

A Letter from the Editor



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BY: ALEXIS SWANSON

We all took our first steps through the doors of Bishop George Ahr High School to start a new journey in our lives. Many started this journey together freshman year, finding friendships and bonds through WABA day, the freshman picnic, sports over the summer, and finally when classes started. Nearly every year, new faces were added to the class of 2017, me being one of them. When I first started my high school journey, I would have never guessed that I would be graduating from Bishop George Ahr High School. However, a bump in the road or change in path is nearly

inevitable from time to time. High school is a journey we all must take, and taking that journey together makes the trip more enjoyable. Joining the class of 2017 will be something I will never forget. In the past couple of years, whether it was a short time or not, I grew up with this class.

In Bishop Ahr I have met many inspiring people that made coming to school and going to class a little more easy and enjoyable. Ms. Byrne, as one of the first teachers I encountered, you made me feel comfortable and excited to start off my days first period with you my junior year. I truly believe that my writing capabilities and organizational skills got better with you as my guide these past two years. I was so excited when I found out that I would be editor for this year, when I would take the class into my hands and work hands-on with everyone else. I am pleased to be passing the title on to one junior, Simon Llaguno, who I know has great potential and ideas already for the issues to come.

Another person that made coming to school a little easier was Mr. Reilly. You are the first teacher I see in the morning before school starts and the last teacher I see at dismissal. I am thankful I played softball and got on junior varsity, where I was coached by the most sarcastic and humorous person I know. You are definitely one of my favorite teachers of all time, and I am glad

I got to be your softball player and student. I got lucky to have been taught and coached by such spirited and inspiring individuals.

One way to connect and make friends, as many of us did, was through sports. I know when I first came here and did cheerleading over the summer I immediately felt welcomed, which made me comfortable enough to try out for softball. Although I am not an all-star and was placed on JV, I would not have wanted it any other way. I had such a good time getting to know the girls I did these sports with. It opened up doors to new friendships that were to come.

High school is not just a place to learn your basic subjects like Math, English, and History; it is a place of life lessons as well. From my high school experience, I have been taught a few things, most of them not by choice. One thing most people learn is that as much as you may want your friendships to last forever, the truth of the matter is that most likely that will not be the case. It is hard to let go of people, but letting new people in is a change of path that may be necessary for a happy and positive life. Another one of life's lessons I was taught in high school is that you can try to change the things in your life that you don't like, but if you can't change them, you must accept the fact and move on. With life comes unexpected deaths, breakups, fights, and accidents that you may not be able to

change, and have to come to accept those things. With these twists and turns in life, you really find out who your true friends are. Many of these people are the ones you meet in high school who will be there for you and comfort you when you are feeling down and out.

Whether you would like to admit it or not, Bishop Ahr was a home for all of us over the past couple of years. It's a place of laughter, tears, excitement, and memories we share with all different people. The memories I share with my friends and classmates are unforgettable even as we all move on after graduation. Each senior is taking a new path with a new adventure waiting ahead, whether it be in college, work, or the military.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2017!
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“TO THE PERSON I SEE IN THE MIRROR BEFORE DAWN”

BY: ELIZABETH SHORT

You are so much more than a few lines in a book.

You are miles and miles of a scripture yet unsung.

You are not perfect, but you are not wrong.
The shells of past selves lie scattered behind you,

Each too small to contain the growth inside.

Like the snake, each new form is larger inside and out.

There are days where you feel more mouse than tiger.

More servant than master,
More lifeless corpse than steel-tempered victor.

The feelings within you grab the wheel
And your worst thoughts escape.
Not always right, but part of a larger story.

You will always prevail.

You will own mistakes like the largest award.

Where swords and knives grazed you in fire,

You take in only what makes you stronger,
The iron of blades now pumps in your veins
And more resembles the metals found in the hearts of stars.

The skin on your back is thickened by scars upon scars

From battle, after battle, after battle.

Your feet are bare and bloody from marching on and on.

Yet your chest is bared, neck straight like an oak,

The seas part before you as you walk away.

You fight for no one.

The soldier deserts, a stolid few with her,
Hands held behind her back that held fast.

When you quicken your pace on the road of roads,

When you are the lonely traveler, with herself to keep warm,

You will face the dawn with the expression you hold now,

A new horizon faced with an unapologetic grin.



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Every quarter the Satoma Newsmagazine holds a creative writing and art contest for students who wish to have their work published.

Thanks to all those who submitted and we encourage you to keep writing and submit work for the next year's issues!

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Where will you be spending the next 4 years of your life?

Stay with-in the boundaries

BY: COLLEN SHARLOW

Attending school in-state is much more convenient for me and will save me money as well. In the fall, I will be attending Monmouth University in Long Branch, New Jersey. It is only about 45 minutes away from my house. Coming from a big, close-knit family, I knew that I did not want to go too far away for school. If anything were to happen at home that I should be there for, I want to be close enough where I can come home and be present.

Monmouth is perfect for me because it is far away, but is also close enough for me to go home whenever I want to. Monmouth has an excellent Education program, which is what I plan on majoring in when I attend. It is the perfect size for me, and there is a lot to get involved in on campus. The beach is also my favorite place to

be, so being right down the road from it also makes me feel more comfortable and at home. Going out-of-state, especially somewhere really far away, would make me feel secluded and isolated from my surroundings.

Going away to college is what helps us grow as young adults, and many people believe that you need to go as far away from home as possible to do that. The people we surround ourselves with and the things that we do are what help us to grow as individuals, not how far away we go for school. Staying in state allows me to stay true to my roots and to never forget where I came from. When I was researching, most of the schools out of state were too expensive, but Monmouth was in my budget.

Personally, I am extremely excited to start a new chapter in my life next year.

I will experience new things and meet new people, but I am also sad to be leaving this part of my life behind. I had an amazing experience at BGA and met most of my best friends here, and not having them beside me next year is going to be a difficult adjustment. Whether you are attending school in state or out of state, everyone is going to make new memories and begin a new journey outside of the BGA community.



STAYING IN-STATE SAVES STUDENTS MONEY.
(PHOTOS COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)

Go out of your comfort zone



STUDYING ABROAD ALLOWS YOU TO LIVE IN NEW ENVIRONMENTS.

BY: JILLIAN RAMIREZ

Although attending college out-of-state can be more expensive than staying in-state, there are many benefits to it. I will be attending the University of Pittsburgh next year in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It is about six hours away from my home. I chose to go far for a few reasons.

I don't know if I want to live in New Jersey for my

whole life, so I thought it was a good idea to experience a new state. Since I'm leaving, I feel like there is a greater chance that I will be able to move to a different state permanently if I wanted to in the future. I know I will also grow to appreciate my home and family more while I'm away. When I come home for break, seeing them will be even more special because I'm not around as much.

I also believe that it will be easier for me to find a job living in a city, like Pittsburgh. There are more opportunities for internships and jobs, both during and after college.

By going to college out-of-state, I get to experience many new things. Each state has a unique way of life, and getting to experience one different from what I'm used

to is really exciting. There are so many different places to see and things to do, so I don't want to spend all of my life in one place. I'm looking forward to the change in scenery and in people.

Leaving New Jersey will also push me out of my comfort zone. I will become more independent since I won't have my family or old friends close by. I won't be able to just drop whatever I'm doing and go home when things get difficult. Instead, I will have to learn to handle any given situation on my own.

Whether going out-of-state or staying in-state, there are tons of new opportunities and adventures in store. Going out-of-state is a much more drastic change. But, if you're ready, it will be more exciting than frightening.

COMING SOON TO A 'FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD' NEAR YOU...



SPIDER-MAN RETURNS IN A BRAND NEW SUIT .
(ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)

BY: ISAAC SCAFE

With great power comes great expectations at the box office.

The teenage superhero Spider-Man makes his spectacular return to the big screen with his solo film *Spider-Man: Homecoming*. The Spider-Man character has been featured in stand-alone films before with *Spider-Man 1, 2 and 3* and *The Amazing Spider-Man 1 and 2*,

both licensed by Sony Pictures at the time. These renditions of the wall-crawling hero, portrayed by Tobey Maguire and Andrew Garfield in their respective films, all centered on the origin story of Peter Parker, a high school senior, who is bitten by a genetically engineered spider and has to balance fighting crime and his responsibilities.

But as 2016 rolled along, new life emerged for the web swinging

hero on the big screen. During the summer of the past year, there was speculation that Marvel Studio had bought the rights to Spider-Man to be used in their upcoming film *Captain America: Civil War*. In the comic rendition of *Civil War*, Spider-Man played a crucial role in the dispute over whether superheroes should be registered to act only under official government regulations. Marvel and Sony struck up a deal with Marvel co-producing the film with Columbia Pictures and Sony continuing to own, finance, distribute and have creative control over the Spider-Man character. So on May 6, 2017, Peter Parker, this time casted by Tom Holland, suited up one more time to help Tony Stark, played by Robert Downey Jr, capture a team of "rebellious" superheroes led by Chris Evans portraying Steve Rogers.

Following his cameo appearance, Spider-Man now gets to star alone again with the aforementioned *Spider-Man: Homecoming*, which brings a different take on the hero. The film does not feature the origin

story of Peter Parker becoming Spider-Man which is definitely a change from recent superhero films. Instead, *Spider-Man: Homecoming* jumps straight into the action with the teenage hero coping with balancing being a hero and being a student. The casting came with many mixed reviews, with fans questioning the decision to cast such a young-looking actor and worrying whether Marvel had made a casting mistake. Despite the concerns, many have come to support the British actor among the likes of Evans, *Guardians of the Galaxy's* director and screenwriter James Gunn and comic book writer Stan Lee praising Holland as "the best big screen Spider-Man" despite the short amount of time he's been on screen.

We will see how Tom Holland does as he fights crime all around New York City with a spectacular supporting cast which includes actors such as Zendaya, Donald Glover, Robert Downey Jr and many others. *Spider-Man: Homecoming* swings into theaters on July 7th and the world anticipates its release.

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 is out of this world

BY: MAIA LIM

Premiering on May 5, *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2* had audiences all over the globe excited for another look into the world of the Star Lord. The first volume was a phenomenal success, and no less was expected of the second. The comedic, action-packed film gave the audience a thrilling plot, continuing the team's search as they attempted to discover Peter Quill's true lineage. In addition, trailers and cameos showed a promising peek into what was to come, with plenty of humorous and entertaining scenes. Directed by James Gunn, *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2* starred Chris Pratt as Peter Quill, Zoe Saldana as Gamora, and many other characters that brought life to the plot. One of the audience favorites was Baby Groot, an adorably charming creature who brought laughs in the first volume's post-credit scene.

The basic storyline of *Guardians of the Galaxy 2* was that Quill and

his team traversed the outer reaches of the cosmos and struggled to keep their new family together as they unraveled the mystery of Quill's parentage. Set to the backdrop of 'Awesome Mixtape #2', the Marvel cinematic universe continued to develop and expand in this sequel. IMDB has already rated this movie with a high 9.7/10 so future audience members can be guaranteed a sensational performance. There was also the promise of a total of five post-credit scenes which was completely unprecedented in cinematic history. Rest assured that *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2* was a film to remember.



GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 2 HIT THEATRES ON MAY 5TH .

All Time Low is the 'last young renegade'

BY: SAMANTHA SOLDO

Since forming fourteen years ago, *All Time Low* has been devoted to creating entertaining and relatable music with inspiring messages of staying strong and persevering through life in even the most strenuous difficulties. Baltimore natives, band members Alex Gaskarth, Jack Barakat, Rian Dawson, and Zack Merrick formally released their first EP of four songs in 2004 while still in high school. Throughout the past years, *All Time Low* has had major success in producing six studio albums and touring with *Fall Out Boy*, *Warped Tour*, *Blink 182*, and many more rock/pop musicians. Fast forward to June 2nd, 2017, the band will astonish all its current and soon-to-be fans with their seventh album *Last Young Renegade*, an album that they claim will tell the story of self-realization and overcoming the dark times they faced on the road to achieving all their musical accomplishments.

The first release off the album is "Dirty Laundry," an electronic and predominantly pop single about partners in a relationship taking responsibility for their pasts and accepting the mistakes made on both parts. Hitting its highest point of number sixteen on the "Billboard Hot Rock Songs" chart, the band describes the song as having a darker and moody attitude than what they've worked with in the past. A lot of their album's inspiration can be credited to the television show *Stranger Things* and musical icons like Prince and David Bowie. *All Time Low's* upcoming album talks about those youthful dreams in a nostalgic manner, exploring and expanding on a reflective point of view when writing it.

With time slowly dwindling down to the very day of *Last Young Renegade's* release, *All Time Low* continues to excite their fans with captivating music videos and the anticipation of their headline tour. This could be their *All Time High!*

Lorde's 'melodramatic' return Find Halsey in the 'kingdom'...



LORDE PREPARES TO RELEASE *MELODRAMA* ON JUNE 16TH.

BY: CECILE MOLINA

Four years since her debut album, Lorde returns with a tribute to the ups and downs of heartbreak and solitude. The music in this forthcoming album entitled *Melodrama* was ignited by her breakup with longtime boyfriend James Lowe, a photographer based in Auckland, New Zealand. Thus *Melodrama* encompasses post-breakup emotions, along with the good and bad of being single.

As well as heartbreak, Lorde used her neurological condition

called sound-to-color synesthesia, in which different sounds evoke certain colors to appear, to aid her in producing music. Because of this, songwriting is an extremely visual process for her, where she is able to see the finished song from the start and in turn she fine-tunes every detail until the final product is the image she first had in mind.

In March of this year, Lorde released the first single from *Melodrama*, called "Green Light," along with its music video. She revealed in an interview with Zane Lowe on radio station Beats 1 that this track was inspired by heartbreak and later added: "The song is really about those moments kind of immediately after your life changes and about all the silly little things that you gravitate towards." Max Martin, most notably known for working with stars such as Britney Spears and the Weekend, gave Lorde feedback on the song, describing it as "incorrect songwriting" and expounding on "melodic math." Lorde agreed with his statement, explaining that it was not an insult, and in regards to "melodic math," she said, "I have a strong awareness of the rules — 60 percent of the time I follow them; 40 percent, I don't."

BY: SYDNEY CORIO

Following the release of her debut album *Badlands* in 2015, New Jersey's Ashley Frangipane—also known as "Halsey"—announced the release of her sophomore album *hopeless fountain kingdom*. The record, with its lower case title, will be available to the public on June 2; however, the first single, "Now or Never" aired on April 4. This track follows the twenty-four-year-old's genre of Alternative/Indie, which was seen extensively through her previous solo work, as well as her collaboration with *The Chainsmokers* in the song "Closer." The duet earned the singer one of her highest rankings in the number one spot for twelve weeks straight.

But this is not to say that Halsey won't fulfill such great expectations with her second record. With her debut album reaching platinum, Halsey enters the new era of *hopeless fountain kingdom* with a brand new mindset and ideas. As seen on her Twitter, "In the same way that *Badlands* has a 'Colors' and 'Control', *hopeless fountain kingdom* has many sides as well. There are so many perspectives to tell." With this reveal, the artist sets the

stage for an entire new scene. The *Badlands* look of electric blue hair has been swapped for a short blonde pixie cut. Overall, Halsey intends to produce more mainstream—or radio—hits.

Featuring artists such as Lauren Jauregui, Cashmere Cat, and Quavo, the album holds a total of sixteen tracks which were released in certain newspapers all over America. By bringing her cryptic and artistic sense into her music, Halsey introduces an exciting and promising new sound.



HALSEY RELEASES THE COVER ART FOR HER NEW ALBUM.

Ridley Scott's 'extraterrestrial' addition to a classic series

BY: ELIZABETH SHORT

On May 19th, the newest addition to the sci-fi classic *Alien* series, *Alien: Covenant*, debuted into theaters. The movie stars Katherine Waterston and Michael Fassbender and picks up right after the events of *Prometheus*, and just before *Alien*, the first film of the franchise to debut in 1979 starring Sigourney Weaver.

The film focuses on the *Covenant*, a human colony ship filled with over 2,000 cryogenically frozen colonists, embryos for a second generation, and a fifteen member crew in search of a new life on a distant planet. The eight year voyage changes when an accident aboard occurs and leaves a crew member dead. When the crew examines the causes of the accident, they uncover a transmission from a

passing planet that, once examined, seems even more suitable for life than their original destination. The crew, save Daniels, botanist of the ship (Waterston), decides to inves-

tigate the new planet. What they find on the surface will change the course of their lives and leave audiences on the edge of their seats.

The new film is produced and



DANIELS (WATERSTON) SURVEYS THE TERRAIN ON THE NEWLY DISCOVERED PLANET. (ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)

directed by Ridley Scott, the head of the franchise and a well-celebrated veteran of the science-fiction genre and will feel familiar to long time fans. After a long build in the beginning of the movie, the plot quickly thickens with multiple twist and turns, nail-biting suspense, and moments that will have moviegoers shocked yet begging for more. While it might seem necessary to have seen *Prometheus*, that is not the case. *Alien: Covenant* gives enough backstory to allow audiences a glimpse into events of the series that adds to the levels of horror the movie portrays. Both Waterston and Fassbender give emotional, tactile performances that places the audience right in the center of the action. Newbies and long time fans of sci-fi alike will appreciate this exciting, thrilling performance along with a few familiar alien faces from outer space.

Dorm for the next four

BY: PAMELA PICERNO & ASHLEY D'SOUZA

For all seniors going oh-so-far away to live at college, one thing remains to be done: dorm room decoration. When home ends up being several hours away, it's important to create a home away from home to make things easier. The dorm room is a complex space, it's where students aim to spend simultaneously the most and least amount of time. Students want to spend time getting involved on campus, not sleeping in a dorm; they also want to be sure to balance college involvement with spending time there to study for classes. How does one manage to create a comfortable, functional, and creative place out of such a temporary living space? Here's some of the top dorm room trends of 2017.

First things first, lighting. The lighting in the dorm needs to be

bright enough to be used to study, but not too bright as to cause a rift between roommates staying up late. The solution? Unique lighting fixtures. String lights, colorful desk lamps, and even animal shaped (yes, even gummy bear shaped) lamps provide a playful way to light the room without being overly harsh.

And the walls can't look bland - they need to showcase personality. Tapestries have usurped posters as the most popular way to cover up bare walls. Brands such as Urban Outfitters have whole sections dedicated to the Woodstock inspired fabrics. Just be sure to check any fire regulation codes before hanging up too much. If students get ambitious, monochromatic themes have swept through current college students who desire a neat, crisp looking room. Be sure to also include fun decorations and desk decorations that will be both



STUDENTS ARE PUTTING MORE EFFORT INTO MAKING THEIR DORM ROOMS FEEL LIKE AN EXTENSION OF THEMSELVES.

(PHOTO COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)

fun and functional, like colorful calendars, shaped erasers, and even a few fidget devices for those who can't seem to sit still.

Despite college being a scary thought looming over most teens,

it's important to make it feel like home. Basic necessities like mini fridges obviously need to be purchased, but don't be afraid to get creative and have fun in your dorm room this upcoming fall.

MASS COMMEMORATES CLASS OF 2017



ST. HELENA'S CHURCH IN EDISON SERVES AS THE SITE OF THE BACCALAUREATE MASS FOR THE CLASS OF 2017.

(PHOTO COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)

BY: JULIA DUARTE

The senior class of 2017 celebrated their last day as a class during the Baccalaureate Mass on June 1st

at Saint Helena's Church, presided over by Father Keith and Deacon Rich. The Baccalaureate Mass was a symbolic day for celebrating all

the memories and accomplishments made by all of the graduates. This graduation milestone highlighted all the marks the class of 2017 has left on the school and their progression into a more hopeful and brighter future.

Many symbols were used throughout the Baccalaureate Mass that helped fuel the day with a sense of pride from all the accomplishments the class of 2017 had achieved. An hourglass was presented to signify all their time that was spent together as a class and just how fast their time at Bishop Ahr had gone. As a symbol of their connection to each other over the years, a friendship chain, which was made during the graduates' first year, was presented to symbolize their link with each other. Moreover, a cross and Bible were presented to symbolize their unity in Christ. A number of symbols were presented to commemorate the graduates' accomplishments over the years: varsity letters for athletic merit, a drama mask, music notes, and art supplies for their creative and artistic excellence, as well as a copy of the Satoma newsmagazine and the yearbook to

signify the work put in to remember all of the moments of the year. Lastly, a clean slate was presented to the senior class. This symbol was to call back on Sister Donna's words that at the beginning of each year, students enter and leave the school with a clean slate as they move on to new experiences.

The Baccalaureate Mass was a day to reflect on all the memories the graduates had made with their fellow peers and teachers who had become family over the years. A number of seniors were interviewed about their thoughts on the Baccalaureate Mass, some of their most memorable moments during their time at school, and the marks they hope they've left behind. School clubs and activities such as the drama department, athletic department, Peer Leadership, and service events have created countless unforgettable memories that they will always remember. Most importantly, the students remembered the lasting relationships that they created in high school. The day ended in deep emotions as the class of 2017 gathered one last time before they graduated.

Kevin Howarth named Class Valedictorian

BY JILLIAM RAMIREZ

He was confident that his hard work would be rewarded, but he wasn't fully satisfied until he heard his name called out over the loud-speaker.

Kevin Howarth, the class of 2017's valedictorian, is excited to begin the next chapter of his life at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. However, his time at Bishop Ahr is already full of accomplishment and success.

Howarth began as a member of the honors program. He has been on the principal's list for straight A's every year and has accumulated an overall Grade Point Average of 4.75. He is a member of National Honor Society, Latin Honor Society, Math Honor Society, and Science Honor Society. Kevin was also selected to be a part of Peer Leadership in his senior year. As a senior, Howarth is taking four AP classes: English Literature, U.S. History, Statistics, and Chemistry. He is also taking an additional AP English Language seminar provided by English teacher, Michelle Nice.

Howarth wishes to go into the field of mechanical engineering and work with STEM. His experience in Ms. Savner's AP Physics helped him decide what he wanted to major in college. Kevin feels that he can learn more about engineering, and then choose to specialize in other fields, such as robotics, aeronautics,

"I like engineering a lot because it applies somehow in nearly every field imaginable"

~Kevin Howarth

and nanotechnology. He always had an appreciation for working with his hands, as he worked with his father on home improvement projects. He looks forward to doing undergradu-

ate research at RPI and getting a head start on his future career.

Outside of the classroom, Howarth has been an active member in the community. He is an Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop 195, as well as a soccer referee. At Bishop Ahr, he participates in varsity soccer and select chorus. Howarth is also involved in his local parish, St. Matthias church, and sacrifices time as an altar server and choir member.

In his free time, he learned to play the guitar. He also enjoys outdoor activities, including hiking, biking, and rock climbing. Kevin plays video games, as well, in his leisure.

Other schools besides RPI that Kevin has been accepted into include: Stevens Institute of Technology, Rochester Institute of Technology, and the Honors Programs at Rutgers University. Kevin accumulated approximately 25,000 dollars in scholarships for these schools.

Howarth states that being valedictorian "isn't solely about being the smartest." His outstanding qualities include being completely self-motivated and studying



KEVIN'S PASSION FOR PHYSICS HAS LED HIM TOWARDS A PATH IN ENGINEERING.

to a great extent. Kevin also says resources such as friends, teachers, and even luck have helped him get to where he is today. The much deserved title of valedictorian is just one feat of many to come for Kevin Howarth.

Mathematically-minded Salutatorian says farewell

BY: KRISTEL DOMINGO

The class of 2017 has proudly hailed Kaitlin Fermalino as the class salutatorian. Countless hours of hard work and dedication in combination with a strong, intelligent mind has earned Fermalino her spot at the top.

Fermalino's academic achievements are top-notch. She is a member of National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, and Latin Honor Society. In addition, she has been on the Principal's List for all four quarters in her freshman, sophomore, and junior year. In her junior year, she also received the Society of Women's Engineering Award. She ends her high school career with a solid 4.7149 Grade Point Average.

Fermalino is not just a star in the classroom, however. Music is one of her passions, as she was a member of the Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Select Chorus, which landed her in the Tri-M Honor Society. She also took part in International Club,

was a secretary of Science Club, and was in the Peer Leadership Program.

"I just love solving equations and working through problems. It's very simple. There is a problem and a solution."

~Kaitlin Fermalino

As she is graduating, Fermalino looks back on her high school career. Of all the rigorous classes she has taken in the honors program, Mathematics has been her favorite subject. "I just love solving equations and working through problems. It's very simple. There

is a problem and a solution," she explains. "The method in getting the solution might be complicated, but that makes it even more interesting!"

Her favorite high school memories include her Latin and Western Civilization classes, English teacher Mr. Mascaro's 8th period class with Vanshani Patel, and Peer Leadership.

Fermalino plans to take her talents to Rutgers University - New Brunswick, where she will major in civil engineering. She aspires to be a structural engineer. She thanks her supportive, caring parents as well as her sister and AP Physics teacher Ms. Savner for inspiring her to become an engineer.

On a final note, Fermalino advises underclassmen to take deadlines seriously, but to remember to enjoy their time in high school, as it flies by so quickly. Fermalino adds, "Bishop Ahr gave me such a memorable high school experience, and this school will always be in my heart."



OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM, KAITLIN IS VERY INVOLVED, ESPECIALLY IN MUSIC, AND IS ACTIVE IN FOUR HONOR SOCIETIES.

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A look into



We met as a class for the first time during Freshmen Orientation Day



We became the first sophomore class to win Tournament of Champions

2013

We attended our first WABA Day and some of us came back and helped the following years

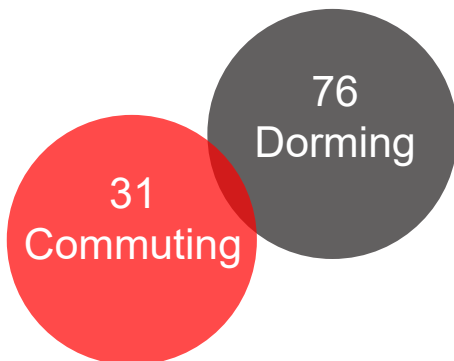


Sophomore Semi was our first class formal, which was themed "Glow in Dark"

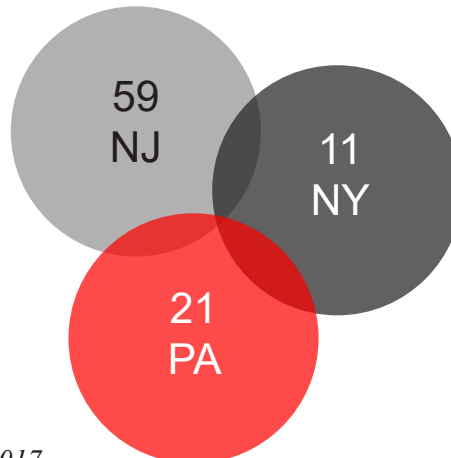


SENIOR SURVEY

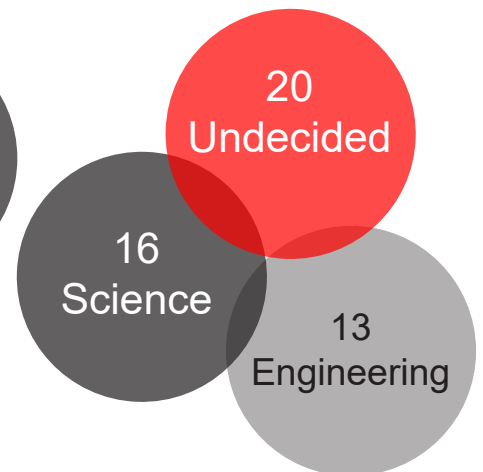
Are you commuting or dorming?



States where seniors are attending college



What majors are the Class of 2017 studying?



Survey conducted on March 31, 2017
Numbers reflect only a fraction of the senior class

Ahr history



We received our class rings during Junior Ring Night, wearing them with pride and trying to get 117 people to twist them



We won Tournament of Champions again our senior year (It was snowed out junior year)

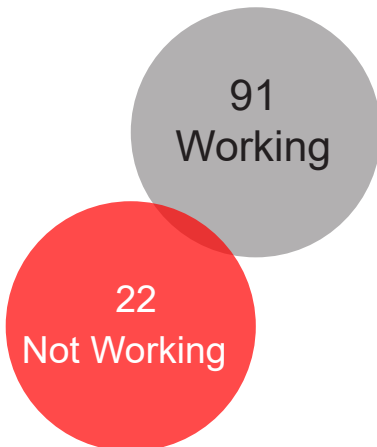
Our junior prom, where we still danced our feet off despite the rain



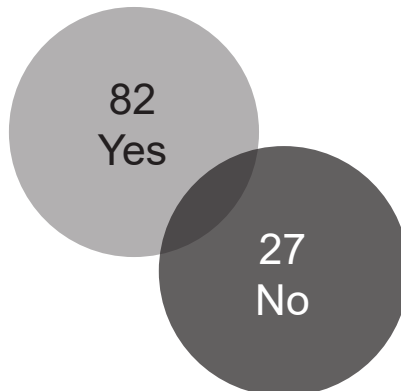
We finally graduate after four long years and now we venture out on different paths



Students working over the summer



Are the seniors going on vacation?



Feelings about graduating high school?



Seniors spend 'A Night in Paris'



venue. Many posed for photos near the wooden gazebo at the very back of the building. As more and more seniors arrived, the night began to take off. The DJ played today's hits as well as some well loved songs from the radio, and dinner was quickly brought to the tables. The class of 2017 proved that they knew how to have fun.

As the night began to wind down, senior class moderator Amy Kate Byrne and the class officers took to the center of the dance floor to announce prom king and queen. The title of prom king was awarded to Zachary Pandorf, while Stephanie Driscoll took home the coveted prom queen crown. "I was absolutely surprised when I heard them call my name. I thought there was no possible chance at winning with the amount of girls attending prom, but they picked me and I could not be more happy with how the night went." Driscoll remarked after the evening had passed. As the night closed, seniors departed in the limousines in which they arrived, no doubt to continue the fun elsewhere. Once again, the BGA senior prom turned out to be an tremendous success.

ABOVE: THE SENIOR CLASS GATHERS ON THE FLOOR AND DANCES TOGETHER

TOP RIGHT: PANDORF AND DRISCOLL ARE CROWNED SENIOR PROM KING AND QUEEN.

BOTTOM RIGHT: A GROUP OF STUDENTS SHOW OFF THEIR DRESSES AND TUXEDOS

By: SIMON LLAGUNO

On May 18th, the Bishop Ahr Class of 2017 gathered together at Ariana's Grand in Woodbridge for senior prom. Despite temperatures

reaching as high as 93 degrees, seniors prepared to look their very best. Tuxedos were donned, makeup applied, and dresses were finally revealed. Groups began meeting up for photos ops and limo escorts to the venue (with air conditioning on

full blast). With groups beginning to arrive at 7:00 pm, a total of 283 students and chaperones attended the prom to create a night to remember.

Once they arrived, the seniors began the night by taking pictures in the beautiful outside patio at the

JUNIORS DANCE IT OUT AT PROM

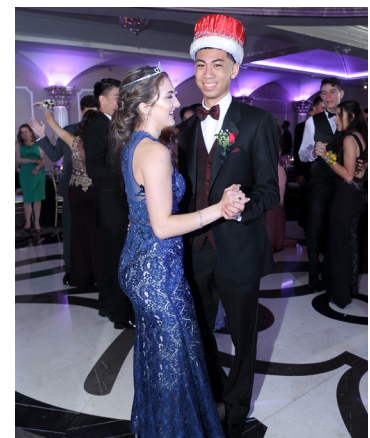
By: ELIZABETH SHORT

While most of the students were in class finishing up the school day, the junior class was preparing for one of the biggest nights of the year. Ladies were putting on their makeup, while the men were beginning to prepare their tuxedos. Despite a gloomy weather forecast that promised heavy showers, the sun prevailed and the skies cleared, creating the perfect scene for juniors to gather and take pictures before prom. At around 6:00, a total of 232 students arrived in cars, limos, and party buses at the Grand Marquis for a night they would never forget.

Sister Cynthia began by addressing the student body. Father Keith proceeded and opened up the night with a prayer. Soon, students were flooding the dance floor or taking pictures in the photo booth. "Prom was an unforgettable experience. The music was great and I had an awesome time dancing with my friends. I can't wait for senior prom next year!" said Erica Bocanegra.

Before prom came to a conclusion, however, an announcement had to be made. Moderator Reilly and english teacher Amy Kate Byrne took over the floor to announce the prom king and queen. Simon Llaguno and Rylie Campagna were chosen and were called to the middle of the dance floor for the traditional king and queen's dance. "Being prom queen was such an amazing opportunity. Having the spotlight was a bit unusual, but I'm glad I got to share it with Simon! It made my night more memorable, and I will never forget it," commented Rylie.

Overall, this year's junior prom proved to be a great success. From dancing on the floor to spending the night with friends, the students went home with an experience they would always remember.



TOP: JUNIOR GIRLS PAIR UP TO DANCE

RIGHT: LLAGUNO AND CAMPAGNA SHARE THEIR DANCE AS KING AND QUEEN

LEFT: JUNIORS LET LOOSE ON THE DANCE FLOOR

Rising up to the 'TASK' Senior Trojans take a bow

BY: SIMON LLAGUNO

The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) is a volunteer-based organization with a mission to feed the hungry, to encourage self-sufficiency, and to improve the quality of life for those in the Trenton area. They achieve this goal by not only serving food to those who need it, but also providing a tutoring program. This past year, about 3,000 volunteers contributed for the cause. They are also continuing to grow, and are working on an expansion of the building for adult education and tutoring services.

On the 29th of April, TASK hosted a brunch to recognize several groups and individuals that have devoted their service to the volunteer organization. Coordinators of the program led the ceremony and spoke to all those present.

Among the recipients, the

Bishop Ahr community was the first youth-based group to receive the Community Service Award. Every year, students from Bishop Ahr committed their time and effort to serve the community. The volunteers never came in empty-handed, and always arrive with donations that were collected at school. Some were asked to serve behind the scenes and prepare meals, while others delivered trays to the hungry. Junior Jude Roche said, "TASK is one of the greatest places I've had the honor to work at. It helps so many people."

At this year's brunch, Joo Eun Lim, Jude Roche, Kerianne Howley, Katie Mazzarelli, Ethan Lim, and Simon Llaguno represented the student body at the annual celebration. Sister Donna, Sister Cynthia, Mr. Ziegler, Father Kieth, and Deacon Rich were also present to accept the award.

BY: SIMON LLAGUNO

As the seniors say goodbye to high school, new beginnings await them. Before they depart, however, we recognize them for their excellence and achievement.

First, the graduates were commended for their leadership. Editor Alexis Swanson received a plaque for her role in the school newsmagazine. Rachel Reyes and Isaac Scafe were recognized as senior editors for the Insight yearbook. Student Council president Elizabeth Cimiluca and other members of Student Council were presented awards for their service.

Those active in drama were also recognized for their commitment. The Award for Most Improved Performer was awarded to Andrew Michael and Rafael Parsacala. Gabriella Cangialosi earned the Award for Technical Excellence, while Kelcie Haver received the Award for Excellence in Dance. Alexa Karp was presented with the Award for Outstanding Stage Performance.

Students involved in band or music were honored for their dedication, as well. Alexa Karp and Adriana Malvone were deemed most improved in band, and Rafael Parsacala and Darlene Salvick received this award for the choir. Meghan McCarty was granted the Woody Herman Jazz Award for her outstanding effort in jazz music. The Louis Armstrong award was given

to Andrew Michael for his achievement in the jazz band. Valedictorian Kevin Howarth and salutatorian Kaitlin Fermalino both earned the National Choral Award for their exceptional leadership in choral music. Krystyna Ebert also received the John Phillip Sousa Award for her dedication in band music.

In the classroom, graduates exceeded expectations. Honor roll students were acknowledged for their hard work. The seniors were also noticed for their achievement in each subject. Andrew Brazicki received the Math Award. Klaudia Wielowski earned the English and Biological Science Award. Fernando Sullivan was given accolades in religion, social studies, and Spanish. Kevin Howarth was awarded for physical science and Excellence in Writing.

Students also received a myriad of special recognition awards. The Devine's Pharmacy Scholarship was granted to Joslyne Andres. Allison Shreck was acclaimed the "Power of One" first place winner. Brazicki was named the NJSIAA Scholar Athlete. Emily Louie received the Robin Cone Award.

Overall, the class of 2017 was awarded over 38 million dollars in scholarships. Whether it be in the classroom, on the sports field, or in the theater, the class of 2017 proved that they are prepared for life in college and beyond.



DEACON RICH AND STUDENTS ACCEPT AN AWARD OF BEHALF OF THE BGA COMMUNITY.

(PHOTO COURTESY OF BGA PUBLICATIONS)

FOND FAREWELLS TO WELL-LOVED TROJANS



Name: Mrs. Aiken

How long have you worked at Bishop Ahr?
I started working at Bishop Ahr in August 1989.

What will you miss?
I will miss the people the most. They are forever branded on my heart.

What are some of your favorite memories at BGA? Peer Leadership, Ahr Choice, Faculty Spirituality Day, Christmas Mass, Graduation, Roche cookies, BGA families and the special people I work with.

Do you have any advice for the students?
You have touched my heart. Work hard. Believe in yourself. Never give up. It's your choice.



Name: Mrs. Hrabar

How long have you worked at Bishop Ahr?
24 years

What will you miss?
The lasting friendships created with colleagues in the guidance department, as well as the relationships and bonds with the students.

What are some of your favorite memories at BGA? Being a part of students' lives and being able to see them make the right choices

Do you have any advice for the students?
Strive to do your best every day. Everything that you do each day definitely has an impact on what happens after you leave Bishop Ahr. Make the most of the opportunity that your parents gave you by letting you go to school here.



Name: Deacon Rich

How long have you worked at Bishop Ahr?
6 years

What will you miss?
Everything. The students, the staff, the faculty, the friendship and bonds that were created will always

be a part of me that I will never forget.

What are some of your favorite memories at BGA? All of the things that made this school like a family - all of the things I was able to share with all of you. I will never forget those.

Do you have any advice for the students? Don't ever forget that God is always in charge of your life - He is the one who gave you life and will guide you on the right path to bring you peace and joy in your life. God bless you!

INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY MEGAN LIM AND NICOLE PETRICK

Students receive Sportsmanship Awards

BY: ALEXIS SWANSON

On Wednesday, May 10th, 2017, the 16th Annual Greater Middlesex County Sportsmanship Awards Luncheon was held at the Pines Manor, in Edison, NJ. The sportsmanship awards are granted to gmc student athletes who continuously display good sportsmanship at all times throughout a sports event and even before or after. These awards do not focus on wins, stats, or championships, but something more than that, how one carries themselves and their team not only during their sport on the field, track, or mat, but throughout the season no matter where they are. Speakers at the luncheon were Mark Di Ionno, the Star Ledger Athletic reporter, Kim DeGraw – Cole, assistant director of the NJSIAA, and Greg Tufaro-Home News Tribune sports writer, addressed the recipients as well.

The Bishop Ahr athletes that

were chosen for this very prestigious award were Jack Roarty and Kristen Brady. Roarty received his award as a member of three trojan varsity sport teams, the football team, the basketball team and the baseball team. Brady was given her award as a member of the award-winning Lady Trojan varsity gymnastics team. Roarty and Brady were selected by the coaches of the school for the sportsmanship they displayed on the court and field. Traditionally two juniors are selected for this honor because they are expected to be leaders in their senior year.

When asked to reflect on receiving their sportsmanship awards, Roarty and Brady both agreed that they were so grateful for being recognized not for their athletic abilities, but more importantly for their sportsmanship. Both of the speakers at the Awards luncheon, Di Ionno and DeGraw, stressed the importance of making good choices,

even when you are not winning. “Winning isn’t everything!” But being a part of a team that truly cares for one another and has a fun time playing the sport is just as important as winning. “In 100 games played, only 50% win the game but everyone participates and competes,”

noted DeGraw.

At the luncheon, Roarty and Brady were accompanied by their parents, who are alumni of Bishop Ahr. Along with them came Sister Donna, Sister Cindy, athletic director Michael Wohlftal, and Yancy Munoz.



JACK ROARTY AND KRISTEN BRADY HUMBLY ACCEPT THE GMC SPORTSMANSHIP.

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TRUMP TERMINATES DIRECTOR OF THE FBI

BY: DUDLEY ENGRAM

On the 9th of May, President Donald Trump fired the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, James Comey. When the news broke out about his termination, Comey was travelling in Los Angeles. In 2013, Comey was chosen to be the director of the FBI by

the Democratic President, Barack Obama. The former director’s term was dated to end in September of 2023. Comey’s term ended a decade earlier than expected because of President Trump’s decision to suddenly execute his position.

A White House official said the letter extinguishing Comey’s posi-

tion was delivered by Keith Schille, Trump’s longtime armed personal bodyguard who is now director of Oval Office Operations at the White House. In the brief letter to Comey from the president, he told him he could not “effectively lead” the Federal Bureau of Investigation and called for “new leadership that restores public trust and confidence” in law enforcement.

This was not a surprise to the nation since Comey was dragged into unusual politics of the 2016 election. On the same day, the official White House statement explained that “President Trump acted based on the clear recommendations of both Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and Attorney General Jeff Sessions.” But when he was interviewed two days later, Trump controversially stated that, regardless of recommendations, he would have terminated Comey’s positions.

President Trump’s explanation for firing Comey was because of his handling of his previous investigation. This was the case of Hillary Clinton’s private email server that Comey had looked into and investigated. Some say that Trump had

benefitted from this investigation as some voters turned away from Hillary. Writer of CNN News, Stephen Collinson, said “Many Democrats believe that his announcement that he was reopening the probe 11 days before the election cost the former secretary of state the presidency.” On the day of termination, Trump said, “The FBI is one of our nation’s most cherished and respected institutions, and today will mark a new beginning for our crown jewel of law enforcement,” showing his viewpoint on the situation.

Previous to being dismissed, Comey was investigating the Trump Campaign and whether or not it had any ties to Russia.

The search for a new director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is now in act and Andrew McCabe, the bureau’s deputy director, has taken the spot of acting director. The FBI’s investigation into Russia’s interference in the U.S. presidential election will end because of Trump’s firing of Comey. Legal experts explain that the Bureau staffers will continue the investigation even as the search for a new director begins.



TRUMP SHAKES THE HAND OF THE PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE FBI.

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Name: Dudley Engram

Nickname: DJ, Dud

Grade:12

Sport: Baseball

Favorite place to go in

the summer: Down the shore

Pump up song: "Yamborghini High"

by A\$AP Mob



Name: Colleen Sharlow

Nickname: Col, Col

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Grade:12

Sport: Softball

Favorite place to go in the summer:

Long Beach Island & Playa Bowls

Pump up song: "Slide" by Calvin

Harris



Name: Matt Knox

Nickname: Shknox, Sox

Grade: 12

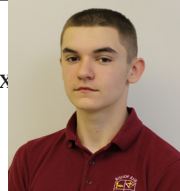
Sport: Lacrosse

Favorite place to go in the summer:

Anywhere with family and friends

Pump up song: "Lord Knows" by

Meek Mill



Name: Kieran Hodder

Nickname: Cozy K

Grade: 12

Sport: Golf

Favorite place to go in

the summer: Warm places

Pump up song: "Despacito" by Luis

Fonsi & Daddy Yankee ft. Justin Bieber



Name: Justin Martinez

Nickname: J-Mart

Grade: 12

Sport: Tennis

Favorite place to go in

the summer: Punta Cana, Dominican

Republic

Pump up song: "Mask Off" by Future



Name: Sean Booc

Nickname: Shoon,

Booky, Bookiboo

Grade: 12

Sport: Track & Field

Favorite place to go in the summer:

Numbani

Pump up song: "Take a Step Back" by

XXXTentacion



Name: Niara Rowe

Nickname: Niro, Rowe

Rowe Rowe your boat

Grade:12

Sport: Lacrosse

Favorite place to go in the summer:

Mexico

Pump up song: "No Hands" by Wacka

Flocka



Name: Kayla Simon

Nickname: KaySi, Kay

Grade: 12

Sport: Softball

Favorite place to go

in the summer: Anywhere outside,

especially the park or hiking

Pump up song: "Get It Together" by

Drake



Stepping up to the plate

By: DUDLEY ENGRAM



SENIOR ANDREW BRAZICKI TAKES A MIGHTY SWING

With the stepping down of long time head coach, Scott Runkel, the Boys Varsity Baseball team was introduced to five new coaches this season. The boys were led by Head Coach Tom De'Agostino and assistant coaches: Brandon Beards, Frank De'Agostino, Nick Marris, and Larry Sporer. The Trojan's baseball team had a season of ups

and downs. The season took a rough start by losing their first nine games. Despite the fact of not beginning the season as planned, our boys began to turn things around just in time for when it counted the most.

There are twenty guys on the roster for our Trojans, being led by the senior captain and center fielder, Austin Brooks. The remaining five seniors are Andrew Brazicki, Matt "Bubba" Smith, Dudley Engram, William Taylor, and Adrian Genao. The connection and bond this team has showed throughout the season. The Trojans ace pitcher was Richard Albrecht with Brazicki behind the plate majority of the games. As of March 11, 2017 Albrecht is our team's most dangerous hitter batting a .392, followed by junior Brandon Rodriguez batting an average of .386.

The first win the boys had this season was at Carteret with junior Sean Flynn on the mound. The

Trojans won 7-3 with the help of Flynn's complete game with 6 strikeouts and no walks, junior Richard Albrecht with 3 RBI's and a triple, and with the helping RBI's by junior Jack Roarty and sophomore Kyle Orta. Since that game, the boys have won six of their last nine games defeating South River two times, New Brunswick two times, Academy of Urban Leadership Charter, and Timothy Christian. When coach Tom De'Agostino was asked about his viewpoint on the team and the season, he replied: "These guys are a great group of kids, and I'm extremely proud of the way they have adjusted and come together as a team. The goal has always been to play our best baseball towards the end of the season and after a tough start we have improved tremendously from game one. We still have plenty of baseball left and I look forward to watching this year's team continue to grow and hopefully make some noise."



SENIOR MATTHEW SMITH CATCHES THE BALL AND PREVENTS A RUN FROM BEING SCORED

This season is a 'hit'

By: COLLEEN SHARLOW



SENIOR KAYLA SIMON PREPARES TO BLAST THE BALL DEEP INTO THE OUTFIELD. (ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF BGA PUBLICATIONS)

The Trojans always put forth an amazing softball team, and this year is no exception. Through hard work and dedication, the girls have played their hearts out and finished the season strong. Beginning the season with a tough week of tryouts, the girls were formed into an unstoppable team. They were led by senior captains Kayla Simon and Colleen Sharlow. The underclassmen on the team included juniors Erin Pepe, Ryleigh Greenwald, Katie Eicher, Madison Menafro, Guilia Capasso, sophomores Colleen Cronin, Gianna Rossi, and Allie VanDemark, and freshmen Alyssa DeJianne, Megan Herka, Rebecca Irizarry, and Allison LaRochelle.

The girls ended with an overall record of fourteen wins and six losses. Their best game was played against Perth Amboy, and the score was 18-0. Other big wins were against South Plainfield, Woodbridge, Colonia, and North Brunswick. All of the players made a difference on the field, but returning star players in particular include Megan Herka, Katie Eicher, and Colleen Cronin. As the season comes to a close, the girls reflect on their accomplishments and look forward to returning next year.

Hard work pays off

By: JULIA KEBULADZE

The girls lacrosse program, coached by Matthew Roche and JK, has grown a lot since its beginning three years ago. This year's offensive line has grown stronger and has come closer to scoring than ever. Even without many wins, both Varsity and JV have continued to improve throughout the season.

The ladies show a lot of promise, and their determination and positive attitude outshine their statistical losses. Great leadership from seniors Joselyn Andres, Emily Cabrera, Kimberly Calix, Charlene

Enriques, Julia Fedor, Danielle Freund, Sara Osowski, Vanshani Patel, Niara Rowe, Allison Schreck, and Darlene Slavick, resulted in productive practices, aggressive plays, and finally a win!

On May 9th, the girls defeated JP Stevens 8-1. Calix, the team's top scorer, put in four goals. Junior Alexa Romanella scored twice, and both Patel and Fedor scored once. "All of our hard work finally paid off," said Freund. "I've been playing since freshman year, and losing was frustrating because we were always trying our best. It's the best feeling and I'm so proud of us."



SENIOR KIMBERLY CALIX POWERS DOWN THE FIELD SEEKING A SHOT ON GOAL

Golf 'fore' the win

BY: JILLIAN RAMIREZ

Led by seniors Robert Amiano, Alex Guketlov, Kieran Hodder, Sean Legall-Fleming, and Spencer Tardy, the boys golf team has accumulated four wins throughout the season so far. Although they are without a winning record, the boys remain dedicated and continue to work hard. Other key players include junior Vincent Prado and freshmen Ryan Gluchowski and Casey Hodder.

The team's most recent win against South River (194- 231) took place on May 2. Tardy had a score of 41, Guketlov had 48, and Casey Hodder had 49.

Tardy says, "This past season has been very successful and a ton of fun, I'm really going to miss the bus rides with the team and our awesome coach, Clem Bottone."



SENIOR KIERAN HODDER TAKES A POWERFUL SWING

Keeping track of a great season

BY: JILLIAN RAMIREZ

The track team is currently ranked 5th in the Non-Public A division. With a young team, they certainly had their work cut out for them this season. However, despite age differences, all of the runners came together to work hard and strive to reach their goals. The most successful meet of the season so far has been the Colts Neck Relays, which took place on April 22. The girls distance medley, made up of senior Nina Acosta, junior Gabi Stankosh, sophomore Katie Perez, and freshman Gabby Toryk, medaled. Nina Acosta, the only senior on the team, says she is grateful to be a part of such a close knit group. "Everyone on the team is so hardworking and supportive. I truly love going to practice everyday because of them."



FRESHMAN GABBY TORYK TAKES A GIANT LEAP HOPING FOR PERFECT PLACEMENT

No time to reLAX



THE BOYS BATTLE EDISON FOR THE BALL AT THE START OF THE GAME (ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF BGA PUBLICATIONS)

BY: JULIA KEBULDAZE & JILLIAN RAMIREZ

With seniors Miguel Acevedo, Patrick Doherty, Drew English, Matthew Knox, Matthew Lopez, Bryce McCall, Benjamin Prott, and Justin Sandstrom guiding the boys lacrosse team this year, the program really took a step forward. Coach Matthew Van Duran pushed the boys like never before. They played many productive games that led to their first victory against Wardlaw-Hartridge High School. Their second win quickly followed, defeating Newark East Side High School. The biggest win for the boys came on their senior night, May 12, when they crushed Edison 11-4. Star players Knox and Prott helped lead the team to victory.

Acevedo said "It's very excit-

ing to have more than one win! It's been the best record season in Bishop Ahr lacrosse history and it's amazing to be a part of it."



SENIOR BENJAMIN PROTTFENDS OFF THE PLAYER FROM THE OPPOSING TEAM

Swing and no miss

BY: ISAAC SCAAFE

The boys tennis team hit the courts once again, with new faces bringing a breath of fresh air for the season. The team last year had only five playable players but four newcomers, seniors Jon-Michael Manzo and Justin Martinez and freshmen Brandon Cangialosi and Nachiketa Gosukonda, now give the team the minimum amount of players to actively compete in matches. Senior captain Duncan Merriman-Mendez starts things off at first singles with junior Matt Jiang playing second singles and



SENIOR JUSTIN MARTINEZ KEEPS HIS EYE ON THE BALL BEFORE HE TAKES A SWING

Manzo playing third. Martinez, junior Sean Zagarola, Cangialosi and Gosukonda complete the team playing first and second doubles. Mr. Al Mohrmann, who also coaches the girls' tennis team, lends his wisdom and helps train the players' skills in preparation for any upcoming matches.

The season started out slowly due to April showers, but the inclement weather did not dampen the team's spirit. They already succeeded their win total from last year early in the season with two wins over Dunellen. Apart from their clear talent, the team performed much better this year due to the fact that they now had a full team. Due to being under numbered last season they were only able to play singles and one doubles team, meaning that they were already a point down. Now with the added talents, pressure is taken off for players to win every match granted that should be the aim every match. Duncan Merriman-Mendez, who has been part of the team since freshman year, was relieved to have enough people sign up to play.

"I'm happy that we got more freshmen interested, and even some seniors who wanted to try it new this year," Merriman-Mendez replied. "Hopefully next year, the younger players will continue to play and recruit new players."

THE SATOMA STAFF WISHES THE BEST TO OUR SENIORS. GOOD LUCK TO THE CLASS OF 2017!

