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Hazleton Area High School
1601 West 23rd Street
2017/2018

Cougar Chit Chat

Welcome Back

Ziare Starnes

How does it feel to be back to new classes, new teachers, and new rules? The summer we had flew by, and many people worked and went on vacation. Then just last month, we were back into school. We had to start studying again, preparing for SAT's for juniors and seniors, and doing homework.

Many students aren't happy to be back to these things we had to do last year, and this year it seems it is just getting harder. For the seniors graduating, this is your last year until college. College is harder, and for the freshman coming in, you have three

more years and it just gets harder. Make sure you choose your classes wisely and do not take classes just because your friends are in that class; in the end, you might not have enough credits to graduate. Make sure you take the classes you need to graduate and even take more than you need because college is hard and expensive.

To the seniors that are graduating, hopefully you are going to excel and you took all the classes you needed so you can now take electives. If not, pass the class you need so you do not have to be here next year. To all the students graduating this year, make it count!



Staff Photo

Mrs. Turse and Mrs. Davis, guidance counselors at HAHS.

Hopefully you do to be successful. But most important, this school year will fly by. So enjoy it while it lasts!!

Cougar Chit
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Guidance News

Jordyn Williams and Ziare Starnes

What is going on in guidance? The SAT date is November 4th, and students had to register by October 5th. The FASFA which is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid will be available starting October 1st for all seniors. There will also be a Financial Aide Night on

November 9th at 6PM. Also, any seniors interested in any post-secondary schools which will be visiting HAHS in the next few months must visit guidance to sign up for the meeting. If you have any questions in the HACC depending on your shop you can talk to Mrs. Papa, Mrs. Stetz, and Mr. Teter. For the HAHS, you can talk to

Mr. Samoyedny; he does 12th grade and college preparation. Mrs. Davis is the counselor for 9th-12th grade last names beginning with the letters Gr-Pe. Mrs. Turse oversees 9th-12th with the last names beginning with the letters Pe-Z. For the STEM, you can ask Mrs. Hopkins since she advises all grades.



October is Na-
tional Pizza
Month



National His-
panic Heritage
Month



Destructive
Hurricanes

Meet Our New Superintendent

We welcome Mr. Brian T. Uplinger, M.Ed. as our new Superintendent of Schools. Mr Uplinger has taken some time to answer our questions about himself, and how he is going to run our school district. He is excited to take part in all of the activities in our school district, and to help all of the students, teacher, staff, and parents of the Hazleton Area School district in anyway he can. Mr. Uplinger has an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in Physical and Health Education from Penn State University. He earned a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Lock Haven University, as well as a Principal Certification (K-12) from Ebinboro University and an Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent Letter of Eligibility. Mr. Uplinger is not new to education. He has worked in St Mary's Area as a Middle School Dean of Students, as well as a 4th grade teacher, 7th grade English teacher, 7th grade Social Studies teacher, and an 8th grade Reading teacher. He worked in the Iroquois School District as a Junior/Senior High School Assistant Principal and Junior/Senior High Principal. While in the Northwestern Lehigh School District, he served as an Assistant Superintendent and the in the Pine Grove Area

School District as a Superintendent. Before coming to the HASD, Mr. Uplinger was the Superintendent of the Central Greene School District.

Q: What makes this job so interesting to you? A: I have the ability to interact and positively impact the entire district. I am working with all of the students, all the employees, and all of the parents in the this position.

Q: What do you know about our community? A: The community is very diverse and has many different cultures, which makes for a fabulous place to live.

Q:What do you do for recreation? How do you relax? A: I love being with my family. We may go hiking, for a drive, camping, etc.

Q: How would you work with the students/teachers/administrators in a school district this size? A: I believe in being visible. I pride myself on being available. Since HASD is much larger than my other districts, I

would rely on making sure my schedule was accommodating to the needs of our students, staff, and community members.

Q: What led you to choose a career as a superintendent? What led you to HASD? A: I always loved working with children and teaching. It started many years ago, when I was a lifeguard teaching swimming lessons. The sparkle in the child's eye once he/she was able to accomplish what was asked of him/her was the hook. That was and still is a reward. I was drawn to HASD simply because of the number of lives I could impact.

Q: How would you go about establishing good public relations within the school community and overall community? A: One way to establish good relations with both the school and the overall communities would be to be available to listen. Another way is to communicate.

Q: Name one thing in your profession you hate to do and why? A: The worst thing in my profession is having to abide by all of

the unfunded mandates set in place by the Commonwealth of the Federal Government. Our object in education is to do just that- educate! Unfunded mandates put additional undue pressure on our students and staff.

Q: Name one thing in your profession you love to do and why? A: I love to visit classrooms, practices (athletics/activities), games, etc. This is where everything is happening with the learning process of our children.

Q : Any last quotes or thoughts for the district/this school year/the newspaper staff/etc? A: Every person has the ability to learn. With that, every person learns at different rates and through different means. It's our responsibility as educators to make sure we are able to tap into those differences and assist each child with their successes. I am very excited to begin my journey with HASD. I am looking forward to working closely with the students, staff, School Board, and community members.



Kayla Tanner

Advice to Seniors from Seniors

John Pelaez, a student from Hazleton Area High School, shared his opinion as a senior. He said he had too much pressure with school and less time for socializing. He wished he had better managed his time. As a freshman, his expectations about senior year differed a lot from reality. John expected less stress and more fun. John believes better friends would had made his high school experience more memorable. His goals for this year are to apply to college and get accepted, be a distinguish graduate, and most of all, to enjoy his last years to the fullest. His goal after high school is to go to college to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor. An accomplishment Pelaez is grateful to have accomplished is managing his time wisely. What he look forward to in his senior year is graduation.

Luis Hiraldo a student at STEM, has truly enjoyed his high school career so far. He is most looking forward to “sweek”

or senior week. He is proud to acknowledge the fact that as captain of the soccer team they placed 2nd place in the district. He believes that more activities in school would have made his high school years more enjoyable. As a freshman, Luis was very open minded and knew that senior year would be very busy and a lot of work and responsibility. What he disliked the most about high school were the unnecessary rules having to be placed because of middle school behaviors. Plans after high school are to go to college and make it so Luis can take his family away from Hazleton. Luis’s goal for this year is to have a lot of fun and to get accepted to college. By the way his college process is going

very well, and he plans on applying to TEMPLE and UCONN.

Anselmo Jimenez, a student at STEM, has enjoyed his high school years so far. Yet Jiminez wishes he would have done more extracurricular activities to enrich his high school career. As a freshman, Anselmo thought senior year would have been the hardest of his high school career, and in reality, it seems to be his easiest one so far. What he dislikes about high school was the amount of work he had, but Jiminez made it through high school with very good grade which was his main goal. His plans after high school are to go to college and major in computer science. What he looks forward to senior year is Prom.

Yesenia says she enjoyed her high school career to the max. She got to socialize and to keep good grades at the same time. She wishes she would have worked a bit harder to get A’s in her classes. What Yesenia disliked about the high school was the rule about cell phones and head phones. She believes students should have the logic to show respect and could have avoided this rule. Her plan after high school is to go to college to major in something related to biology; her college process is going well so far. What Yesenia looks forward to senior year is having less work. At the end, we are all seniors, and we just want to have fun to pursue our dreams with pure joy. By: Darylyn Pujols

Yesenia



Photo of classroom at
STEM

New Faces at HASD

Victoria Middleton
Cheyenne Wludyka

In Hazleton Area High School's crowded halls, it is hard to recognize familiar faces let alone new ones. Teachers are often moved to other buildings in the district, retire, or move out of the area. Yet this year, we have the pleasure of having some new staff at HAHS. The new faces to our building to are very diverse individuals who teach three different curriculum areas. Starting

with Mrs. Ashford who teaches ninth grade English, Ms. Mackay who teaches Spanish to various grades, and Mr. Giurca who teaches history at the high school for a period then travels to STEM for the day, we welcomed these teachers and began our interview. We asked the new staff a series of questions to try to get to know them on a more personal level, and these are some of the questions we asked along with the answers they provided.



Mrs. Ashford

Cheyenne Wludyka

Spanish Class

Cheyenne Wludyka
Victoria Middleton

Our new Spanish teacher Ms. Mackay, who you can find in room 223 answered our questions with an outgoing attitude. We first asked her What inspired her to become a teacher? She answered by telling us about her parents who are native Spanish speakers. Mackay was able to speak English and would translate for them



Ms. Mackay

when needed. Her dad inspired her and he would help a lot with her writing and spelling. We also asked her What's your view on Hazleton Area High School? She told us that this high school has a good diversity and the perfect setting. "This is the type of school I've always wanted to be a part of."

Cheyenne Wludyka

History Class

Cheyenne Wludyka
Victoria Middleton

Our new history teacher, Mr. Giurca, can be found both in room 238 during period 1/2 at the high school, as well as the STEM school for the rest of day. He is not new to the school district ; he has taught at Drums, West Hazleton, Career Center, STEM, and HAAO. He is, however, new to the high school this year. When asked 'is teaching what you expected ?' his answer was simple. Mr.Giurca has been teaching for four years, and he has always had a decent understanding of what to expect of his job and

responsibilities, and has done a great job doing so. Mr.Gurica was in fact a student at Hazleton Area in high school, and as when asked opinion on the school ' I love it!' he exclaimed.



Cheyenne Wludyka

Mr.Giurca

English Class

Victoria Middleton
Cheyenne Wludyka

Our new English teacher , Mrs. Ashford , teaches freshmen throughout the day. We had to opportunity to ask her the following questions during her planning period , and she gladly gave us answers . When meeting her, you realize she's the type of teacher you'd wish you had, open minded, caring and easy to talk to. She tries to influence students daily by showing her classes love and understanding, and to show her students they are not alone. "If you don't care about yourself, I'll care for you. I'll care for the both of us" she says. Ashford has taught previously at West Hazleton,

McAdoo, and Valley, but she transferred to the high school in hopes of working with adolescents again, because for teens, school is not just about learning. "They connect more to literature; teens understand and focus on the reading and not just about the test," she states. Mrs. Ashford has always wanted to take part in a job that involved caring for people, and at Hazleton, she has found it. The school district is exactly what she has hoped for, a school with a principal with a passion for education, and classes that influence daily. Some influences Mrs.Ashford tries to make is showing her students that "It doesn't matter where you come from , it matters where you're going."

Lunch Zones - Corrected or Chaotic?

Jessica Anderson

The new lunch zone policy has many different views. The lunch zones consist of zones 4, 5, 6, and 7. Each floor has their own zone, and they all go to lunch together. While some think it's a great idea and working, others think it's over crowded and chaotic.

Mr. Conston informed me the lunch zones were created for the students so they could have a safer environment. He says the zones keep students where they are supposed to be. The zones also keep the classes focused, as they are no longer being disturbed by the students walking on their way to lunch. As Mr. Conston sees it, there is no need for revisions at the moment. They will maintain the zone lunches. He says the students understand the lunch zones well, thanks to the help of their teachers.

Speaking on behalf of the Arts and Humanities Academy is Mrs. Salvaterra. She says the lunch zones seem to be working well, and problems have been corrected. This option is better at keeping order and keeping students focused in class. While she does not have suggestions, Mrs.

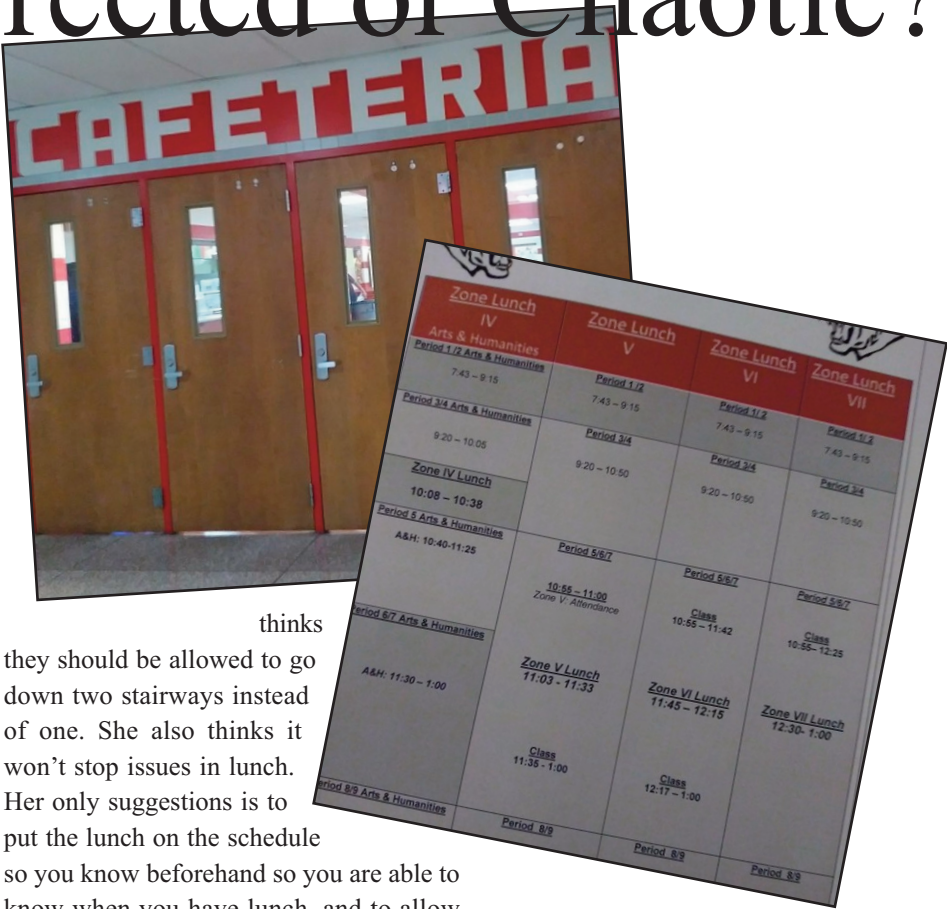
Salvaterra appreciates the Arts and Humanities students are together during lunch. They can practice their many talents with students who have the same talents and interests.

With the new freshman coming into the high school, lunch can be overwhelming. That is exactly what Alyssa Tulanowski's thoughts are. Even though Alyssa wasn't here in the years before, she think the zone lunches should go back to being period lunches. Alyssa thinks zones are good but crowded.

One sophomore thinks the zone lunches are ineffective. Jacqueline Salvaterra said they are worse than before because they are much more crowded and confusing. She says it would be better if they went back to the original period lunches.

Juniors Kyle Vargas and Ernesto Gill think the zones lunches are worse than before. Kyle Vargas says the zone lunch cause more chaos. Ernesto Gil says they are way more crowded. Both boys believe the zone lunches need to be changed back to period lunches.

Senior Katy Moffat thinks the lunch zones will take a while to get used to. The hallways get crowded very quickly, and she



thinks they should be allowed to go down two stairways instead of one. She also thinks it won't stop issues in lunch. Her only suggestions is to put the lunch on the schedule so you know beforehand so you are able to know when you have lunch, and to allow more walk ways to the lunch room for a less crowed walk to lunch.

Jessica Anderson
The Left: The school cafeteria
The Right: The schedule for the lunch zones

To Attend or Not to Attend: That Is the Question

Ryan Connors

Remember having seven days a semester to miss school and having no consequences? Well, that has been dramatically changed, all thanks to the state of Pennsylvania. The new attendance policy has many confused and angry, so I decided to research the policy and even get statements and interviews with high ranking people in our school district. I started by interviewing our very own Vice Principle at the Career Center, Mr. Pozzessere; he had some very strong words on the issue. When I asked him about the harsh consequences one can face if one misses more than three days, he said, "Ryan, those are deterrents that will hopefully help kids come to school more often."

I then made my way over to sophomore class VP Mr. Conston. He fully supported the new policy by saying "It's a state decision, many people believe it is a district decision, we simply abide by the rules." I then asked him if more kids were coming to school this year as opposed to last year, and while he didn't have a graphic or statistic, he did say, "From me standing in the lobby in the



Ryan Connors

School district logo

morning, it definitely looks like there is, and it's very pleasing to see so many kids coming to school."

I then talked to sophomore Rebecca Foose, who said that "It was better when we had seven days off a quarter, because students have family emergencies, and it feels like they weren't accounted for."

No matter how you feel about the new policy, it's here to stay. The state hasn't released a statement

about the new policy, but officials seem to be confident about it. I haven't heard from anyone that has gone over the regulated number of days, but I do know that the policy has many kids worrying about their attendance. All in all, the new attendance policy is good because it gets kids to school more often, but the state may have gone overboard with the drastic change.

The Heat Is On

The beginning weeks of the 2017-2018 school year have seen warm weather. While many love the hot weather, the feeling isn't the same in the Hazleton Area High School. There have been many complaints about the classrooms being uncomfortably hot. Both the Career Center and the STEM school are air conditioned, while the HAHS classrooms are not. In the building, all of the offices are air conditioned, but the classrooms, the place in which students spend the majority of their day, are not. The school district sent people into some of the classrooms to get the temperature. There have been air conditioners added to some of the classes to alleviate the heat, and students throughout the district were able to wear comfortable clothes due to the excessive temperatures. Teachers and students are in the rooms with usually one fan and a few windows, but the back of the rooms seem to be the hottest place in each room. Hopefully there will be changes made for spring so that we can learn in a cooler environment.

Meet Mr. Saleeba HACC Honoree



HAHS Yearbook

Juanita Smith

We sat down with HACC Honoree Mr. Mike Saleeba and asked him the following questions: **How did you feel when you learned you were chosen by the Class of 2018 as their honoree?** I felt extremely honored because I was chosen by the students, and they mean a great deal to me. **2. What subject/classes do you teach?** English IV at the Career Center. About 23 years. **3. What is the event you are most looking forward to this year (Prom, Senior Day)?** I do not have a favorite event because I really enjoy all of the activities. If I had to choose one, it would be the Prom. Being able to see all my seniors dressed up is like seeing their last stop on a long road toward

success. **4. What is the best piece of advice you can give to the Class of 2018?** Follow your dreams, and never let anyone put you down. You count as individuals, and no one can take that away from you. **5. The students obviously like and respect you. Who is someone you like and respect and why?** I always looked up to my father. He has been gone for many years, but I never forgot how much I respected him. No matter what kind of problem arose, he could always solve it. He always knew what needed to be done, and he did it. **6. What made you**

"I touch the future. I teach."

become a teacher? When I was in high school I had two English teachers that impressed me. Eleventh grade was Miss Walton, and twelfth grade was Mrs. Rayno. They probably had the most influence on my decision to become a teacher. **7. What excites you about coming to your job every day?** The people at the Career Center, the faculty, staff, security, and administration. We are all family. And of course the students, they are also part of the Career Center community. **8. What are your hobbies/interests?** I love all animals and will do

Mr. Mike Saleeba HACC Honoree

anything in my power to keep an animal from being harmed. I also like anything water related, swimming, boating, diving, and more. **9. Who was your favorite teacher? Why did this person leave such a lasting impression on you?** My favorite teacher when I was in school was my English teacher, Mrs. Rayno. She had a great sense of humor. She was a very good teacher, and she treated us with respect. I still think of her every time I enter my class-

room. **10. How do you make an impact on your students? For what do you want to be remembered?** I try to combine learning and humor. I want students to enjoy themselves while still learning the lesson. When they look forward to coming to class, you have established a great foundation for education, which is then easy to build on. I am satisfied if they remember me at all. If they do, I've made a difference.

Mr. Turri HAHS Honoree

Juanita Smith

I recently had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Jason Turri, the honoree for HAHS. I asked him a series of questions about being the Class of 2018 Honoree, and here are his responses. **1. How did you feel when you learned you were chosen by the Class of 2018 as their honoree?** Mr. Turri is honored and very excited to be this year's honoree. **2. What subject/classes do you teach? How long have you been teaching?** Biology, Environmental Biology, Microbiology and Genetics. This is his 19th year of teaching. **3. What is the event you are most looking forward to this year (Prom, Senior Day)?** Mr. Turri is excited to be a part of all senior activities especially Homecoming, Senior Day, and the Prom. **4. What is the best piece of advice you can give to the Class of 2018?** Enjoy your last year and take advantage of all of the opportunities you are given here at HAHS. **5. The students obviously like and respect you. Who is someone you like and respect and why?** I respect all of my colleagues because they put our students first every day. **6. What made you become**



Jean Mata and Rafael Garcia

Mr. Jason Turri HAHS Honoree 2017

a teacher? Mr. Turri said he had several good teachers thought his high school career who inspired him in his career choice. **7. What excites you about coming to your job every day?** Mr. Turri learns from his students every day. **8. What are your**

hobbies/interests? Mr. Turri is an avid Philadelphia Phillies fan who regularly attends games, and he loves everything about the Star Wars franchise. Mr. Turri also loves being an uncle so he can spoil his nieces. **9. Who was your favorite**

teacher? Why did this person leave such a lasting impression on you? Mr. Tarone, Mrs. Hauze, and Mrs. Shulman were memorable teachers for Mr. Turri. They made learning fun and were very helpful and kind. **10. How do you make an impact on your**

students? For what do you want to be remembered? Mr. Turri is very fair to his students and treats them right. He also strives to make his students' high school experiences memorable.

STEM Honoree Mr. Dancho

Juanita Smith

Mr. Dancho, who is a third year teacher whose subjects include engineering and physics, was chosen at the Senior Class Honoree from STEM. He was really honored to be chosen and was not expecting it. He was surprised by the phone call congratulating him and

thought maybe he had been confused with Mr. Evancho. Mr. Dancho is looking forward to Senior Day and the Prom so he can interact with students outside of school, but he feels Senior Day is more relaxed. His best piece of advice to the seniors is to not

worry about your career; if you are undecided, do not be afraid to change your mind. You may have classes in college that will make you decide you do not want to follow a certain path, and that is ok; roll with the punches.

Former STEM teacher Mr. Pons was Mr. Dancho's coop teacher, and he credits him with his success. According to Dancho, college does not show you the real side of teaching, but Pons helped a lot. Dancho was in graduate school for physics and had to teach several labs and recitations. Because of this, he decided to become a teacher since teaching the undergraduates was very enjoyable to Mr. Dancho. The look on a student's face when they finally understand a topic is what excites Dancho

“Learn as much as you can while you are young, since life becomes too busy later.”

- Dana Stewart Scott

about his job. Physics is hard, but students have to keep trying.

Mr. Dancho's favorite teacher in high school was named Mrs. Kanaski who made chemistry interesting and encouraged him to enroll in AP Chemistry. Mr. Merkel is another teacher who was cool and personable and also served as

an inspiration to his students and to Mr. Dancho. This is why Mr. Dancho's first major in college was chemistry, but organic chemistry was a killer, so he switched to physics. Dancho wants to be as personable and approachable to his students as these teachers were for him.

Dancho feels the greatest impact he can make on his students is perseverance. When they run into difficulties they can say, "I've had difficulties before. I've got this; I just have to keep trying." He wants to be remembered as someone his students could approach with problems, and says former students can email him after graduation. Dancho's hobbies include watching professional soccer, and he has recently taken up golf and tennis. Thank you for the great interview and congratulations!!



HAHS Yearbook

Mr. Dancho STEM Honoree for Class of 2017

Thank You

The Newspaper Staff would like to thank anyone who purchased a Yankee Candle and who helped make our fundraiser a success!! Thanks to your generosity and your kindness,

we are able to produce the newspaper free of charge! Please support our next fundraiser, Perkins Pies, which will be starting very soon. These delicious pies are perfect for the holidays!

Kits for Kidz



With your help, Student Council was able to raise nearly 700 dollars for the students affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. The Kits for Kidz campaign was a true success, and we are sure the money will be put to good use. Student Council also collected items to be sent to help the hurricane victims. Thanks you to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

Homecoming



Members of this year's Homecoming Court

Ryan Connors and Giovanni Vargas

Homecoming Court 2017

Staff

The following were selected to represent the senior class as members of the 2017 Homecoming Court. Gentlemen include: Mark Abdelmalek (HAHS), Cole Bono (HAHS), Isiah Harayda (HAHS), Luis Hi-

raldo (STEM), Chris Kovalick (STEM), Eric Martinez (STEM), Justin Matteo (HAHS), Marcus Matz (HAHS), Luis Montero Soto (HAHS), Jeff Planutis (HAHS), Sebastian Rojas (HAHS), and Rafael Santos (HAHS). Ladies include: Erika Book (STEM), Savannah Butala (STEM), Naomi

Calderon (HAHS), Erika Castro (HAHS), Jasmin Cruz (HAHS), Jessica Cusatis (HAHS), Stephanie Guaman (HAHS), Hope Little (HAHS), Sofia Losen (STEM), Tyra Paisley (STEM), Nicole Ritz (HAHS), and Marissa Vargas (HAHS).

These seniors were honored in the Homecoming Parade and

Bonfire, and the King and Queen, Rafael Santos and Savannah Butala, were crowned during halftime of the Homecoming Game on Friday, October 6th. Congratulations to all the members of the court for your dedication to the school and to the community. You make us all Cougar Proud!!

Spirit Week 2017

Staff

The week of October 2nd to October 6th was very eventful in all three buildings. Spirit Week sponsored by the Spirit Club kicked off with 'Merica Day. Students donned their red, white, and blue to show their pa-

triotism. On Tuesday, colorful tie dye shirts were seen throughout the halls as students channeled their inner hippie. On Wednesday, one walking through the schools would see shirts adorned with logos from Bloomsburg, Shippensburg, Pitt, Scranton, Michigan, Penn

State, Wilkes, King's, Notre Dame, Ohio State, and Cedar Crest to show support for one's chosen school. On Thursday, students were encouraged to dress in the color of their class: white for freshmen, green for sophomores, red for juniors, and blue for seniors. The week closed

with students showing their Cougar Pride! Homecoming T-shirts and Cougar hoodies in scarlet, silver, and white were worn by faculty, staff, and students. Thank you to the Spirit Club under the direction of Mrs. Judge and Mrs. Reggie for making this week a success!

Homecoming and Upcoming Events



Mrs. Burrows

The Bonfire and Parade coordinated by Student Council under the direction of Mr. Turri and Mrs. Bannon and The Spirit Club under the direction of Mrs. Judge and Mrs. Reggie was a great community event. In the above photo, members of Homecoming Court 2017 Hope Little and Rafael Santos pose for a picture during the Homecoming Parade.

Veteran's Program to Be Held Nov. 9th

Staff

On November 9th of this year, a very special event will be taking place at HAHS. The annual Veteran's Day Program will begin with a greeting at the door and escort to the library by members of the senior class. In

the library, the men and women and their guests will enjoy a delicious breakfast served by the seniors. Mrs. Mellon's students will be making the centerpieces for the event, and gifts will be provided by the Art Department. Photos and artwork of each war will line the library walls, and government officials

and school officials will be in attendance. After the breakfast, the men and women will proceed to the auditorium where they will be entertained by members of the chorus under the direction of Mrs. Sharanoff and the Cougar Marching Band under the direction of Mr. Stefanko. A video presentation

will also be viewed, and this year's guest speaker will be Mr. Charles Gennaro, a 96-year-old WWII veteran. Teachers are encouraged to bring their classes to this memorable event, and if anyone knows a veteran who would like to attend, please pass on this information. Hope to see you all there!

Bonfire and Parade

Staff

On Thursday, October 5th, if one were driving past the high school, one could see a line of pickup trucks, the Cougar Marching Band, cheerleaders, parents, and students. Why you may ask? Well, they were all part of the Cougar Bonfire and Homecoming Parade. At 5:30PM, members of the

Homecoming Court waved to the crowd of onlookers. The cheerleaders' voices could be heard chanting and cheering the football team to victory, and members of the band played their favorite hits. At 6:45PM, members of the HAHS Chorus beautifully sang the National Anthem. Opening remarks were given by Coach Brennan, and he inspired his players and all in at-

tendance. The presentation of the Homecoming Court followed; these men and women represent the senior class and wore their best for the night. The couples' names were hanging on the trucks, red and white corsages were pinned to their clothes, and their smiles were infectious. The honorees, Mr. Turri, Mr. Saleeba, and Mr. Dancho were also a part of the celebration. At

7:00PM, the bonfire was lit casting a glow on the faces of the students, parents, and staff. Face painting was available for the kids, and one could buy an array of food and drinks including empanadas, walking tacos, gummy candy, water, apple cider, and iced tea. Thank you to all who made this night possible.

Girls Tennis

Staff Interview

Katie Pavlick is the Girls Tennis Coach and a teacher at Freeland Elementary Middle School. Here are some of Coach Pavlick's goals for this season. 1. **What are your goals for this season?** I am honored to be coaching at HAHS for the second year in a row. We have a really strong team of very athletic girls. In addition to the whole 2016 girl's tennis team returning, we do have three new girls joining our team this season. I have high expectations for all my players. The girls had an outstanding season winning the WVC for the second year in a row. Also, two of our players made HAHS history by winning districts and making it to states! The girls are coming back strong and are going to be tough to beat. 2. **Are there any standout players on the team?** Stephanie Mazurek, Lily Nowak, and Sofia Losen 3. **Do you have any rival teams?** Holy Redeemer and Wyoming Area 4. **What is your coaching philosophy?** I believe FUNDamentals are important in building a winning program because athletes should have fun while playing the sport they love. They should not look at it as a hassle or something they dread, but rather a positive experience. I also believe in conditioning during the summer. I do not believe in starting the first day of practice and ending the last day of the season. In order to recruit players, "open gyms" should be held in the summer inviting seventh and eighth grade students to participate to get a jumpstart on the game. I believe my enthusiasm, motivation and knowledge of the sport will help rub off on the girls. The main goal should not solely be to win, but rather to build as athletes and make progression to become winners. It is very important to develop respect and trust. I also feel it is very important to teach the girls to be safe while on the court. 5. **How do you manage playing time?** It is tough to manage playing time in tennis as only seven players are allowed to play in a match. All my players do play during matches even if it is just exhibition matches. 6. **Have any of your athletes gone on to play college sports?** This is my second year coaching at HAHS, and last year I did not have any seniors on the team. 7. **What is it like to be coached by you?** I think my girls enjoy me as a coach. I am tough and my expectations are high for each and every player, but they also know I am there if they have a problem or need to talk. I support my athletes 100%, and I am proud of all the effort they put towards the sport. 8. **What will your teams "hang their hat on?"** My team is currently fighting to win their 3rd WVC. This was a big deal for the tennis team when they won their first conference, but now they are determined to get their 3rd in a row. My girls are also putting their best foot forward to win districts. 9. **How would you describe a superior teacher/coach?** A superior coach is one who pushes his/her team to do their best. Goals have to be set high for student athletes in order to give them a goal to reach. My girls know I am a tough coach, but as long as they try their best and give their best effort I am proud of them. 10. **Do you have any assistant coaches?** I do have an assistant coach. She has been with me throughout my coaching. We can put more individualized attention into our athletes and focus on specific skills. My assistant coach currently plays tennis and gets lessons so it is nice to bounce different drills and ideas off one another.



Stephanie Mazurek



Lily Nowak

11. **What strategies do you use in communicating with your athletes and their parents?** I keep in contact with my athletes and parents both in person and over the phone. I also give my athletes handouts with not only the schedule, but also important dates that arise throughout the season. 12. **At 3:00 PM, if I walk out to the facility behind the school, what will I see in the average practice day for the 9-12th grade program?** I am an elementary school teacher, so our practices begin approximately 4pm. The girls start by doing dynamic stretching. The girls begin mini tennis and then move back to work on strokes. After about an hour, my assistant and I intervene and begin drilling our players or working on specific skills that need improvements. 13. **How will you ensure that student-athletes from this district will display a positive sportsmanship-type image/identity of our program?** Students were given a paper stating my rules and expectations both during a match and during a practice. 14. **How do you manage your time between, coaching, job and family life?** This is tough to do. It is nice that I am out of school by 3:40pm because I am able to successfully do my job and coach. My season is very short, so I talk myself through it for the few short months. 15. **Did you play any sports in high school?** I played #1 singles in tennis all four years. 16. **Did you play any sports in college?** I was a walk-on tennis player at Bloomsburg University. Due to nervousness about starting college, I made a decision to not play during the season. 17. **What do you like to do in your free time for fun?** I enjoy playing tennis, reading books, taking walks with my puppy, and spending time with family and friends. 18. **Any last piece of advice for your team?** The best advice I can give is to give it your all. Try your best! Put all your effort into the sport or education! Don't short-hand yourself!

As of press time, the Lady Cougars Tennis Team won their 3rd straight WVC title!!!

Field Hockey

Brytnee Barbush

Field Hockey is a big sport in the Hazelton Area. We reached out to their head coach, Mary Kelly and asked her many questions. Coach Kelly's goal is to work diligently to improve with each game. Standout players on the team include Megan Reed (Brown commit), Laura Bayzick, Kaitlyn Diehl and Jillian Buchman. All are returning players that will anchor our team. Kelly stated, "We are an AAA team in the Wyoming Valley Conference. Our biggest rivals are Delaware Valley and Lackawanna Trail."

Coach Kelly continued, "It is a privilege to coach girls who enter our program in ninth grade as young girls and be part of their lives as they become young women. Our philosophy is to help to develop them into responsible, strong, independent women of integrity. That goes along with helping them to become a skillful, competitive player." Many of the players attend camps sponsored by the colleges they are interested in attending. Kelly often contacts coaches from those colleges to further promote the player.

Playing time is based on attendance at practices and games, work ethic, and talent. This seems to work because we have many former players currently playing at all division levels.

When asked how she coaches, Kelly replied, "I'm big on promoting hard work, accountability, and responsibility. I would hope that my players find me to be demanding, fair, and honest. Our team is working on hustle, speed, and movement of the ball. This year's team is showing great progress in those areas." According to Kelly, a great coach is "One that is consistent and dedicated to developing skillful players with a "love of the game."

Kelly has been the coach the past 17 years. Each year brings new challenges, but she tries to learn from past mistakes as well as those things that produced success. Kelly is blessed to have two assistant coaches, her daughter and



Laura Bayzick

Senior members of the field hockey team Laura Bayzick, Mikayla Cavenas, Megan Reed, Meleah Hoats, and Brianna Magda

her youngest brother. It has been a family experience she treasured over the years. They are loyal to the program and work hard to make it successful. Whenever possible, she tries to talk directly to the athletes to address problems or concerns. Kelly's always open to addressing the concerns of parents as well.

At practice, one will see twenty-six players running and performing drills that are geared at developing skills and knowledge of the game. They prepare each practice with a lesson plan. Typically, each practice will start with stretching and sprints. Then, they have drills specific to the needs of the team at that time. Drills will include skill development and parts of game play they need to improve. Finally, small game situations and/or scrimmages occur depending on the game

schedule.

Sportsmanship is learned through example which begins with the coaching staff who sets the tone for respectful behavior. Players are expected to behave accordingly which includes bus trips to away games.

Coach said "I have my many sleepless nights during our season. I also have a very understanding and helpful husband." Kelly lettered in basketball, the only sport offered to women. In college, she was a member of the women's track and field team at Penn State. When not coaching, she likes to spend time with her family. Coach Kelly said "Get involved and stay involved in sports. There are so many life lessons that can be learned playing sports."

Mangia

The Arts & Humanities Academy had a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Booty's on Sunday, September 24th from 12 - 5pm. The cost was \$12.00 for a salad, ziti and meatballs, dessert, and beverage. Arts and Humanities vocal students entertained the crowd with songs along with instrumental accompaniment. Booty's Restaurant generously donated all of the proceeds to the Academy, Whipped Sweet Shoppe donated delicious cupcakes, Towers Bar and Grill donated delightful desserts, and Senape's Bakery donated fresh baked bread. The dinner was a huge success, and we want to thank everyone who came out and supported this fundraiser. I'm sure you didn't leave hungry!!!

Meet Coach Flores

Staff

Coach Flores is the Varsity Girls Softball Coach. A teacher at Hazleton Area High School, Mrs. Flores teaches Spanish. We interviewed Coach Flores about this team and this season, and here are her answers: 1. **What are your goals for this season?** Our goals are to continue to build the program and to improve our record from last year. 2. **Are there any standout players on the team?** We have returning players that have improved greatly from last year as well as new faces who have surprised us with their skill level. Jess Cusatis has had an improvement on her attack, Lauren Merrick has improved defensively, Kayla Mistiszyn has improved mentally as a Captain, and Brooke Boretski walked on as freshmen with a great setting ability. 3. **Do you have any rival teams?** For the girls it is Berwick, and they invite everyone to this event especially when it is a home game. As a Coach, it is G.A.R because I formerly coached that team, and Meyers because they were my alma mater rival. 4. **What is your coaching philosophy?** Playing time is earned, not given. 5. **How active are you in college recruiting?** I am fairly new to it, but have already taken a course on NCAA eligibility. I am also working on finding someone to film our games and utilizing HUDL so that they student athletes benefit. 6. **How do you manage playing time?** I make the necessary cuts at the beginning of the season. No spot is promised to anyone, and that includes the girls who make the team. They learn that they need to work together as one, and adapt. 7. **Have any of your athletes gone on to play college sports?** We are hoping to develop players that will be recruited moving forward. 8. **What is it like to be coached by you?** They would say structured

and consistent. Since it is my second year coaching, I am very big on building a program. Last year, my coaching staff and I laid out the foundation, this year we are building upon it. 9. **What will your teams “hang their hat on?”** The energy on the court and off the court. They have to start strong and pick themselves or each other up when necessary. The energy the girls and coaches on the bench bring will also define their plays. 10. **How would you describe a superior teacher/coach?** Someone who is consistent and genuinely in it for the student athlete. There is more to coaching than just winning. Winning is important, but one can win from a loss as well. Any mistake made on the court is an opportunity to learn. Coaches have the ability to mold a student athlete into a contributing member of society. A superior coach will know how to go about doing that and will avoid ruining a sport for an athlete, will avoid creating entitlement, and will model the behavior they expect from their athletes. They will lead by example. 11. **Why do you coach the way you do?** I was an athlete in high school and have had my share of good and bad coaches. The way I coach is derived from my past experiences, as well as my teaching experience. 12. **Do you have any assistant coaches?** Juliana Poplawski is my assistant coach. It was important for me to find someone who complimented me. I am the strict coach, and for the new players or younger teams I need someone who can help me build the athletes up after I have provided constructed criticism. We like to call her the nicer one out of the two. I also needed

someone who would be able to run a tight ship. I have other coaches who help during the summer. They are current teammates of mine and specialize in individual skills. 13. **What strategies do you use in communicating with your athletes and their parents?** Communication is very important for a program to be successful. I hold an athlete/parent meeting during sign-ups where I discuss my coaching style, practices, open gyms, try-outs, etc. I also hold a separate meeting with our Booster Club parents. During the season, I utilize the athletic website, our Facebook page, and the Remind App to send announcements in English and Spanish when necessary. 14. **Describe the elements of an effective practice?** Girls start with dynamics. We jump in to a warm-up drill. We work on specific skills. It is important for the girls to understand the purpose for each drill. When it is not a new drill, we ask them to tell us the purpose. Warm-up drills and specific-skill drills vary depending on what we have seen from previous practices and game days. There are days where we will have to build upon specific concerns/concepts. Scrimmaging is always important because in our case the sport is situational. 15. **How will you ensure that student-athletes from this district will display a positive image?** I have five rules that revolve around

respect and mold them to be the student-athletes we need them to be. They know such behavior is not in the highest ideals. If a rule is broken, we stick to the consequences consistently. I do not believe in punishments, just consequences as a result of their actions. We also discuss the conduct code as a team so that they understand that they represent the program/school. No drugs, drinking, or smoking. Be respectful. Always display good sportsmanship. No cursing will be allowed. Be present. Tardiness and/or missed practices are only permissible with valid excuse. If you are absent from school you cannot practice/play on that day. Be prepared. Come ready to practice. Inappropriate clothing will not be permitted. Jewelry must be removed. No cellphones. Disciplinary action will be up to the coach and can include suspension from games or removal from team after multiple violations. 16. **How do you manage your time between coaching, job and family life?** An agenda. I prioritize the things that need to be done. There is no time to be lazy unless that time is planned. If I chose to deviate from my agenda, then I sit down and plan for how I make up that time. It takes a lot of planning ahead, too. 17. **Did you play any sports in high school?** I played volleyball, was in the color guard, and ran track. 18. **Did you play any sports in college?** I played intramural volleyball, was involved in various women and co-ed leagues. 19. **What do you like to do in your free time?** I like to spend it with loved ones and stay active. (Hiking, Playing Volleyball, Eating!) 20. **Any last piece of advice for your team specifically or for the students in general?** Don't stop trying. Every day on the court should be like the try-out days. Once I see 100% from an athlete, I will expect no less. Good luck Coach Flores and the Lady Cougar Volleyball Team! We hope you have a successful season!

Coach Brennan

Jean Mata and Rafael Garcia

We recently had the opportunity to interview Mr. Brennan, our football coach. Here are some of the questions we asked and the answers he provided. 1. **What are your goals for this season?** Coach Brennan would like a winning record for post-season and a championship game. 2. **Are there any standout players on the team?** Sparky Wolk, David Norton, Adrian Otero, Will Strassner, Josh Zukoski, David Smith, Michael Fuchick. 3. **Do you have any rivals?** Berwick, Crestwood, and Wyoming Valley West are our biggest rivals. 4. **What is your coaching philosophy?** Teach football to get better. Be men and be accountable for your success. 5. **How active are you in college recruiting?** Very active with Connecticut, Temple, Villanova, Ohio, and Colgate. 6. **How do you manage playing time?** Best players will play with opportunities for maturity to play. 7. **Have any of your athletes gone on to play college sports?** Coach Brennan has had former players attend Ohio State and Misericordia. 8. **How is it to be coached by you?** Coach Brennan says he is caring, demanding, and fatherly yet he wants success and holds his player accountable. 9. **What will define your teams’ play?** Hard work, effort, consistency. 10. **How would you describe a superior teacher/coach?** Fair and everyone is treated the same. 11. **Where have you gained your influence from?** “Why do you coach the way you do?” He played for and was coached by excellent coaches. 12. **Do you have any assistant coaches?** What characteristics are important to you in an assistant coach? Mr. Jeff Weed and Mr. Matt Starrick are Strength and Conditioning Coaches, JV is coached by Mr. Josh Wenner, Freshman Football is coached by Mr. Geoffrey Perkowski, and the Trainer is Paul Sweeney. 13. **What strategies do you use in communicating with your athletes and their parents?** “Do it or



RAFAEL GARCIA AND JEAN MATA

Varsity Football Player Adrian Otero high-fives a coach on the sidelines.

go away.” 14. **At 3:00 PM, if I walk out to the facility behind the school, what will I see in the average practice day for the 9-12th grade program?** What will it look like? We work hard and do not waste time from 3:15PM-6:00PM. 15. **Describe the elements of an effective practice?** Walk us through a typical practice. Practices are organized, consistent, fast, and demanding; players push themselves to game speed. 16. **How will you ensure that student-athletes from this district will display a positive sportsman-ship-type image/identity of our program?** Brennan tries to teach his players what is right and encourages them to respect the games, programs, and themselves. 17. **How do you manage your time between, coaching, job and family life?** This is very difficult for Coach Brennan, and his family time is short during the season. 18. **Did you play any sports in high school?** Football, Basketball, and Track. 19. **Did you play any sports in college?** Football for Temple University for five years. 20. **What do you like to do in your free time for fun?** Family time, watches football on Saturdays. 21. **Any last piece of advice for your team specifically or for the students in general?** “Your decisions can change your life.”

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2017 Pep Rally

Tracy Vasquez

On the morning of September 15th, students from HASD woke up, as early as 3:00AM, to attend the annual pep rally in the gym of HAHS. Since last year, the Eyewitness News Team airs the pep rally, and this year's pep rally included the Cougar Marching Band, the cheerleading squad, The Science Club, Chorus, and the students of the HASD. The marching band played their complex music such as "Crazy Train" and "Give Me Some Lovin'." While the band was playing, the cheerleaders were dancing to the music. Katie Sukal, 12th grade, said, "It was a lot of fun, and I'm glad I was a part of this event. It's also sad to think I will graduate soon and not cheer or attend any more pep rallies." Science Club also showed their talents by displaying the DIY hoverboard they created; even the Cougar mascot caught a ride!

The students who attended the pep rally had much to say including Erika Castro who stated, "As a senior, this experience will go on my top high school event list!"

Erika Castro

top high school experience list, and I can't wait for the next event!" Some students were disappointed that they did not attend. Christina Brehm, a senior, commented, "I wish I would have gone because it is my senior year, but unfortunately I could not go. I wish I would have seen the Science Club and its hoverboard actually working!" Perhaps next time, more students will attend.

Cougar Cross Country

Franklin Cunningham

Franklin Cunningham recently sat down with us to discuss the Cougar Cross Country Team. Under the direction of Head Coach Joe Smolinsky and Assistant Coach Ashley Smolinsky, the Cross Country Team has several strengths as a team including great communication. Cunningham says the coaches have a great running schedule which enables the team to get faster and to beat rival teams Holy Redeemer and Dallas. Freshman standout Zack Keiner is an up and coming star recently back from a

fractured foot. Keiner is currently the second runner for the team. Standouts on the girls team include Ariana Stranko and sophomore Mackenzie Milot who Cunningham describes as "short and powerful." Cunningham placed 81st last year in Pre-States in Hershey, and this year he was able to place 12th out of over 300 runners. Important races include leagues which were held October 14th and included every team in the conference. Good luck to all runners on the team; you make us Cougar proud!

Cougar Golf



The Cougar Golf Team is under the direction of Coach Joseph Boretski. Some standouts for the boy's team include senior Matt Boretski, junior Jordan Pick, and sophomore Brian Bartel. Pick made it to districts three years in a row and credits his long game and his strength and putting as a skill he needs to address. Over the summer, Bartel worked on his chipping and putting to improve his short game which proved to be a successful endeavor. Matt Boretski's strengths include his short game, and he is a solid and

consistent player overall. Standouts for the girl's team include Grace Babinchack, Isabelle Ritz, and Merin Dremock. North Pocono is the team's rival; therefore, they are looking to beat them next year at districts. Coach Boretski says the golf courses in the area have been extremely accommodating and have shown strong support for the Cougar Golf Teams. Both teams are hoping for a great season next year and thank all parents, teachers, and friends for their continued support.



Staff

Franklin Cunningham, senior Cross Country standout. On opposite column, junior Jordan Pick and freshman Isabelle Ritz pose for a photo.

Meet the Water Polo Coaches

Alison Rancont

According to Google, "Water polo is a competitive team sport played in the water between two teams. The game consists of four quarters, in which the two teams attempt to score goals and throw the ball into their opponent's goal. The team with the most goals at the end of the game wins the match. Each team made up of six field players and one goalkeeper. Except for the goalkeeper, players participate in both offensive and defensive roles. Water polo is typically played in an all-deep pool seven feet (or two meters) deep."

The HAHS Water Polo team is under the direction of Mrs. Michelle Yakubowski with help from assistant coach Mr. Jimmy Ringleben. Water polo is a relatively new sport here in HAHS, so I recently asked both coaches a series of questions pertaining to their team and to their coaching philosophies. Mrs. Yakubowski's goal for the season is to be competitive and to make it to the post-season. She wants the team to qualify as Academic All-American for the 11th straight year and hopes some of her athletes make it on the all-conference team.

Female standouts include Gina Blasé, Megan Llewellyn, and Hayley Fellin, and males include Dylan Gould and Brandon DaGrosa. Since Mrs. Yakubowski is active in college recruiting, she is hoping these athletes continue swimming or playing water polo in college. Quite a few of her past athletes have gone on to play in college; some have achieved high-ranking NCAA honors and are coaching the sport themselves.

Managing playing time can be tricky. She states, "It is not always possible to get everyone in



Alison Rancont

The team practicing

games, but when we can, we do it." Being coached by Mrs. Yakubowski can be tough, but she feels she is consistent. She hopes her athletes will grow as people having been through the program, and she strives to push her athletes into doing more than they thought they could do. Fair play, good sportsmanship, and hard work are the foundation of this program.

Mrs. Yakubowski credits coach Judy Pavlick as her inspira-

tion. She coached under Mrs. Pavlick for two years, and "was awesome." A superior coach is one who can get a student athlete to reach his or her potential; together they could achieve great things.

A normal practice consists of warming up, stretching, sprinting, treading, ball handling, scrimmaging, and running offensive and defensive drills. To communicate with the athletes and their parents,

Mrs. Yakubowski uses Facebook and has parent/athlete/coach meetings.

An athlete herself in both high school and college, Mrs. Yakubowski knows it is sometimes difficult to juggle family and one's sport. She states, "Sleep often gets pushed aside, but it all works out. Everyone pitches in to help." In her free time, Coach enjoys spending time with her children or reading a good book.

Coach Yakubowski's last piece of advice is "Always do your best. Don't ever leave wondering 'What if?'" Thank you very much for the wonderful interview and best of luck!!

Mr. Ringleben

Alison Rancont

I recently sat with Mr. Ringleben, the assistant coach for the water polo team and asked him to answer a few questions.

His goal for the team is to get to states and go further than we did last year. Boys standout players include: Ryley McCarthy and Paul Flowers. Girls standouts include: Hayley Fellon, Gina Blasé. The team has a friendly rivalry with WVW, but main opponents are Reading and Exeter. Mrs. Yakubowski is involved in recruiting athletes, but Mr. Ringleben is not. Some former players have gone to

play water polo in college or are members of college swim teams.

When asked his coaching philosophy, coaching philosophy, Coach Ring responded, "Do better today than you did yesterday." Managing playing time depends on the team/location being played, but he and Coach Yakubowski try to get

everyone some playing time. Communication is vital to coaching, and Ringleben feels the boys team is definitely getting better with that.

When asked his coaching style, he replied, "Be humorous. It captivates the students and makes them more likely to really listen." The team has a Facebook group to ensure communication, or they just text each other important dates, etc.

If one walked back to the pool during an average practice, one would see interesting things. They start with a swim warmup/work out, then they do a 10-20 minute tread set, followed by some actual water polo



Water polo ball floats in the pool

drills. Obviously, this coaching tactic has proved successful.

Ringleben takes sportsmanship very seriously. If something bad is said or done, the player is pulled and will not participate in the event. Since coaching is very time consuming, Coach Ring said to "just take any chances you get to be with

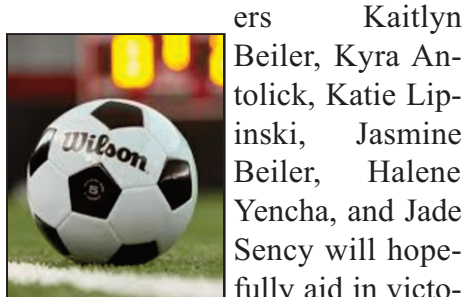
friends and family." For fun, he likes to be with friends and family, watching movies, etc.

Coach Ringleben's final piece of advice is, "Everything is worth a shot. There is no shame in failure, but no honor in not trying at all." No truer words have been spoken.

Coach Paisley, Soccer Coach

Newspaper Staff

Jim Paisley is the coach for the girls soccer team. His goals for the season are to develop people who know how to persevere through adversity and to win the District Two Championship. Players



Kick it!!! Kaitlyn Beiler, Kyra Antolick, Katie Lipinski, Jasmine Beiler, Halene Yencha, and Jade Sency will hopefully aid in victories, especially over rival Pittston. Paisley has had several players go to Division III schools, and his philosophy is to develop the heart of a champion both on and off the field.

Time in matches varsity matches is earned through practice and training sessions, and he runs a small bench. He is someone who cares about the person more than the sport. Paisley says he is passionate about soccer, and desires excellence without sacrificing relationships. His team never stops working until they hear the final whistle, and regardless of outcome, his girls play with all their hearts.

Paisley says his greatest influence comes from his greatest teacher, Jesus. He feels as a coach, he is someone who not only moti-



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Members of the Girls Soccer Team and their coaches

vates others to achieve more, but also leads by example. Amy Diaute is his assistant coach; Paisley says she is another set of eyes, and he is constantly bouncing ideas off her because she gives fair assessment. They both communicate with the parents and athletes through the Remind App on phones.

A typical practice consists of cardio and stretching, strategy and drills. Once a season, the team dia-

logues about previous matches; they discuss what they did effectively as a team and what aspects need improvement. Coach Paisley says some of the kindest girls play soccer for the HASD. They do a great job of policing one another and encouraging one another; therefore, the girls display positive sportsmanship.

Balancing coaching, a job, and a family can be difficult, and prac-

tice often interrupts the things Coach Paisley would love to do with his family. In high school, Paisley was a member of both the baseball and the basketball team. He also played baseball and soccer in college. In his free time, Paisley likes to play soccer, golf, and watch movies. His final piece of advice is, "Whatever you do, do it with all your heart." Thanks Coach Paisley for a wonderful interview!

Squad Goals

Tracy Vasquez

Behind many varsity cheerleaders, there will always be the dedicated coaches. These individuals love and support their athletes throughout their cheerleading as well as their high school careers. I recently interviewed three coaches, and here are their responses.

Coach Ali said, "I coach the Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squad. I coach the

way I do because I want each cheerleader to push themselves so they learn to believe in themselves and their talents and abilities. My coaching philosophy is every athlete has the ability to be the best they can be. It sounds cliché, but I believe when an athlete believes in themselves, great results will occur. My superior coaches "Beechay" and Mrs. Barletta, were my inspirations. What they taught me is instilled in both my life and my coaching career. My goal for this season is for the cheer-

leaders to enjoy themselves and to learn something in the process. I try to incorporate life lessons through coaching and I use a more personal approach."

The Varsity Game Cheerleading Coach is Coach Budda who said, "I coach the varsity squad. I think a superior coach is someone who truly cares about their team.

When I cheered in high school, my coaches were Mrs. Barletta and Mrs. Feola who both influenced me to be the coach I am today. My coaching philosophy is as long as an athlete is having fun, anything can happen. I coach my squad the way I do because I want them to enjoy this sport." Budda tries to be fair and never makes anyone feel discouraged. Managing time between coaching and her personal life can be tricky, but Coach Budda has a job that works with the cheerleading schedule. She uses her time wisely, gives her squad breaks at practice when needed, and reminds the girls they are representing the sport as well as the school when in uniform.

Coach Lindsey credits Mrs. Feola, her former coach, as her inspiration. She states, "I believe part of the reason I am the person I am today is because of (Feola's) influence on my life. I aspire to one day have this same effect." She states cheerleading skills do not come easy; it takes a lot of dedication and hard work. It is a

"Believe in yourself. Don't let anyone tell you that you're not good enough. If they do, prove them wrong."

Coach Lindsey

sport that requires teamwork and the proper mind set. She urges her girls to be proper role models both in and out of the gym.

All the coaches want their girls to enjoy themselves because each cheerleader stands out in his/her own way. All cheerleaders are held to a high standard, and the coaches stress the importance of sportsmanship and the responsibility of being a student athlete.

When asked about her past coaching days, Mrs. Feola stated, "I would like to see my former cheerleaders come back to coach the sport. It feel like handing the baton down to them. My advice to the current coaches is to be patient because it takes time and generations. I believe they have succeeded and will continue to do so."

Best of luck to all squads!



Online Source

Pom poms, a staple for all cheerleaders

Arts and Humanities: Official and Thrilled

Alison Rancont

After going two years in its pilot program, the Hazleton Area Arts and Humanities (HAAH) was ruled an official academy by the school board. Student and teachers alike are thrilled by this ruling, but what exactly does this mean for the Academy?



When asked about what this could mean for the Academy, Mrs. Salvaterra, the head of the HAAH, said, "It will bring a lot more acknowledgment to the Academy. It also gives a sense of security. We're seen as legit, and now, nothing can take that away from us." The HAAH will still keep its foundation, beliefs, and systems. As Mrs. Salvaterra said, "We're constantly reflecting on how well we're being received. We'll tweak what isn't working as well, but if it's continuing to work and to bring the Academy what it needs, there's no need to change it."

Students and teachers alike said how thrilled they were to have the HAAH deemed official. Mrs. Yakubowski, an English teacher in the Academy, said, "I'm very excited. Its a good thing because now we can move forward without hav-



School district website

The logo that the HAAH has been using since the first year of its pilot program.

ing to worry the School Board will cancel it, and all the hard work will have been for nothing." "It's great that we're real now. It's like the recognition we've been waiting for," said student Jasmine Treichler, a junior in the academy. Even Mrs. Salvaterra said, "It was a long time coming, what with the several years it took to even get the pilot off the ground, but it feels wonderful."

The Academy went through the

same process the STEM school went through some years back. First, those trying to get the program had to solidify ideas and processes, making sure they and the School Board agreed on the idea that was being pitched. Next, the Board allowed a pilot program, which allowed the ideas to be played out, allowing the board to see how well it worked. If the pilot got shown enough student (and teacher) interest, it would be

approved and considered an academy. The HAAH went through a two year pilot program, and it received overwhelming interest and support. Finally, it was approved to be official, just in time for this school year. "A lot of people worked really hard for really long. It took so much to even get a pilot program let alone an academy." Salvaterra finished. "But the work was worth it, and we couldn't be happier."

Taking the Renaissance Faire by Storm

Alison Rancont

The Hazleton Area Arts and Humanities Academy (HAAH) will be taking their second trip to the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire in Manheim this year. "It was such a good time, and it was even better since our students could

compete in competitions and performances. They did pretty well too!" said Mrs. Salvaterra, the administrative head of the HAAH.

The students loved the Faire as well. Jeremiah Matias said, "It was a really good time with my friends, and I'm really glad we were able to compete like we

did." Theresa McKinney agreed saying, "Competing was a lot of fun, but I also just loved walking around with my friends." "Honestly, it was just a good time," said Abby Hefflefinger. Some students participated in competitions at the Faire, including drama, visual art, and vocal. There were also some post-faire competitions, such as essay writing and photo-journalism. The Academy students did quite well at these competitions, and they are hoping to come back even stronger this year.

The HAAH can only do this with help from the students, though. "We have plenty of fundraisers coming up in which students can participate," Mrs. Salvaterra said. "We had a bucket drop and a spaghetti dinner in September and a Krispy Kreme sale in October. All of these can only be successful through student help." Fundraisers will not only

"Honestly, it was just a good time."

-Abby Hefflefinger

help the upcoming trip, but they will also benefit any other efforts the Academy will be making, like getting together a gala and taking a spring trip. Last year, student were able to raise enough to go to the Renaissance Faire and go to see a Broadway show in New York City. This year, the plans include a Spring Gala and a trip to Washington DC. "I really hope we can raise enough to pull something like that off again," HAAH student Rosie Flanagan said. "It'd be great the see [the HAAH] flourish like that."



Renaissance Faire website

The stage on which the Academy students competed

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Halloween Attractions

All Near You!

By Jasmine Aikens

Being in high school, we realize we are too old for trick or treating. Although, that does not mean one cannot enjoy a thrill. Listed below are some haunted trails, hayrides, and houses in the area worth checking out!

Reapers Revenge

460 Green Grove Road, Scranton, PA, 18447

Located 41.32 miles away from Hazleton Area High School, Reapers Revenge holds a haunted hayride and four attractions over sixty acres wide. The attractions are called Lost in Carnival, Pitch Black, and Sector 13, Zombie Apocalypse. One will also find Zombie Paintball only costing \$5.00 for entry. Admission for the other attractions together costs \$35.00. Opening day is September 23rd and will end November 5th. (Attractions are rated 9.90 out of 409 ratings). For more information, visit <http://reapersrevenge.net/>.

The Bates Motel

1835 Middletown Road, Glen Mills, PA, 19342 Located 75.67 miles away from Hazleton Area High School, The Bates Motel includes a haunted hayride that includes huge sets, props and fire, a ghost town, and a grave yard. The admission price is unknown. Opening day is September 22nd and will end October 31st. (Attractions rated 9.14 out of 228 ratings). For more information, visit <http://thebatesmotel.com/>.

Waldorf Estate of Fear

6325 Interchange Road, Lehighton, PA, 18235

Located 23.22 miles away from Hazleton Area High School, Waldorf Estate of Fear consists of, The Haunting at the Waldorf Hotel (\$17.00), Terror in the Corn Haunted Hayride (\$20.00), Infection Interactive Zombie Survival Game (\$35.00) and zombie escape rooms (\$20.00). For all three attractions, not including the zombie escape rooms, admission is \$35.00. Starting in October, Waldorf Estate of Fear will be open every Friday and Saturday. (Attractions rated 8.33 out of 57 ratings). For more information, visit <https://www.waldorfestateoffear.com/>.

Hotel of Horror

Cherry Valley Rd, Saylorsburg, PA 18353

Located 35.92 miles away from Hazleton Area High School, Hotel of Horror consists



Photo from the jump The Grudge.

of Alter Nightmares and The Exhibition Macabre in the Pocono Mountains. Admission ticket price is unknown. It will be open from September 19th until November 1st, every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (Rated 9.74 out of 124 ratings). For more information, visit www.hotelofhorror.com/.

Fear Hollow, Mayhem on the Mountain

1600 Church Road, Mountain Top, PA, 18707

Located 11.16 miles from Hazleton Area High School, Fear Hollow consists of an intense indoor walk through haunted house and a deadwoods haunted trail described as an interactive outdoor walking trail through the back woods of Mountain Top. Admission costs \$20.00, and it will be open the week-

ends of October. (Rated 9.78 out of 9 ratings). For more information, visit <http://www.fearhollow.com/>.

Hopefully this information was helpful to making your Halloween a real thrill. Any other information needed can be found on the locations' websites! Happy Halloween!

Scary Prose

Staff

If you are a true reader, there are several horror writers whose novels you should try if you would like to sleep with the lights on at night. Stephen King is perhaps the best-known horror author whose books include *It*, *The Shining*, *Cujo*, *Christine*, and *Needful Things*. Screenwriter Clive Barker is known for the *Books of Blood* series, and Dean Koontz, who actually attended Shippensburg University, is the author of several horror novels. Anne Rice's popular novels *Interview with a Vampire* and *Queen of the Damned* were also made into films. Young adult authors include Christopher Pike, R. L. Stine, Lois Duncan, Stephanie Meyer, and Caroline B. Cooney. So if you want to be shaking in your shoes, pick up one of these novels today!!

The Meaning Behind Halloween

How Well Do You Know Halloween?

By Jasmine Aikens

Have you ever wondered where and how Halloween came to be? Today, it is about dressing up in costumes and knocking door to door for delicious treats. People decorate their houses and celebrate the night with fun and games. When it started, Halloween was a different story. The word 'Halloween' comes from 'hallowed evening.' Gaels, ancestors who spoke Gaelic, believed Halloween night was a time when the walls between our world and the next became thin, allowing spirits to

pass, come back to life and damage their crops. The people would put on masks and dance around fires to scare the spirits away or trick them by impersonating them. Trick or treating and dressing up started in the 16th century in Ireland, Scotland and Wales where people went door-to-door in costumes asking for food in exchange for a poem or song. Today, we follow these traditions to an extent with a different meaning. It used to be about protection and being in need of food. Now we do it

for entertainment. Like before, we dress as ghosts and monsters and sometimes tell or answer riddles at doors in exchange for food. How different do you think it would be if we still followed Gaelic tradition? Would it be as enjoyable as it is today? Do you think one would enjoy the thrill of Halloween even more if one believed real spirits were coming out to take away ones food? Sit on this; most of our other holidays too have originated from a darker past.



Photo from the film The Crucible.

Scary Movies

Brytnée Barbush

Halloween is coming, so scary movies are in theaters nationwide. There are a few movies that are coming out that everyone is anticipating. Some movies you may have heard of are *IT*, *Jigsaw*, *Jeepers Creepers 3*, and *Cult of Chucky*.

The remake movie *IT* is the movie for which everyone is waiting. It was first released in 1990, and is based on Stephen King’s book. The remake was released September 8, 2017. This movie is rated “R” and is two hours and fifteen minutes long. The movie is about a group of kids that band together to fight an evil clown that has a history of murder and violence.

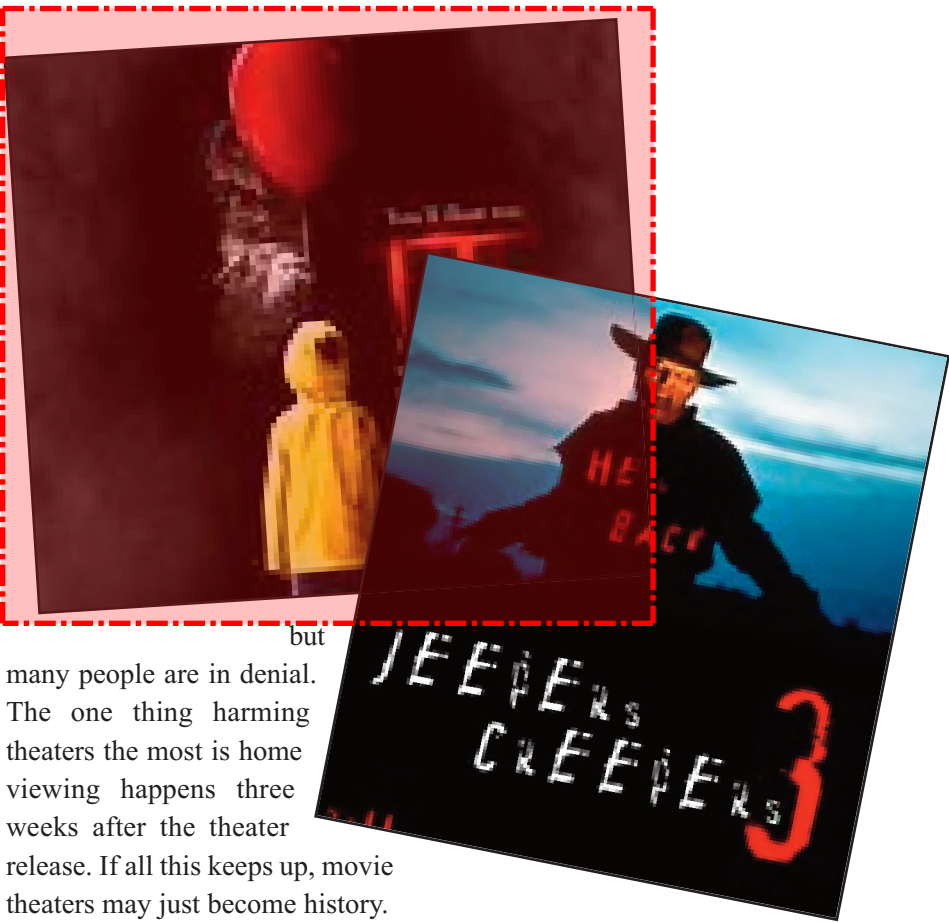
Jigsaw is another movie fans are anxiously awaiting. *Jigsaw* is going to be in theaters October 27, 2017. The movie is rated “R” and is an hour and a half long. *Jigsaw* starts with bodies showing up around the city that have met a uniquely gruesome demise. The investigation leads to someone they believe is impossible because he is

supposed to be dead. This is the eighth movie in the *Saw* franchise.

Jeepers Creepers 3 is going to becoming out as well. This movie was released on September 26, 2017. This movie is all about Sergeant Tubbs and how he tries to destroy the creeper once and for all.

Finally, we have *Cult of Chucky*. I am sure at some point, you have heard something about Chucky. He has returned to terrorize his victim, Nica. With the help of his ex-wife, Chucky scores to settle with old enemies. The movie is rated “R” and is an hour and thirty minutes in length.

With all the talk about new movies, is anyone going to go? Movie attendance has been decreasing every year. The sharpest decline is viewer’s 14 – 24 years old. Reasons for this are the high prices, the lack of interest, and the amount of time. As an example, take the movie *IT*. The price for a ticket ranges from \$9.00 to \$11.50. Do not forget that after you pay for this, you also have to buy your snacks and drinks. The future in movie business is not looking good,



but many people are in denial. The one thing harming theaters the most is home viewing happens three weeks after the theater release. If all this keeps up, movie theaters may just become history.

Online Source

Stephen King's *It* and *Jeepers Creepers 3* are two of the movies designed to scare and horrify.

Fall TV Lineup!!

Brytnée Barbush

As everyone knows, the new fall lineup for television was released. All of the major networks like ABC, CBS, and NBC released new shows for the upcoming season, and several popular shows returned. Whether you like dramas, reality shows, comedies, or “true TV,” there was definitely a show for you in this lineup!!! T

he new shows in the comedy section are *The Mayor*, *9JKL*, *Young Sheldon*, *A.P. Bio*, and *Champions*. These shows will leave you laughing through the holidays. Here are some descriptions for these shows:

The Mayor is about a rapper that runs for mayor just to promote his music. When the plan takes a wild spin, he wins the election and has no clue what to do. *9JKL* is about a young adult that lives between his parent’s apartment and his brother and sister-in-law’s apartment. He wouldn’t mind it so much except he has a very intrusive family, so he tries to set boundaries. *Young Sheldon* is about a young boy especially gifted in mathematics and science. Throughout the show, he starts to realize having this ability is not much advantage to him in Texas. *A.P. Bio* is about a former philosophy professor. Who takes a job to teach A.P. Bio and uses his students to get back at people. *Champions* is about agents for Nemesis and their first mission, to investigate some potentially lethal experiments in Communist China. When the mission goes wrong and their plane crashes in a part of the Himalayas, they are rescued by members of an unknown civilization. While they are there they discover these people have special super powers.

There are also new shows in the drama category such as *The Good Doctor*, *9-1-1*,



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A spinoff of *The Big Bang Theory*, Iain Armitage stars in *Young Sheldon* about the early life of child genius Sheldon Cooper.

Ghosted, *Good Girls*, and *SEAL Team*. The drama shows will leave you connected to the television or phone waiting for what happens next. *The Good Doctor* is about a young surgeon with autism and Savant syndrome. He is recruited to a pediatric surgical unit of a prestigious hospital. But, can he save peoples’ lives even if he cannot relate to them? *9-1-1* is about the lives and careers of first responders, the people who put their lives on the line to save others. The series is based on the real-life, high-pressure experiences of emergency response providers. *Ghosted* is about a skeptic forced to work with a believer of the paranormal to investigate unexplained

occurrences in Los Angeles. *Good Girls* is about three desperate suburban wives and mothers that are “ready to stop playing it safe and start taking risks.” *SEAL Team* is about the most elite unit of the Navy SEALs. It takes you through as they train, prepare, and execute the most dangerous missions.

Finally, we have the returning shows some of you probably love. We have *Stranger Things* and *American Horror Story Cult*. You probably all have been waiting for these shows to return, and now they are back better than ever. These shows will keep you busy this fall season.

Band News

The Marching Cougars held their first annual Meet the Band Night on Saturday September 23, 2017 at 6pm. The Marching Cougars performed their 2017 – 2018 Field Show titled “A Pirate’s Tale” for all parents, guardians, administration, faculty, staff and members of the Hazleton Area Board of Education at Harman Geist Memorial Field. All who attended enjoyed this amazing musical selection. The HAHS Marching Cougars are under the direction of Mr. Joseph Stefanko. The Marching Cougars would also like to thank anyone who purchased a mum, salsa, or jelly since the fundraiser was a huge success.

Top 10 Best Hip-Hop Tracks of 2017

By
Giovanni Vargas

It is 2017, and music is booming all over the world. Millions of songs get played on a daily basis, but what songs top the list? Whether Pop, R and B, Country, Hip-Hop, or Rap, here are some of the best songs of 2017. A reggae-

pop song the whole world plays often remaking it into their own language is "Despacito" by Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee. These men made a huge hit, and millions of fans play this song and dance to its beat. "Despacito" translated means "slowly," and the song is about a romantic

relationship. This song topped the Billboard Top 100 Songs. Another huge hit was Ed Sheeran's "Shape of You" which also made the list. Thousands wanted to know for whom the song was written, but Sheeran would not tell. DJ Khalid, Justin Beiber, Quavo, Chance the Rap-

per, and Lil' Wayne's "I'm the One" became a number one hip-hop single and debuted at the top of the Billboard 100. Not since Eminem's "Not Afraid" did a hip-hop song reach this height.

The Real Deal

Kyabet Feliz

Christopher Columbus was an Italian explorer, navigator, and colonizer. Born in Genoa, Italy, he completed four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean. Yet a question is often raised about the kind of person Columbus was. Once such source claims he was a very poor governor and was actually very cruel towards the local tribes. Even the settlers arriving from Spain disliked Columbus due to his harsh rules and laws. The settlement was a failure, and the explorer tried covering his mistakes. Columbus told several lies to overshadow his faults. Known for treating the natives with great cruelty, Columbus would force them to find gold then murder them. So, this is the "true" Christopher Columbus who is quite different than imagined.

Celebrating Halloween

By
Giovanni Vargas

Hundreds or thousands of adults and children love Halloween. It is one of the most fun times of the season. For everyone who loves Halloween, we all know it is always fun to dress up in both a scary or goofy costume and to get candy by visiting house to house. Staying home with the family having a Halloween feast and giving candy to the little children and teenagers are some things people enjoy on Halloween. Every year, kids of all ages want to be either a super hero, a super villain, or just be creative with their costumes. Many people such as Rosangely Segura, take their little siblings out to trick or treat with them. We see children under ten dressing up like a witch, a vampire, a wolf, a ninja, super hero or villain. Destiny Rosario likes to dress up as an archer and trick or treats. Halloween is one of the best holidays in which to take part, to have family and friends together, and to have a good time. For teenagers, just putting makeup and random clothes to match the makeup, and dressing up as someone they idolize or a movie character is fun. Jocelynn Belletiere and Genavie Penkala both put on makeup to go along with their outfit to go out and trick or treat. Jose Gutierrez likes to dress as a vampire; he says it's his favorite costume for almost every year. Halloween can be the best holiday of the year for everyone who loves horror. There are many attractions to visit like Dorney Park with its Halloween specials. Decorating houses is also a Halloween tradition. Designing the house with webs, ghosts, spiders, big, or small monsters, is done in town. Not everyone would like to decorate houses, but people such as Heather Rodriguez decorate her house with the family and has fun with it. Who wouldn't want to decorate a house to make it look cool and creepy? As someone who is in love with Halloween, we can all agree the best part about Halloween would be the candy and the horror movies! Horror films now a days aren't as scary as they used to be. Real horror movies such as *Jeepers Creepers*, the original *IT* movie, can really get the heart pumping, and we all agree there are great horror films. Joselyn Meija she loves to go trick or treating with her little sister, but she mostly loves horror movies and shows such as a good one called *Goosebumps*. Creepy pastas are even around for Halloween such as an all favorite creepy pasta character Slender man. Melvin M. Castillo dress up as the all-time favorite Slender man, he would say it's his favorite. A favorite teacher here in the Hazelton Area High School Mr. Ringleben loves Halloween because of everything about it. He loves the horror movies, haunted houses, and the general atmosphere. As he stated "I love the seasonal changes it brings here because it looks so beautiful." He also dress as many different costumes such as, Two Face, Bread Man, Chulo, and Freddy Krueger. Halloween one of the best holidays we can all celebrate and doing all we can just to have the time of it. Felix Infante, Roberto Hierro, Angel Suriel, and Alexa Robinson can all agree that Halloween is the best holiday for all the terrorizers around.



Rosangely Segura and Yesica Fermin

Gio Vargas



Jocelynn Belletiere, Genavie Penkala, and Jose Gutierrez

Gio Vargas



Heather Rodriguez and Destiny Rosario

Gio Vargas

Beautiful and Inked: The True Meanings of Tattoos

Kristina Romero

Throughout history, mankind has been marked with tattoos for many reasons, like the purpose of religion, declarations of love, hope, faith, and much more. Depending on the person they can have a vast variety of meanings on why they got the tattoo they have. When people get inked they either know what they are going to get or they do not know at all. Some people have meanings about the tattoos they have For instance, some teens around the high school have symbols or dates for a loved one. The tattoos some people get can also come in many shapes and sizes. Some tattoos can tell a story depending on its looks or on the person’s personality. The body part on where you put your tattoo can also mean a variety of things. Some can tell many stories just

from the tattoo being in a certain spot. Some people just hide the tattoo in a place you cannot see it for professional reasons like a job or going into the military. No matter where you go, there will always be a person with tattoos for many reasons. Michael Soto, a senior at HAHS says he has many tattoos from his younger days but his favorite is the skull with feathers because it represents his proud Mexican American heritage. Other students at the Hazleton Area High School are usually known for the beautiful work they have during the past years of their high school careers. Also many of the students that attend the High School have got their tattoos at a younger age before starting a High school career. Locations where you can get tattoos near you are Marc’s Tattooing in Hazle Township, Underground Tattoo in Hazleton, and last but not least, Let It Bleed in Hazleton.



Photo credit Kristina Romero

Here are some of the unique and inspirational tattoos found in the halls of HAHS.

2017 Bloomsburg Fair

By
Kayla Tanner

Historians have called it a “street carnival”; the men who first set it up called it an agricultural fair. Franklin Pierce was the 14th President of the United States and James Pollock from Northumberland County was the 13th Governor of Penn-

sylvania when they decided to create an event for the local farmers. Digging in their pockets for the ten cents, citizens were admitted to this new adventure held in a field at the lower end of Second Street, now Main Street. Begun in 1855, the Bloomsburg Fair is an event that gets bigger and better each year. There are several food vendors at the fair. One can enjoy a gyro, cheesesteak, pizza, stuffed

pretzel, beef and cheddar, fries, and fried veggies for dinner. Desserts consist of candy apples, fried Oreos, ice cream, fudge, cotton candy, and apple dumplings with or without ice cream. Some people know exactly where each vendor is located, so they go right to their favorite spots to enjoy their favorite fair delights. Games of chance are found throughout the venue, and one can win stuffed animals or other

prizes. One can take a helicopter ride and view the fair from above, and there are several amusement rides for both children and adults. From the sky ride to pirate ship, rides are found throughout the grounds of the fair. For a dollar, one can go see the world's smallest horse or the largest snake. There are also several concerts held during Fair Week. For a donation, families can see the canines who placed in the annual dog show. Poultry and livestock exhibits draw the kids wishing to pet the animals. A butterfly exhibit is also a popular draw. So if you have never been to the Bloomsburg Fair, try it next year. You will not be disappointed!

Some delicious....

Vince's Cheesesteak



Vince's Cheesesteaks are a staple items enjoyed by several fair goers each year.

Fried Oreos



These melt-in-your-mouth Oreos are dipped in funnel cake batter and deep fried.

Fair Food

Inside the Drama Studio

The Arts & Humanities Drama Studio is performing the Shakespearian Comedy Twelfth Night. We will be performing for both the Arts & Humanities academy and at the Renaissance Fair for the attending schools in a dramatic completion. Due to the popularity of the Drama Studio we chose to perform two productions, side by side, to accommodate all of the students talents and skills. Our studio III students such as

Travis Smith, Patricia Anderson, Aurora Kellmer, Cayce Olander, Shelby Wolfe, and Allan Avilla are playing an integral part in the direction and production of the play. Fortunately, our incoming freshman students are a talented, experienced group, and our studio II students are enthusiastic and mature in their lead roles within the play. See you at the playhouse!!

Food Trucks and Restaurants

By:Kyabet Feliz

Have you heard about the restaurants or food trucks in town? One of the restaurants that is open now is Panera Bread. The grand opening for Panera was on September 13th. We also will be opening a Pop-eye's that will be located right next to Panera

Bread on Route 93. A place that people do not really know about is J. Zapata Mexican Food truck in Drums. There is also a Dominican food truck in Hazleton called El Negrón located on Diamond Ave. The rest of the page will be dedicated to some of the great menu items featured at these unique places.



Kyabet Feliz

Some delicious food from J. Zapata Mexican Food Truck

Panera Bread Popeye's...It's Not Just a Cartoon!!

By:Kyabet Feliz

A Panera Bread on Route 93 just opened. Panera offers several breakfast items including bagel sandwiches, egg souffles, fruit cups, and oatmeal. These are a few things Panera has on the lunch menu: Broccoli Cheddar soup, Roasted turkey and avocado BLT, BBQ chicken flatbread, Tomato mozzarella flatbread as well as its famous

mac and cheese, chili, and a wide variety of salads. The bakery is full of delicious items like muffins, scones, cookies, brownies, and Danish to delight your sweet tooth. Smoothies, iced tea, and prickly pear hibiscus fresca are some of the items to quench your thirst. Hopefully Panera does well, and if you would like to see the calorie content of the food, check online at panera-bread.com.

Kyabet Feliz

Forty-five years ago in New Orleans, Louisiana, Popeye's was born. What began as one tiny establishment turned into several restaurants across the nation. Some of the menu items one can purchase at Popeye's include Bonafide chicken which is marinated for 12 hours and hand-breaded and battered and chicken tenders which are 100% breast meat and served either

mild, spicy, or blackened with a choice of six sauces. Seafood options include popcorn shrimp and Louisiana staple Po'Boys on a baguette with lettuce, pickles, and mayo. Sides include cole slaw, red beans and rice, hot buttery biscuits, and Cajun fries, and desserts include cinnamon apple and pecan pie and Mardi Gras cheesecake. For those watching their figure, a "Live Well" menu with items under 350 calories is a healthy alternative. Love that chicken from Popeye's!!

Food on Wheels

By:Kyabet Feliz

J. Zapata's food truck located in Drums has many different Mexican foods you can try! There are tacos where one can choose any meat and add any other vegetables and sauces. You can get a delicious burrito with any meat and any side of your choice. You can get nachos, a plate of your choice and a quesadilla.

The great thing about it is that vegetarians and vegans are welcome! There is also an-

other food truck that sells delicious Dominican foods! The food truck is called El Negrón

and is located on Diamond Ave. beside Dollar General. At El Negrón, there are yaroas where you can choose several flavors such as plantains and a chicken of your choice. They also have a sandwich called a chimi with meat, and you can include vegetables. You will often see El Negrón busy on late nights and filled with people! You won't be disappointed with any of these food trucks.



Kyabet Feliz

Delicious yaroa from El Negrón!

Pumpkin Cookies with Chocolate

Jordyn Williams

Say your goodbyes to summer because fall is approaching! You know what that means...yes, cooler weather and color changing leaves, but most of all, it's pumpkin season! That's right, pumpkin Oreos,



pumpkin spice eggnog, pumpkin candles...pumpkin everything! That is why I am writing this article, to give everybody out there

YUMMY!!! some pumpkin recipes that are easy and everybody loves. Because who doesn't love to make their favorite seasonal dishes from scratch? Am I right? The scent of pumpkin flowing through your home on a nice, breezy autumn day, and the taste of a homemade baked good after a good meal. So here are some tasty recipes that involve pumpkin in one way or another. Enjoy!

For those of you that like cookies, try these pumpkin cookies with chocolate. What you'll need is: 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour½ cup natural cocoa powder1 teaspoon baking soda1 teaspoon ground cloves1 teaspoon ground cinnamon½ teaspoon ground black pepper½ teaspoon fine salt½ cup molasses½ cup pure



Online Source

Grab your milk and pair it with these amazing cookies!!!

pumpkin puree½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature1 cup granulated sugar1 large egg1 cup chopped walnuts1 cup chopped dates1 tablespoon turbinado sugar Here are the steps to making your pumpkin cookies: Step 1 Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment. Step 2 Whisk together the flour, cocoa, baking soda, cloves, cinnamon, pepper, and salt in a medium bowl.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the molasses and pumpkin puree. Step 3 Beat the butter and the sugar in a large bowl with an electric mixer on medium-high until light and fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Beat in the egg, scraping down the sides of the bowl as necessary. Reduce mixer speed to low and add the dry and wet ingredients alternately, beginning and ending with the dry ingredients and mixing well between

additions. Mix until just combined. Fold in the walnuts and dates. Step 4 Drop mounds of the dough (about 1 ½ tablespoon each) 1 inch apart onto the baking sheets. Sprinkle with the turbinado sugar, dividing evenly. Bake, rotating the sheets halfway through, until firm around the edges, 12 to 14 minutes. Let cool slightly on the baking sheets, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Enter text ...

Pumpkin Lasagna

Jordyn Williams

One more recipe I would like to share is for the truly committed pumpkin fans. If you want a pumpkin dish for dinner, you'll want to try this pumpkin lasagna. You will need: 1 pound lasagna noodles 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil,

plus more for tossing 1 onion, finely chopped 2 pounds Swiss chard, stems discarded and leaves chopped 2 garlic cloves, minced Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper Three 15-ounce cans pumpkin puree 1/4 cup heavy cream Pinch of freshly grated nutmeg Pinch of cayenne pepper 4 cups fresh ricotta (32 ounces) 2 large

eggs, beaten 2 cups freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese (about 6 ounces) 2 cups shredded imported Fontina cheese (about 8 ounces) Preheat the oven to 400°. In a pot of boiling salted water, cook the lasagna noodles until they soften, about 3 minutes. Drain well and transfer noodles to a baking sheet. Toss noodles with olive oil to prevent them from sticking. In a large skillet, heat the 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Add the onion and cook over until softened, about 7 minutes. Add the Swiss chard and cook stirring frequently, until wilted and no more liquid remains, about 8 minutes. Stir in the garlic and cook about 1 minute. Season with salt and pepper. Transfer to a plate and let cool slightly. In a medium bowl, mix together the pumpkin puree, heavy cream, nutmeg and cayenne. Season with salt and pepper. In another bowl, mix the ricotta with the eggs, 1 1/2 cups of the Parmigiano, 1 cup of the fontina and 1 1/2 tea-

"Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower."

Albert Camus

spoons of salt. In a well-buttered 9 x 13 baking dish, spoon half a cup of pumpkin mixture in an even layer. Arrange 3-4 lasagna noodles in the dish, overlapping them slightly. Spread half of the pumpkin mixture over the noodles and top with Swiss chard and another layer of noodles. Cover with half of the ricotta mixture and repeat and finish with ricotta mixture. Cover with foil and bake about 40 minutes until firm. Sprinkle the remaining ½ cup of parmesan cheese and 1 cup of fontina on top and broil until golden brown and crisp. Let rest then cut into squares and serve.



Online Source

For the true pumpkin lover, try a delicious serving of pumpkin lasagna!!

October Is National Pizza Month

National Pizza Month-October
October is National Pizza Month, so we decided to list several different pizza places in the area and their stand out foods. The Hazleton Area is known for their Italian food, and pizza is no exception. Let's take a tour of some of the amazing pizza places in this town...

First is Pie-O-Near located in Drums, PA. They have many different types of pizza such as, upside-down pizza, baked ziti pizza, and taco deluxe pizza. When one eat in the restaurant, they serve you free bruschetta. If you never had or heard of bruschetta, it is basically bread with tomato, cheese, and balsamic dressing over the top. They

are known by their very delicious, yet very unique fries. The variety of fries include crab fries, buffalo chicken fries, Sicilian fries, and chicken-bacon-ranch fries. This is definitely a place I would head to if you are a pizza fanatic.

Next on our tour through the pizza community is Frankie's. Frankie's is located on North Wyoming Street. Frankie's is famous for their stuffed crust pizza. With two layers of dough stretched and stuffed with your favorites, it will be your new addiction. They also have a unique type of Chicken Tuscany pizza. They also have tavern pizza, which has a three cheese blend. Another pizza is a dad's pizza; this pizza has a sweeter sauce with tomatoes, garlic and Romano cheese. Call or eat in this delicious, mouth-watering pizzeria.

On the move to the next pizzeria, we found D'Amato's. They are located on West 15th street, Hazleton, PA.

D'Amato's is famous for their wood fire pizza oven. They have a vegetarian pizza, D'Amato's Special pizza, and a La Victoria pizza. A lot of the kids would go in and get the two slices and a soda daily special for only \$3.00. If you are up to try some wood fire pizza, head on over to D'Amato's.

Another pizza place we ran into twice is Vesuvio's. Vesuvio's is lucky enough to bring in costumers from two areas, with a location in Drums and Hazleton. First, we can talk about the Hazleton location. They have a variety of flavors so I suggest checking them out. Finally, we have the Drums location; with an outside patio, they draw in a lot of parties in the summer to enjoy a variety of pizza and other Italian food. Rostas's is a nice place across from the Cheese Store and Boyer's. They also have an outside sitting area. They have very delicious sausage pizza, and a pizza with extra Schmutz. Schmutz is just our town's way of

saying cheese. If you're looking for somewhere nice and friendly to eat, I would stop here.

Now, we have arrived at Vincenzo's. They are located in Conyngham, PA next to Gould's. Another place in the same area is Valley Pizza. Then across the valley in Freeland we have Sorrento's. All of these places have very good pizza including Sicilian, buffalo chicken, and meat lovers. Finally, we can talk about the cold pizza competition. In the running are Senape's, Longo's, Carmen's, and Frankie's. They all bring in a lot of money from their cold pizzas, especially with kids in sports and parents at work. Senape's Tavern also has its famous Senapetizer pizza which boasts several different flavors.



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Lin Manuel-Miranda Makes a Splash... Again

Alison Rancont

Born January 16, 1980, Lin Manuel-Miranda is truly an icon in both the musical theater and the humanitarian communities. Miranda was raised in a musically-oriented family, and his parents loved musical theater and entered Miranda into piano lessons from a young age. He eventually went on to study at Wesleyan University, majoring in theater studies. After graduation, he went on for a few years teaching as a high school English teacher. After his years teaching, Miranda went on to write and to star in groundbreaking musicals such as *In the Heights* and *Hamilton*, both of which won Tony Awards. *Hamilton* went on to win even more awards and to break even more records. Miranda went on to do work with Spanish translations for other popular musicals, and he is most recently noted with writing hit pieces of the soundtrack for the award-winning Disney film



Lin Manuel-Miranda



Miranda and other cast performing in hit-show Hamilton.

Moana. After breaking records at the Tony's and winning multiple awards for his humanitarian efforts, he's back again, this time pleading for people to donate and to help those in Puerto Rico affected horribly by Hurricane Maria. Miranda wrote a guest column for the Hollywood Reporter, telling stories of his family and

stating "Puerto Ricans need supplies and resources just as badly as their fellow Americans in Texas and Florida, and this need is magnified by their geographic isolation from the mainland." Miranda goes on to give information about how one can donate to The Hispanic Federation and how 100 percent of the Federation's Hurricane Relief Fund

is going toward recovery efforts in Puerto Rico. Miranda ends his plea with "...let's use our own winds of change to help Puerto Rico dig out and rise up. Do it for... their dreams. Do it for your fellow citizens. Thank you." For more information on how to donate, you can go to hispanicfederation.org/unidos.

Notable Hispanic Athletes

Ryan Connors

Hispanic athletes had such a major impact on the sports world, but are sometimes forgotten, so allow me to remind you of a few. Roberto Clemente is probably the first name that comes to mind. Roberto

Clemente became the first Latin American player to collect 3,000 career hits, and he was even inducted to the Baseball Hall Of Fame. In the baseball world, Clemente is known as a "complete player" which means he could do it all. In addition to the Most Valuable Player Award,

Clemente received 12 Golden Glove Awards, four National League batting titles, 12 All-Star Game selections, and two World Series Championships. He paved the way for thousands of Hispanic baseball players, including World Series champion, and All-Star, Alex Rodriguez, whose nickname was "A-Rod" for good reason. Rodriguez finished his career with the Yankees with 654 home runs, 1,969 RBIs, and 2,939 hits, which got him an MVP Award, and two Golden Gloves. I can go on all day naming amazing Hispanic baseball players like three time World Series champion David Ortiz or three time Cy Young Award winner Pedro Martinez, who both played for the Boston Red Sox and are both from the Dominican Republic, but the talent does not stop at baseball. Argentinean

"You really have to love what you're doing or you won't stay enthusiastic and committed."

Olympic gymnast Laurie Hernandez soccer star Lionel Messi is considered in many minds to be the best soccer player ever. I also can't forget about boxing phenomenon Manny Pacquiao, who came from the Philippines and flipped the boxing world on its head. Another notable boxer is Oscar De La Hoya. Laurie Hernandez is a gymnast who was part of the famed Fab Five in the Olympics and who achieved gold; she also won Dancing with the Stars!



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Former Yankees closer Mariano Rivera

Notable Hispanic Americans in Film and Television

Kyabet Feliz and Chrislianett Figueroa

Latinos are among the least represented speaking roles in film and television. Out of more than 11,000 speaking characters surveyed in film and TV, only 5.8% were Latino. In the late 1890's, filmmaking consisted of silent films, and Myrtle Gonzalez and Beatriz Michelena were among the few Latinos in film. Just as the population of Latinos is increasing throughout the United States, so are the Hispanic Americans emerging in media and motion pictures.



Actress Sofia Vergara

In the world of television, Desi Arnez paved the way starring in the famous comedy *I Love Lucy* with his wife Lucille Ball. America Ferrara of *Ugly Betty* and *Superstore*, Eva Longoria of *Desperate Housewives*, and Sofia Vergara of *Modern Family* emerge. Vergara is one of the highest paid actresses on television, and *Modern Family* has received several Emmy Awards for Best Comedy. In an interview, Vergara stated, "Somebody can be hot and also be funny, and make fun of herself and enjoy her work and make money."

Notable female Hispanic film stars include Jessica Alba of *Sin City*, Salma Hayak of *The Hitman's Bodyguard* and *Frida*, and Jennifer Lopez



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Spanish actor Antonio Banderas is known for his roles in *Zorro* and *Puss in Boots*.

of *The Backup Plan*, *Monster-in-Law*, and *Enough*. These women have also topped the list of most beautiful celebrities.

Notable male film stars include Javier Bardem who physically transforms himself role to role and who received three Oscar nominations, Michael Pena star of *Crash and Million Dollar Baby* who is the son of Mexican farm workers, and former Spanish soccer player Antonio Ban-

deras known for voicing the title character in *Puss in Boots*.

A family who has made an impact on both the film and television world is the Sheen/Estevez family. Father Ramon Antonio Gerardo Estevez, known as Martin Sheen, starred in the films *Apocalypse Now*, *The Departed*, and *Catch Me If You Can*. Son Charlie Sheen (Carlos Irwin Estevez) is known for starring in the TV show *Two and a Half Men*

and films *Wall Street*, *Platoon*, and *Major League*. Emilio Estevez, who kept his original name, starred in the films *The Breakfast Club*, *St. Elmo's Fire*, and *The Mighty Ducks*.

These are only a few of the Hispanic American actors and actresses who have made a difference in the film and television industries. These proud Latinos will continue to succeed in their future endeavors.

Notable Hispanic Americans in Music

Giovanni Vargas

Hispanic American Heritage Month is to show how many Hispanic Americans have made their dreams come true. We celebrate this month to remind citizens of Hispanic Americans who have made names for themselves. There are several individuals who are famous musicians are members of the

Latino community. One beautiful, amazing, and talented singer that we all know and love is the late Selena Quintanilla. She was an amazing singer, model, songwriter, spokesperson, and fashion designer who made the biggest hits in the 1990's. As the youngest member of her family, Selena's talent started to be noticed when she was only six years old and she later became the most popular



Singer Pitbull is known for his songs "Fireball," "Give Me Everything," and "Timber."

female to do Tejano Music. Everyone musician has big dreams to do shows and tours all around the world. Enrique Iglesias, son of Julio Iglesias, has sold over 60 million records worldwide with his most successful songs "Bailamos," "Rhythm Divine," "Hero," "Be with You," "Escape," and "Maybe."

Born Armando Christian Perez, Cuban-born rapper and singer Pitbull is one of the most well-known musicians often collaborating with other Latino musicians such as Christina Aguilera. He recently helped the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico by using his private jet to shuttle cancer patients who were stranded in the storms aftermath to the United States for treatment.

For every girl who loves to dance to bachata (a style of romantic music), Shakira is the musician for you. Shakira started really young with her first song being recorded when she was eight years old, and she signed her first record deal at 13. Shakira's songs such as "Hips Don't Lie" and "Waka Waka" touched all of our hearts, and she is quoted as saying, "You're a song

"My job in this life is to give people spiritual ecstasy through music. In my concerts, people cry, dance, laugh. If they joined together spiritually, I did my job. I did it decently and honestly."

Carlos Santana

written by hands of God." Other notable musicians include guitarist Carlos Santana, Jerry Garcia of The Grateful Dead, and Bruno Mars. Mars, whose given name is Peter Gene Hernandez, performed during halftime at Super Bowl 50. His 24K Magic Tour has sold out worldwide, and at the 56th Grammy Awards, Mars won the award for Best Pop Vocal Album.

All of these amazing musicians started modestly, like all of us, and they followed their dreams and inspired millions of people worldwide. These musicians are truly inspirations for the Latino community in general and the world community at large.



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Destructive Hurricanes

Jean Mata

An Atlantic hurricane or tropical storm is a tropical cyclone that forms in the Atlantic Ocean, usually in the summer or fall. A hurricane differs from a cyclone or typhoon only on the basis of location. This year, horrible hurricanes Irma, Jose, Katia, and Harvey destroyed several homes, killed unprotected individuals, and left a path of destruction namely in Florida, The Caribbean, and Texas.

Hurricane Harvey was the first major hurricane of the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season. Harvey developed from a tropical wave to the east of the Lesser Antilles, reaching tropical storm status on August 17. The storm crossed through the Windward Islands on the following day, passing just south of Barbados and later near Saint Vincent. Upon entering the Caribbean Sea, Harvey began to weaken due to moderate wind shear and degenerated into a tropical wave north of Colombia early on August 19.

Hurricane Irma was the second major hurricane of the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season. Irma caused widespread and catastrophic damage throughout its long lifetime, particularly in parts of northeastern Caribbean. Irma developed on August 30, 2017 near the Cape Verde Islands, from a tropical wave that had moved off the West African coast three days prior. Under favorable conditions, Irma rapidly intensified shortly after formation, becoming a Category 2 hurricane on the Saffir Simpson scale within a mere 24 hours. Death toll from Hurricane Irma in the United States continued to climb with at least 31 dead across three states. In Florida, 24 people died in connection with the storm, including a weather-related car accident in the Florida Keys and the eight people who died after Irma knocked out the air conditioner at a nursing home in Hollywood.



Weather Channel

Hurricane Maria



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Several storms have hit the world in the past several months

How Does a Hurricane Form?

A Storm of Epic Proportions

Rafael J. Garcia

How does a hurricane form? Hurricanes are the most violent storms on Earth. They form near the equator over warm ocean waters. Actually, the term hurricane is used only for the large storms that form over the Atlantic Ocean or eastern Pacific Ocean. The generic, scientific term for these storms, wherever they occur, is tropical cyclone. What causes a hurricane to form? Water vapor is the "fuel" for the hurricanes because it releases the "latent heat of condensation" when

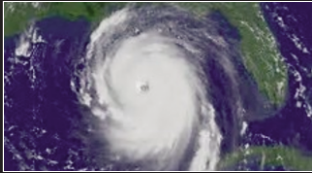
it condenses to form clouds and rain, warming the surrounding air. This heat energy was absorbed by the water vapor when it was evaporated from the warm ocean surface, cooling the ocean in the process. How does a hurricane start?

Hurricanes begin as tropical storms over the warm, moist waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans near the equator. Near the Philippines and the China Sea, hurricanes are called typhoons. As the moisture evaporates, it rises until

enormous amounts of heated, moist air are twisted high in the atmosphere. Where does a hurricane occur? Tropical storms occur in several of the world's oceans, and except for their names, they are essentially the same type of storm. In the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and the Eastern Pacific Ocean, they are called hurricanes. In the Western Pacific Ocean, they are called typhoons.



Jose



Katia



Irma

October Goes Pink

Victoria Middleton

When October comes, so does the tendency to think of the basics like trick-or-treating, haunted trails, pumpkin flavored everything, and slasher movie marathons. But to a select few, this month has an entirely different meaning. From marathons to fundraisers, October goes pink.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month celebrates 31 days of awareness and research. This month is centered on goals for treatments, diagnosis, and cures for breast cancer. Around 48,000 women and more than 2,000 men are diagnosed yearly in the U.S with

breast cancer.

"One in eight women get breast cancer, and today I am the one," *Seinfeld* and *VEEP* star Julia Louis-Dreyfus announced just days before awareness month.

She has entered the 12% of women that have been diagnosed. Among that percentage, Dame Maggie Smith from the *Harry Potter* franchise, Robin Roberts from *Good Morning America*, Kathy Bates from *American Horror Story*, as well as Olivia Newton John

from *GREASE*, have all been diagnosed in their lifetime.

Every 19 seconds, someone is being diagnosed globally with this disease, yet the rate has decreased since 1989.

As the second most common cancer next to skin, the population of breast cancer survivors has grown in the U.S.; currently there are more than 2.5 million.

October is the month the word "pink" becomes more than just a color. It is a symbol to earn profit for

" One in eight women get breast cancer , today I am the one,"

-Julia Louis-Dreyfus



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Breast Cancer ribbon

the disease. Big name brands to small businesses market pink colored everything, with a percentage of the merchandise profit going to research or treatment. The word "pinkification" has even been established in recent years for this process. From million-dollar brands in cities to small town organizations, every dollar counts in rais-

ing money.

Our own school volleyball team sold T-shirts in recent weeks for Breast Cancer Awareness. On October 16th, pink shirts could be seen throughout the halls of the three buildings. So when October comes around and comes to an end, do not just think of Halloween. Think pink!

LGBT History Month

Brynnee Barbush

What is LGBT History Month? Why is it important? LGBT History Month is dedicated to people of the LGBT community. That is the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community. LGBT history is important because it recognizes the history of gay rights and related civil rights movements.

Since the beginning of time, people of the LGBT community have struggled with being themselves due to violence, fear rejection, and neglect. People have died and continue to die today because of who they are and who they love. But, why is that? They are people, too. Why should we hate people and bash them just because of who they love? That is like bashing someone just because they do not like the same dessert as you.

So many LGBT people have done positive things in the world. Ellen DeGeneres, for example, is married to Portia De Rossi. DeGeneres, a spokesperson, talk show host and producer, has donated millions of dollars to many charities and continues to help people in need by giving money on her talk show.

Neil Patrick Harris, who is an actor, comedian, magician, and singer, is happily married to David Burka. They are the proud and happy parents of their son and



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LGBT history is important to everyone

daughter, who they adopted through surrogacy. Not only do they make sure their children are safe and loved, but Harris and Burka also donate large amounts of money to charities including the American Cancer Society, Feeding America, and The Clothes Off Our Back

Foundation.

Jane Lynch, an actress, singer, and comedian, has donated thousands of dollars to charities as well. She is best-known for her role as a physical education teacher on the ground-breaking show *Glee*.

Finally, *Orange Is the*

New Black's Laverne Cox was the first, openly transgender person to be nominated for a Primetime Emmy Award in the acting category. She is known for standing up against violence and donating to charities.

So as one can see, people of the LGBT community are

just like all of us. All they want to do is help make the world a better and safer place by loving who they want. If they follow the lead of the aforementioned individuals, people of any community or any sexual orientation can achieve greatness.

NFL Protest- Are They Pushing Their Rights Too Far?

Jessica Anderson

It went from one quarterback from the 49ers to many teams. The National Anthem protest is making its appearance at many games. Colin Kaepernick started this protest movement against police brutality. This protest consists of

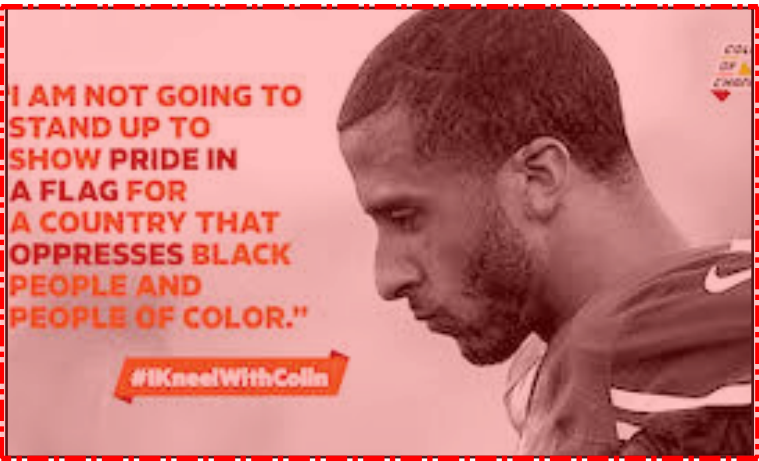
taking a knee or standing with locked arms in a silent protest during the National Anthem. Kaepernick started this protest 13 months prior to now. No one truly noticed because he simply sat on the bench during the National Anthem.

Kaepernick then started to take a knee hoping more would join his protest. Fans then started to see the seriousness of the protest. Several other players joined the protest. Kaepernick states "I am not going to stand up to show a pride to a country's flag that oppresses black people, and people of color. To me this is bigger than football, and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the street, and people get-

ting paid leave, and getting away with murder." The protest has spread its way around the NFL. The teams that have players protesting are the Chiefs, Raiders, Seahawks, Eagles, Rams, Packers, 49ers, Browns, Bills, Titans, and Steelers.

The Dallas Cowboys did take a knee in protest, but it is not like the other teams. They knelt before the anthem played. Once the anthem started, they all stood out of respect. Jerry Jones, the owner, president and general manager of the Cowboys told his team if anyone took a knee while the anthem played they would be fired from the team.

The Steelers took this protest to a whole different level. They decided as a team to stay in the



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Colin Kaepernick was the first player to take a knee during the National Anthem.

locker room during the anthem. Only one player, Alejandro Villanova, came out to the anthem. The lone player who is a former Army Ranger decided against him team and showed his respect for his country. Now the NFL is fining every Steeler player who stayed in the locker room 1 Million dollars.

Trump has even responded to this protest. He has taken to Twitter on his view of the NFL teams.

Trump wishes the NFL owners would tell the anthem protesters to get off the field. Trump has also posted on Twitter "If a player wants the privilege of making millions of dollars in the NFL, or other leagues, he or she should not be allowed to disrespect out Great American Flag (or country) and should stand for the National Anthem. If not, YOU'RE FIRED. Find something else to do!"

"You're Fired!"

Donald Trump

Earthquake that Shook Mexico and the World

Ryan Connors

Tuesday marks one week since the 7.1 magnitude quake struck Mexico around lunchtime, killing 331 people, damaging 11,000 homes, and leading to an out-pouring of volunteers. It is unlikely that they are going to find any more survivors, but workers will continue to look through the remains of buildings and structures. Many of the buildings collapsed because they were not built correctly. Their columns have no extra steel on the top or bottom which allows these structures to fall apart more easily. A lot of southern California buildings

are built in the same type of fashion, which is why many people are nervous about an earthquake happening there. Earthquakes are not dangerous themselves, but if buildings are involved, it is a highly dangerous event.

"It moved like chewing gum, and the light and Internet went out momentarily."

Rodrigo Soberanes, earthquake survivor

The type of buildings in Mexico were not deemed a hazard until 1971 which is when a hospital came crashing down in Los Angeles because of its build. The earthquake in Mexico was a tragedy, so hopefully cities and states learn from this disaster and make their cities more earthquake safe.

Trump to North Korea: US Is Ready for War

Kristina Romero

President Donald Trump has declared the United States is ready to take military actions against North Korea in a response to Kim Jong Un threatening to shoot down American Bombers in an act of war. President Trump has also said "It will be devastating" if the



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President Trump of USA and Kim Jong Un Supreme Leader of North Korea

North Koreans even think about it. Later on President Trump also claimed the problems we are facing today with North Korea could have been solve in the past, and also blamed "past administrations"

for not taking actions anytime soon. This also ties in with the North Korean missile testing and launching. If North Korea keeps this up, it will only anger the United States to take military action.

Disaster in Puerto Rico

Cheyenne Wludyka

Family and friends are devastated by the hurricane that destroyed Puerto Rico. Maria is being called the worst disaster Puerto Rico has experienced within a generation. The island was hit September 21 into September 24, leaving months worth of damage.

It has last been reported that at least fifteen people have died and 20 missing. Maria was a category four storm that weakened to a category two storm when it hit the island with winds as strong as 120mph. Shelters held more than 11,000 people and 580 pets. Puerto Rico may be

left without power for months. If you would like to help citizens that have been affected by hurricane Maria there is a fundraising account on the school website that you can donate to. (www.hasdk12.org)

Las Vegas Shooting

Jessica Anderson

On October 1, 2017, a mass shooting occurred at the Route 91 Harvest Country Music Festival on the Las Vegas Strip in Paradise, Nevada. A gunman opened fire on the outdoor festival crowd from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino across Las Vegas Boulevard during the closing performance by singer Jason Aldean. There were 59 confirmed dead, along with the 64-year-old shooter. There were also 530 confirmed injured. This is the deadliest shooting in the country, in history. The Vegas shooting has surpassed the Orlando nightclub shooting.

The shooter, Stephen Paddock, shot hundreds of rifle rounds down towards the festival, from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel. Many people mistook the gunfire for fireworks. The gunfire lasted about ten minutes. The fire alarm of the hotel detected the gun smoke and was set off. When the police located the shooter and announced themselves, he shot towards the door and wounded a hotel security guard. At 11:21 p.m. they got into the room using explosives. Officers found that Paddock had shot himself.

Police found 23 firearms, including the AR-15 and Kalashnikov, and .308 caliber rifles; two of the rifles were mounted on tripods and were equipped with telescopic sights.

Authorities said Paddock had brought more than ten suitcases to the room. Investigators also found cameras placed inside and outside the hotel room, presumably so Paddock could monitor the arrival of police.

A large portion of Las Vegas Boulevard was shut down as police SWAT teams combed the venue and neighboring casinos, hotels, and businesses. McCarran International Airport, immediately southeast of the festival site, was closed for several hours and multiple flights were rerouted or canceled due to the shooting. Some individuals escaping the shooting entered the airport property as they fled. At approximately 2:45 p.m. PDT on October 2, a state of emergency was declared by Clark County.

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant claimed Paddock was their soldier, inspired by Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi's call to attack coalition countries. However, the FBI said "We have determined, to this point, no connection with an international terrorist group." ISIL provided no evidence for its claim, and terrorism experts noted that since losing control of Mosul, the pro-ISIL Amaq News Agency had on at least two previous occasions made false claims of responsibility for attacks with which ISIL had no connection.



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Police officers, members of the fire department, and EMTs rushing to help the people in need of medical assistance.



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Members of the Las Vegas Police Department embrace in the aftermath of the deadliest shooting in U.S. history.



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Citizens of Las Vegas hold a candlelight vigil for the 59 victims of the shooting.



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Concertgoers offer one another comfort after a mass shooting leaves 59 dead.

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