

A letter from the editor



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BY: SIMON LLAGUNO

From freshmen fetuses to high school seniors, here we stand at the same doors we walked into for the first time four years ago, ready to go out into the real world on our own separate paths. We leave behind

a home, but we carry with us the many memories we cherish.

Freshman year, we were at the bottom of the food chain. Most of us were the smallest people in the hallways, being towered over by upperclassmen. Many hadn't even hit puberty yet. Nonetheless, we had high expectations. We tried to be everyone's friend, telling ourselves that these would be our closest friends until the end. Some of us met our high school sweethearts, who we believed would be our future spouse. Athletes tried out for sports teams, expecting to play varsity.

In the end, freshman year wasn't the disaster most of us thought it would be. We learned the basic rules of high school: stay on the right side of the hall, get involved, and the famous Roche cookies are made by the Roche family, not made with cockroaches.

Then, we strolled into sophomore year, thinking we were ready. But we weren't. Drama erupted. Maybe we lost one of our "best friends." Oh, and stay off the roads since we all had driving permits by then. As our second year came to a close, however, we knew we would be okay since Drake dropped not just one, but two albums. Otherwise, sophomore year passed by quickly, and looking back, it seems like a big blur.

Junior year hit us like a brick.

The load of AP or honors classes seemed overbearing, and drama escalated to sophomore year 2.0. We prepared for SATs, taking them for the first, second, and third times. The college search began, as we researched and went on campus tours. College Board and the Common Application were our greatest stressors. The anxiety of deadlines overwhelmed us, so we decided to combat it with our best weapon - procrastination.

Meanwhile, Pokemon Go became the most-played game. You couldn't scroll through Twitter without seeing water bottle flips or the "Damn, Daniel" vine. We partied at our last Sweet Sixteen's, doing the Mannequin challenge in nearly every one. Sadly, we realized the beginning of the end had passed, and we already started counting the days until graduation.

Finally, our last year dawned upon us. Some of us let senioritis get to us even in September. We received our college acceptances, relieved that the process was over. Our "last's" dwindled down - our last first day, last dances, last school Mass. We told ourselves to enjoy every moment, but they passed by even faster than we anticipated. Now, we are left reminiscing. Our best experiences here - WABA Day, Friday night football games, prom - simply become memories.

Personally, I wasn't sure how

I'd adjust, transferring to a new school. I started workouts with the basketball team in the summer, where Coach Darius Griffin and my teammates accepted me like family. When school started, I decided to get involved. I took challenging classes, joined various clubs, and made new friends. Ultimately, I learned to be comfortable stepping out of my comfort zone.

For myself and for many of us, the truth is high school wasn't the best four years of our life that we told ourselves it would be. However, it was a great learning experience. High school taught us many invaluable lessons. Some classes intrigued us, while others drowned us, but eventually we found our strengths and weaknesses. Breakups, injuries, and arguments weighed down on us. Most friendships didn't last forever, and we learned we only needed one or two good friends. Some people showed us that trust should be earned, not given. In the end, these experiences built character and shaped our values. More importantly, high school was a period of self-growth and helped us find ourselves as individuals.

As renowned philosopher J Cole said, "Nothin' lasts forever, at least we got the memories." Though we write the final chapters of our books, remember that this is only the first book in a long series that has yet to be written.

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ETERNAL TIME

BY: NICOLE PETRICK

Time marches on like a soldier preparing for war. It does not stop, it does not waver. It just keeps marching on. It keeps going, preparing for the future. No matter how hard it gets, how impossible it seems Time keeps marching on. A hour will come when the bright day's end will leave you far behind. There will be nights without a moon, days without a sun But time will continue to march on. It does not stop when the horrible happens or when all the world is in disarray It must keep marching on. It has a job to do, a mission to complete. It will not cease. It proceeds with confidence; aware of its own immortality. Time is strong, it can withstand scars and ruin, dread and destruction. Even if the world comes to an end When all is said and done, there still will

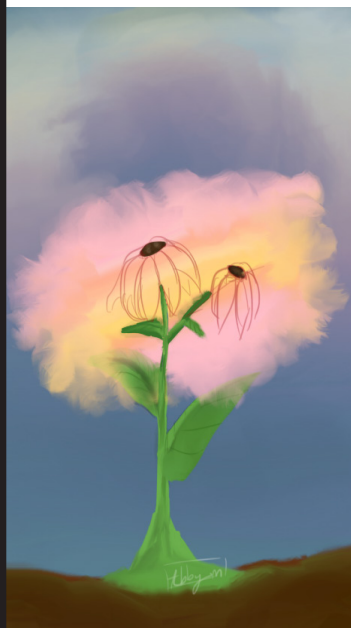
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TRAIN RIDES

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When I sit lone in my solemn silence after the days of which I have met my stress and my body and spirit long do wince there is a reason my hopes are not less. In these times I have a favorite thought I chew and chew with my minds strong jaw; and with my heart I feel what can't be bought the beauty of you takes my joy to awe. But since I am alone in these moments I cannot feel your soothing hand, in remembering adds to my laments and this, the path taken when these thoughts land. In this my favorite subject stings too since I realize in whole I miss you.

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Is college the only answer?

College. It's part of the American Dream. Do well in school, attend a good college, and get a job to support 2.5 children and to pay off a home in the suburbs. However, to high schoolers, college today seems more daunting and unattainable than ever. With an increasingly competitive environment, rising university costs, decline of financial aid, and a tough, the process has become more stressful than hopeful. Is trade school an adequate alternative? What is the difference between a college and trade school?

Time is one of the most valuable things a person can have and there is a large time difference between these two options. Some trades, like commercial trucking, can be fully learned within a six week period. While not all trades are this fast paced, fields like dental hygiene can be mastered within two years. High paying skills like welding take four years, including an apprenticeship. Meanwhile, earning a Bachelor's degree takes four years at least and many high profile jobs expect a Master's as their minimum. That

also doesn't allow those receiving a traditional education to enter the workforce until the age of 22 at the earliest while their trade school counterparts are free to begin working years prior.

Another thought when furthering education is cost. According to The Simple Dollar, the average trade school education costs \$145-\$303 a month, with the average student paying \$33,000 for the entirety of their education. While a traditional college education costs \$245-\$303 a month with most students paying upwards of \$127,000 before factoring in student loans. When talking salaries, the average trade school graduate median entry level salary is around \$35,000 a year. Which, when compared to the college graduate's median of \$45,000 a year, seems miniscule. However, most coming from a trade school enter the workforce earlier, making more money, and are free from student loans.

Also, outsourcing is much more difficult for those who have learned a trade. Fields like computer pro-

gramming can be easily outsourced while with plumbing or carpentry the worker is needed on site. The demand for high precision skills is at an all-time high in the United States as the workforce is beginning to age. This makes finding a job after receiving an education much easier for the younger population.

Choosing to further your education is always a fantastic idea. However, going about it the way that is best for the individual is vital. With a 40% dropout rate within four-year colleges, this seems to be overlooked. The advantages of traditional schooling are plentiful and constantly harped on: more opportunity for upward mobility, a wider breadth of knowledge, and a higher average median salary. Nevertheless, it would be ignorant to gloss over the opportunities that trade school offers for those who don't do well in traditional school settings or those looking for other routes. Education is an invaluable thing and exploring all of the options is the wisest thing to do before embarking on further ventures.

The superhero conundrum

From *Infinity War* to *Wonder Woman*, *Doctor Strange* to *Guardians of the Galaxy*, recent years have put out an abundance of superhero movies and shows. It seems that every year a new highly endorsed blockbuster film hits theatres, making bigger bank every single time. Each one highlights a hero, emerging from the shambles of their broken past into a new light of glory. Their nobility, bravery, witty humor, and inspiring stories uplift us all and make us wish we could soar the skies like Superman. However sometimes in the midst of this swarm of Marvel and DC movies we can pause to reflect on what we are really celebrating.

There's no denying many of these movies are fantastically done, and should be admired for their inspiring direction and story. *Wonder Woman*, *Black Panther*, *Captain America Civil War*, *Guardians of*

they've brought to the franchise. The point of these movies is to inspire the viewers and to help the younger generation find the superhero within themselves and go out into the world to do all the great things they're meant to accomplish. Obviously not every movie released is going to be a cinematic masterpiece, but some movies should be more thought out.

We've fallen in love with the characters on the big screen, but that doesn't mean seven more movies are necessary to fulfill their story. Sometimes in the middle of the movie you could find yourself asking, 'What is the point? Who are they fighting? And why?' Recent movies have toyed with the complexity of characters and abandoned this black and white good and bad scenario. However, certain movies make you question whether you would feel comfortable with a

to come save us, and some movies play into the hope that we don't have to step up to our responsibilities and can instead just wait for someone to help. Some movies beautifully highlight the struggle it takes to succeed, and for that I applaud the message that sends. We all need a superhero from time to time, but they hardly ever wear capes. Instead, they are the people who are inspiring us on a day to day basis.

In my opinion, movies should be portraying the real heroes of today. The people fighting for their rights, risking their lives for a better future, struggling single parents, dedicated caretakers, or high school teachers who have to deal with noisy teenagers all day, these are the people who should be idolized. Those are the people who should be looked up to and admired. So even though I may criticize this swarm of movies coming our way, I remain a diehard

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INFINITY WAR DOMINATES GLOBAL BOX OFFICE

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Fair Warning, THIS WILL DISCUSS SPOILERS. Okay so that movie was tough. Right? As soon as the movie began, and 2/3s of the heroes in the opening scene die, any viewer knew exactly what the tone of this film was going to be. Marvel has shattered their formula of heroes winning, jokes delivered, and bad guy quips to give the view-

er a destructive movie. Of course, this has positive and negatives.

Thanos wins. Let's just accept the fact that this movie was a natural disaster for the Marvel Comic Universe (MCU). Now relax, because all the Marvel aficionados will tell you with pretty assured convictions that with a *Guardians of Galaxy Volume 3*, *Black Panther 2*, and an untitled *Avengers 4* movie coming out May

3rd of 2019, all disintegrated characters will most likely be fully resurrected. So, let's all take a deep breath and relax, because they are definitely not going to stay dead permanently.

To analyze what *Infinity War* has done for the MCU, an assessment of both Marvel's and DC's movies is necessary. Marvel's success in the box office can be largely credited to their "formula" for making movies. They're usually filled with jokes, a villain who can't take those jokes, and most importantly, the bad guy loses. On the other side of the coin, the DC cinematic universe has rarely found success, and usually features dark characters who take themselves a little too seriously at times. *Infinity War* eclipsed the entire total earnings of *Justice League* in just its opening weekend, but the movie was notably very dark for Marvel. So how did Marvel steal DC's thunder and make it rain?

The answer lies within human emotions, and competent storytelling. Of course, the most obvious reason is that DC has been scrambling to get their universe together while Marvel has been building theirs for ten total years with over nineteen

movies. But, because these movies followed a formula that includes likable, campy yet relatable, dynamic and developed characters, when Marvel pulled the rug out from under us and killed half of them, they earned that sadness and intense emotion. DC on the other hand, has been constantly pulling on darker and angsty characters with little depth other than they are sad that they can't save other people. An audience will always feel more emotion for the character they can relate to when they are sad, over a character who is just always sad. But, to the point, what has this sudden shift done for Marvel? Well it certainly adds more to the franchise as a whole rather than just copying the formula for *Infinity War*. If they had followed their process for *Infinity War* and Thanos outright lost, they would have doomed the superhero movie boom as a whole out of boredom. Imagine if we always won? What meaning to it would there be? Will Marvel do that next time? Instead of potentially facing a decline in viewership out of lack of interest, with this innovation, they have extended the life of the MCU by years. So, thank you, Thanos.



|| THANOS PREPARES TO FACE AGAINST THIS LARGE CAST OF HEROES

Force is strong with 'Solo'

BY: JULIA KEBULADZE

The Star Wars movie franchise has recently released a new movie. Apart from the three main movies released per saga, in recent years two movies have been released to explain parts of the plot not fully explored in the main movies. *Rogue One* served as a sort of explanation to how Princess Leia received vital information to defeat the Empire. Now another stand alone film has been released under the name of *Solo*. This movie follows the character in the main movies, the rugged Han Solo, who recently died by the hands of his own son in *The Force Awakens*. Many fans were worried that the iconic role would not be played as well as Harrison Ford did, but due to the movie's high praise, it's safe to say actor Alden Ehrenreich did it justice.

Before his introduction to Luke Skywalker, not much is known about

The movie begins in Corellia, where Han and his girlfriend Kira are planning to escape the wretched life they have. Han plans to buy a ship and become the best pilot in the galaxy with Kira by his side. However, their plan falls apart and Kira is taken away while Han slips through their grasp and escapes. He promises to return, but while separated he is captured and thrown into a cell to be fed to the beast. Fans quickly recognized the beast as the dear Chewbacca, and by speaking through the wookiee language, Han calms him down and they break free together. Throughout the movie Han and Chewie meet Tobias Beckett, and they do some jobs to scramble to make enough money to buy a ship and rescue Kira. To their surprise, Kira is safe with the Empire and comes with them on a job to redeem their status with the commanding officer. To complete the mission, they must find a ship

the explosive cargo, and they need the best pilot in the galaxy, evidently being Han himself. Lucky for them, Han happens upon Lando Calrissian, another character from the other movies. By the end of the movie, the audience fully understands how Han won ownership of the Millennium Falcon.

The characters in *Solo* experience betrayal, heartbreak, and many struggle on their journey like any other Star Wars movie. The difference with *Solo* is that the audience gets a better view on the reasoning behind Han's later actions, they receive explanations to plot points unresolved, and a good feel throwback to the franchise' most beloved and humorous characters. So whether the die hard fan is seeking answers to the earlier movie's plots or they're looking for a good throwback to the days of young Han Solo and Chewie, *Solo* is a Star Wars



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ALDEN EHRENREICH STARS AS HAN SOLO. (PHOTOS COURTESY OF DISNEY)

FORTNITE TAKES A VICTORY ROYALE IN 2018

BY: JAREN BULIYAT

“Battle Royale” is a 100-player mode in the game “Fortnite” developed by Epic Games. The internet is filled with posts about “Fortnite”. On Snapchat, almost everyone posts his or her win. On the live streaming platform “Twitch.tv” streamer Tyler “Ninja” Blevins makes more than \$500,000 a month streaming his live gameplay. The game is so popular that celebrities such as Drake are big fans of the game!

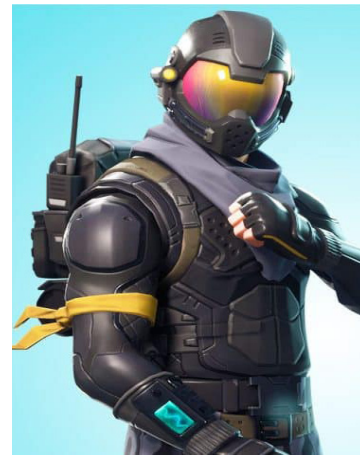
In the game, players can play solo, in duos, or in a squad of four players. The objective of the game is to eliminate your opponents and be the last player alive. Players must scavenge the map for weapons, materials, med-kits, and shields to get an advan-

tage. What separates “Fortnite” from similar games is the ability to build. In the game, players use materials to build, cover, or to get higher ground. You can also find chests and supply drops. Chests give you weapons, material, heals or shields, and maybe a trap or a launch pad.

The game starts with all players on the “Battle Bus,” which soars above the map. They can skydive or use their glider to land. The most popular place to land is “Tilted Towers” because of the loot that could be found there. Over time, the safe zone gets smaller as the storm gets larger. When caught in the storm, the player loses health. When players eliminate their opponents, they can loot the eliminated player’s inventory. Some popular strategies are bush-camping

and building a sky base. Once there is only one player, duo, or squad remaining, they will receive the desired victory royale.

Fortnite is one of the most popular, if not the most popular, games of 2018. Gaming hasn’t seen something so popular since Minecraft. It’s very addictive because once a player gets the satisfaction of a win the need for another forces you to play again. It is also very cartoon-esque and has no gore, which bodes well for parents and kids. “Fortnite Battle Royale” is free and is available on PC, Mac, Xbox, PS4, and the iPhone. Epic Games keeps their audience interested by releasing new modes such as Sniper Shootout, High Explosives, and 50v50. Big things are definitely in store for the future of “Fortnite.”



FORTNITE HAS BECOME A MASSIVE HIT IN NO TIME

BAZZI REACHES THE STARS WITH NEW ALBUM

BY: SAMANTHA SOLDO

If you haven’t already heard, rising artist Bazzi has exceeded all expectations with his debut album *Cosmic*, released on April 12th, 2018. The twenty year old singer-songwriter gained major popularity after the viral success of his song “Mine.” The heartfelt song made waves all across social media in many forms, most notably through a customized Snapchat Lens that featured its’ lyrics. The song reached the top 15 on the Billboard Hot 100, #1 on Apple Music Pop Streaming, and earned Bazzi his very first platinum single.

The breakout pop artist’s album has only further proven his ability to create soulful music inspired

by much of his life. Bazzi says that “music’s been the destination since I was six years old.” Having grown up in the Midwest, Bazzi found that there wasn’t much to do in his state of Michigan and turned to music to entertain himself. At sixteen years old, Bazzi moved to Los Angeles, and four years later has started to hit his stride. Not long after dropping “Cosmic,” his new sixteen-track album, reached #1 pop album in the world! Bazzi calls his album truthful, and “the last three years of my life put into music.” He believes the album can come to feel like “home” for his listeners. The focus of his music is to connect with his fans: to speak to them and help them feel confident

and connected with. Bazzi draws inspiration for his music from many different places, one being in iconic singer Prince. What makes Prince stand out so much to the artist is that despite being mainstream, Prince never compromised his artistry.

The reaction that the album has received has been very fulfilling not only for the artist, but also for the fans that resonate with Bazzi’s music. His journey of success has only just begun and is sure to last even longer by opening for Camila Cabello’s “Never Be the Same Tour” and his recent performance on the Ellen show. Anyone who has listened to Bazzi’s new album can conclude that it is indeed cosmic.



THE ALBUM COVER IS COSMIC (PHOTOS COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)

YACHTY SETS SAIL IN ROUGH WATERS ON “LIL BOAT 2”

BY: MICHAEL TRINIDAD

Polarizing Soundcloud rapper/crooner Lil Yachty is still experimenting with new materials, ditching his crooning for more of a Migos-trap sound. Some tracks exceed expectations while some display Yachty’s awkward approach to the hip-hop spectrum.

Yachty finally dropped the sequel to his 2016 debut *Lil Boat*. Unlike the feel-good vibe Yachty portrays on the previous mixtape, he experiments heavily with more aggressive

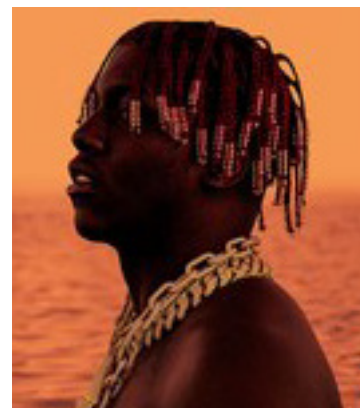
and Youngboy. He unleashes his alter ego Lil Boat throughout the album.

In “Self-Made,” he boasts confidently: “Made it out my momma crib, then bought my moms a crib.” “BOOM!,” featuring Ugly God has the rappers trading bars with a thunderous bass dominating the track. Yachty gets assistance from 2 Chainz and K\$upreme on “Oops.” “Talk to Me Nice” with Quavo was arguably the worst track on the tape, showcasing Yachty’s inept ability to flow on beat on this forgettable track.

“Get Money Bros” has Yachty and Tee Grizzley trading verses back

for outcasts, and “Love Me Forever” has Yachty return to a mellow interlude. Arguably the best track, “She Ready” features PnB Rock and is an underground hit. Yachty then returns to rapping on “Pop Out,” “Mickey,” “Das Cap,” and “FWM” with assistance from Offset and JBans2Turnt. “Baby Daddy” contains a strong hook from Yachty and a surprisingly solid verse from Lil Pump. He concludes the rocky sailboat ride with “66,” featuring Trippie Redd.

Lil Boat 2 is a new beginning for the criticized Yachty. It shows that he isn’t afraid to experiment with new



Seniors last prom a success

BY: PAMELA PICERNO

On May 17, the senior class gathered for their prom at Addison Park, a banquet hall in Keyport, NJ. Students began to arrive around 7:00, decked out in tuxedos and dresses and taking pictures at the spiral staircase. Dinner was served shortly afterwards, preceded by a blessing from Father Keith. After dinner, the dancing portion of the night began. Students danced their hearts out to both oldies and modern songs, taking breaks only to line up for photo booth pictures complete with fun props. Senior Ashley

D'Souza described the mood perfectly by saying, "I'm glad I got to spend an amazing night with great people!"

Later in the night, senior class moderator Mr. Reilly announced the prom king and queen: Jaden Montillus and Briannie Hernandez, who shared a slow dance. The students savored every moment as the night finally ended at 11:00 in the evening. Senior Katherine Zevallos summed it up by stating, "Prom was so much fun and I enjoyed spending time with my friends." The prom was bittersweet for graduating seniors, but overall a perfect night.



THAOMI NGUYEN, JOO-EUN LIM, AND JILLIAN LUPTON PAUSE IN THEIR DANCING TO TAKE A PICTURE ON THE DANCE FLOOR.

Hitting the 'right note' at the spring concert

BY: AN NGUYEN

On April 25 and 26, the 20th annual "Spring Concert without a Theme" was held. The music department started off the night with upbeat performances from the jazz band. This selective group consisted of students who auditioned for a spot. The jazz band played a variety of pieces including "Birdland," "Wipeout," and "Sing, Sing, Sing." Senior Andrew Romanowski accompanied these pieces with drum solos throughout the performances. Other feature solos included junior Trisha Ponik on trumpet and junior Shakthi Boobalan on alto saxophone. Sophomore Alex Domingo also performed a piano solo with the composition "Dream of Love", leaving the audience in complete awe.

Next to perform was the concert band, which had both beginner and advanced performers. No matter

encouraged that they join to either learn an instrument or simply get involved with the band. The first song performed was Edvard Grieg's "In the Hall of the Mountain King" followed by "Down a Country Lane", which had solos by all participating seniors. The final piece for the concert band was, "Music from Braveheart," a compilation of the soundtrack from the Academy Award winning film, *Braveheart*. Solos were performed by senior alto saxophone Disnie Thambugala and senior clarinet Arjun Bhattacharya during this piece.

Act two of the spring concert focused on the talented choir. Throughout the songs, seniors Michael Pacitti, John Obolsky, Alexa Romanella, Abbey Lancia, and Jordan Goins all had amazing solos. The first song the concert choir performed was the U2 hit "Beautiful Day," delivering a positive message

Dancing away at junior prom

BY: ALYSSA PITTARI

On May 4, the junior prom was held at The Imperia in Somerset. Students gathered together to have fun dancing the night away. Preparations began with juniors leaving school after fourth period to begin getting ready for the big night. Ladies spent the hours leading up to the prom by applying makeup and fixing their hair, while the men were preparing their tuxedos.

Students began arriving at The Imperia in limos, party buses, and cars at around 7 o'clock in the evening. Ladies in elegant dresses and men in their handsome tuxedos met up outside the party hall to talk and take pictures. Many posed in front of the gazebo or on the magnificent patio to take pictures before walking into the venue. As more juniors arrived, the night began to take off. Inside, the tables of The Imperia were decorated with white hydrangeas and chocolate bars with customized wrappers made for the special event.

Once everyone was seated and the night of dancing was about to begin, Sister Cynthia addressed the students with some opening statements. Then, Father Keith led the students in a prayer. Students



THE JUNIORS BRING OUT THEIR MOVES ON THE DANCE FLOOR.

flooded the giant dance floor to rock out to their favorite songs. The DJ played a blend of all types of music, including songs such as the "Cupid Shuffle," remixes, and some well-loved oldies. After some dancing, the juniors sat down to have dinner, but they quickly returned to the dance floor to have some more fun.

Toward the end of the night, junior class officers Sasha Pierre and Kevin O'Neil took over the dance floor to announce the prom king and queen. The title of prom king was awarded to Jalen Buliyat, and Olivia Hajj-Nemeth was named prom queen. Once again, this year's junior prom proved to be a great success. From dancing with friends to taking funny pictures in the photo booth, students experienced a night that they will never forget.

Cyndi Lauper's "True Colors," put on by the select chorus. The following songs of "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" and "Ours Were the Griefs He Bore," showcased the school's Catholic community. The choir then sang "Africa," the 1983 number one hit by Toto, followed by, "Bridge Over Troubled

Water," a Kirby Shaw arrangement of this Simon and Garfunkel ballad. The spring concert came to an end with "Good Riddance." The performance given by all of the students had the audience cheering loudly. In the end, the 20th "Spring Concert without a Theme" could not have been any better!



SOPHOMORE RACHELLE MENGUITO FOCUSES ON PLAYING THE

Valedictorian 2018: Taylor Chan

BY: BIANCA VILLADOLID

Taylor Chan has proudly been bestowed the honorable title of Valedictorian of the Class of 2018. Besides excellence in academics as well as dedication to extracurriculars, Chan owes her success to her hard work and perseverance. The senior has already committed to Johns Hopkins University to pursue a double major in economics and international studies. She hopes to go on to achieve a Master's Degree of Business Administration. It is her goal to run a sustainable business that is based on corporate-social responsibility. On her views on business, she said, "Every great business person necessitates a strong foundation in economics — business decisions are what impact the economic well-being of our country the most."

Although Chan has her future set at JHU, her many other acceptances include Boston College, Georgetown University, Rutgers University, the Catholic University of America, the University of Scranton, Stevens Institute of Technology, Fordham University, and Northeastern. In addition, she was waitlisted at Cornell University, Columbia University, Brown University, and Wharton at the University of Pennsylvania. She ultimately chose Johns Hopkins because it offered her the best experience for her studies, as well as a "pretty" campus in an urban environment.

As impressive as her achievements seem already, Taylor Chan has set the bar high for underclassmen. With a GPA of 4.85, she has taken the highest level courses possible, including the maximum number of AP classes possible.

Chan has been the President of the Asian Club, International Club, Science Club, and Ahr Choice. In addition, she has been part of CSAC, Medical Explorers Club, Student Ambassadors, NHS, SNHS, Hispanic Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Peer Tutoring. Outside of high school, Chan volunteers and holds leadership positions in her parish, St. Matthias. She has also taken part in summer programs and business internships.

On top of her busy workload both in school and out, Chan has still managed to achieve over \$1.3 million in merit college scholarships over four years, including free rides or full tuition offers at Rutgers, Fordham, and the University of Alabama. When asked to whom or what she credits her success, she replied, "I attribute my success to a mix of hard work, determination,

my teachers, my parents, and, of course, God." However, Chan says, "I think the biggest factor is my hard work and perseverance."

"...the biggest factor is my hard work and perseverance."

~Taylor Chan

The soon-to-be-graduate will miss Mr. Rossi's freshman year Honors Bio class the most, as it made learning "fun and interesting." She will move on into the future well-prepared, placing society as her top priority, the way the school's emphasis on service taught her.

Goodbye from salutatorian Rebecca Yang

BY: MAIA LIM

The title of Salutatorian of the Class of 2018 has been awarded to Rebecca Yang. Yang ended her high school career with a GPA of 4.7715 with numerous academic recognitions such as Math, Science, Hispanic, and National Honor Societies, four years on the Principal's list, and a National Merit Finalist. She was the President and Secretary for the Hispanic National Honors Society. She stated that her favorite

classes were AP Calculus with Annette Stancik, AP Physics with Elizabeth Savner, and AP Chemistry with Suzanne Savner-D'Addio. She

"I take comfort in...being grounded in a reality that actually makes sense."

~Rebecca Yang

enjoys math and science because she "[takes] comfort in being able to check answers based on logic and being grounded in a reality that actually makes sense."

Besides excelling in academics, Yang was a student ambassador, part of the Christian Social Action Club, and on the varsity tennis team saying, "Tennis [varsity] was one of the [most enjoyable] things I did at BGA".

Yang plans to leave the country to study in Canada at the University

of Toronto. She looks forward to getting the experience of studying in another country and wants to find a career in the insurance sales industry. Depending on the results of her first semester there, she may plan to pursue studies in math.

As a last piece of advice to underclassmen, Yang says, "don't lose sleep over BGA," but wants to remind them, quoting the motivational speaker Amber Wagner, that their high school years are their "grind time prime time."

Farewell Class of 2018

BY: SERENA MOGHADDAS

For seniors, the end of the school year is the end of one chapter and the beginning of a new one. As the students say their final goodbyes this school year, memories of the past four years spent begin to flood back. Rain Fuentes, a student of the graduating class of 2018, describes this feeling: "I feel shocked that it's finally here because it really hits you like a train, it's so sudden." On the very first day of freshman year, Sister Donna began by saying how

fully experience it for themselves, it only really hits them when they receive their diploma on the very last day.

Gone are the days of wandering into first period, not having done the previous night's homework, or being relieved that a stressful test was moved to a different day. Throughout one's high school career, teachers are always preparing students for college expectations. Graduation is a rite of passage in a way; it is a journey into the work force and the realm of the new, real world. The

college. Whether it is to be on the honor roll, or to get an A+ on finals, the graduating class of 2018 has put hard work and dedication into the goals that have been set since the beginning of high school.

Senior Amanda Bell summarized how she feels about graduating this year, "Graduation will be the most bittersweet moment of my life. Having [to close] the past four years of memories shared with your class makes you hope that whomever is in each of your classmates' next chapter appreciates them just as much

them everything they have learned in high school.

High school is a whirlwind of happiness, laughter, and beautiful friendships all intertwined in the best possible way. It is home to the birth of great friendships and goals that you never thought you could achieve. The seniors have gone through it all, each experience special and ever so different than the other. The class of 2018 will finish their time at Bishop Ahr by receiving their diplomas from Bishop James Checchio and Principal Sister

Sayonara

Looking back...



FIRST DAY OF FRESHMAN YEAR



TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS



JUNIOR PROM



FIRST DAY



CHRISTMAS COTILLION



HOMECOMING



a Seniors

Moving forward...

Where would you travel to?

1. Spain
2. Australia
3. Western Europe
4. Asia

Top 3 Colleges of 2018

1. Rutgers University
2. Middlesex County College
3. Pace University

We're excited to...

Meet new people and start new social lives

Learn new things and research our career paths

Be independent and make our own decisions

Any summer plans?

I'll be helping in the Houston Hurricane relief volunteer initiative.

-Toure Simon

I'm excited to be working as a camp counselor!

-Julissa Montero

I'm going back to China to prepare for my drivers test and college life, maybe travel to Japan

-Luixi Liu

I plan to just relax, go to the beach with friends, and prepare for college

-Erica Bocanegra

I'm going on some trips out of state and I'll be visiting a new country as well some volunteer work.

-Rylie Campagna

TOP 5 MAJORS 2018

1. BUSINESS
2. BIOLOGY
3. COMPUTER SCIENCE
4. NURSING
5. PSYCHOLOGY

Less people are commuting and going out of state

More people are dorming and staying in



Seniors awarded for achievements

BY: MARY PUCCI

With the school year drawing to a close and the seniors prepared to graduate, we take a moment to acknowledge their accomplishments and achievements before they move on.

The seniors were commended for their leadership with the first award given to Simon Llaguno for his role as Editor-in-Chief for The Satoma, the school newspaper. Colleen Chan was also recognized as Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook, Insight. Along the lines of leadership, the student council officers were also recognized. All of the student council officers, including President Angelina Cerasani and Vice President Jillian Lupton were commended for their service to the student body.

Many awards were given to the drama department members including Outstanding Theatrical Performance given to Jordan Goins, Abigail Lancia, John Obolsky II, and Alexa Romanella. The Most Improved Performers were Michael Pacitti, Natalie Rinaldo, and Sean Zagarola. Nicole Petrick was the recipient of the Technical Excellence award.

Those involved in the music department were also recognized for

their contributions to the department. The recipients of Most Improved for band were Julissa Montero and Disnie Thambugala. Those within the chorus were Colleen Chan and Jordan Goins. The Woody Herman Jazz Award for outstanding effort in jazz music was given to Andrew Burger. The Louis Armstrong Award for outstanding achievement in a jazz band was received by Andrew Romanowski. The National Color Guard, School Marching, and Choral Awards were rewarded to Millenne Manantan, Andrew Burger, and both Jordan Goins and Abigail Lancia respectively. The last two awards were the Patrick S. Gilmore Award and the John Phillip Sousa Award and these were awarded to Jared Davis and Andrew Romanowski respectively.

Moving to the classroom, the seniors went above and beyond. Distinguished Honors certificates were given to students for their hard work. For specific subject achievements, some highlights were the Math Award given to Rebecca Yang, the English Award awarded to Jasmine Chang, the Social Studies Award, and the Spanish Award.

The seniors exceeded the expectations set for them both inside and outside the classroom. The class of 2018 proved that they are ready for anything life hands them.

“Vale” to beloved Latin teacher



BY: MARY PUCCI

After 14 years of service, the school community says “vale” to beloved Latin teacher Ms. Jodie Lepine. Before completely signing off however, she had a few thoughts to give to her students and the school community.

When asked what she will miss most about the school she quickly answered, “Two things: the kids I have taught and the general atmosphere of the school, which I have never found anywhere else.” As for her favorite memories, she had a few, “Getting to know so many interesting young people. Most of those I know, of course, have been my students. I love getting post-

BGA comments that someone used Caesar for an SAT portrait, that he has gone on to study Latin or linguistics, that his English grammar, vocabulary and/or writing have improved, that Latin is everywhere!”

When asked about the aspect of long distance teaching she quipped, “I have obviously benefited personally from the Long Distance option...on the other hand, since it truly is the interaction with the students that I most enjoy, I have to admit that seeing them through a screen is definitely not the same. From a different perspective, I believe that the growing number of online collegiate courses increases the value of experimenting with the format while still in high school.”

When asked if she had any advice for her pupils she said, “Advice for my students? I would never offer myself as a role model of any kind, so I’ll leave each to his own judgment in real life lessons. The only practical advice I could offer is that one can always learn something and, if stuck in circumstances less than completely desirable, one ought to use the experience to learn discover new. I hope that Latin classes will leave them with some good memories. Valete!”

A fond farewell



BY: MARY PUCCI

After 35 years, it comes time to say goodbye to beloved history teacher, Carol Luzhak. Before she leaves, she has some parting words.

she said, “I most enjoyed the friends I made and working with colleagues who were and are the most professional individuals I have ever encountered and who share my love of teaching.” As for her students she has taught, “Over 3500 in the course of my career. Teenagers can be very refreshing and teachers in their own way. I learned much from them and they helped keep me young.”

When asked about her favorite memories, “There are many memories, some of which should not be revealed. The memory I will treasure most is the support of my BGA family when I needed it most.”

As for advice, Luzhak’s advice comes in the form of a quote from a Langston Hughes poem. “Hold fast to dreams, for when dreams die, life

Baccalaureate Mass marks a new beginning

BY MAIA LIM

The class of 2018 gathered for Baccalaureate Mass on May 31st at Saint Helena’s Church. The theme was, “We AHR all in this together”. Father Keith presided over the event while the senior class led the petitions. It was a day to commemorate the seniors’ high school achievements and memories and their moving on into the future.

Several symbols were used to honor the seniors’ four years of hard work. A friendship chain, made during the class of 2018’s freshman year, was presented to represent their bonds made with each other throughout high school. To symbol-

had passed, an hourglass was presented. To honor the seniors’ various accomplishments in the past four years, symbols including a varsity letter, a drama mask, music notes, and art supplies were presented. In addition, a copy of the Satoma and the yearbook were put forth to remember the events and special memories of the year. Finally, a clean slate was brought forward to remember Sister Donna’s words at the start of each new school year: students come into and then later on leave the school with a clean slate. When they leave the school with a fresh start, they will be moving on to create new memories and to

Hoopin' their hearts out

BY: JULIA DUARTE

On Friday April 20 the school partnered with the American Heart Association to hold the tenth annual Hoops for Hearts basketball game. The varsity girls and boys basketball teams went head-to-head against faculty and visiting alumni, and the event also consisted of fun activities for spectators such as the half-court shot and raffles.

The excitement during the game from both players and spectators electrified the atmosphere of the gym throughout the night. From the moment Sister Donna threw up the basketball for the initial jump, both teams immediately gave it their all and the first point was scored by the alumni and faculty within the first ten seconds of the game. Both teams gave it their all throughout the game to claim victory down to the last wire, keeping spectators on the edge of their seats to see who would win. The energy of the game was also kept up by the anticipation of seeing who would make the infamous half-court shot. Fifty people gave it a 'shot' at scoring a point from the

half way mark of the gym, but only a few succeeded. These lucky few consisted of teacher Joseph Vigilante, alumni Mark Celis and Thomas Weiler, and students Simon Llaguno (left-handed) and Alex Santiago. Spectators were also given a raffle ticket after paying for admission and had the opportunity to buy more tickets to win prizes in the various raffles ranging from basketballs to t-shirts to headphones.

In the end, the faculty and alumni reigned supreme over the varsity basketball teams with a final score of 55-61, and a total of over \$4000 was raised for the American Heart Association. Win or lose, the event was fun for all who attended whether they were playing on the court or cheering from the bleachers. Sister Cynthia had this to say about the event, "The game was absolutely the best, as usual. It's always nice to see our alumni come back and reconnect with their friends and former teachers from the BGA Family. And the best part is that the American Heart Association is the winner because all the money that we raised goes to them."



Bleeding for a reason

BY: NICOLE PETRIK

On April 13th, the NHS partnered with the New York Blood Bank to host its annual spring blood drive. Through the organizational efforts of NHS students, NYBC nurses and other volunteers, the event was an overall success. Thanks to all the students, teachers, and parents who donated, 123 pints of blood were collected, giving our drive the potential to help 369 different people.

After creating an account with the NYBC, donors were notified which hospitals used their blood. All the blood collected will be used to help patients in the tristate area who are in desperate need of blood, plasma, and platelet transfusions due to cancer treatments, surgeries, and other illnesses.

Human blood can't be manufactured, so it is important for people to understand the significance of donating. About 1 in 10 people entering the hospital are in need of a transfusion, this puts the metropolitan area at risk of having a blood shortage due to a

lack of drives and donors. It takes almost 2,000 blood donations a day to upkeep the tristate blood supply and due to the perishable nature of blood most donations can only be kept for 42 days. Senior Sara Decker commented, "The time it takes is worth the impact it makes!" Sara loves to donate because she has O negative blood, which makes her a universal donor. O negative donations can be used to help those of all blood types and are especially valuable to newborn babies and accident victims.

In an interview, blood drive coordinator Mr. John Roche said, "It is awe inspiring to see how many young people are taking their time to donate blood. It is our hope that they become lifelong blood donors because there is no synthetic replacement for blood."

It takes blood from gracious donors to save countless lives. Any underclassmen that missed this opportunity to donate will have another chance in the fall. In addition, rising seniors who donate twice during their senior year will be given a red cord to wear for graduation.

WE OPEN 'AHR' DOORS

BY: CARISSA MATRALE

On Tuesday, April 17, the school held its annual spring open house. The event ran from 6:30 to 8:30 and was a chance for all incoming members of the class of 2022 and their families to get familiar with the school and all of the great things it has to offer. Potential students and their parents were also welcome to come and see if the school would be a good fit for them in the future. These potential students and their parents got a chance to get acquainted with teachers, students, and administration. They were able to participate in fun and exciting projects in different subject areas around the school. For example, with the help of biology teachers Jessica Barnes and Daniel Mulvihill, a science workshop was conducted

own microscope slides, and learned information about Mr. Mulvihill's freshman biology honors class's fish tank experiments. They also had opportunities to work on projects in the art room, use the Makerspace's 3D printer, and learn about school sports teams and clubs while visiting the school auditorium.

The incoming students and their families were also welcome to ask students and faculty any questions they may have had. Each student that came was given a "passport"; a booklet with different locations in the school to visit. Each time a guest visited a location on the passport, he or she was given a sticker. When they collected all of the stickers, they were able to claim a prize package. This was a fun way to get students familiar with what will

KOREAS TALK PEACE

BY: THOMAS KNAPP

Kim Jong-Un recently came out and initiated groundbreaking peace negotiations with the South Korean government. The two countries have had a sort of "cease fire" for decades, but have technically been at war since the armistice in the fifties. Of course on the surface this has obvious rewards for everyone involved, especially because relations seemed so tense only weeks ago. But this is only a strategy change for the leader. He has done what his family has been trying to do ever since his grandfather came to power, which was put the North Korean government on the world stage. Is this peace between Koreas a benevolent crossing of the olive branch across nations or a vicious nuclear slap in the face waiting to happen?

A usually belligerent North Korea suddenly suing for peace and agreeing to nuclear disarmament is of course, shocking. This begs political analysts and North Korea specialists to ask a simple question: why? The malevolent leader has demon-

strated time and time again of his country's expanding capability to use nuclear weapons, with positive tests of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) that could strike the US. So, this current attempts of peace could just mean that Kim has shown his nuclear strength, is happy with the results, and ends the testing and agrees to peace talks. But, with the recent collapse of the country's only nuclear test site, this could mean that Kim Jong-Un now cannot test his new weapons, and sees the only option is peace. But either way, Kim has secured a profitable feature for his regime and the future of his family.

Kim Jong-Un's change of strategy is due to the fact of his change of focus from nuclear power to economic reform. With the entire Western world sanctioning the nation, their trade is slim to nothing. But because North Korea sits on a treasure trove of metals waiting to be made, they are an amazing potential trade partner. But since the North Korean government lacks the technology necessary to extract these metals, they

largely just sit in the ground.

North Korea continues to be a totalitarian regime however, that largely oppresses its millions of citizens daily. Even though economic and foreign policy changes for the

country spell progress, the lack of social reform that the country desperately needs beyond anything else will continue to halter Kim Jong-Un's plan to bring the nation onto the world stage.



SOUTH AND NORTH KOREAN LEADERS, MOON JAE-IN AND KIM JONG-UN, WALK HAND IN HAND ACROSS THE BORDER

WORLD HAS A BALL OVER APPROACHING WORLD CUP

BY: SYBILLE RATEAU

Soccer fans have something to look forward to this summer because the FIFA 2018 World Cup is near. In the World Cup, the best of the best soccer players from across the globe come together to compete in a series of soccer games that last over the course of one month. The event that comes every four years

is scheduled to begin on June 14th and end on the 15th of July. It will take place in Russia which will be the first time the world cup will be in Europe since it was in Germany in 2006. Even though the United States will not participate in the tournament this year, all World Cup enthusiasts are ecstatic to find out who will take the championship. Questions surrounding the World

Cup this year center on who will come out on top. Though some believe that Germany will continue their international dominance of the previous years, many teams pose a potential threat. Perennial talents Brazil and France are expected to field strong teams from front to back with stars Neymar (Brazil) and Antoine Griezmann (France) leading the way. Other countries expected to have strong showings include Belgium, England, and Argentina. Any one of the 32 international teams can come out with the win, even host country Russia who are expected to have a large "home field" advantage. Whether a soccer fan or not, tuning in to the World Cup can suck anyone into the fandom even if only for a summer.

Although the World Cup has many official songs, the most popular one this year is Jason Derulo's "Colors", which is the Coca-Cola anthem for the event. Derulo's song is catchy, but there is truth in the lyrics that accurately depicts the passionate vibe that is present in the air during the games, some of the lines being "Represent your

country. Raise up your flag. Show your true colors..." The World Cup is a reason for countries to come together for a reason that is purely fun and traditional. The World Cup always has a certain way of drawing out patriotism and cultural esteem whenever it comes around. Fans proudly represent the countries they support by waving their flags in the summer air whether it's attached to their cars or designed on their shirts, no matter if it belongs to their home countries or a country they've never heard of outside of the soccer world. People root for their teams with a hope that runs high and strong. The score records in the past don't matter because watching the tournament is a matter of loyalty. Emotions run high as the games pass, some enthusiasts' confidence raising as others' falter.

Everyone should experience the excitement that is the World Cup for themselves. All games will be broadcast live from Russia on American television through "Fox" and "Telemundo". Join the global excitement and take a chance on something new!



THE 2018 FIFA WORLD CUP WILL BE HELD IN RUSSIA.

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Name: Sean Zagarola



Nickname: Zig-Zag

Sport: Tennis

Grade: Senior

Motivational Quote: "You're going to go anyway, you might as well enjoy the process." -Anthony Robins

Pump-Up-Song: "Caffeine"-Jeff and Casey Williams ft. Lamar Hill

Name: Joseph Strunak II



Nickname: Joe

Sport: Golf

Grade: Senior

Motivational Quote: "Keep moving forward." -Walt Disney

Pump-Up-Song: "Jesus of Suburbia" -Green Day

Name: Joshua Hornilla



Nickname: Josh

Sport: Lacrosse

Grade: Senior

Motivational Quote: "Count your blessings not your problems." -Drake

Pump-Up-Song: "Dreams and Nightmares" -Meek Mill

Name: Christian Torres



Nickname: Torres

Sport: Baseball

Grade: Senior

Motivational Quote: "You learn more from failure than from success. Don't let it stop you. Failure builds character." -Unknown

Pump-Up-Song: "King's Dead" -Jay Rock, Kendrick Lamar, Future

Name: Richard Albrecht



Nickname: Rich

Sport: Baseball

Grade: Senior

Motivational Quote: "Rule number 76: No excuses, play like a champion." -Wedding Crashers

Pump-Up-Song: "My Hero" -Foo Fighters

Name: Alexa Romanella



Nickname: Lex, Romes

Sport: Lacrosse

Grade: Senior

Motivational Quote: "If you want to change your life and maybe the world, start off by making your bed." -Admiral McRaven

Name: Anna Froelich



Sport: Track and Field

Grade: Senior

Motivational Quote: "It always seems impossible until it's done." -Unknown

Pump-Up-Song: "All I Do is Win" -DJ Khaled

Name: Collin Drill



Nickname: Drill, Biscat

Sport: Lacrosse

Grade: Senior

Motivational Quote: "Rock him" -Jahno Symister

Pump-Up-Song: "X Gon' Give it to Ya."-DMX

Name: Erica Bocanegra



Nickname: Rica, Ebo

Sport: Lacrosse

Grade: Senior

Motivational Quote: "Only I can change my life. No one else can do it for me." Carol Burnett

Pump-Up-Song: "Stir Fry"-Migos

Championship season

BY: MARY PUCCI

The softball team had a home run of a season. The girls had a commanding season. The team are GMC White League leaders with a standing of 14-0 and an overall of 23-1. They also competed in a ESPN tournament in Disney, Florida where they were undefeated 7-0. The team's senior captains are Ryleigh Greenwald and Katie Eicher. For offense, the team leader is Megan Herka. The team also has two outstanding pitchers, Katie Eicher and Alyssa DeJianne. Eicher also tallied her 100th hit this season. When DeJianne was asked about the season she said, "I'm really proud of our team this year because we really came together and worked off of each other's successes. We went undefeated in our division which was a big goal for us and I'm excited to see how we do in counties and states."

Recently, the team defeated J.F Kennedy High School on May 20th.

The team won in the bottom of the fifth with the score tied 2-2. It was an exciting game as Greenwald said, "I think we really knew that they were coming to beat us today and they were really looking forward to playing us this third time so we just knew we had to come and play our best and not let anything really get to us." On May 24th, The team reigned victorious over Red Bank Catholic in the quarterfinals of the South Jersey, Non-Public A tournament in Edison. DeJianne had a hit, a run scored, and two RBI. Eicher went two for four with two RBI and earned the win going four innings.

Their May 26th game against J.P Stevens was eventful. Greenwald had three hits with two triple. DeJianne picked up the win allowing three hits over three innings with no walks and two strikeouts. This led to a 4-2 victory for the team, their 18th straight win. The team continues on in the tournament and the future looks bright for these girls.



SOPHOMORE REBECCA IRIZARRY REMAINS LOCKED IN AS SHE SWINGS FOR THE FENCES

Swinging into a new season



SOPHOMORE NACHI GOSUKONDA SERVES THE BALL OVER TO THE OPPOSING SIDE

BY: JULIA KEBULADZE

This year the boys tennis team

Mohrmann, the team started off the season strong with two wins out of our three first matches, and from that point the team made great strides toward excellency. Senior Matthew Jiang and Sean Zagarola were co-captains of the varsity team, with Jiang racking up a total of six victories in second singles. Zagarola held down a key position in first doubles, and the rest of the team also brought in a few wins for the team as well.

This year, an influx of new members swarmed the team. Hard work and training combined with their talent showed their progress throughout the season, and they all look forward to the next few years. Freshmen Tony Estephan, Trent DeMesa, sophomore Cristian Vozza, junior Jin Zhou, and top player senior Thomas Aquino are newcomers to the team and brought a fresh energy to the matches.

The hard working attitude displayed meant more than their statistical losses. The team looks toward a stronger next season with

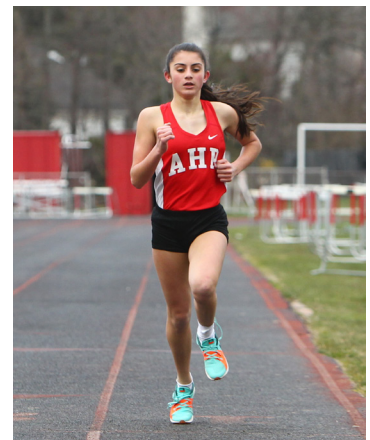
On your mark...

By: Claire Froelich

As spring season sports come to a close, track and field does as well. Some students use the sport as a way to stay fit in the off-season, but whether it was just for training or to win, the team made great strides that resulted in many victories. Starting on March fifth, the team would meet up on the track after school for their daily practice. The team would run a mile warmup in unison, followed by a routine of stretches. Afterwards, they would split up into specialized groups- sprinters, distance, and throwers. 200 and 400 meter runners would do a series of drills, as well as hurdles for some athletes. Long distance athletes, such as the 1600 meter event, would go on runs in groups, while throwers stayed on the field, practicing their shot put, javelin, and discus techniques.

There were also participants in long jump at some meets. Whether good or bad, the Track and Field

one another up within their defeats. Win or loss, they were always there for each other until the end, making a great quality for a team. There are some promising performances predicted when next spring comes around. The dedication and success the team showed what it meant to be true athletes.



FRESHMAN EILENI ALVAREZ

Take me out to the ball game...

BY: MICHAEL TRINIDAD

It's baseball season once again here at Bishop Ahr, as the team fought through a tough season. They derived many learning experiences the hardworking season. The Trojans stumbled to a 5-13 finish, but along the way scooping up wins against expungable teams like Wardlaw-Hartridge and New Brunswick.

The season, while with not as many wins they may have wanted, has much optimism to be swayed about. Varsity shortstop/3rd baseman Ryan Pittari was recognized for the 2018 Blue Division Sportsmanship Award. There was also an influx of incoming new players contributing to the team, and the results were credible and outstanding. Varsity pitcher Nick Rhodes commented on his team's bright future: "It's a young group with a lot of new guys but we have hope for next season and are working hard already towards it".

Not only has the optimism for an even behemoth year grown, but it's touched the hearts and passion of each teammate, rookies and veterans alike. "We are a hardworking group. We had a good year and hopefully

an even better year next year", says varsity 1st baseman Joseph Perschner. Trust the process, fellow Trojan fanatics. Expectations will be exceeded next season, and the crowds will be on their feet cheering for what could be a promising, passionate group for years to come. The amount of growth and perseverance the team surpassed their losses.



|| FRESHMAN VICTOR PEROSI PITCHES TO THE OPPOSERS

Golf team on par



|| JUNIOR EMILY ABRAMS LINES UP FOR A PUT

practices. Coached by Clem Bottono and Doug Machovic, the team made great efforts which resulted in several victories and an overall record of four wins and seven losses. The team was led by seniors Vincent Prado, Joseph Strunak, and Natalie Stilio greatly improved the atmosphere of the sport. This year the golf team won against South River by fifteen, Timothy Christian by seven, Wardlaw-Hartridge by forty-nine, South River again by eight, and Timothy Christian again by thirty-four.

The team overall had a successful season, but there's always room for improvement. "It was a great season, we had our ups and downs but we always overcame our challenges together. That's what I value about the team." says sophomore Ryan Glucowski. Next year with more people the program will con-

LAX on the rise

BY: GIRLEY OYOLA & MEGAN LIM

With captains Erica Bocanegra and Alexa Romanella leading the Girls Varsity Lacrosse team, the girls were determined to work their hardest and put forth their greatest effort this season. As head coach Matthew Roche prepared for the season, he said, "For the players, I wanted a multi-faceted approach to the season. I wanted the girls in shape for the season physically, but I also wanted them to have the skills necessary to be able to compete at a higher level this year than in previous years." Both captains and coach said the players worked a lot as a team and individually. This lead them to their most impressive win against Hamilton West High School where the score was 9-8, adding to the fact that they had never played this team before; Coach Matt said, "Erica Bocanegra and Cassidy Veltre were huge for us that game in terms of scoring, but we had so many players across the field who were making big plays for us."

The team will be losing 8 seniors, who will be missed dearly. They are Julia Hauss, Annaliese Zara, Erica Bocanegra, Marisa Radler, Becky Rezak, Briana Gil, Jessica Murawski, Alexa Romanella, and Jessica Singh. As they continue to improve, we look forward to seeing them out on the field for the next season.

Coach Jahnno Symister was proud to discuss the Boys' Lacrosse Team's season this year, which he described as "a rebuilding year, letting teams know they are a tough and gritty group of men." Those tough, gritty men included team captains Collin "Big Cat"

Drill (goalie), Josh Hornilla (attack / defensive-middie), Robert DeSantis (middie), Nelson Hardwick (defensive-pole), and Dyson Hardwick (attack). They led the team through a season of two wins and nine losses, all while maintaining Coach Symister's description of "fire and passion to win with a drive to get better after every game."

One of the team's most notable games resulted in a final score of 19-2 in favor of St. Joseph High School. The respective score did not accurately represent how hard the team fought, as they shut down the opposing team's best attack men for a quarter of the game. Under intense pressure, Dyson Hardwick and Sean Gebauer each scored a goal, and Collin Drill made twenty-five saves. During GMC's, the boys continued to show morale when they won 10-2 against John P. Stevens. They also versed Monroe High School, losing 19-0, but playing the hardest they had the entire season.

Coach Symister noted that when reviewing the film of the game, it was agreed upon by him and the head coach that the game could have gone either way. Coach Symister was particularly proud of Nelson and Collin for having made Second Team Defense for the first time -Nelson as defensive-pole and Collin as goalie. Collin was praised after every single game, as coaches of other teams would comment that he was one of the best goalies they had seen in a long time. However, Coach Symister was proud of the entirety of the lacrosse team and the amazing season they played, adding that "the whole team played the best lacrosse I have ever seen coming in from last year."



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This year the golf team had

The Satoma Staff wishes the best to the seniors. Congrats class of 2018!

