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Facebook Files for IPO, Goes Public

Most Recent Activity

- Joe Moor likes Alhambra High's photo.
- Joe Moor and Brad Walsh are now friends.
- Joe Moor updated his status.
- Joe Moor is listening to music on Spotify.
- Joe Moor is playing Tetris Battle.

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At the beginning of February, the Facebook Company filed for IPO (initial public offering), making their stocks open to purchase by the public. This is the result of the company exceeding the 500-shareholder limit for private investors, meaning that a private company must publicly release financial data once it has at least 500 shareholders, according to *USA Today*.

In 2011, the major corporation was reported to have taken in \$3.7 billion in revenue and \$1 billion in profit.

With up to 845 million users, the filing for IPO is anticipated to bring in \$75 billion to \$100 billion, a move predicted since the corporation began. In addition, the personal net worth of Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg would increase to \$24 billion, according to *Washington Post*.

In terms of how it affects the social networking giant, the site is subject to conform to financial regulations and policies. Under the new IPO, quarterly financial reports, internal transactions and balance sheets are open to review by public investors.

There have been speculations about possible fundamental changes, such as paid membership, but they remain unconfirmed. The effects are also not guaranteed to take place immediately but gradually over the course of a few weeks.

According to the associate direc-

tor of the El Paso Finance Center at the Jones Graduate School of Business at Rice University, the anticipated changes are not to be drastic. User recommendations include adjusting privacy and permission settings accordingly and remaining cautious while managing social networks.

"If it gives out information [...] personal to us, then it [would] be bad. We shouldn't complain since they're not making us use Facebook—we choose to[.] We can always switch to [another social networking site]," sophomore Larson Chang said.

Since social networking is intended for public use, many users are fully conscious of this fact and remain mindful of their decision to use Facebook.

"As a Facebook user, [since] my information can be released somehow without me knowing [is concerning] because I'm a minor. It has already affected the general format, for example, the timeline feature with its more personalized approach," junior Chelsea Ty said.

With the new movement taking effect, it seems users still hold onto previous concerns regarding privacy within social networks.

"Facebook isn't private. They're already able to access everything you have [posted]. If you put [pictures or information] on Facebook, then it's probably not something that's going to stay private for long," sophomore Ximena Araujo said.

While some users trust in Facebook's privacy policies, others remain adamant in its lack of privacy.



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Food Fair Canceled Due to Wellness Policy

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At the end of each quarter, the student body comes together in a montage of hungry customers and the student-run vendors who feed them for a day. However, Food Fair is now coming to an end.

The Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) has recently canceled AHS' Food Fair; ASB was notified of the decision two weeks ago.

"The district has a policy that requires our school to meet certain health guidelines," Assistant Principal Jeremy Infranca

said.

Other schools in the district, including Mark Keppel and San Gabriel, have all had Food Fair pulled from their schedules for the same reasons.

"When we're serving 2,000 calorie chicken base in a school day, we're breaking the law," Infranca said.

AUSD's School Nutrition Services website notes that "students and families in the [district] are facing increasing health risks that can affect their wellness and ultimately affect their quality of life."

AUSD's policies focus on keeping students fit by keeping school's menu healthy

and promoting physical activity.

Just as the school is only allowed to serve low-fat or fat-free milks, the policy also outlines that meals cannot exceed 30% calories from fat and 10% calories from saturated fat when averaged over one week.

In the past, Food Fair served items such as burgers, churros, burritos, soda and Flaming Hot Cheetos with nacho cheese. These kind of foods are high in fat content and caloric intake and consuming too many of them in one day is against the district's wellness policies.

These policies are meant to help encour-

age healthy eating habits and prevent students from developing bad ones.

However, service clubs receive a majority of their revenue from selling food at the Food Fair and not having that funding option could be detrimental to them.

"It's really bad for the clubs who make their money by selling stuff at Food Fair," senior Rachel Munoz said.

While there could be other options for Food Fair later on, it is not likely to be seen in the near future.

"As of right now, Food Fair is canceled," Director of Campus Environment Michelle Ma said.