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Coming soon: the death of cinemas



Dorothy may have believed that, “There’s no place like home,” but what about when it comes to watching movies? Will ‘Netflix and Chill’ kill theaters? From a humble beginnings in 1905, the cinema has been around for over a hundred years. But can it survive the age of online streaming? In 1955 the industry faced a similar is-

sue with the introduction of TVs. Consequently, the industry went through a brief dry spell but bounced back by the 1970s. The industry then took two more blows. In the late 70’s VHS players came into existence and in the late 90’s CD/DVD players were popular. These innovations worried the cinema but the industry managed to persevere through. In more recent news, AMC suffered major losses in 2017. This was especially shocking news considering that 2016 set a new record in box office revenue bringing in \$11.17 billion.

According to Josh Dickey, the new villain to blame is online streaming. He said, “The magic of the movies has been, is, and always will be exclusive content. Something you can’t see anywhere else at the moment.” Online streaming has changed the game. Com-

panies like Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime can get new movies as fast as two to six months after they are released. Illegal streaming can get movies even before they come out in the U.S. The quick turnover time, cheaper prices, and original content of online streaming services are drawing consumers away from the movies. Netflix currently has 130 million subscribers worldwide. Amazon Prime, which offers more than just video streaming, currently has an estimated 90 million subscribers. Hulu, which only streams nationwide, has 20 million subscribers. According to Forbes, 67% of millennials are paying for one to three streaming services. In addition, the average movie ticket is \$8.97 per movie which is incomparable to the price of unlimited movies on online streaming.

Obi-Wan Kenobi may have been Princess Leia’s only hope, but is there any hope for the classic movie theater? Many believe that theaters can make a comeback just as they have many times before. Movie theaters need to adapt to compete with online streaming by incorporating new features. A 270 degree view, smell-o-vision, and kinetic seats, movie subscriptions, or free to watch pay for perks programs could bring back customers.

Coming soon to a theater near you: the death of cinemas. The truth is, in an age with the world at our fingertips, the movie business is dying and fast. Industry workers must make changes to survive the streaming apocalypse. As Geoffrey Chaucer once said, “all good things must come to an end,” so go and see a movie while you still can.

Shop until you drop!

Innovations in technology have made the lives of the current generation much easier. These days, anyone can purchase any item they want with the click of a button or the tap of a screen. By visiting websites and apps, people can browse and buy without even having to get out of their seats. Though malls and physical stores continue to stand, it is evident that the use of online shopping is very much on the rise.

Just last year, an estimated 1.66 billion people worldwide purchased goods online. Global e-retail sales that year amounted to 2.3 trillion dollars and projections show a growth of up to 4.48 trillion dollars by 2021. Why are these numbers so high? Why do an increasingly large number of people take part in the phenomenon that is online shopping? Ever since the discovery of the cotton gin by Eli

Whitney during the time of cash crops and plantations, to the development of the assembly line by Henry Ford for his Model T automobiles, there has been a singular motive for the development of new modi operandi: convenience.

People love convenience. They like to take the quick and easy way out of things, and this fact is no different when it comes to shopping. Consumers can search for products, filter the results, and select their purchases with the snap of a finger. This process takes up much less time than driving to a store, sifting through many different choices of products, and waiting in line at the cash register to finally take the item home. Although shipping does not allow buyers to hold their purchases in their hands the instant they buy it, “next-day delivery” has become a popular option, and some retailers

are even pushing for “same-day delivery.” Not only is it quick, but shopping online is also an effortless task.

When people hear “online shopping,” the first thing they probably think of is clothing and the like. Looking closer, however, almost every company that sells goods can be reached through a website or an app. There is so much more than clothes that online shopping has to offer. With apps like Uber Eats or Postmates, anyone can have food delivered to their door - from the teen who can’t cook to the senior citizen who can’t always get out of the house. Amazon, the biggest online retailer and arguably the cause of a gradual decline in physical stores’ revenue, sells essentially anything a shopper can think of - books, toys, electronics, furniture, home appliances, and more.

The broad range of things people can buy online, the speed it takes to add these items to a virtual “cart,” and the ease of obtaining the desired product makes online shopping an extremely attractive method of purchasing goods. As the technological world continues to advance, brick-and-mortar stores must be on the lookout, because online shopping is going to be tough competition.



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Dining with the stars

BY: AN NGUYEN

Bishop Ahr High School hosted its 21st annual Ahr Star Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, October 4th. The Ahr Star program and school community, has worked together to provide financially and spiritually for two children that are chronically or terminally ill. This marks the 31st year in which the Bishop Ahr community has given love and support to children in need and their families. Sister Cynthia Babyak, Campus Minister and Ahr Star committee leader, commented, "Ahr Star is an activity of the heart. It's a way for us to bring God's face and heart to those who need him most."

The Ahr Stars for the 2018-2019 school year are six-year-old Elonna Graziano and nine-year-old Mikey Lucas. Elonna Graziano has a rare genetic condition that leaves her unable to speak along with many other health complications. She lives in Barnegat with her mom and dad. Just recently, Elonna became an older sibling to her sister Ellyana. Elonna's mom, Jazznette Graziano, is close friends with Bishop Ahr alumna, Michelle Mondipender '00. Ms. Graziano said, "This has been amazing and beyond our expectations. It's an overwhelming, beautiful surprise!"

The second Ahr Star, Mikey Lucas, has multiple disabilities such as severe epilepsy, scoliosis, and respiratory



MIKEY LUCAS ENJOYING THE SPECIAL NIGHT SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND THE BGA COMMUNITY. (IMAGE COURTESY OF BGA PRODUCTIONS)

failure. He lives in South River with his siblings Tommy, Ryan, and Kylie, as well as his mom and dad. Jean Lucas, Mikey's mom, said, "I'm in awe of every volunteer in this room and I'd just like to thank everyone for this amazing experience!" Mikey is very good friends with Jude Roche '18, former Ahr Star Chair, who was also in attendance.

At the dinner, Mikey and Elonna were given many gifts, including an autographed football from the Varsity Football team, as a part of the Ahr Star tradition. The Ahr Stars were also invited to lead the Varsity Boys Basketball team out on the court, once games begin, as honorary captains. Ahr Star Co-Representative Joey Dunn '20 commented, "The dinner was a great success! Everyone had so much fun, especially Mikey and Elonna, and the Ahr Stars really enjoyed the gifts." Bethany Ciccarelli '20, former Ahr Star and current Ahr Star Co-Representative, added, "Watching the faces of the Ahr Stars light up when they saw the BGA community gather here tonight to join them was one of the best feelings!"

Besides the Ahr Stars themselves, about 600 people were in attendance, including students, parents, alumni, Felician Sisters, and many former Ahr Stars. David Santos, one of last year's Ahr Stars, and

His parents, Jacquelyn Hegeudus Santos '05 and Jeremy Santos '05, said, "This brings back a lot of memories from last year and how amazing it was!" Even Bishop James Checchio was able to stop by and bless the Ahr Stars, making the dinner even more special for the families. He said, "It's such a delight to see our Bishop Ahr students serving others here at the dinner, so it certainly warms my heart."

Out of all the service activities at Bishop Ahr, the Ahr Star program receives the most participation from both the students and faculty. This year, over 170 students and 50 teachers and administrators gave up their time to volunteer at the dinner. Members of the local community chipped in and the Woodbridge Knights of Columbus cooked the meals. In addition to the donations made by the student body, the Roche, Penny, Dama, and McCarthy families contributed food and money for the dinner.

Overall, this year's Ahr Star Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success! At the end of the day, \$11,000 was raised to go towards medical bills and other expenses for the Ahr Stars. Bishop Ahr looks forward to the rest of the year with Mikey and Elonna as our Ahr Stars! We look forward to seeing the Ahr Stars and their families in December at our annual Ahr Star Christmas Mass.



ELONNA GRAZIANO HAVING FUN ON A MEMORABLE NIGHT. (IMAGE COURTESY OF BGA PRODUCTIONS)

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NBA 2k19 is a slam dunk for basketball lovers

BY: MICAH KELLY

NBA 2K19 is a basketball simulation video game. This year, NBA 2K19 is celebrating their 20th year of redefining sports gaming. This year there are two versions of 2K that you can purchase: the Standard Edition and the King Edition.

In the Standard Edition, you get 5,000 Virtual Currency, 10 MyTeam League Packs, which get delivered to you once a week, and a Sapphire Giannis Antetokounmpo MyTeam card. In the King version, you receive 100,000 Virtual Currency, 50,000 MyTeam League Packs, 10 MyTeam Heat Check Packs, Sapphire LeBron and Sapphire Giannis Antetokounmpo MyTeam cards, 5 LeBron themed murals for MyCourt, LeBron MyCourt design, and King's Collection-Nike LeBron apparel and footwear.

In NBA 2K19, there is Take Control with TakeOver, where players can basically harness their My-Player's full basketball potential

with the new Takeover feature.

In this year's 2K, there are a few changes that have been made. For instance, they added player differential, which has precise and consistent movement. They also brought back the neighborhood, which allows players to explore a hub where they can socialize. 2K19 has a lot of new shoes and clothes that can be purchased.

This year, their soundtrack has a variety of music, including Travis Scott's "Antidote," Bruno Mars and Cardi B's "Finesse (Remix)," Dua Lipa's "New Rules," Migos' "Stir Fry," Sheck Wes's monster hit "Mo Bamba," and many more diverse genres and artists.

For many, basketball is more than just a game and NBA 2K19 doesn't take that lightly. When NBA 2K19 was previewed in August, people saw it as a step forward in realistic gameplay. Some other good feedback is that offense and defense were made to make a more calculated and authentic basketball simulation.

Venom swings into box office



BY: KRISTEL RAMBAUD

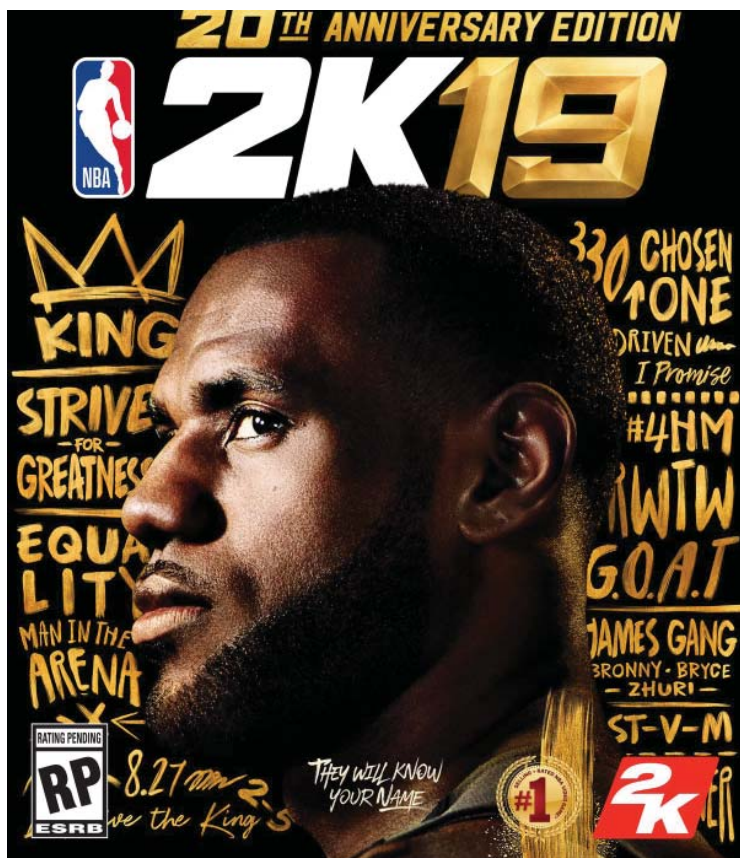
With superhero movies dominating at the box office recently, Sony has decided to throw its hat into the ring with the launch of Sony's Universe of Marvel Characters. The first installment of this new shared universe is Venom, a PG-13 movie starring Tom Hardy and directed by Robert Fleischer. Venom centers around Eddie Brock, a journalist whose body bonds with the alien symbiote, named Venom.

Before Brock bonds with Venom, he is an investigative reporter who investigates the Life Foundation, run by billionaire Carlton Drake (Riz Ahmed). Driven by obsession, he takes confidential information from the e-mail of his fiance Anne Weying, who works for Drake, (Michelle Williams). This leads to both him and Weying being fired from their respective jobs and the end of Brock and Weying's relationship. Six months later, Dr. Dora Skirth (Jenny Slate) helps Brock break into a Life Foundation facility, where he learns that Drake has been conducting experiments on the city's poor by bonding them with alien creatures known as symbiotes. Brock, with help of Weying's new boyfriend Dr. Dan Lewis (Reid Scott), discovers that he has bonded with the last remaining symbiote, Venom. The pair form an alliance with each other until Brock learns that Venom is eating away at his organs, forcing Brock to use an MRI to separate himself from Venom. Separated from Venom, Brock gets captured by Drake and learns that Drake, being bonded with a symbiote named Riot, plans to acquire more symbiotes to create a generation of super-powered humans. Weying bonds with Venom

to save Brock and transfer Venom back to Brock. Together, the pair kill Drake and Riot and save the day.

Venom, despite its flaws, was a fun movie to watch with high-paced action sequences and witty dialogue between Brock and Venom while they're bonded. Brock and Venom's relationship was a highlight of the movie. While it wasn't clear if the movie was intentionally trying to be funny, it definitely had its funny moments (one such being when Brock jumped into a tank to feast on live lobsters). On the other hand, there wasn't a balance between humor and violence making the movie a jumbled mess when it comes to tone.

Venom suffered from not meeting the high expectation of the characters that fans like most comic book movies, as it was a movie about a Spider-Man villain without Spider-Man. None of these issues stopped Venom however from grossing \$80 million in its opening weekend at the domestic box office, making it the highest grossing October movie of all-time. With Venom performing so well at the box office, two big questions remain: will Venom ever crossover with Spider-Man and will the following movies be as successful?



THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION COVER FEATURING LEBRON JAMES FOR NBA 2K19. (IMAGE COURETESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)



ABOVE LEFT, THE CREATURE VENOM. ABOVE, TOM HARDY LEADS IN THE FILM VENOM. (IMAGE COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)

Kanye West and Kid Cudi "SEE GHOSTS"

BY: JALEN BULIYAT

Hip-hop's heavyweights Kanye West and Kid Cudi collaborated together to create the group KIDS SEE GHOSTS. Kanye West, one of hip-hop's most influential and figures of all time, has recently been on a hot streak, helping produce and create many successful projects including YE, Pusha-T's Daytona, Nas' Nasir, and Teyana Taylor's K.T.S.E. Kid Cudi, on the other hand, had recently released Passion, Pain & Demon Slayin' and Speedin' Bullet 2 Heaven, the former receiving overall mixed reviews and the latter being notoriously hailed as one of the worst albums in all of music.

The two have also gone through lots of controversy over the past few years with Kanye West recently being diagnosed with bipolar disorder, and Kid Cudi checking himself into rehab after an online rampage. The two had plans to make music with each other since 2008, but thanks to many falling outs, and other issues no music ever materialized until now. Music critics and fans alike were excited to see what the odd duo had in store for them. The duo utterly blew everyone's expectations away with their debut: a self-titled album named KIDS SEE GHOSTS.

KIDS SEE GHOSTS is a remarkable album that fuses together pop rap, experimental hip-hop, alterna-

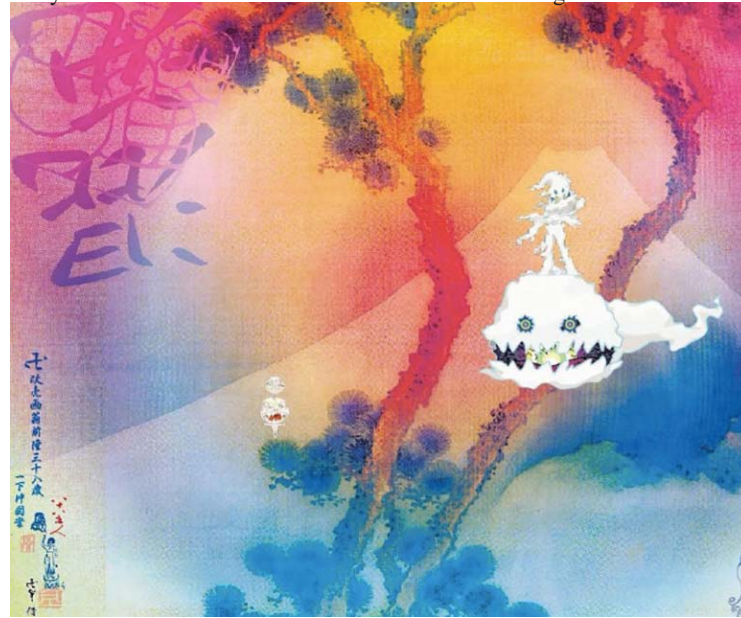
tive R&B, art pop, neo-psychedelia, and cloud rap along with hints of grunge and rock mixed in. The duo manages to create a dreamy and carefree vibe throughout the entire project which entrances listeners in a surreal experience. Both artists seem to bring out the best in each other with Kanye West fully realizing Kid Cudi's ideas on previous projects, and Kid Cudi fully utilizing Kanye's creative and experimental side. Cudi performs some of the best singing he's ever done on his with his iconic droning vocals while Kanye drops witty, cocky, and clever bars. The album is also chock full of great features including Pusha-T, Louis Prima, Ty Dolla \$ign, and Yasiin Bey.

Despite its short 23 minute run time, KIDS SEE GHOSTS manages to make the album feel a lot longer and feel more fleshed out. The opening track, Feel the Love, kicks off with deep verse by Pusha T accompanied by Cudi's energetic refrain "I can still feel the love" and aggressive gun imitations by Kanye. Fire is a lowkey, uncomfortable feeling track that includes verses from both Cudi and Kanye along with beautiful humming and the use of woodwind instruments. 4th Dimension is one of the more aggressive songs on the track which samples Louis Prima's What Will Santa Claus Say. Featuring hilariously quotable lines from Kanye, and dark, forceful lines from

Cudi makes for a ridiculously hype track. Freeee (Ghost Town Pt. 2) takes a step back with from the last track with hard rock guitar, harmonizing between Kid Cudi and Kanye West, and amazing vocal from Ty Dolla \$ign. Reborn is one of the deeper albums of the record where Kanye and Cudi rap about the recent mental health struggles. Kids See Ghosts features more of Kid Cudi's hypnotic humming and a verse from Kanye about his drive for success.

The album closes up with a Kurt Cobain sample in Cudi Montage where the two discuss balancing happiness and the nature of violence.

This album was full of dark undertones, deep instrumentals, dreamy aesthetics, and clever lyrics. KIDS SEE GHOSTS proves to be one of the best albums released this decade and shows that Kanye West and Kid Cudi still show great potential for quality music even as their careers begin to wind down.



THE ALBUM COVER FOR KIDS SEE GHOSTS DESIGNED BY JAPANESE ARTIST TAKASHI MURAKAMI (IMAGE COURETESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)

It's the little things that matter

BY: SYBILLE RATEAU

We are in an age when mental health becoming more and more openly discussed in the public arena, but it still can be an issue that is hard to bring up. On September 26th, A Million Little Things aired on ABC and started a dialogue on a national scale. The ABC network series revolves around a tight group of friends, Gary, Eddie, Rome, and Jon. Gary is played by James Roday and is recovering from his battle with breast cancer while spending most of his time acting sarcastically and trying to make a joke out of everything. There's Eddie, played by David Giuntoli, who is in a toxic marriage with no way out and constantly struggles with his happiness. Rome, who is played by Romany Malco, is a man who is struggling with his secret

depression and tries to keep it all a secret from his friends. And finally, there is Jon, who appears at first glance to have his life in order with a wonderful family. But one day, without warning, Jon kills himself while at work, forcing everyone close to him to wonder why someone who seemed to have it all would do such a thing. This leaves the group of friends to examine what it means to live.

Suicide is a dreadful epidemic that kills roughly 50,000 people each year, and it needs to be talked about. A Million Little Things dives into the difficult topic by tackling the most complicated aspects of suicide while drawing out the most necessary queries. The show guides viewers into pondering over how someone who loves their family could put them through such a tragedy or how some-

one could so extremely deceive everyone with just a convincing smile. What makes *A Million Little Things* so genuine, though, is that it doesn't try to simplify a concept as complex as suicide. It allows the audience to be as confused as the characters and witness different realistic perspectives presented by them. It also stresses the importance of friendship, along with unity and love, which in actuality is the main theme of the show. A Million Little Things has captivated audiences this fall setting all sorts of records. After only seven episodes, the show has really taken a strong position as a hit show on a nationwide network. The show boasted gaining an increase of 107% viewership after the initial airing of several episodes. It is the hope of many fans that this show

will continue to find success and will continue to shed light on a delicate and yet important topic. If you are fighting depression alone and don't know what to do call the depression crisis hotline (855)-354-8128 or reach out to a teacher or counselor as soon as possible. Depression is real and tangible, and it can be fixed. Confiding is not surrendering.



THE FOUR LEADS OF THE SHOW AT A HOCKEY GAME (IMAGE COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)

New 'VP' optimistic about the year ahead

BY MEGAN LIM

For the first twelve years that Mr. Fiore has worked in the school, he has built a solid reputation as a jack of all trades - an Algebra II and Sports Management teacher, as well as a reliable Peer Leadership mentor and one of two very motivational girls' varsity softball coaches. However, as the 2017 - 2018 school year came to a close, he decided to trade in his lesson plans and classroom for a clipboard and office - two of the many privileges of becoming the school's newest vice principal.

Always having felt the need to attain a masters in administration and supervision even while working as a teacher, Mr. Fiore knew that one day he would step up as vice principal. Little did he know that before last year would finish, and upon returning for his thirteenth year at the school, that transition was fast-approaching. Though he admits to missing the more relaxed, day to day interaction he had with the students as a teacher, he genuinely believes that the sudden career change is a "dream come true."

At Saint Joseph School in Cart-

eret, NJ, Mr. Fiore still identified as a "jack of all trades.". The students at Saint Joseph School knew him as so many different things and in so many different ways, from a teacher, to running school plays and productions, to youth minister, athletic director and, not surprisingly, little league coach. Mr. Fiore revealed that it was during that time that in addition to the degree he had earned in mathematics at Monmouth University, he "had an itch" to go for a masters in administration and supervision. He knew that it was a possibility that he would not stay in the classroom forever, but that he might one day achieve his goal of being promoted to principal or vice principal.

Now that he has reached that point in his journey, he is excited not only by the private bathroom in his new office or to never have to grade papers again, but to make the position his own. Knowing that he can always rely on Sister Donna, Mr. Zeigler, and Sister Cyndi for constant support and honest opinions when sharing ideas, Mr. Fiore discloses that he is fully ready to embrace the job by improving upon whatever he can.

With the 2018-2019 school year in



MR. FIORE AT HIS NEW DESK READY TO DEAL WITH ANY GIANT ISSUES THAT COULD ARISE (PHOTO COURTESY OF BGA PRODUCTIONS)

full swing, Mr. Fiore says goodbye to a busy summer. He appreciates the many memories of Wildwood, Cape May, Atlantic City, and Long Beach Island with his family, but looks forward to creating even more memories during the school year, whether it be at the Ahr Star Spaghetti Dinner or the Ahr Star Christmas Mass. Mr. Fiore only hopes that the community

would remember that even though he takes on a different title and role than last year, he is still just as eager to interact with the students who he advises should, "Follow the rules. Keep working hard and doing the best in everything that you do, and it'll be a great year." It is the hope of all the students and faculty that Mr. Fiore enjoys his new role and succeeds.

New faces on the faculty



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Shakespeare meets the '90s

BY LAUREN GARDA

The 90's are making a comeback and the drama department was on board when they presented the Shakespeare comedy *Much Ado About Nothing* the weekend of Friday, September 14th. "I wanted to do a theme this year that would be fun and that everyone could relate

to", says director Amy Kate Byrne, who worked the summer alongside producer, Lea Gossett, choreographer, Kevin McCarthy, and, of course, the show's cast and crew.

The show is an inferno of deception, accusing infidelity and revolving around disguise and mistaken identities. The show starts with their classic pre-show introductions, which display the relationships between each character so the audience gains a sense of what they are about to watch. Beatrice (senior Morgan Frazee) and Benedick (senior Ethan Sepetjian) have a "merry war" between each other that later grows to a love for one another. Claudio (junior Cristian Vozza) catches feelings for the cousin of Beatrice, Hero (junior Carolyn Foley) and they plan to marry until Don John (junior Sarah Shanahan) brews accusations of Hero cheating.

To gain Claudio's remorse and a sense of truth, Hero fakes her death.



CAST OF *MUCH ADO* ALL GOSSIP AS THEY ATTEND A MASQUERADE BALL

In the scenes following, each actor and actress plays their role with such sorrow and deep regret that the audience could feel the heaviness. Later on, Hero appears in the show alive and well. She marries to Claudio, as does Beatrice with Benedick, and Don John is stopped and captured. The show comes to a close with a montage of iconic 90's songs followed with diverse, impressive choreography.

After asking what it was like to work with Byrne for her last show, both Gossett and McCarthy stated how the working aspect felt like any other and it did not truly hit them until closing night. "It's very difficult to say goodbye to a dear friend whom I love like a sister, but she'll be back in one way or another. So it isn't saying goodbye, it's see you later." says Gossett. The Drama Department wishes Ms. Byrne the best.



THE PRINCE'S SOLDIERS INCLUDING BENEDICK AND CLAUDIO RETURN FROM BATTLE

A night of fun and frights at 'Spook-a-Rama'

BY JAREN BULIYAT

"*Spook-a-rama* is where I started in the drama department last year, so I'm really excited we're doing it again this year. I'm so pleased with how well the show grew along with how the cast and crew bonded together!" said senior Lauren Garda. The *Drama Spook-A-Rama*, or Night of One Acts, is a favorite among the school community. This year, the show is a relatable comedy dealing with topics of today with a spooky twist. The two directors of the show, Vincenzo Dama and Ian DiGuillo, are both alumni working Spookarama as their first show, and definitely leaving a strong first impression while doing it.

The show opens up with three kids in the house alone on a stormy night. Dennis (freshman Patrick Ponik), the quite peculiar one, tells the two five haunting tales that are later seen to be true. He starts with "Employees Must Wash Hands Before Murder", which is a low-quality fast food establishment consisting of employees who are not the brightest. A surprise health inspection leads to the discovery of the death of the manager, Torok (freshman David Irrizary). It is up to the health inspector (junior Lauren Stoll) and her intern (sophomore Jaren Buliyat) to find out who

the murderer is, and they come across some odd characters along the way.

The next show, "Left Hanging", revolves around a group of high school kids practicing for a spook house for charity. The kids all tease Delia (sophomore Anna Caruso) until they discover throughout the scene that the mansion they are planning to have it in is haunted. The ghost (freshman Nick Lieggi) starts to freeze all of them except Delia. The only way to have them set free is if she tells the truth as to why they are there, which is only so she can get into a good college.

"The True Meaning of Halloween" is about a man, Jonas (junior Justin Braine), and a boy (freshman Josh Pierra) who get in a dispute over the boy's Halloween costume. Jonas believes that the boy's costume is underwhelming and underserving of candy. Little does Jonas know that the boy is actually a full grown man who is also his co-worker dressed as a teenager.

Next, "Kev-Burger" pictures a married couple (freshmen Nick Lieggi & Gianna Vayneburg) going out to eat at a burger restaurant, but there is something off about the "butcher" (junior Daniel Devitt) and the meat delivery. Though the husband

is off, his wife is completely oblivious. The butcher and the goons (junior Cristian Vozza and sophomores Joey Valenzuela and Anthony Caccione) take it into their own hands to try to keep the husband quiet. In the end, the wife is still clueless and left with the special "Kev-Burger" and a butcher's knife held above her.

"It's You" revolves around a couple of partying teenagers that get interrupted by the anonymous "Brillmore Strangler", who strangles his victims with a garden hose. Ac-

cording to a tracking device planted on them, the murderer is in the house and it is up to a horror movie obsessed, wannabe detective (freshman Jennifer Rihacek) to solve this mystery, but due to her lack of experience, the accusations lead her and her friends to their doom.

This year's night of acts was nothing less of amazing. Bravo to the cast, crew, and directors for such an amazing show, and the Bishop Ahr community cannot wait to see what is in store for the future!



MEMBERS OF SPOOK-A-RAMA INVESTIGATE A SUSPICIOUS MURDER. (ALL PHOTOS ON PAGE COURTESY OF BGA PRODUCTIONS)



Gobble Around

WHILE AMERICANS ARE SPENDING THE HOLIDAY REMINISCING ABOUT THE FRIENDSHIPS THEY HAVE MADE, PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD FIND THEMSELVES GRATEFUL FOR DIFFERENT THINGS. IN NEW YORK, CHINA, JAPAN, CANADA, AND LIBERIA EACH HAVE THEIR OWN VERSION OF THANKSGIVING.

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

By: Sebastien Perez

In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers, including religious separatists searching for a new home where they could freely practice their faith and English citizens lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the New World. After a dangerous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod (far

north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River). One month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay where the Pilgrims began to settle. Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists stayed on board the ship, where they suffered from exposure, and outbreaks of contagious disease.

Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining

colonists moved ashore, where they received a surprising visit from an Abenaki Indian who greeted them in English. A few days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto. Together they taught the Pilgrims how to pick out corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers, and avoid poisonous foods and plants. He also helped the settlers create an alliance with the Wampanoag (a local tribe). This was the beginning of Thanksgiving.



THE ERNTEKRONE IS PUT ON DISPLAY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SEE.

GERMANY

By: Megan Lim

All across the country, Americans are preparing to roast their turkeys for Thanksgiving, but people in Germany have already roasted theirs for Erntedank. Erntedank, literally translating to "harvest thanksgiving festival," is Germany's equivalent to America's Thanksgiving. Though it is not necessarily celebrated by everyone across the nation or as large-scale as Thanksgiving in America, it is a holiday still well known for being a time to give thanks for a successful harvest. The date of celebration tends to vary, but it typically occurs on the first Sunday of October; this year it fell on October 7, 2018.

The usual celebration begins with a church service that includes a sermon and choral singing, especially to "Nun Danket alle Gott" ("Now Thank We All Our God"), a famous song in Germany. Following the service is a procession in which the harvest queen's crown, or erntekrone, made of grain ears, flowers, and ribbons, is presented to the public eye. The procession continues with dancing to a variety of music, and of course, eating food. Aside from turkey, goose is also a common favorite, as well as Masthühnchen - chicken bred to be fatter so that they are meatier and better for consumption.

After another evening service, those celebrating look forward to Laternenumzug, a lantern parade commemorating Saint Martin, a German soldier that once took the coat off his back to give to a homeless man. The enjoyable, but long day is then capped off with fireworks.



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BETWEEN THE PILGRIMS AND NATIVE AMERICANS, AS WELL AS LOOKING OVER ALL THE WORLD TO CELEBRATE, TOO. A HANDFUL OF OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING GERMANY, ITALY, AND JAPAN, IN WHICH THEY CELEBRATE AND PERFORM THEIR OWN CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS.

CHINA

By: Lauren Garda

Like a few other countries, China is catching onto American holidays and traditions and is starting to celebrate Thanksgiving. They call it *Gan'en Jie* which translates to "thanks for grace holiday." Foreigners in China may hear people say "thank you" to one another and give and receive small gifts. It is mainly celebrated by Canadians and Americans in China and has gotten popular among Christians and the youth. Some Chinese Christians know of Thanksgiving as a holiday for the early settlers in America and as a time for thanking God for all of His blessings. Churches started adopting Thanksgiving as a special day of giving thanks, when people have a special meal and pray together. Others who celebrate it, though, think of turkey, the pilgrims and the Native Americans, and a sailing ship because that is all that they were educated with. Picking up on this American holiday, Chinese people think of Thanksgiving as a time to have a Western meal, thanking family, friends, workmates, and teachers or bosses.



TOP: A HAND IS DESIGNED AS CANADIAN TURKEY. RIGHT: A WOMAN PARTICIPATES DURING MASS IN LIBERIA. BOTTOM: CHILDREN CREATE CARDS FOR THEWORKFORCE. (ALL IMAGES COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)



CANADA

By: Kristel Rambaud

America's neighbor to the north celebrates Thanksgiving too, formally called *Jour de l'Action de grace*. It may surprise some to hear, but Canadians reportedly celebrated Thanksgiving about 40 years before Americans. The first Thanksgiving in Canada occurred in 1578 when explorer Martin Frobisher and his crew had a disastrous landing in America. After landing, the crew's minister, Robert Wollfall, gave a sermon about thanking God for their safety.

In Canada, they celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday of October. It is not as big of a celebration, as it is an optional holiday. Another big difference is that there is no big shopping holiday that occurs around their Thanksgiving like in America. While there are differences between how the countries celebrate Thanksgiving, there are still some similarities: they both watch football (though Canadians watch the Canadian Football League) and their food are similar.



LIBERIA

By: Micah Kelly

Liberia is a county on the West African coast with Monrovia as its capital. Liberia declared their independence on July 26, 1847. In their culture when they get married the wife is supposed to move in with the husband and his family. It is possible for the husband to have more than one wife at a time. There are many diseases that affect the population in Liberia. It is said that illnesses and deaths are caused by the evil intentions of other people. There are sixteen Liberian tribes that all speak different languages. The women hold very strong roles in the tribal life. The religion Liberians practice is Christianity. A big food source that Liberians use is rice, which is eaten at least twice a day along with cassava.

Thanksgiving; it was imported from the States. Liberians celebrate Thanksgiving on the first Thursday in November. On this day, they give thanks for freedom and the founding of their country. The main meals they eat are roasted chicken, mashed cassavas, and green bean casserole. Mashed cassava is a starchy food that is made from a root that comes from tapioca. Liberians also love to dance, sing, and have a good time on this day. On Thanksgiving, they pack into churches and other places to worship. Thanksgiving in Liberia isn't like it is in America. Liberians don't call it "Turkey Day" or "Family Day". It is simply a day to focus on thanking God for everything He has done. Thanksgiving is a day where Liberians just sit back and think about all the great opportunities they have been given.

JAPAN

By: Gianna Strazzulla

The Pilgrims may not have landed in Japan, but on November 23 the Japanese still have something to be thankful for. Kinrokansha, or Labor Thanksgiving Day, is dedicated to celebrating autumn and being thankful for labor workers who do their jobs well. Dating back to as early as November 678 A.D., Labor Thanksgiving Day was originally a Rice Harvest Festival called *Niiname-sai*. Traditions say that each year the emperor himself would offer the fresh harvest to the gods and then taste the rice. This modern holiday became

official after WWII in 1948. All around the country people partake in organized celebrations and festivities commemorating the environment, peace, and human rights. School children even make "thank you" cards and gifts for the workforce. It could be said that Japan's Thanksgiving is similar to America's Labor Day. Both holidays recognize their nation's workforce and the contributions they have made to strengthen their countries. However, while Thanksgiving feasts are traditional to Americans, the Japanese workers celebrate the 'fruits' of their labors.

Ahr marching band is 'Irresistible'

BY LAUREN GUARDA

In high school, one thing every student should at least do once is go to a football game and cheer for their home team, but what group of kids has the power to clear off the whole field to perform pump up songs with twirling flags and rifles and impressive choreography? The marching band and colorguard put on quite the show this season with their Fall Out Boy theme, which consisted of a few of the band's anthems such as "Irresistible", "Uma Thurman", and "Centuries." Band leaders include seniors Trisha Ponik, Kyle Heyman, Shakthi Boobalan, and Lauren Bonavitacola, who worked vigorously with the rest of the marching band on keeping track of their rhythm and beats. The color guard team was led by rifle captain, junior Katie Chan,

and flag captain, senior Cara Makoski. They incorporated many of their classic flag moves into the choreography, along with a catchy, fun 50's style dance break in the middle of "Uma Thurman." "The qualities that impress me the most about our band are their leadership and their dedication. I see amazing leadership qualities in ALL of our juniors and seniors, and they made their school very proud this year," says Mr Cullinan, the music teacher and the choir, band, and marching band director. The Marching Trojans have been voted GMC's best marching band on mycentraljersey.com with a landslide victory, along with going to the USBANDS New Jersey State Championship for the first time. The band will be featured in an upcoming article on mycentraljersey.com



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: KAYLA ESTRADA AND KATIE CHAN PERFORM THEIR HALFTIME SHOW. (IMAGE COURTESY OF LORS PHOTOGRAPHY)

Saving lives one pint at a time

BY: YUJEONG CHOI, RUIXI LIU, YUNXI LIU, AND JIN ZHOU

The Blood Drive, which took place at Bishop George Ahr High School on October 27th, was primarily about donating blood for those in need. New Jersey is currently experiencing a blood shortage and members of the community rallied together to help. It was a significant event for both BGA and the outside community because donating blood is a reflection of our love and connection to society. In BGA's 50-year

history, the Blood Drive has been held for 25 years. When asked about his thoughts on the blood drive, Mr. John Roche, National Honor Society Advisor and event moderator, shared, "The most important thing is helping people." The goal was gathering at least 80 pints of blood to help as many people as possible. The purpose of the Blood Drive is to alleviate the blood shortage so that more patients may be helped or saved. The need is so great that the donated blood is utilized within one week.

The eligibility criteria for donors

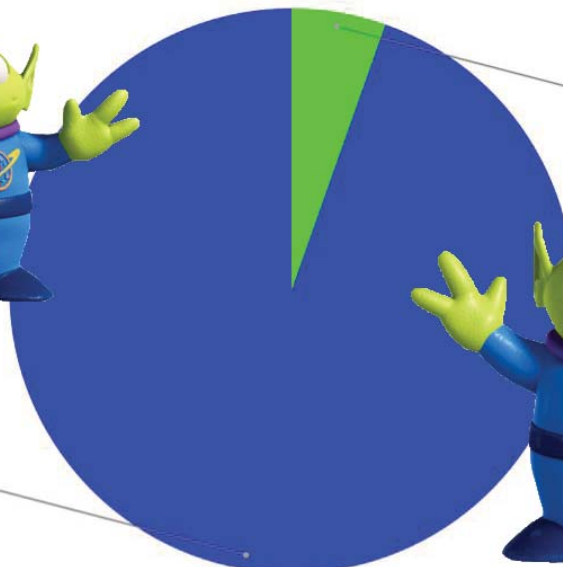
is that all visitors must be at least 16 years of age and weigh 110 pounds or more. The participants included BGA students, teachers, families, 12 NHS student volunteers who served as event coordinators, donors from the outside community, NJ Blood Services, and a certified nurse. Contributors donated their blood, and BGA was in charge of collecting and transporting it in order to ensure safety and wellness. Each person who donated 1 pint of blood helped save the lives of 3 recipients. They were notified via alert when the blood

was transfused, and received a gift in appreciation for the generosity!

Our school has been planning and preparing for the October event since April 2018. Thus, it is evident that the dedication and advance preparation in the months leading up to the Blood Drive are vital to its success in the end. If you did not have a chance to take part this time, there will be additional opportunities to participate. This life-saving activity will also occur on November 30th or next spring on April 11th. Blood drives show that anyone can save lives.

Satoma Presents the Question of the Quarter

ARE WE ALONE IN SPACE?



Yes
5.4%

No
94.6%



Wobble into 'WABA'

BY: MEGAN LIM

Kicking off the 2018 - 2019 school year with what is easily one of the school's favorite events, the faculty and upperclassmen held their signature WABA (We Ahr Bishop Ahr) Day extravaganza on September 14th. Coming together to give the class of '22 a warm welcome, each person played a special role in the day, whether it was by accompanying and guiding a freshman, leading activities in the classroom, or jamming out in the Little Theatre.

The day started when the freshmen each went to their respective homerooms where they were then led through a series of icebreakers. By putting fun twists on classic activities such as "Never Have I Ever" and the "Alphabet Name Game," everyone knew each other's names and a little more about each other by the end of the homeroom session.

Moving from homerooms to the gym, the freshmen were greeted by an uproar of the upperclassmen cheering them on as they filed in. The initial energy began with an enthusiastic prayer to officially set things in motion, showing the underclassmen just how much school spirit the community has. As a way to comfort the freshman, brave volunteers shared not only stories of their own embarrassing high school moments, but also inspirational

and heartwarming realizations; they ranged from tales about chasing after school buses to running races. The infamous rain game and alphabet game followed, emphasizing what the school community can accomplish when working together.

From there, the students split into separate groups-either going back to a classroom, the Little Theatre, or participating in the scavenger hunt. Many of the students followed a schedule that first directed them to the Little Theatre where they were shown a thorough presentation put together by the student council. The presentation gave a clear insight as to where every room was located, what can be expected to be seen in said rooms, as well as important, useful features in the school to be aware of. A quiz was included in the presentation, encouraging the freshmen to be interactive and recall information about the layout of the school. Afterwards, Mr. Cullinan, along with a few members of the band and chorus, kept the energy flowing by leading the group in singing a few of the school's favorite anthems, including "Big House," "We Are One Body," "Yes Lord," and "Trading My Sorrows."

Once their session in the little theatre was finished, the freshmen and their guides then made their way to their designated classroom, ready to participate in even more



THE SENIORS LEAD THE FAMOUS WABA DAY CHEER. (IMAGE COURTESY OF BGA PRODUCTIONS)

activities. Similar to the homeroom icebreakers, the various classroom activities were carefully chosen to help the freshmen not only learn more about each other as they work together, but to allow themselves to enjoy and be comfortable with one another. Even the upperclassmen volunteers let loose as they joined in on games such as "Telephone Charades" and "Get Off the Bus."

Putting what they learned from the presentation about the school's layout and location of important rooms to use, the students also got to participate in a scavenger hunt throughout the whole school. The hunt consisted of the freshmen and their guides working together to solve a riddle.

The pair had to use given clues that directed them to a certain classroom where they would then find a QR code that revealed a letter when scanned. The prize for solving the puzzle was being able to grab a snack and drink in the cafeteria while relaxing and talking to other classmates.

Ending the day off the same way it started, all the students made their way back into the gym where the teachers led their renowned "Faculty Cheer," which included Mr. McCarthy's famous split. As always, the students and faculty joined together in a final closing prayer and chant. It was a wonderful day to welcome the freshmen class into the community and is a great way to start the year!

Homecoming: a night to remember

BY: ALYSSA PITTARI

On Friday, October 12, students, faculty, and alumni attended the annual Homecoming football game. The festivities were in full swing before the game even began, with the announcing of the Homecoming Court. Each pair walked across the football field to the music of the marching band and were surrounded by the cheerleaders. The freshman winners Scott Lentz and Armanii Agarwala were announced first, followed by the sophomore prince Patrick Abd and princess Karina Diaz. Junior class winners were Frank Colavolpe and Carly Petela. Lastly, the senior court was announced: Jalen Buliyat and Bethany Barber, Nicholas Rhodes and Caitlin Guntner, Kyle Orta and Samantha Pignatello, and finally Jacob Domingo and Colleen Cronin. The Homecoming King and Queen for this year were Kyle Orta and Samantha Pignatello.



THE 2018 HOMECOMING COURT, IN GRADE ORDER LEFT TO RIGHT, POSE FOR A QUICK PHOTO BEFORE THE START OF THE GAME. (IMAGE COURTESY OF LORS PHOTOGRAPHY)

After the winners were announced, the Trojans took the field to play against the J.P. Stevens Hawks. Jalen Brooks scored a touchdown for the Trojans, but unfortunately, the Hawks won the

game with a final score of 14-10.

The loss did not dampen the mood of the fans in the stands, who were all clad in red. Ryan Breyta, the Student Council Athletic Chair, was dressed as Moses. Trojans

the stands, he "parted the red sea" by walking through the stands, splitting the student section. Other cheers were shouted throughout the game, as the cheerleaders performed several stunts and jump sequences.

At halftime, the marching band and colorguard took to the field to perform their field show. The songs the band played consisted of "Irresistible," "Centuries," and "Uma Thurman," all originally sung by Fall Out Boy. The color guard performed their routine while the band played, encouraged by applause from the stands. Additionally at halftime all Fall senior athletes were recognized and walked with members of their families down

the track to recognize their hard-work this season. The Homecoming game was full of festivities and school spirit, making it a wonderful night for all of the parents, students,

Keeping up with the White House

BY: GABRIELLA JAKIELASZEK

Recently, the Midterm Elections have covered a large portion of the news cycle and have dominated many aspects of American life. This year's midterm elections saw historic numbers turn out to vote in a number of different and important races across the country. With all of this hype and attention surrounding the election, a number of celebrities took the opportunity to become politically active.

One prominent figure who, until recently, was not vocal in the political arena is Taylor Swift. For a large portion of her career, the "Reputation" singer/songwriter had not openly voiced her feelings about the political situation of the country. That changed on October 7th when Swift posted her support for Democrats Phil Bredesen and Jim Cooper, who ran for governor and House of Representatives respectively. In her post, Swift expressed the need for

all Americans to "educate" themselves on who is running in their state and to "vote based on who most clearly represents your values."

Staying in the musical realm, recently another outspoken voice in politics has been Kanye West. "Yeezy," as he is known to fans, has been a vocal supporter of President Donald Trump from very early on. On October 11th, West visited the Oval Office as a guest of President Trump and Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner. West made headlines for this visit when he told the President about new ideas for Air Force One, the President's personal plane, and when he shared that wearing the iconic "Make America Great Again" hat helped him to "feel like Superman." West also expressed during his visit how it was necessary for all Americans to focus on the present and to not get caught up in what the future could potentially hold.

Last, but certainly not least, former President Barack Obama and television host, author, and podcast producer Oprah Winfrey were hot on the campaign trail, speaking on behalf of a number of different Democratic candidates. President Obama traversed across the country with a message to all voters: "Don't boo, vote." Obama first began using this message immediately after the 2016 election. He took to the streets to continue expressing the need for voters to be active in their country and to not settle for the current situation if they were not satisfied. Oprah Winfrey stepped into the spotlight for her comments in Georgia when she pledged her support for Democratic candidate for Governor, Stacey Abrams. Winfrey rallied in front of Georgia voters with a message to show up to the polls to achieve the results they want.

Celebrities have been politically

active before, but as elections continue to become more and more popular, there could yet be more involvement. As we move closer to the 2020 election, it will be interesting to see what figures become involved in politics. Donald Trump may certainly be credited with bringing about a new era of politics in which all people feel they have a right to speak out.



WEST POSING WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP DURING HIS VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE. (IMAGE COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)

Satoma's 2018 sports rundown

BY: JENNA SHEEDY

Today, it is very difficult to keep up with everything that is happening in our own personal lives, yet alone the world. One area that many people cannot stay ahead in is the world of sports. With so many different sports and so many popular athletes, it is hard to keep it all straight. Let's take a look at some of the biggest sports stories of the past couple of weeks from around the world.

Midway through the season, the National Football League has some interesting story lines from Kansas City and Los Angeles. Patrick Mahomes has been dominating the league for the Kansas City Chiefs, who currently sit atop the AFC West. Through nine games this season, Mahomes has completed just over 66% of his passes with twenty-nine touchdowns and only seven interceptions. Fantasy football owners will be thrilled with his output and expect big things from this young stud moving forward. Another surprise team of the season is the Los Angeles Rams. The Rams have a young team that is currently performing much better than originally anticipated. The Rams are currently 8-1 and are dominating an NFC West, which lacks any strong threat. With quarterback Jared Goff and running back Todd Gurley II, the Rams expect to be playing meaning-

ful football well into the new year.

Shifting gears slightly, the National Basketball Association's season kicked off on Tuesday, October 16th. Although the season lasts for eighty-two games, there are some surprising storylines early on. The Houston Rockets, who many people thought would be the best chance of dethroning the Warriors, currently look lost and lack the same energy as last year. In addition, the LeBron in Los Angeles honeymoon may be coming to an end much sooner than most people anticipated. The Lakers are currently 4-6 (at time of writing) and don't seem to have much rhythm, but it would be foolish to write off any team that has LeBron James as part of its starting lineup. In the Eastern Conference, the surprise team is the Toronto Raptors. The Raptors were a curious team coming into the season with the acquisition of Kawhi Leonard. So far, Toronto has proven that they are ready to prove every critic wrong, but time will tell if the Raptors will once again implode in the playoffs. Other teams looking to answer some questions at this early point in the season include the Boston Celtics, who have Kyrie Irving and Gordon Hayward back in the lineup and fully healthy; Paul George and the Oklahoma City Thunder; and the Minnesota Timberwolves, who still have to fig-

ure out the future of Jimmy Butler.

Major League Baseball's season came to a close by crowning the Boston Red Sox the Champions of the World. The Red Sox, who had a record-setting regular season, had a dominant postseason, easily skirting by the New York Yankees and Houston Astros on their way to a World Series against a perennial contender, the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Red Sox completely outmatched their National League opponents on their way to their fourth World Series title of the new millennium. Going into the offseason, the two major stories that will dominate the headlines center around who all-stars Bryce Harper and Manny Machado will sign with going into the 2019 season. Many believe the Yankees will be looking to swoop in to add Harper to an already explosive squad, but the Yankees are certainly not alone in their pursuit of the 26-year-old.

To round off this sports update, let's look at a number of storylines from some sports readers may not follow on a consistent basis. In soccer, the beginning of Cristiano Ronaldo's time with Juventus has shown why so many teams coveted the global icon during this past summer. Ronaldo's side sit atop Serie A with an impressive thirty-one points from eleven matches with only Internazionale Milan within any sort of striking

distance. In gymnastics, American Simone Biles won the gold medal for her floor routine and bronze on the beam at the gymnastics world championships in Qatar. Biles becomes the first woman in thirty years to win a medal in every event at the gymnastics world championships. Americans only have to wait until Tokyo 2020 to see Biles challenge for even more glory and notoriety. Finally, in Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) heavyweight Daniel Cormier defeated Derrick Lewis on Saturday, November 3rd. Cormier won through a submission of Lewis in the 2nd round of the fight and landed 76% of his punches for the bout.



SIMONE BILES WINNING HER FOURTH CONSECUTIVE TITLE AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN QATAR. (IMAGES COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES)

SPORTS

Spotlight



Name: Upasna Parikh


Nickname: Pas, Passie

Sport: Gymnastics (15 Years)

Pump Up Song: "My Way (Jersey Club Remix)" -Fetty Wap Feat. Drake

Pre-Game Snack: Bagels

Favorite Athletic Brand: Nike



Name: Anthony Gambotto


Nickname: Ant

Sport: Soccer (13 Years)

Pump Up Song: "Started from the Bottom" -Drake

Pre-Game Snack: Scooby Snacks

Favorite Athletic Brand: Nike



Name: Temitayo Agbabiaka

Nickname: Big Fob

Sport: Football (2 Years)

Pump Up Song: "Long Time" -Lil' Tjay

Pre-Game Snack: Scooby Snacks and Arizona Iced Tea

Favorite Athletic Brand: Nike



Name:Jalen Buliyat

Nickname: JB, Booliyat, J Bulls

Sport: Cross Country (4 Years)

Pump Up Song: "4th Dimension" -KIDS SEE GHOSTS

Pre-Game Snack: Nature Valley Bar and a Banana

Favorite Athletic Brand: Nike



Name:Brianna Wright


Nickname: Bri, Bri-Z

Sport: Cheerleading (6 Years)

Pump Up Song: "Bring 'Em Out" -T.I.

Pre-Game Snack: Gummy Worms and Pretzels

Favorite Athletic Brand: Nike



Name: Alyssa Sierra


Nickname: Lyss

Sport: Tennis

Pump Up Song: "Mo Bamba" -Shek Wes

Pre-Game Snack: Granola Bar and Fruit

Favorite Athletic Brand: Nike



Name: Caroline Trevino

Nickname: CJ, Ceej

Sport: Volleyball (10 Years)

Pump Up Song: "Lucid Dreams" -Juice WRLD

Pre-Game Snack: Hot Chocolate, Oreos, and Milk

Favorite Athletic Brand: Nike



Name: Morgan Maguire


Nickname: Morg, Morgy, Morgs

Sport: Soccer (13 Years)

Pump Up Song: "The Way Life Goes" -Lil' Uzi Vert

Pre-Game Snack: Plum, Orange Juice, and Clif Bar

Favorite Athletic Brand: Nike



Name: Emily Abrams

Nickname: Emily

Sport: Cross Country (4 Years)

Pump Up Song: "Tsunami" -DeStorm

Pre-Game Snack: Pretzels

Favorite Athletic Brand: Nike



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Running towards victory



ELENI ALVAREZ RUNS THROUGH THE COURSE. (IMAGE COURTESY OF LORS PHOTOGRAPHY)

BY: CARISSA MATRALE

With their season coming to a close, it is safe to say that this year's girls cross country team has made quite a name for itself. Starting with training in July, and leading up to GMC'S on November 10th, the girls have all truly stepped up to the plate and shown that they are a force to be reckoned with.

When it comes to playing a school sport, cross country is an excellent option for students with

varying levels of experience. Runners begin to train in July, but there are no cuts. Everyone who is interested in trying it out has an opportunity to and can work with coach Timothy Miller to reach their full potential. There are three teams, as there is with most school sports; freshman, JV, and varsity. To make varsity, a runner from any grade, must have one of the top seven fastest times. The remaining non-freshman girls are put on JV, and the freshman on their designated team.

This year's team took home several metals across their five meets. The girls had a great season and made BGA proud. Sophomore Yamyka Pichard, who has been participating in the sport for two years now said, "Cross country wasn't what I expected it to be, but I love running because of all the strength it gives me. I love my team and seeing them every day at practice no matter what and having them by my side on the starting line at every meet." Running cross country was an outlet for many of the other girls as well. It helped them to not only become better at the sport that they love, but to also join a family as well as a team.

We'll meet you at the finish line

BY: OLIVIA RIVERA

The BGA boys cross country team has worked hard this year training with their coach, Scott Runkle.

The results of their meets have shown their dedication. They ran against all seven of the teams in their Blue Division, gaining wins against Wardlaw, Highland Park, South River, and East Brunswick Vocational Technical High School.

The team also ran in two Invitational Meets: Shore Coaches Invitational at Holmdel Park and Bernie Magee Class Invitational at Greystone Park. A number of the runners ran their personal bests for this year, and are all looking to improve themselves throughout the season.

Following the legacy last year's seniors left behind, Rohan Tonk and Kishan Patel had exceptional performances. Chris O'Connell, the third top runner, also had good runs.

The Senior runners are Rohan Tonk, Arjun Patel, Jalen Buliyat, Sean Baelis, Arnav Bhavsar, and Nico Federico. The two Senior captains are Rohan Tonk and Arjun Patel, who led the team to a win by their great examples. The top runners for each grade are as follows: Senior Rohan Tonk, who is the number one runner on the team, Junior Kishan Patel, Sophomore Chris O'Connell, and Freshman Scott Lentz.

When asked how he encouraged his team before a race, Coach Runkle said, "We are always looking to improve ourselves in each practice and race we run. Our goal is to be at our absolute best by the end of our season when performances count the most." The Boys Cross Country GMCs were held on October 20th at Thompson Park. The boys had a great season and hope to do better next year.

Bringing it on!

BY: GIANNA STRAZZULLA

Coming off of a successful season, the BGA cheerleaders are ready to 'bring it on' yet again. After having tryouts last May, the Varsity and JV along with the help of coaches Jordyn Muller, Christine Chaney, and Casey Walker worked all summer to prepare for this season. This year there are three teams: Varsity All-Music, Varsity Non-Tumble, and JV. These teams include freshmen, sophomore, juniors, and seniors.

With their first competition, Greater Middlesex County (GMC), on October 28 and cheering at football games, these girls are on the "GO, GO, GO!" Senior Brianna Wright had this to say about Friday nights, "I like cheering at football games because it is one of the best ways to show school spirit and support our team." However, when the girls aren't cheering on the players, they are tirelessly working at practice. Their competition season starts in January and runs until March. "We've been working very hard on our routines for months so I am hopeful that the upcoming competition season will be a huge success. As long as we as a team keep up the hard work we have a great shot at winning it all," said Brianna Wright. Brianna's predictions seem to be a real possibility considering the amazing season the team had last year: both teams ranked top three in all local competitions and states and won National titles. Senior Emily Fedor had this to say about her team; "Nothing beats hitting your routine with your best friends. I wouldn't want to the take floor with any other groups of girls my last year."



THE VARSITY TEAM PERFORMING THEIR "HELLO!" CHEER AT THE FALL PEP RALLY. (IMAGE COURTESY OF BGA PRODUCTIONS)

These girls are "goal-den"



TRINITY UPTON LINES UP HER SHOT ON THE GOAL. (IMAGE COURTESY OF LORS PHOTOGRAPHY)

BY: FIORELLA MERRIMAN-MENDEZ

While fall tends to bring to mind the picture of football games under Friday night lights, there is another sport that is working before the lights even turn on. The girls' Varsity and JV soccer teams, led by Coach Matt, Coach Alana, and Coach Penny, began working in June and have been practicing every day since August to improve themselves individually and as a team with the goal of successful seasons. The hard work has paid off. The girls Varsity team, after a few tough losses early in the season, picked up momentum and have worked hard to achieve a strong record. The team is led by Senior co-Captains Sachi Negri, Julia Viviano, Morgan Maguire, and Emily Dietzel, as well as Senior Shay Cartella, who have helped guide the team to success. Senior co-captain Emily Dietzel said, "I couldn't have asked for a better Senior year or a better group of girls to play soccer with. I am going to miss our time together. It has been a great year." But the season isn't over yet. The girls have worked exceptionally hard to gain strong seeds for the GMC and the State Tournament. The girls finished the season with an exceptional performance against perennial powerhouse Bishop Eustace.

The girl's JV team has also had an amazing season. The JV team is led by captains Danielle Renda, Victoria Leinhard, and Katie Iko, who have helped guide the team in continuing the undefeated record achieved by last year's team. The JV team hopes to carry their success into the JV GMC's.

What is all the racket about?

BY: LAUREN GARDA

The girls' varsity tennis team really did swing into action this fall season. The lineup includes first singles, senior Isabella DeMesa, second singles, senior Johanna Lu, third singles, senior Lauren Garda, first doubles, seniors Alyssa Sierra and Aryana Dehgan, and second doubles, junior Sarah Girod and senior Jazmin Genao. Though they switched divisions, co-captains DeMesa and Sierra led the team through every match.

Veteran Coach Al Mohromann said, "I'm very pleased with the tennis team this year. We've had the most successful season that we've had in a long time, the girls ending with winning records. We will probably finish third place in our division, which is far better than we've ever gotten in recent years. The downside is that of our seven varsity players, six will be graduating, so next year will certainly be a rebuilding year. I would love to give a shoutout to Johanna, Lau-

ren and especially to Isabella, who has the toughest job as first singles and has performed extremely well."



ISABELLA DEMESA GETS READY TO HIT THE SERVE BACK (IMAGE COURTESY OF LORS PHOTOGRAPHY)

Vaulting to the top!



ARIYANA AGARWALA PERFORMS HER ROUTINE. (IMAGE COURTESY OF BGA PRODUCTIONS)

BY: KRISTEL RAMBAUD

To the surprise of no one, the gymnastics team once again had an outstanding season. They finished 6-0 on the sea-

son, achieving their 4th consecutive undefeated season.

They won the Greater Middlesex County (GMC) championship for their 4th consecutive year, making it the school's 19th overall GMC victory. At GMCs, the team scored 112.175 out of 200. The victory was also dedicated to injured senior, Sarah Adlassnig.

Senior Ariyana Agarwala won the all-around title at GMCs with 38.75 points. This marked Agarwala's fourth consecutive all-around title, an accomplishment which may be the first in GMC history.

Senior Skylar Davisson also placed 4th all-around, achieving a score of 37.7. Fellow senior Upasna Parikh and the underclassmen also contributed to the team's victory.

In the words of Davisson, "My team works well together. We're in the gym almost everyday bonding. We have great team spirit that I don't see in these other teams we compete against."

It is this team's bond, spirit, and hard work that makes them such a force to be reckoned with and led them to yet another state championship. The girls now hold a record fifteen state titles.

Can you dig it?

BY: MICAH KELLY

The girls volleyball team aced it this season. With the team led by senior co-captains Jayda Ledford, Allison Vandemark, and Caroline Trevino, the girls were determined for a great season. Jayda Ledford has three digs, Allison Vandemark has five aces, eight service points, one kill, and 22 digs and Caroline Trevino has five aces, 11 service points, six kills, and 13 digs. The overall status is 13 aces, 30 service

points, 18 kills, seven assists and 53 digs. On Wednesday October, 17, the girls varsity volleyball team defeated Roselle Catholic in two sets. Senior Saadia Daoud had 5 service points and two digs. Ledford had four service points and five kills. Trevino had 11 kills and eight service points and Vandemark had six service points. The girls will be losing four seniors who will truly be missed between their great personalities and their love for what they do.

Keep grinding

BY: SEBASTIEN PEREZ

Throughout the offseason, the boys varsity football team worked relentlessly to have a strong season. They made strides from last year, finishing with an overall record of 4-6 and a conference record of 3-2. This year, the Trojans' quarterback was junior Alejandro Santiago. He was aided in the back field by senior running backs Jalen Brooks and Kyle Orta. Helping on the defensive side were seniors Joshua Perez and Darryl Dorah.

During the season, the Trojans showed nothing but hard work and aggression towards all the teams they played against this year. The team had strong performances against Metuchen and Dunellen. Every player in their own way stood out tremendously, either defensively or offensively. The Trojans led by Coach Joseph Vigilante have talent moving

forward and can rely on their fans for support and motivation throughout the entire season. The Trojans will look to build off their successes this season and continue to grow.



KYLE ORTA RUNS THE FOOTBALL THROUGH THE DEFENSE. (IMAGE COURTESY OF LORS PHOTOGRAPHY)

One team, one goal

BY: SEBASTIEN PEREZ

The Boys Soccer team entered the season looking to build a new identity and to redevelop the program's culture. Division changes during the off-season saw the Trojans moved into the Greater Middlesex Conference Gold Division staring down perennial powerhouse opponents Wardlaw-Hartridge and Highland Park.

Senior leaders and captains, John Loftus and Anthony Gambotto, led the team in a number of close matches, including a thrilling victory over Timothy Christian and close losses against South Amboy, Middlesex, and Highland Park.

Nick Verendia, Isaiah Salazaar, Rylan Kriokorian, and Julian Napoli.

Although the season had some challenges, the boys ended on an exceptionally positive note. The boys last game against Middlesex Academy saw the boys win by a convincing 5-2 margin. Goals were scored by seniors Will Barlow Anthony Gambotto, and Ryan Loftus, as well as one by sophomore Isaiah Salazar. In addition to winning their final game of the season, senior Anthony Gambotto and junior Nicholas Verendia were named to the Greater Middlesex Conference All-Gold Division team. This honor names them as part of the top performers from their division for the year and recognizes the ability they have. Overall, the boys team continues to develop and grow with hopes towards a bright future ahead.

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