

**Under Spotlight**  
**Students Share Creative Side at Epiphany**  
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From the moment you walk in, you feel like you're home. Dim lighting, blankets on the floor and students welcoming you from the door to the stage. Those who have been here before and those who have no idea what they're getting into are welcomed just the same, because that's what Epiphany is all about.

On Oct. 11, the Literary Magazine Class, under the leadership of English Teacher Eric Cruz, sponsored their first Epiphany of the year. Epiphany is an open mic night where students are free to read poems, perform songs or just go up and make any short statement they feel like sharing in front of their fellow classmates.

All students first walked into the auditorium and were then called up to sit on the stage, which was covered in blankets and decorated following the theme of "Epiphany at Nite," in honor of the popular Nickelodeon programming that goes on during the late hours. After a short introduction by students in the literary magazine class, it's straight to the acts. Students perform on a volunteer basis, and what happens from there is a sight to behold that deserves the attention of the entire community.

Students of all grades go up and share vulnerable acts of all kinds. From poems of personal heartbreak to songs showcasing individual talents, there's something for everyone. Going up and speaking in front of a crowd can be a nightmare, but for high school teenagers to speak in front of their peers, one would think that's nearly impossible. However, not at Epiphany. Everyone in the crowd is attentive, respectful and supportive. Person after person goes up the mic, and for many, the hesitation and nerves are evident in their voices, but they manage to get through, leaving the spotlight to a chorus of applause from students who understand the gravity of the moment.

This is what school should be like every day. But why stop there? This is what our country needs to strive to be. Just take a moment, sit down and simply listen to your fellow humans, because at the end of the day, that's what we are. At Epiphany, that's already crystal clear.