Thompson Free Library to raise money for a school in Vietnam. How did this project get started? Why are you so involved with it?

Crystal: This project got start mostly, because I love reading and no kid should live life without their own books. The school in Vietnam is actually a school that the New England Bermuda actually built. So I'm really just supporting Key Club.

Bronna: You're insanely responsible. You've had two difficult jobs and handled them with grace and ease. What's the trick to balancing work, school, and activities?

Crystal: Learning how to manage your time can be hard, but it is definitely a valuable skill to have.

Bronna: Along with work, you're also a very famous babysitter in the Dover area. How did you get started with that and why do you continue to babysit? Does it have anything to do with the fact that you would like to become a teacher? How do those two connect?

Crystal: Well, I'm not really sure how I started babysitting for so many people. I guess it was just by association. I like kids, but I really don't think it has anything to do with me being a teacher. I also—at this point in life— don't want kids(like ever). As one of the moms always tells me, "It's great birth control".

Bronna: Last question! Thank you so much for these amazing answers Crystal. You've been an incredible cover girl. So, with everything that's going on in the world right now, what change do you wish to see?

Crystal: I just hope that no matter what your political views are, that we can still come together as a community in a time of need.



Rachael's *NYFW*

EXPERIENCE





Rachael Pope

When I met Rachael at Kode with Klossy, she was a strong, successful, and intuitive coder. We quickly became fast friends through our love of Hamilton, fashion, and of course, Karlie Kloss. I got to know this incredibly intelligent woman over the course of two amazing weeks in NYC, but this month I got in contact with her again to talk about the most insane event: New York Fashion Week.

Rachael might be an awesome coder, but she's a phenomenal model. She got to strut her toned physique down the runways of three magical fashion shows. After modeling for only three years, she's built quite the resume. Although she's freelance at the moment, Rachael plans to be based out of NYC soon. She's ready to take the Big Apple by storm, so be ready to see her gracing the concrete streets as soon as possible.



You had an incredible time during NYFW. Which shows did you walk in and what was the experience like?

I walked in three shows, which was incredible for my first season! I was in Romeo Hunte, Alex Vinash, and Ex Mermaid by Francki Michels. All were very different and wonderful in their unique ways! I loved all the designers for their indivisible styles. Romeo was a mix of strong and sexy, masculine and feminine. Alex's designs were all GORGEOUS! His attention to detail can't be beat. Ex Mermaid is fun and funky street wear. Francki is a genius in making bold statements perfect for street style. Getting to work with so many talented, passionate people--from the designers to makeup artists--was incredible and I can't wait to do it again!

You had amazing shows during your time in New York City. What was your favorite moment and why?

My favorite moment is when you get to the end of that runway. All the hard work, hours in the gym, rushing from casting to casting, the time in hair and makeup; it all pays off in that moment--and it's only a moment!

But then you get to go backstage again, and it's all hugs and celebration. All the blood, sweat, and tears get you to the end of the runway, and that's your moment. There's nothing else like it.



You looked impeccable in the outfits you modeled. How did you train to look so toned for NYFW?

Aw, thank you so much! Exercise has always been a part of my life. I have been a dancer pretty much since I could walk! Last summer I interned for Justin Gelband, a personal trainer, and I learned so much from him. I work out with a combination of Justin's method, my own fitness background, and other methods from trainers that I've worked with. I also LOVE group fitness. There's just something about being in a room full of people all working hard for themselves. I like taking classes like yoga and pilates to get in that group setting and mix up my routine.

What would be your dream show to model in? Did you see any shows that inspired you?

Oh gosh how do I choose?! There are so many amazing designers already established, and even more up and coming ones! I would love to walk for Marc Jacobs--he makes incredible shoes. They're always super high. I tried on a pair and felt 8ft tall! His edgy designs with the platform shoes make for a really cool aesthetic. On the complete other end of the spectrum, I also adore Marchesa. They make stunning gowns with intricate embroidery. Their gowns are so pretty it's almost otherworldly! Alice and Olivia is another great brand, classy yet a little sassy. But honestly, there's something special about every designer. My dream show is working for any designer that's passionate and hardworking, so that I can help their vision come alive on the runway!

After walking in a few NYFW shows, do you have any advice for aspiring models?

Breathe. Try to relax, but work hard. Enjoy every minute of it! You can choose how you handle the chaos of fashion week. You can either freak out and be constantly stressed, or accept it for what it is and decide to view it as spontaneous and exciting, instead of crazy and panic-inducing. Keeping a positive mindset is the key to staying sane and having fun during the fashion week season!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here are some events to attend during the busy month of March!

3, 4, & 5

ONE ACTS PERFORM AT THE CENTER THEATRE

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WINTER CARNIVAL DANCE

10 & 11

ONE ACTS COMPETITION

18

PRETTY SMART GALA

24 & 25

ONE ACTS STATE COMPETITION

PRETTY smart

Gala

Black tie formal wear

Admission: \$5

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