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I HATE MR. M! How can he take our phones away? Isn't that illegal? Or some kind of security issue? MP, you're the super genius, is that even allowed?

Anyway, joke's on him! I found this old diary at home and I brought it so we can write to each other and pass it back and forth. Plus this way it looks like we're actually working. This might be my best idea ever? Smartest kid in the class 4 SURE!

Sunny

P.S. Tell no one! And don't use any real names!

I think we all know who the smartest kid in class is (I'M TALKING 'BOUT YOU, MP). But even I have to admit, this is brilliant, sunny! I love the whole diary thing! We're so old school, like Anne Frank. Years from now people will find this relic and marvel at our young, brilliant minds.

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OMG YOU CANNOT COMPARE US TO ANNE FRANK!!! Disrespectful much?? I cannot believe you said that. FTR, whoever reads this, I do not think I am IN ANY WAY like Anne Frank, who was a hero and victim of a horrific WAR CRIME. I am just an average kid who luvs music and Sloppy Jo — THE BEST DOG IN THE WORLD — and has never been kissed and probably never will be, but even then I know I am so fortunate to live here and not during WWII and I count my blessings every day. PEACE!



Sunny

Don't make me laugh in geography or else Mr. M will know something is up! There is definitely nothing funny about rock formations, or Anne Frank, which you obviously know, Twix. I swear, one of these days you're going to make the wrong joke to the wrong person and end up in the office with Smelly Melly. Her perfume is so strong! I had a coughing fit when I dropped off attendance this morning. I'm pretty sure the no-fragrance policy applies to all staff including the secretaries, so maybe someone should politely remind her?

I don't think it's TECHNICALLY illegal to take our phones away. It feels like it's a Mr. M-specific policy, not a school policy, so you may have grounds to contest it.

Also, if we agree to do this, no one can find the diary. I'm serious. Even without using our real names, they can analyze our handwriting or the people and situations we talk about to figure out exactly who we are. If anyone finds out and they call my parents I'll be grounded for life! You'd never get to see



me and then you would have to live with yourselves, knowing you essentially signed the death warrant that killed my social life.

(MP)

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Relax, MP! We'll be sneaky! Your perfect reputation will remain perfectly perfect and your parents will have no idea you pass notes in class, just like they have no idea that you listen to music with swears at lunchtime. (=)

Code names only! Also I think we need a code name for the diary in case we have to bring it up in public. Here are some ideas. Vote for your fave by placing a checkmark. My personal fave is PAD, but no pressure.

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PLEASE 0000

- The Bible ← probably

sacrilegious?

.Definitely sacrilegious!

- BOOK OF GIRL (BOG for short) BOG like a swamp?!

- GROUP DIARY

- Pass-Around Diari (PAD for Short)

CLike MAXI PAD kind of pad? HAHA

PAD is actually kind of perfect, if you think about it. If anyone overhears us talking about it they'll be too embarrassed to ask about it. Just imagine:

"Who has THE PAD?" EMMMMMMIIIII "MP, can you give THE PAD to Sunny when you're done with it?"

My vote is for PAD!

*HOOPS

P.S. I love EVERYTHING about this!

OMG that is so disgusting. haha I love it! UR A GENIUS! A disgusting genius! YAY! PAD! It's kind of fun to have a secret project. WAY better than this stupid goal project we have to hand in tomorrow! I don't know what to write down. Shouldn't a personal goal be just that? Personal? As in PRIVATE?? I hate that we have to get Mr. M AND our parents to sign it.

What happens if you don't achieve your goal, other than feeling like a complete loser? Mr. M can't fail you, right? What are all of your goals?

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He ABSOLUTELY CANNOT fail you, it's just a personal growth exercise. There's no right or wrong way to grow! You should put down something easy. I put "read more." How can they argue with that? Reading is good for you! I don't have to say

WHAT I'm reading! One of the only good things about Bachelor #3 and his daughters moving in this summer is that I now have an AMAZING selection of clothes and books



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You're probably going to have to be more specific than just "read more," Twix. We're not in grade six anymore. Mr. M is known for being kind of a tough teacher! Plus what if Mr. M makes you track your reading in a journal? Although I do love the idea of him looking up the titles online and finding a list of steamy teen romances!

I wouldn't worry too much about your goal, Sunny. Try not to think of it as something you're only doing for class, but a chance to do something you've always wanted to do. Speaking of which, I'm going to run for class rep. The Student Leadership team is something I've always wanted to do, even though the idea of running against Cheryl Blossom makes me feel sick and giving a

speech in front of the whole class makes me feel even worse. What do you think, do I have a chance? Be honest!

(MP)

P.S. Don't tell anyone yet, it's still a secret!

MP, that's AWESOME, you would be so great! Plus you only have to give a speech in front of our little class, not the whole school. It's just like giving a class presentation, only for something that actually means something to you.

My goal is to make the girls' basketball team. I practised a lot all summer and I did that basketball camp thing and I'm way better than I was last year. My secret goal is to make it to the county championships and get the winning basket, but I don't think that's the kind of "goal" Mr. M means. That's more of a dream, I guess. Is there a difference between a goal and a dream?

*H00PS

Yes, dreams are fun and interesting and goals are BORING AND ENFORCED BY YOUR TEACHER. Why shouldn't you put down "win the championship"?

I think it's a great goal. UGH! You all have such great goals! And BTW, Twix, I DEFINITELY want to read your Fun Sister's sexy books! I LOVE that you have these two cool older sisters now. You can learn SO much from them (and then you have to put it in the PAD so we can all learn from their high school wisdom!).

I guess I'll put "don't fail math." But do you know what my actual, supersecret goal is? I want to be kissed this year. Obviously, I can't put that on the form. I feel stupid even admitting that here.



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P.S. TELL NO ONE! Srsly, I'll DIE if this gets out!



Now that is a REAL goal and something I can totally get behind.

My secret goal is to kiss MORE people. Maybe I'll put THAT on the form. It would be worth it just to see Mr. M's face! Why should our goals only be about school things?



The "Sisters" are okay. At first it was weird having them in the house. They were like these unwelcome boarders, filling the fridge with their weird food and leaving hair and shoes everywhere, but now we're sort of like roommates. They aren't around all that much, really. The older one is more like a Second mom than a sister, but she only has one more year of high school, then she'll probably move out, THANK YOU, LORD! She doesn't have THAT MUCH more life experience than me but you'd never quess it by the way she moms me around all the time. The Fun Sister is only two years older than me. She spent most of the summer with



her new girlfriend, so I didn't see her much. But they just broke up so she's moping around a bit more.

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Sept 16

I WISH I had older sisters or stepsisters or roommates or whatever you call them. I'd trade them for my younger brother any day. He's totally out of control and my parents don't even care, or worse, they think it's CUTE! Like this morning he kept smirking and calling me Rudolph because of the big zit at the end of my nose and my parents laughed like it was SO CLEVER! Don't they see they are raising a mini psychopath? MP, you've met him, he's definitely on the way to murderville, right?!

P.S. Tell the truth, how bad is it? I knew it was coming, I could feel it hiding there, under the skin, like PULSING, like this huge evil zombie zit!











I hate to break it to you Sunny, but your brother is just a regular-level of annoying, at least by my own experience. It'll get better as he gets older, though. Now that he's in high school, my brother is much too cool and too busy to notice me most of the time, but at least he isn't burping in my face anymore. It is our job as sisters to know when to put up with it and when to shut it down. No one said it would be an easy task, but with great power comes great responsibility, or so some would say.

(MP)

P.S. Rudolph was totally uncalled for and very inaccurate. You can hardly see the so-called "zombie zit" and I'm not just saying that. The school pictures aren't really close-up and I think they use some kind of filter anyway.

Sometimes I imagine what my life would \$\text{\$\frac{1}{8}\$} be like with a brother or a sister, but honestly, I kind of like that it's just me and my mom. If you guys ever need a break, you can always come over to my place. It's

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P.S. If it makes you feel any better, I can't see the zombie zit from my desk so it's probably average, which means no one really notices it.

You're just saying that because you're my friend, which is sweet but not helpful. I know what it looks like. It's like someone stuck an ugly tomato seed at the end of my nose and then I had a major allergic reaction to it. Plus it's picture day, which means it will be immortalized forever and ever. No cute #TBT pics for me. Also there's a boy who takes violin right before my piano lesson and he is SO cute and SUCH a talented musician, but he barely acknowledges me when he comes out and I'm about to go in.

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ZOMBIE ZIT is here to ruin your

gay!

It's like five minutes of torture every Tuesday! Just my luck that today is the day he looks over and what does he see? Zombie zit!

I don't get it, I use toner and moisturizer and all the things they tell you to use and I still have the worst skin in the whole class.

Maybe I'll skip pictures. There's a retake day, right?

AND YOUR PICTURES!

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Yeah, but then you kun the kisk of having an even worse skin day on ketake day. If you get them taken today and they're keally bad, you can ketake. That's what I would do. Also on a scale of 1 to 10, it's like maybe a 6.

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P.S. Don't think we didn't notice you NOT talking about Violin Boy! SPILL TTI Okay. I guess that's fine. What choice do I have? Seriously, though, all those face washes and acne creams should be sued for false advertising. I don't know what to say about Violin Boy, I barely know him. Maybe he's my first kiss? I'd probably have to talk to him first . . . (**)



My mom says acne is hormonal and there's very little you can do. Look around, everyone has skin issues, and some people have it way worse than you do. I look like I have a rash on my forehead half the time! You worry way too much, Sunny!

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Well then they shouldn't tell you on the package that they can fix it! Wait . . . hormones, as in period hormones? Is bad skin the price I have to pay for my period to finally show up? PLEASE SAY YES!



