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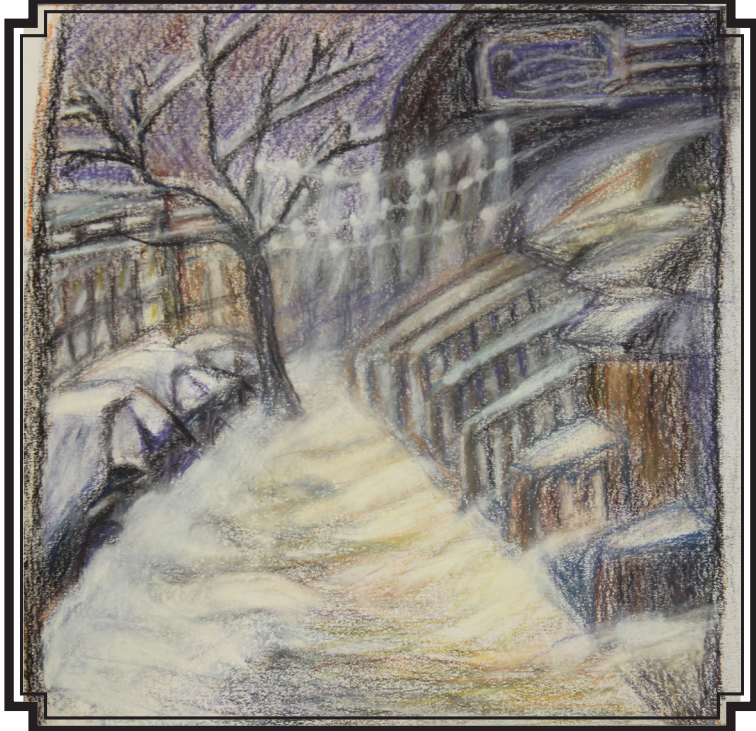
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 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Holiday Rush

BY: NICOLE PETRICK

Holiday shopping, Rushing around,
 Cries from the customers, managers' frown.
 Nothing compares to the holiday rush,
 Except maybe when it's left in the dust.
 Christmas is a time to put all the hustle and bustle away,
 But instead we choose to indulge in holiday layaways.
 Wrapping paper, and crisp ribbons are wrapped as one
 Christmas trees and jolly lights add to the fun.
 Gift Cards and gift sets are bundled and wrapped,
 While paychecks and credit cards get caught in the trap.
 A long time ago Christmas had a bigger reason,
 But now all that's lost in the material season.
 Presents instead of people, is what I fear
 will soon be the meaning of Holiday Cheer.

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In the defense of oatmeal raisin



Dear readers, when garland and the gentle glow of warm hearts decorate our homes every year in late December, we are confronted with a moral dilemma so herculean in nature that most of us fail in choosing the righteous answer. We are approached by an ultimate decision between two choices: chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin cookies.

Rationally, I propose that the far superior treat is oatmeal raisin. The infinitely better oatmeal raisin cookie is a delicious, gooey dessert, and those who deny the magnificence of that glorious disk do not deserve its existence.

In a hypothetical situation, imagine yourself enjoying a family Christmas party. You are sitting on the couch when suddenly, on the coffee table, you notice that there are two platters of cookies,

both stocked heavily. On the left platter, there are chocolate chip, and on the right oatmeal raisin. You are now confronted with this enthralling puzzle. Right or left? Oatmeal raisin or Chocolate Chip? Salvation or Condemnation?

Reader, if you chose the platter on your right, you have chosen correctly. You place your fingers on the oatmeal raisin cookie directly on top. You feel the heavenly textures of soft, though slightly bumpy contours of the surface. You slowly place the cookie in your mouth and bite down. Your teeth glide through the scrumptious contents and begin to chew. Your saliva captures the tasty particles and delivers them to your taste buds. As you begin to experience the cosmic delight, you begin to wonder the fundamental questions of life. You ask yourself what would've happened if you had picked the platter on the left.

If you had picked up the chocolate chip cookie, you

would have been instantly reminded of the nightmarish conditions of a rocky field due to the hostile, unfriendly, and rigid edges. As you place the circle of despair from basicness into your mouth, all the joy and hope for a delicious Christmas treat turns to ash. As you spit out the horrendous disgrace for a cookie, everyone attending the Christmas party turns to look at you. You understand their tacit command to leave from the looks on their faces. On your walk of timid humiliation along the darkened roads, you feel the immense guilt as the entire neighborhood looks upon you. "Shame!" they yell "Shame."

What did you choose when our good Santa Claus delivered presents on December 25th? Did you choose the good graciousness of oatmeal raisin? Or, did you erroneously choose the awful chocolate chip? I can only hope, dear reader, you knew what to choose.

The case for chocolate chip



When you imagine the holidays, you probably think of an image similar to this: You imagine yourself sipping hot chocolate by the fire while watching Christmas movies with family. The oven dings; you pull out a fresh batch of delicious, warm, chocolate chip cookies. You pour half a glass of milk, then place the cookies and beverage above the fireplace, awaiting the coming morning where you find some of the snacks gone!

This is the Christmas tradition that many children have grown up with, and it should continue to be one of the trademark Christmas traditions. Variants of this story would not bring you as much happiness, not as much

Christmas spirit and as much joy. When you look at many of the children's Christmas books, you find chocolate chip cookies being used for the occasion, not oatmeal raisin.

Most Christmas movies discard the silly oatmeal snacks, instead using the comfort of a piping hot chocolate chip cookie. While some may prefer the taste of oatmeal raisin to chocolate chip, the cookie is simply not a tradable option. It is the traditional food that makes Christmas as magical as it is! It is not something to simply taste, it is something to experience. When you think of Christmas, it is doubtful that you automatically think of oatmeal raisin cookies. While having new customs is important, I think honoring the cookies of the generations before us is one of the time honored traditions of the holiday season,

and I hope you agree.

I highly doubt you would like to not honor your ancestors, you own blood family who strived for you to have a better future and a loving home. They fought for you right to live somewhere where you can enjoy the feeling of righteousness when you choose a chocolate chip cookie. They tried to make sure you had a home, where you could comfortably relish in the luscious, beautiful chocolate chip cookie.

I once had a friend who ate a processed and granulated dried grape cookie rather than a heavenly, cherubic chocolate chip cookie. They lived the rest of their life in regret of that choice they made that day. This is a warning, a cautionary tale. I hope I have made a convincing case for chocolate chip cookies, the right, and only, choice this holiday season.

'LAST JEDI' STORMS THEATERS

BY: MAIA LIM

On December 9th, 2017, the much anticipated "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" made its world premiere and was officially released in theatres on December 15th, 2017. Like its prequels, "The Last Jedi" encompasses genres including action, adventure, drama, science fiction, and fantasy. The film is second chronologically in the sequel trilogy and it was directed and written by Rian Johnson.

Like the previous film, "The Last Jedi" starred Daisy Ridley as Rey, Mark Hamill as Luke Skywalker, the late Carrie Fisher as Leia Organa, John Boyega as Finn, and Adam Driver as Kylo Ren. New cast members included Benicio Del Toro, Laura Dern, and Kelly Marie Tran. The story took place thirty years

after the conclusion of the original trilogy and picked up where the "The Force Awakens" left off when Rey discovered the banished Luke Skywalker. The plot also continued to portray the tensions between the First Order and Leia Organa's Resistance. The main highlights of the movie were the Resistance Evacuation, Rey's training with Luke Skywalker, the Resistance's escape plan, and the Battle on Crait. The storyline concluded as the Resistance members managed to escape on The Falcon. Despite the feeble amount of Resistance fighters left, the hope of the rise of the rebellion was still strong.

The movie received positive reviews and critiques with an 8.4 on IMDB and 93% on Rotten Tomatoes. Previous to its release, "The Last Jedi" was rated as the most anticipated film on Fandango and

Rotten Tomatoes. It also received numerous praises from many top critics including Rolling Stone and The Atlantic. With its fantastic plot

line and positive feedback, fanatics and passerbys alike should expect a thrilling conclusion to the trilogy in 2019.



THE CHARACTERS FROM EPISODE SEVEN RETURN WITH SEVERAL NEW FACES IN AN EPIC BATTLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL

A 'perfect' ending



THE CAST OF "PITCH PERFECT 3" CAME TOGETHER ONE LAST TIME TO COMPLETE THE FINAL CHAPTER OF THE POPULAR MUSICAL MOVIE PHENOMENON

BY: PAMELA PICERNO

"Pitch Perfect 3" may get a few good reviews from dedicated fans, but all in all, it doesn't measure up to the success of the previous two films. The movie follows the Bellas three years after college. Becca is forced to work a low-end job, and Amy, Chloe, and all the others are in similar situations. However, they decide to reunite to compete for a

spot opening for DJ Khaled.

Of course, when the girls get together, trouble ensues. The group faces the usual competition, this time against Calamity, played by Ruby Rose, and her band, who ridicule the Bellas for only singing covers of other's songs. To add to the chaos, Fat Amy is approached by her long-lost drug-dealer father. She decides to trust him, but he kidnaps the Bellas in the hopes of getting Amy's money. Luckily Amy's moral values shine through when she chooses to save her friends and not her shady father.

The movie's shining moments, not much of a surprise, is through song. The Bellas sing a cappella versions of Britney Spears' "Toxic" and Sia's "Cheap Thrills" with over the top costumes and sassiness. This is what viewers have come to know and love, and in this area they won't be disappointed.

The movie has its funny moments, such as when Fat Amy saves her friends using sausages as nun chucks, and emotional moments such as their final goodbye to the series. "Pitch Perfect 3" is a movie for everyone to enjoy, especially if you are dying to see the ending to the Bella's story.

One last run

BY: ASHLEY D'SOUZA

The trials have finally been completed but it all comes down to one burning question: Will everyone survive? The original adaptation of the book by James Dashner, "The Maze Runner", drew in many fans from the beginning of the series. "The Scorch Trials" followed, and now the long awaited finale to the trilogy is here, "The Death Cure". The first movie showed seemingly difficult trials, but viewers will be astonished what the main characters must endure in this film. A malignant, brain-

eating virus known as the "Flare" has engulfed the city and spreads a veil of threat and darkness over the troubled human race. It is now up to Thomas to save mankind and banish this disastrous infection. The Death Cure looks to be a grandiose closing to the Trilogy; fans will all get a clear idea of WICKED and further explore the character development throughout all three movies. "Maze Runner: The Death Cure" releases in theatres on Friday, January 26, 2018. Fanatics and newcomers to the series alike are sure to enjoy this 'flare' of entertainment.



THE CHARACTERS OF "THE DEATH CURE" MUST FACE PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES DURING THE THRILLING CONCLUSION OF THIS TRILOGY (ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)

Spread the mania

By: MARY PUCCI



FALL OUT BOY POSTS THEIR WORLD TOUR ADVERTISEMENT

(ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)

Fall Out Boy's long awaited seventh studio album, "Mania", is almost here! However, it did not come without a struggle. As opposed to the traditional album

critiques, lead singer Patrick Stump had some choice words for their work: "It freaked me out. I was like, 'I don't think this is something the four of us will like, I don't think it's something the label is going to like. It doesn't sound like Fall Out Boy. Oh...I can't turn this in.'" This caused the pushback of the album to January from its initial release date of September 14th. Pete Wentz, bassist, said of the record, "It felt like all bread and no meat. There was no spicy mustard or anything."

On top of this mounting pressure, they had a tour promoting this non-existent album. As opposed to cancelling the multiple dates, the band made the decision to continue with the tour, performing a compilation of their best and early releases of their new songs. The band has just finished the North American leg of their tour.

Content wise, the first single the band dropped was: "Young and Menace" in April. The band released that single first as "It was the only song we had done at the time. And I was like, 'I'm sure it will be

polarizing.' But I think it was more like when you're smelling perfumes and you smell the coffee grounds in between? I think that's, like, the coffee grounds. A chance to restart" said Wentz. Polarizing it was. The single had an electronic sound, something that divided fans used to a more rock sound.

Their second single was "Champion" in June. This single had more of the catchy hooks that older fans are used to. The song is one of perseverance and in their live tour, they incorporated a montage of Princess Diana. In more recent news, the band announced a collaboration with the wildly popular Kpop group, BTS. The remix allowed for more of a hip-hop vibe and appealed to the band's more global audience.

For the third single, the band released "Last of the Real Ones" in September. Their fourth single came in the form of "Hold Me Tight or Don't" in November. Both of these singles comprised strange video concepts. Lyrically, they both came with the angst and power the band is known for. The emotionally charged

song, "Last of the Real Ones" was paired with a more whimsical video with dancing llamas. "Hold Me Tight or Don't" had a whistle backing track and the video was a Dia de los Muertos inspired carnival video. Due to the wide variety of songs, fans cannot grasp the mood of the album just yet.

If all of these releases weren't enough, at live shows, the band has debuted another track, "Expensive Mistakes" with a car fueled backdrop. They have also given a small explanation for unreleased "Stay Frosty Royal Milk Tea". "Stay frosty" is like a military term. It's basically like, "Stay cool but alert," Wentz says. "And royal milk tea is this really good bottled milk tea that I think you can only find in Japan."

Despite all of the setbacks and second guessing, the album is complete and will be released January 19th. Even after all of these years, the message the band hopes to convey stays steadfast. "We try to speak to the idea that if you don't fit in anywhere else," Wentz says, "you can fit in with us."

JUSTICE IS SERVED

By: ALEXANDRIA WONSKI

On November 17th, "Justice League" was finally released. After this two hour long feature, fans were left with excitement about the DC universe and curiosity as to what future productions may hold. This film takes place after the gloomy and slow events that happened in "Batman vs. Superman". Before going into any further in detail, be warned: there will be spoilers from the movies.

After audiences witnessed the tragic death and downfall of Superman, fans greatly anticipated its sequel. Many questions were raised, one of the most popular being, "How would the DC universe be affected as a result of such an important loss?" Well, this new feature opens up answering that question by showing how the world was burdened greatly with issues such as higher crime rates and political corruption. Many citizens had used Superman as a beacon of hope to look to, but as a

result of his death, they felt lost. To the audience's and the character's eyes, he could almost be compared to a god. However for the equivalent of such a good entity, there must be an evil one as well to counter it.

Batman and Wonder Woman (more commonly referred to as Diana in this feature) come to the conclusion that a team of superheroes must be formed to counter the increasing devastation in the world. They also became aware of Steppenwolf – a demon-like alien who essentially wishes to invade the earth to get to three boxes filled with powerful energy. So, they decide to enlist several heroes to help aid their mission for justice.

Many critics say that the heroes are what made this movie so great as they are very likeable and entertaining. Batman happens to be more relaxed with a better outlook on life, and is much less serious. Wonder Woman stays a fan favorite with her excellent personality and feminist charm. One of the new members in-



DARE TO DREAM WITH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE AS HEROES TEAM UP TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM EVIL..AGAIN

troduced to this league is the Flash. He is the latest to the "saving the world" business which displayed in his untamed power to run at supersonic speeds. His wit and sense of humor is a great source of comic relief. Another character introduced is Cyborg, an athlete, who due to a sad accident became half-bionic. Aquaman is also introduced to the Justice League. He is a god of oceans, and his story throughout the plot coupled with hilarious one liners completed

the super hero group.

Despite such a dark backstory and introduction, this film takes a more light-hearted tone and tends to use characters for comic relief. For example, at one point Aquaman tells Batman, "You really are out of your mind." To which Batman mocks his weapon replying, "I'm not the one who brought a pitchfork." Fans of the DC universe and visitors to the fandom alike were able to enjoy it in theatres this past November.

SELF-LOVE = LOVE FOR OTHERS

BY: SYBILLE RATEAU

The Internet has taken a whole new turn recently as people are starting to feel more comfortable in their own skin thanks to the self-love movement that is taking over social media. Women and men, for what seems like forever, have lived in a world that is ruled by the unachievable need for approval from everyone. Now, though, people are growing a sense of pride rooted from their own self-confidence.

In the past, loving oneself was an act of self-obsession, neglectfulness for others. Even the synonyms that come up for the word “self-love” on Microsoft Word are “egotism”, “selfishness”, “narcissism”, etc. The media, however has put a different spin on the word. The term “self-love” now represents regard for ourselves. It has also, in turn, inspired respect for others. After all, confidence in oneself naturally demands at the very least a sense

of tolerance of others. Along with social media, even magazines, commercials, movies, and TV shows are changing up their game to yield to the idea of self-love.

As the self-love campaign takes over, now more than ever, people are becoming satisfied with their own shape, color, culture, and anything that makes them who they are. Scrolling through Instagram or YouTube, one can find people celebrating the unique forms of beauty portrayed in each individual human being. People are discovering ways to feel confident in their minds and their appearances. More people are growing out their natural hair, finding contentment in going out without a full face of makeup, learning to go out with makeup for their own luxury rather than for the eyes of others, eating what makes them feel happy, loving what or who they want, and dressing comfortably. Self-love has become the backbone for the effort to terminate

hatred. The movement is fueled by the challenge of haters’ attempts to discourage it.

The human race’s diversity has become its beauty. As we learn to

accept ourselves, we learn to accept and love others as well. Self-love isn’t just a passing trend, it is developing into a natural state of mind for many people.



JALEN BULIYAT AND CECILE MOLINA DISPLAY THEIR OWN CULTURAL SELF-LOVE DURING A MEETING AT THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The power in ‘peace’



SENIOR CLASSES CAME TOGETHER TO UNITE AS A GROUP AND HAVE A PEACEFUL DAY AWAY FROM THE WORRIES AND STRESSES OF THEIR HECTIC LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL

BY: MARJOLYN MEGALOUDIS

The word “peace” is consistently mistaken for its actual meaning. The word peace actually has 5 different definitions in the Webster’s World Dictionary but all of them circle

around the same meaning—freedom and serenity. In 2017, the word peace was hard to come by, in fact the act of demonstrating peacefully without violence in and of itself seemed nearly impossible to

achieve. News programs will present titles with the words hate, crime, violence and even destruction to intrigue the reader to believe that these stories are the most essential. However, they fail to recognize the negativity and strong emotional consequences this has on the reader and the long-term influences.

Although these stories are actually occurring and although they do indicate that violence draws more attention and has more power in the media—it’s dehumanizing. As individuals, we have the power to change what we do not like in society. We have the power to hold signs and protest—but the negativity that violence holds is much stronger than people know. But most people do not know there are many different forms of peace. In fact, the Albert Einstein Institution established 198 methods of nonviolence which people from all over the world use. 98% of these tactics actually worked.

If we exchanged all protests with peace and if we didn’t have negative influences in the media, chances are there would be a change in the way

we view society and how we act as a whole. The reason why this is so important currently, is because often we come across hateful titles in the news identifying different sides in politics and people. We come across blogs which dedicate their whole story to circling around blaming others for why violence happens. Even during the Los Angeles massacre, the next day it was reported that 65% of the new stories went political discussing gun violence and how that is the cause of every act which has happened so far in the case of murders reported. The effect we could have to make things we don’t agree with change by altering the way we use our words and the way we present ourselves will eventually have more of an effect than using violence. The only problem is, we need to make peace seem like the best alternative.

There have been many historical figures who have agreed upon this idea, and they all seem to say the same relatively the same thing: “If we desire a society of peace, then we cannot achieve such a society through violence.” -Bayard Rustin.

Grammar school show inspires new students

BY: JULIA DUARTE

On November 16, the Drama Department sent out its annual invitation to local grammar schools, so they could come watch the fall production, "Inspecting Carol," before it was viewed by the rest of the public. This early preview not only helps prepare the cast and crew to perform in front of a live audience before officially opening, but also it gives the grammar school students a chance to see what the Drama Department has to offer.

Students that were a part of the production set up the stage, got into costume, and readied their focus for the arrival of the grammar schools. This show is the first time the fall production is performed with an audience present. This helps provide the actors and the crew with an outside perspective of their work up to that point. This can give them a chance to test out the show's energy and set the mood of the production. With the help of this last minute evaluation, any issues were addressed and any changes they felt

were necessary were made in order to better the show for opening night.

The drama department has undoubtedly earned a distinguished and unparalleled reputation after years of presenting phenomenal theatrical productions. However, many of the students visiting have never witnessed the level of excellence the actors are held to. That is why the show offers such a unique experience for the visiting students. The students witnessed the passion and dedication that the cast and crew put into the production in order to give audiences the satisfaction of watching an incredible performance. Students also witnessed the familial connections that the members have with each other, regardless of being in different grades. Students even had the opportunity to ask any questions they had for the director, Lea Gossett, the cast, and the crew after watching the show.

During the Q&A session, the students gained insight into how each drama production is chosen, found out the actors' favorite scenes, and



MEMBERS OF THE 'INSPECTING CAROL' CAST AND CREW HUDDLE BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE TO WARM-UP AND ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO HAVE THE BEST SHOW POSSIBLE

discovered the amount of time, effort, and devotion that is put into each and every production the drama department debuts. Another hope is that the students of the grammar schools show interest in becoming future BGA students themselves and may find their place in the drama department. When asked about her opinion of the grammar school show, Gossett had this to say, "In some cases, the grammar school show is the most important because of the message it sends to potential students. The

students see first-hand that Bishop Ahr is an excellent school for theater with fun and professionalism that meets a certain level of excellence."

The students who attended the grammar school show left the Little Theater with unforgettable memories after watching the comical performance of "Inspecting Carol."

The entire department looks forward to the next grammar school performance for the spring musical, "Young Frankenstein," which opens in March.

CONCERT CHEERS CROWD'S SPIRITS

BY: MEGAN LIM

On the nights of December 13th and 14th, Mr. Cullinan did an exceptional job in leading the school's music department in their annual Christmas Concert. An accumulation of many months of hard work spent by much rehearsing multiple times a week, the Concert Choir, Select Chorus, Jazz Band, and Concert Band put on an hour and a half performance of specially-chosen pieces.

After their usual warm-ups, the choral groups started off the first act of the night with "Joy to the World." Many classics, including "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," followed before the Concert Choir put down their music, allowing the Select Chorus (a competitive acapella group composed of chosen students dressed in all black attire), to jump in with songs like "A Very Merry Fa La La," "Star of Wonder," and "No Room, No Room." A member of the group, sophomore Faith Dodge, captured the crowd's attention with her solo in "River Carol." To close off the first act, the Concert Choir and Select Chorus were then joined

by alumni to sing their signature song "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Cracking a few jokes along the way, Mr. Cullinan then encouraged the crowd to help themselves to refreshments and participate in the school's 50/50 Raffle during the brief intermission. While the audience took the time to do so, the school's band groups took their places in the gym, thus beginning the second portion of the evening. The second act consisted of the Concert and Jazz Band performing enchanting arrangements, such as "Feliz Navidad," "Deck the Halls," "Baby, It's Cold Outside," and many more. The audience was especially moved by Abbey Lancia and Jordan Goins' rendition of "O Holy Night," which was accompanied by senior Jared Davis on the cello. Incorporating another signature piece, the band ended the night with "Sleigh Ride" as a grand finale to the entire show.

The music department put together yet another successful Christmas Concert. They have already begun rehearsals for the upcoming spring concert, and they anticipate a similar turnout.



ABOVE: MEMBERS OF THE CONCERT CHOIR STAND QUIETLY WHILE MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTORS SELECT CHOIR PERFORM A SELECTION OF SONGS FOR THE CROWD



LEFT: SENIOR ANDREW BURGER FOLLOWS HIS MUSIC AS HE PLAYS ONE OF HIS FEATURED SECTIONS OF THE CONCERT

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S O P H O M O R E H O L I

The Satoma staff asked sophomores to share some of the highlights of their holiday year. The following are a selection that were chosen.

Every Christmas my family goes to my grandparents house and we play a game where we pick from a pile of mystery gifts and some are purposely bad gifts, and we steal the good grabs from each other.
- Jessica Prekeris



My siblings and I pull out old sheet music from the BGA choir concerts and we sing as a Christmas tradition. My family is very musical and we've been doing this for five years
- Anna Rivera

Our family has a tradition where our parents hide a pickle ornament inside the tree. Whoever finds it first opens the first present on Christmas day.
- Craig Mollica



DAY TRADITIONS

holiday traditions that they enjoy with their families every year. These traditions were chosen by staff members to be featured in this issue.



After Christmas Eve Mass, my family always roasts marshmallows in our fireplace. It's nice to spend time with my family because we all have busy schedules during the year.

- Grace Metz

My brother and I host a boxing match at our house every Christmas Eve. It started in sixth grade to find out who was the better boxer, and we've held on to that tradition ever since.

- Alejandro Santiago



Every year since second grade my dance team has hosted a secret Santa party. It's a fun and creative way to give and receive gifts.

- Kaylee Phillips



Cotillion in candy land



THE COTILLION COURT GATHER IN THE DECORATED LOBBY TO SHOW OFF THEIR FESTIVE CANDY CANES FILLED WITH M&M'S AND THE FUN SANTA HATS GRANTED TO THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE COURT. THEY SMILE, SURPRISED BUT HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THEIR RESPECTIVE CLASSES. (ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF BGA PUBLICATIONS)

BY: SAMANTHA SOLDO

There was no sweeter place to be than at “Candy Land” Christmas Cotillion on December 2nd, 2017. The annual winter semi-formal was the perfect event to mark the beginning of the holiday season! Before the dance even began, students of all grade levels worked along with teachers and faculty to set up festive decorations in the gym and in the lobby. From wall to wall, the gym was decorated with snowmen,

Christmas trees, bows, lights, and Candy Land-themed art to celebrate the night to come. The event was organized by Campus Minister Sister Cynthia and by the student council social chairperson, senior Sophia Rivera. Because of their extraordinary efforts to make the Cotillion a night to remember, a whopping two hundred and sixty students attended the Cotillion, along with supervising teachers and faculty.

Friends gathered at tables, on the dance floor, and even in a photo

booth inside the gym. Students and their guests were absorbed into the fantastical setting of the candy-themed gymnasium. The DJ began his set for the night and soon enough, the dance floor was occupied to the max with dancers. After students sang along to countless songs and displayed varying dance moves, Sister Cynthia called students together to pray and to thank God for the exciting night and many more blessings to come. Dinner was then served

and dance attendees enjoyed their meals together after working up an appetite. Time went by as students had fun, and soon enough the very anticipated Cotillion Court was announced. The 2017 Freshmen Prince and Princess were Michael Cole and Ty Upton; followed by the Sophomore Princesses Sydney Samuelson and Rayna Alexander; the Junior Prince and Princess were Arjun Paul and Madeline Covington; and lastly the Senior Kings and Queens were Erica Bocanegra, Jude Roche, Natalie Stilo, Alfonso Sibayan, Nia Baird, and Simon Llaguno. The Senior Court was awarded Santa hats as crowns, and all of the court received M&Ms as prizes.

Slowly the clock hands made their way to 11:00, and it was time for the dance to come to a close. When the night ended and students waved their last goodbyes and, as they left the gym, they were given one last sweet; a Christmas tree-shaped Roche cookie for their travels home. The Christmas Cotillion of the 2017-2018 school year was a success based on the sheer number of students who attended and the numerous positive responses to the decorations, the food, the music and the general atmosphere.

Juniors put a ring on it



JUNIORS RYAN PITTARI AND CONOR FORREST CARRY UP THE LARGE SCALE JUNIOR RING

BY: GIRLEY OYOLA

The Junior students and their families took part in the annual Ring Day Ceremony on Tuesday, December 12 for the Class of 2019.

The Eucharistic liturgy also honored the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The theme was “The Pieces of Ahr Puzzle,” signifying how the junior class came together as a community to celebrate this important time in their life. After the

Gathering Song “O Come, All Ye Faithful” and recitation of Zechariah 2: 14-17, the Magnificat was sung by the choir and audience. The Gospel Acclamation was sung as everyone chanted “Alleluia” and clapped.

During the Homily, Fr. Keith Cervine explained how the juniors are more than halfway done with their high school journey and how they should make the best of the time they have left. The Sending Song was “Joy to the World” accordingly due to the Christmas season.

After the liturgy, the Ring Ceremony commenced with a welcome by Class Moderator Mark Fiore. Class Officers Sasha Pierre and Kevin O’Neil in turn detailed

the class symbols and history of the school ring, “As the rings are without edge or seam, having no beginning and no end, they symbolize the perfection of friends, bonded as one.” Fr. Keith then blessed the rings, and so they were presented to each junior by Sister Donna, Mr. Ziegler, and Mr. Brogno.

Sister Donna’s closing remarks reminded the junior class how they are always going to represent Bishop Ahr no matter where they go, and whatever they do. Mr. Fiore also showed how important the ring will be for the rest of their lives.

Juniors, remember to twist your ring 69 times (50 for BGA’s 50th anniversary and 19 for the Class of ‘19) and 1 time counterclockwise to lock it!

SHOWING LOVE TO AHR STARS

BY: ALYSSA PITTARI

The joy of the Christmas season was brought to all on December 15 as they gathered together to honor Ahr Stars David Santos and Sadie Ally at the Ahr Star Mass. All students and faculty assembled in the Main Gym to observe the annual tradition. The Mass began with students presenting the gifts, candles, symbols, and cards as they made their way towards Bishop James Checchio and Father Keith Cervine. Both wore purple cassocks, representing that the Catholic Church was currently in the Advent season. Unfortunately, David was unable to attend the Mass, as he was not feeling well. However, David's family was at the Mass as well as Sadie and her family.

The Mass was held in the main gym, which was decked out in numerous Christmas decorations. Christmas trees, lovely poinsettia plants, and glowing animated angels illuminated the stage. It served as an impeccable location to celebrate the Ahr Stars. During his homily, Bishop Checchio talked about how Advent is a time to prepare for the

coming of Christ. He discussed how it is important to listen to God and to serve others. The Bishop explained that school community was performing an act of love and charity by having this Mass, and that God appreciated this.

The band and chorus added liveliness to the mass by leading the school in various songs of worship, including "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and "We Are One Body." They were directed by music director Joseph Cullinan, who played the piano and trumpet with the rest of the liturgical band. Faculty members Patrick Gaston and TJ Reilly also sang during the Mass and performed "Mary, Did You Know?" followed by applause from the entire gymnasium. The last song was the traditional "Big House," during which everyone was out of their seats dancing and singing.

At the end of the Mass, it was time for the Ahr Stars to receive their presents. The students anxiously awaited for Sadie and David to open their gifts. The Ahr Star Board members including Co-Chairs Jude Roche and Alexa Romanella

dressed up as Santa and elves to deliver presents to the Ahr Stars. Sadie opened her presents to find a keyboard, some Barbie dolls, and various other gifts. David received a mini Mercedes car and a racetrack. Each family was also given a monetary gift. This money was raised from the Ahr Star Spaghetti Dinner.

After everyone received their gifts, the parents of both Ahr Stars thanked the school for their love and support. David's parents, Jacquelyn Hegedus Santos and Jeremy Santos, both 2005 BGA alumni, thanked the school community for their prayers and generosity. Sadie's parents, Katie and Craig Ally, announced that Sadie is officially done with her chemotherapy. The joy and happiness felt by everyone in the room truly embodied the spirit of the school community and the Christmas season.



SADIE SITS AND WATCHES THE MASS WITH HER MOTHER
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The gift of life

BY: MARY PUCCI

This holiday season, the school community gave from the heart, literally. On December 1st, the school held a blood drive. This event was hosted in the Catanzaro Gym from 8am to 12:30pm. During this time, approximately 100 students came through to give blood. The student involvement didn't end there. The drive was organized by the NHS Winter Blood Drive Team. The team planned, recruited donors, and executed the entire day. The team collected 84 units of blood. This blood has the potential to help up to 252 people.

Blood donors weren't left in the dark as to where their blood was going either. The blood was given to the NY Blood Center Labs. There, it is distributed to member hospitals throughout the tri-state area. Donors can expect an email with

the hospital name and location their donation went about 2-3 months after their donation.

The drive was a moment of school unity. With the team working diligently to organize the day and even more students coming with open hearts to donate, the giving spirit was truly felt. NHS Winter Blood Drive Team member, Colleen Chan, had this to say about the experience, "It was amazing to see how many people-students and teachers alike- turned up to donate. This is my second time donating. I am also quite excited to help during the upcoming spring drive!"

The school's next blood drive is April 13th from 8am to 12:30pm. As John Roche, Assistant Campus Minister, says, "We are always in need of blood donors!" Thanks to the giving hearts of students, the hearts of others can beat on.

Turkeys touch hearts

BY: JULIA KEBULADZE

During the days leading up to Thanksgiving, the school community showed its caring and compassion through its generous acts. Coupled with the overwhelming number of donations around the holiday period, the school participated in its annual turkey delivery service trip.

Roughly one hundred and twenty turkeys were gathered and given away to FISH in Piscataway. On November 15th and 16th maintenance employee George Dietz, Sister Cynthia, and seniors Julia Hauss and Jude Roche transported the frozen birds to FISH. People were so touched by the community's generosity they were lined up since six thirty in the morning to receive the much needed Thanksgiving food!

During Thanksgiving week, a group of sixteen seniors, led by Sister Cynthia and Assistant Campus Ministers John Roche and Kevin McCarthy, traveled to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Bank in Perth Amboy, NJ on Monday, November 20th.

They compiled the food packs and delivered them to the needy.

One of the aspects of the experience that made it more personal for the students is that much of the food used was donated by the BGA community. Bishop James Checchio joined the charitable group and offered his kind words to both the volunteers and clients. His presence at the events showed his great support to all those they assisted. All who donated and the volunteers truly represented the Catholic community and brought the face of God to all the lives they touched on their service journey.

One of the seniors who went on the trip, Alexa Romanella, gave some insight on the experience. "Going on a trip like this is truly eye opening from the moment you walk into the building to the time you leave. I have never met such kind hearted people in my life who are willing to give so much to those who have nothing, and after being a part of that I strive to help others just like they do". Thanksgiving is better off with the BGA community on hand!

California wildfires devastate many

By: MICHAEL TRINIDAD

The winter season has begun, and the beginnings of snowy days and hot cocoa nights have returned. The East Coast just had their first taste of winter as it received their first snowfall during the second weekend of December. Meanwhile in California, record wildfires are

blazing through southern state as it left havoc and destruction in its seemingly endless path.

The Thomas fire, the largest one, has destroyed more than 234,000 acres in southern California as of December 12th. It has been recorded as the fifth-largest blaze in the state's history. It has caused so much destruction; it has torched

an area larger than New York City itself. The catastrophe has also cost big bank so far; almost \$48 million have been spent and 85,000 power outages have occurred due to the Thomas fire.

The Thomas fire is not the only blaze consuming the Southern California region; five other major wildfires have had their fair share of devastation across the region. Almost 95,000 residents have been evacuated in the path of the wildfires. More than 1000 structures have fallen to the flames, Cal. Fire reported. As of publication date, the wildfires have ravaged places such as Santa Barbara County Ventura in Los Angeles. "We're from here. We know fires and we feel absolutely dedicated to our clients," said Nimmo, an estate manager for several mansions in the affluent Montecito area. "I'm just devastated overall. This is the worst I've seen."

The wildfires have posed a serious threat to southern California, and fortunately many have

contributed to the relief of the situation. More than 9000 fire-fighters- comprising the states of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington have all joined the struggle to contain the perpetual flames. The American Red Cross has shown active support with its multitude of volunteers and donations, while Apple has recently donated \$1 million to aid the relief efforts. JetSuiteX has also pledged to donate an undisclosed percentage of its ticket sales on December 12th, to the American Red Cross to support those affected.

The California wildfires may have devastated thousands of people, but we as a nation will stand by them in this time of need and provide them with our support. Relief efforts and funds have been outstanding and many have shown their support and compassion to those affected. California is in our prayers as they attempt to overcome this difficult, unfortunate event in its history.



FIREFIGHTERS WORK COUNTLESS HOURS TO TRY AND PUT OUT THE SPREADING WILDFIRES

A negative outlook on net neutrality

By: ALEXANDRIA WONSKI

Imagine opening your phone to watch Netflix, but all of a sudden your connection seems to be very slow. As you wait, your frustration grows; so, you decide to open up a new tab. That tab seems to be working perfectly fine. Logically, you try running Netflix from that tab instead. Immediately, however, it just won't load, and you have no idea why.

The reason could most likely be due to the loss of net neutrality. Certain websites run a lot more heavily than others which can cost the ISPs (Internet Service Providers) a lot of money. For instance back in 2010, Netflix accounted for about fifty percent of total video streaming that took place. ISPs could not legally do anything about but start charging the people who were heavily using the service in excess. Net neutrality was what protected citizens to view websites without any discrimination, which kept ISPs from slowing down or even discriminatorily stopping connections.

With the absence of net neutrality,

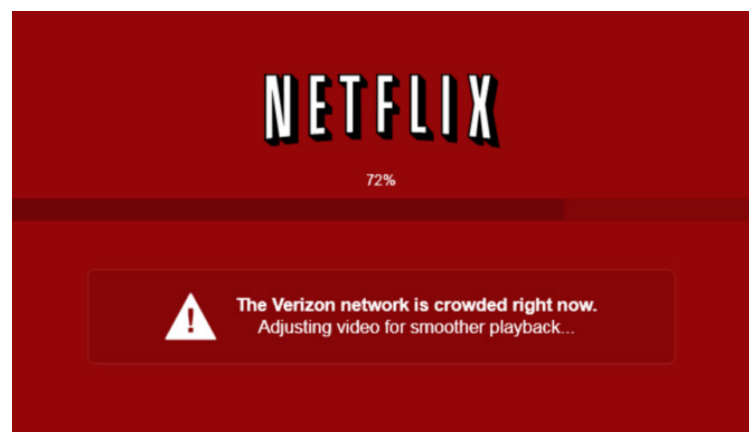
people will now either soon have to pay more to get connections to certain websites or more likely have to wait awhile for slower web pages.

The possibility of silence is what is the most alarming. The loss of net neutrality gives ISPs the freedom to hurt particular groups by slowing the bandwidth given to their websites. Groups such as Black Lives Matter campaigners, and many other outspoken minority groups could have their platforms diminish as a result of this dramatic change. Certain websites that get much traffic may have to pay to have their sites not slowed by certain providers; however, those that wouldn't have to pay would require users to have to pay to view such websites that weren't supported by their ISP.

Everything about how the internet is used today could be affected. Imagine if one ISP provided Instagram but another had Snapchat. Imagine having to wait awhile for it to actually load. Imagine having a good provider but in order to get a fast connection there would be a high payment. Imagine trying to

play a video game or trying to watch some web shows, but being unable to do so easily without buying a monthly package from your provider. It sounds complicated- but that's because it is. Companies would be battling, trying to promote certain sites over other sites depending on

who pays them more, and it would be a confusing mess. In the United States, citizens are used to not having a discriminatory internet, but now they may have to learn to get used to it. They can only hope that the companies will discover a way to deal with this without too much cost.



DUE TO A LOSS OF NET NEUTRALITY, CONNECTIONS ON APPS LIKE NETFLIX HAVE SLOWED DOWN. (ALL IMAGES COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)



Name: Ryan O'Leary



Nickname: Ry

Grade: 12

Sport: Swimming

Who would you like to have Christmas dinner with? Santa Claus, LeBron James, Erin Pepe

Favorite holiday song?
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer by DMX

Name: Gabrielle Stankosh



Nickname: Gabi, Gabeye

Grade: 12

Sport: Track

Who would you like to have Christmas dinner with? Obama, Jennifer Lawrence, John Oliver

Favorite holiday song?
Last Christmas by Wham!

Name: Samori Simon



Nickname: S'mores

Grade: 12

Sport: Wrestling

Who would you like to have Christmas dinner with? James Jebia, Kanye West, Jerry Lorenzo

Favorite holiday song? *Mary Did You Know* by Pentatonix

Name: Catherine Schilp



Nickname: Katie

Grade: 12

Sport: Bowling

Who would you like to have Christmas dinner with? Ellen Degeneres, Walt Disney, Ed Sheeran

Favorite holiday song?
Mele Kalikimaka by Bing Crosby

Name: Mildred Demby



Nickname: Milly

Grade: 12

Sport: Basketball

Who would you like to have Christmas dinner with? D'Angelo Russell, Cardi B, Devin Booker

Favorite holiday song? *Frosty the Snowman* by Michael Buble

Name: Colleen Chan



Nickname: Chlorine

Grade: 12

Sport: Swimming

Who would you like to have Christmas dinner with? Sarah Gruen, David Arnold, Christy Altomane

Favorite holiday song? *All I Want for Christmas is You* by Mariah Carey

Name: Philip Iosue



Nickname: Phil or The Beard

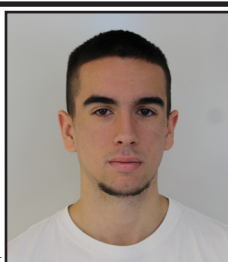
Grade: 12

Sport: Track

Who would you like to have Christmas dinner with? Vincent Prado, Walter Lopez, Nick Curto

Favorite holiday song?
Christmas in Hollis by RUN-DMC

Name: Alex Santiago



Nickname: G

Grade: 12

Sport: Basketball

Who would you like to have Christmas dinner with? Darius Griffin Jr., Lonzo Ball, Stephen Curry

Favorite holiday song?
Santa Baby by Eartha Kitt

Name: Amanda Dembowski



Nickname: Amanda

Grade: 12

Sport: Bowling

Who would you like to have Christmas dinner with? Jesus, Bex Taylor-Klaus, J.K. Rowling

Favorite holiday song?
Jingle Bell Rock by Bobby Helms

'Shooting' for the win

BY: ADAM KUBISIAK

Basketball season has begun! There are many returning players, as well as some new faces on the court. The seniors look to end their high school careers with a bang. Underclassmen have a lot to learn as they are the future of the program. Coaches Jordan Smith and Ron James are building a defensive-minded philosophy for the team. The varsity team has a strong lineup and is looking to play good all-around basketball. There is a balance of leadership, scoring, length, and defense on the varsity squad.

There are a variety of players who will be required to fill certain roles throughout the season. Alex Santiago, as the most veteran of the seniors, will most likely be the main scorer. Santiago, Gregory Cruz,

and Jack Roarty, the team's senior captains, will be looked at as the team's leaders. Their leadership and court vision allows them to excel at the guard position and make the players around them perform more effectively. Rashan Ruff, Simon Llaguno, Matthew Panganiban, Jordan Wells, and Marquise Billingsley will bring length and defense to the team. Quadry Adams, Billingley, and Jalen Brooks are all transfers who will add depth to the roster.

The varsity team is determined to be great this year and the players felt productive during their pre-season workouts, which went well. When varsity starter Santiago was asked about how he thinks the season will go he replied, "I think we can win the GMC. We have a lot of returning players and new ones that should fill up the stat sheet."

When asked about whether he sees basketball in his future he responded, "Yes I do. My goal is to play Division I at Rider University but I'll play anywhere." Alex looks to lead the varsity basketball team and finish his high school career strong this year.

In their season opener against South River, the Trojans won 79-57. Bilingsley dominated the boards with 17 rebounds, while Panganiban led scoring with 17 points.

In their first home game, the boys defeated Spotswood 82 to 69. Adams led the team with 25 points, and Llaguno racked up 23 points and 3 steals. Ruff also recorded a double-double with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Be sure to catch the boys in their next home game, which is scheduled for January 16th at 7pm.



JALEN BROOKS FIGHTS OFF HIS OPPONENT AS HE GOES FOR A LAYUP.

Cheering 'Ahr' athletes on to victory

BY: CARISSA MATRALE

"Cheering at games is the best way to show school spirit because we're the team's #1 supporters and we're able to bring a lot of positive energy to the players and the crowd," says junior Brianna Wright, a varsity cheerleader.

It is true that they get the crowd excited at games, but sideline cheer is not their only practice. They also compete at several competitions throughout the year. Their work starts in June with tryouts. First, they are placed on a team. For competition, they can be on

either varsity non-tumble, or varsity tumble all music. For sideline cheer at games, they are either on varsity or junior varsity. After selection, they go to camp for about a week in July to work on their skills including tumbling, stunts, and jumps. They also work on team bonding. In August, they begin practice for games and their first competition, the Greater Middlesex Conferences (GMC). The team's regular season begins in January, and continues until the second week of March, when they compete in nationals.

This year, the team has already competed at their GMC competi-

tion. They performed very well and took home two first place wins. They will be attending more competitions, such as rec competitions, states, and nationals.

Now that the football season is over, the team will also be cheering sideline at basketball games. This gives more girls a chance to get involved. A new freshman team, specifically for these games, is ready to cheer on the players. This freshman team will be working together with the junior varsity and varsity teams.

You can see the cheerleaders at any of the home basketball games.



THE VARSITY CHEERLEADERS LEAD ON THE CROWD AT A BOYS BASKETBALL GAME.

Triumph 'down' the court

BY: SIMON LLAGUNO

"Ahr on 3! Family on 6!" The Lady Trojans hope to make a statement this year on the basketball court. Coaches Brittney Griffin and Christina Merlin hope to utilize their team's speed as a primary weapon during the season.

Every player on the team brings something different. Seniors Jessica Boakye, Sara Decker, Mildred Demby, Elyssa Jackson, and Caroline Tramontana bring leadership and experience to the program. Sophomore Emma Boslet will be looked at

as the primary scorer. Megan Herka also brings toughness on both ends of the court. Senior captain Decker has high expectations for the team. "Even though we don't have much size this year, I'm confident that our guards can run the floor. Our focus is to work hard and take it one game at a time," she commented.

In their season opener, the girls took care of business, as they defeated Colonia 64-21. Emma Boslet hit three 3-pointers, leading the team with a game-high 26 points. Megan Herka added to that total with 13 of her own points.

In their next game against North Brunswick, Boslet dominated again, tallying 21 points, 10 steals, 9 rebounds, and 8 assists. Junior Gina deLutio and Herka scored 10 points each en route to a 51-40 victory over the Raiders.

Starting the season off strong, the girls have shown that they will be true contenders in the GMCs this year. Make sure to come out to their games, and enjoy the show. Their next home game is scheduled for Thursday, January 18th at 7pm. The game will take place in the main gym.



SOPHOMORE SARAH SHANAHAN DRIBBLES DOWN THE COURT.

(PHOTOS COURTESY OF BGA PUBLICATIONS)

'Match'ing a great season with great wins



BY: JASMINE CHANG

New year, new season; the Trojans are back! Last year was a great success, with a 12-14 overall and a 7-0 Blue Division Championship title. The team graduated five wrestlers last year who combined for 126 wins.

This year's probable lineup includes all grades and thirteen weight classes. At 106 are freshman Luke Franczak or freshman Armando Cerasani; at 113 is sophomore Christian Diaz; 120 has

senior Simori Simon; 126 are senior Ryan Mohabeer or sophomore Army Chowandri; 132 are junior Tristan Palyha or freshman Rich Vavrak; 138 is junior Shreyas Keerthi; 145 is freshman Joe Schroll ; at 152 are senior Rob DeSantis or freshman Jose Martinez; 160 has junior Greg Palanco; 170 are senior Devin Merle or sophomore Andrew Roarty; 182 are sophomore Jordan Lebron or sophomore Thomas Roarty; 195 are junior Kyle Orta or junior Darell Dorah; 220 are junior Freddie Ramirez or junior Ian Johnson; and

285 is freshman Harold Bonilla.

This is the head coach Mr. Nick Tonzola's, 28th season, having gone 250-233-3. When asked about the outlook for this season, he responded, "The Trojans are young and hungry to compete for and defend their GMC Blue Division title. My biggest job as a coach is give my wrestlers the opportunity to succeed. We wrestle one of the toughest schedules in the area. We would like to compete for a Division, Sectional and District 20 title." Watch out for the Trojans this season!

SOPHOMORE CHRISTIAN DIAZ FACES DOWN HIS OPPONENT IN THIS INTENSE MATCH.

'Diving' into the season 'Swinging' to victory

BY: CLAIRE FROELICH

The swim team made a splash at their opening meet! On December 6th the girls faced Mother Seton. They were victorious over their opponents, with several first place performances. Senior Colleen Chan came in first for both the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Sophomore Lara Espiritu came in first in the 100 butterfly, as well as the 100 breaststroke. Freshman Brianna Dy took first place in the 500 freestyle and 200 IM. The athletes took first place in relays, along with their individual victories. Chan, Espiritu, Dy, and Erin Pepe came in first in the 200 medley relay. In the 200 freestyle relay, Katie Chan, Dy, Espiritu, and Pepe came out on top. All in all, the girls first meet was a great way to kick off the season.

Unlike other sports, the swim

team has all their practices in the mornings, at 6am sharp. They are held at the JCC every day, showing the commitment and effort it takes to be a swimmer. All their dedication paid off at the girls' opening meet and the community looks forward to what is to come from the unstoppable swim team.



SOPHOMORE LARA ESPIRITU SPRINTS THROUGH HER BREASTSTROKE EVENT.

(PHOTOS COURTESY OF BGA PUBLICATIONS)

BY: THOMAS KNAPP

Both the girls and boys bowling teams strive for excellence this 2017-2018 season, hoping to secure many victories. Math teacher Mark Fiore and counselor TJ Reilly are co-coaching once again this year and hope for a successful season. Senior Amanda Dembowski said, "I'm excited about how many new people we have this year. We have lots of new talent and veteran players that makes for a fantastic team. We have fun, which keeps moral high, and that's what gets the wins." They won a match on December 14th against John F Kennedy High School in Woodbridge and hope to continue successfully through the season.

Their next match is January 16th at 2pm at Majestic Lanes.



SENIOR KATIE SCHILP FOCUSES ON A PERFECT BOWL TO ACHIEVE A STRIKE

'Track'ing success this season

BY: JAREN BULIYAT

"Rigorous," described varsity runner Rohan Tonk when asked about the track and field practices. Winter track and field is a sport that takes tremendous perseverance. During the winter due to the freezing temperatures, athletes push themselves through the cold weather to be the best they can be. Sprinters do speed workouts on the track. Throwers work hard on the field, practicing events such as shot put. Long distance runners go off of school property and go for long distance runs. Winter track truly shows a person's endurance through tough conditions.

The winter track team has a total of 43 athletes. The seniors are Max Calero, David Essel, Robbie Herbert, Anthony Leung, Philip Iosue, Samuel Manu, Joey Martinez, Alfonso Sibayan Jr, Maricruz Azcona, Naomy Azcona, Anna Froehlich, Mariel Gomez, Chelsea Oyneze, and Gabi Stankosh.

Under Coach Hush, the sprinters are practice through grueling workouts, which are not for the light hearted. "Our team is looking really good. I can't wait to see what we can do this season" said runner Christopher Rodriguez. Success is not given for free on the track. It's earned.

"The fact that we push each other is our greatest asset," said varsity runner Jalen Buliyat. The long distance runners have been on pace to have an amazing season this year. Coach Tkach and Coach Mazzie push their runners to the limit each practice. The students are separated into groups and are given instructions on how much they should run, and what workout to do. Running long distance takes heart and dedication to be great.

Throwers show that strength and power is key. They participate in events such as the shot put. Throwers practice very hard, making sure that they get better every day to

prepare for the start of the season. Even though training is tedious, it will help in the long run. Unlike the runners, the throwers do not need finish lines.

"Even though there's snow on the track and freezing temperatures, we all try our best to push through our workouts and do our best as a team," stated Yamyka Pichardo. Being a runner or a thrower is very demanding, but being a runner or a thrower in below freezing temperatures is even more demanding. The blood, sweat, and tears are worth it. The winter track team embodies the statement of "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

Prom Gown Collection!

WANTED - New and Used Prom Gowns

Gowns should be new or usable, current styles, and clean with no stains or rips!

Gowns can be brought to Rm. 106A from February 5th – 9th, 2018

Fill out the prom gown form and return it to the Main office by Jan. 31st!

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PLACE: DONOVAN'S REEF, SEA BRIGHT, NJ

TIME: CHECK IN 12:30PM - 1PM
PLUNGE @ 2PM

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