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## Mock Trial team wins first event in over 10 years

By LUCAS PAULEY

Opinions Editor

On Feb. 6 and 7, the Mock Trial team competed against Jim Thorpe Area and Stroudsburg, respectively. DV won the defense over Stroudsburg but lost the prosecution to Jim Thorpe Area. Mock Trial adviser Mr. Thomas Bailer stated that it was Delaware Valley's first Mock Trial win in over 10 years.

For the defense, senior Liz Kameen won Best Attorney and senior Gavin Buckley won Best Witness. For the prosecution, Best Attorney was awarded to junior Dan Matyushin and Best Witness to freshman Max Hancock.

The team lost a witness and two lawyers the week of the competition, leading to freshmen filling those

larger roles. Hancock fulfilled the role of witness, while freshmen Owen Carso and Brooke Natter acted as lawyers.

"Those freshmen that joined were fearless in saying yes, this huge, yes, there is a week to go before competition, but I'm going to learn the part, I'm going to learn what I need to do," Mr. Bailer said.

Mr. Bailer partially attributes the success of the underclassmen to the leadership of upperclassmen such as Kameen and junior Sadie Subedi.

"The underclassmen don't perform that well unless Liz is pushing from the top. She and Sadie really took

over control of this team and said this is what we need to do. It was really their leadership that trickled down to some of those freshmen," Mr. Bailer said.

With the next Mock Trial season starting in the fall, Mr. Bailer is already looking to advance further in the competition. He has high hopes for next year's Mock Trial team, including an invitational in the fall which he believes will offer more experience to the freshmen.

"They are ahead of so many other freshman that have come through the program. So with that on top of the invitational, I think we're in great shape for next year," Mr. Bailer said.

*"She [Liz] and Sadie really took over control of this team and said this is what we need to do."*

- Mr. Thomas Bailer

## Rho Kappa hosts annual induction ceremony

On March 1, the annual Rho Kappa induction ceremony inducted a total of 29 new members, with eight original members from the year prior.

Steve Lem, Ph.D., a DV alum and currently the chair of Political Science and Public Professor & Chairperson of the Department of Philosophy and Government at Kutztown University, was an honorary inductee.

There were no COVID-19 protocols in place and Rho Kappa adviser George Gelderman said the only difference from this ceremony from other years is that it was held much later in the year, previously occurring in October. "It feels refreshing [to have the induction, again.] To borrow a term from Warren Harding, it feels like a return to normalcy," Mr. Gelderman said.



Photo and caption by Liz Kameen

## Prom to be held on May 13 at Kalahari

By NICOLE STEINBERG  
Entertainment Co-Editor

For the past two years, prom has been canceled due to COVID-19, but this year it's back. Prom 2022 will be held at the Kalahari Convention Center on Friday, May 13, from 6-10 p.m. Dinner will be provided from 7-8 p.m.

Seniors and their approved guests (under the age of 21) are allowed to attend. Students are not permitted to rent a hotel room after the prom per the rental agreement from the venue.

Formal attire is

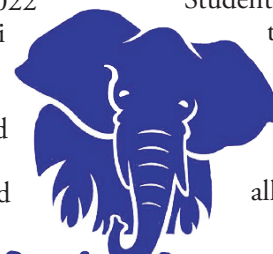
required.

If interested, school-sponsored transportation will be provided from DVHS to Kalahari and from Kalahari to DVHS after the prom.

Students must sign-up for the transportation when they purchase tickets.

Ticket prices have not yet been finalized and will be on sale in all lunches starting in early April.

Each prom attendee will receive an informational sheet outlining all details once finalized.



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# DV ENCOURAGES SCHOOL SPIRIT

## Students look for more school spirit

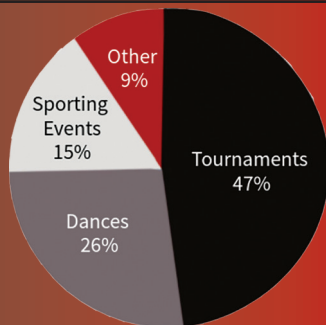
By MACKENZIE OLSOMMER  
Sports Editor

Many students at DV have expressed a lack of school spirit, especially after the pandemic. Students feel that the attendance at sporting events is low, and students feel there are not many events to be involved in, in addition to the decreasing attendance at sporting events.

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) has been pushing school spirit with adviser, Mrs. Krystine Thompson. The club has been creating the popular "We Want You" posters of student-athletes to encourage higher attendance at sporting events.

According to the collected surveys from lunches, students feel there could also be more activities to do at school. Having fun contests or special events and themed games would be a way to get more students involved and participate with what is going on in school. Themed events can make school more fun for students who may not enjoy it as much.

What types of events would you like to see more of?

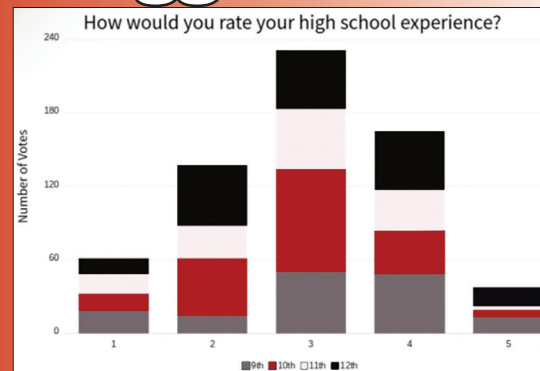


The data was collected on Feb. 28 - March 4 including 600 students from all grades.

Graphs compiled by Alex Krakowski and Kyla Stead

## Student Suggestions

- Laser tag
- Cooking contest
- Remote-control car races
- Speed eating
- Zorbing
- Go-kart
- Video game tournament
- Student vs Staff basketball game
- Fashion Show



Compiled by Jeongho Koh



## What do you like most about DV?



"Teachers"  
**Nate Gidley**  
Class of 2022



"The electives"  
**Jaeden Decker**  
Class of 2023



"How many academic opportunities I have"  
**Kiley Huttman**  
Class of 2023



"Sports"  
**Luke Peereboom**  
Class of 2025

Compiled by Lucas Pauley

## Coaches' Perspectives

Q: Do you think there has been a lack of student attendance at sporting events?

- Girls Volleyball Coach Karly May: "Yes, there has been a lack of student attendance."
- Boys Basketball Coach Kristopher Holtzer: "For boys basketball no, but in general yes, there has been a lack of attendance."
- Football Coach Keith Olsommer: "Yes, there has been a lack of attendance."

Q: Do you have any suggestions on improving attendance and getting students involved?

- Coach May: "Themed games and giveaways"
- Coach Holtzer: "Continuing to advertise"
- Coach Olsommer: "Effort from everyone to bridge the disconnect between school and after school activities"

Compiled by Reilly Ziolkowski



# School News

## Where are they now?: Taliyah Booker

Booker graduated in 2021 and is now a pre-med major at Purdue University.

By KYLA STEAD  
World News Editor

As a freshman at Purdue, Taliyah Booker has been adjusting to different changes she faces in her busy new life.



"I absolutely love the experience and being on my own. It's taught me how to grow up quickly," she said.

After graduating from high school, Booker planned on running track for Purdue. The season started well until she felt severe pain in

her left hip around October. She discovered she was born with hip dysplasia after visiting the doctor in January. Being a student-athlete, Purdue has helped her take care of the situation, and Booker's surgery is planned for March 30.

"I will be redshirting this year, but I will be resuming my collegiate track and field career full time in the fall. I'm excited to get back to it," Booker said.

Academically, she ended her first semester with a GPA of 3.3, and she is aiming to maintain honor roll which is at least a 3.0 for the rest of the second semester. As a pre-med major, she aspires to work somewhere in the field of trauma or in an ER in the future.

*"I absolutely love the experience and being on my own. It's taught me how to grow up quickly."*

- Taliyah Booker

Booker said a challenge she faces is getting a job due to being a busy student-athlete. She has had to learn how to survive without a set income. Despite being constantly busy, she learned how to budget and manage money.

"I happen to be very good at doing hair, so that is my little side hustle between practice and class," she said. "When you live on your own, there are things you have to learn that almost no class can teach you."

## Promposal Contest

The Del.Aware staff is holding its fifth annual promposal contest. Voting will take place on April 21 and 22. Winners will be announced on Monday, April 25. Send your most creative and thoughtful promposals to @Del.Aware on Instagram. Please remember that inappropriate admissions will be disqualified.

### Contest Details

Deadline: Wednesday, April 20  
1st place: Two prom tickets  
2nd place: \$25 gift card to Naked Bagel  
3rd place: \$15 gift card to Dunkin'

## Juniors' College, Open House Info

For any junior interested in attending college, parents or students can visit the DVHS website to find information by:

- Open "Guidance Department" under the Site Shortcuts
- Under the Guidance section, open either "College Information" or "College Fairs and Open Houses"
- Scroll to the Juniors section of "College Information" to find links for college information.
- The "College Fairs and Open Houses" selection leads to links for the open house information of various different colleges.

## Puzzle Fun

In this issue's puzzle fun, unscramble the St. Patrick's Day words. Be the first to come to Mrs. Lordi in D4 with the unscrambled words to win a prize. Last issue's winner was sophomore Hailey Kelly.

**Scrambled:**  
auhnceprel  
sirhi  
lvorec  
egren  
dolg



# Opinions

## My body, my choice

LILY COSENTINO

Class of 2024

Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett is trying to take away abortion rights and end the right to birth control. A woman should have the right to make her own choices for the sake of herself and nobody else. The United States Constitution protects the liberty of individuals; this protection includes same sex marriage, contraception and abortion. If you take away the rights to abortion and birth control, you should take away the father's right to leave a pregnant woman or an already born child.

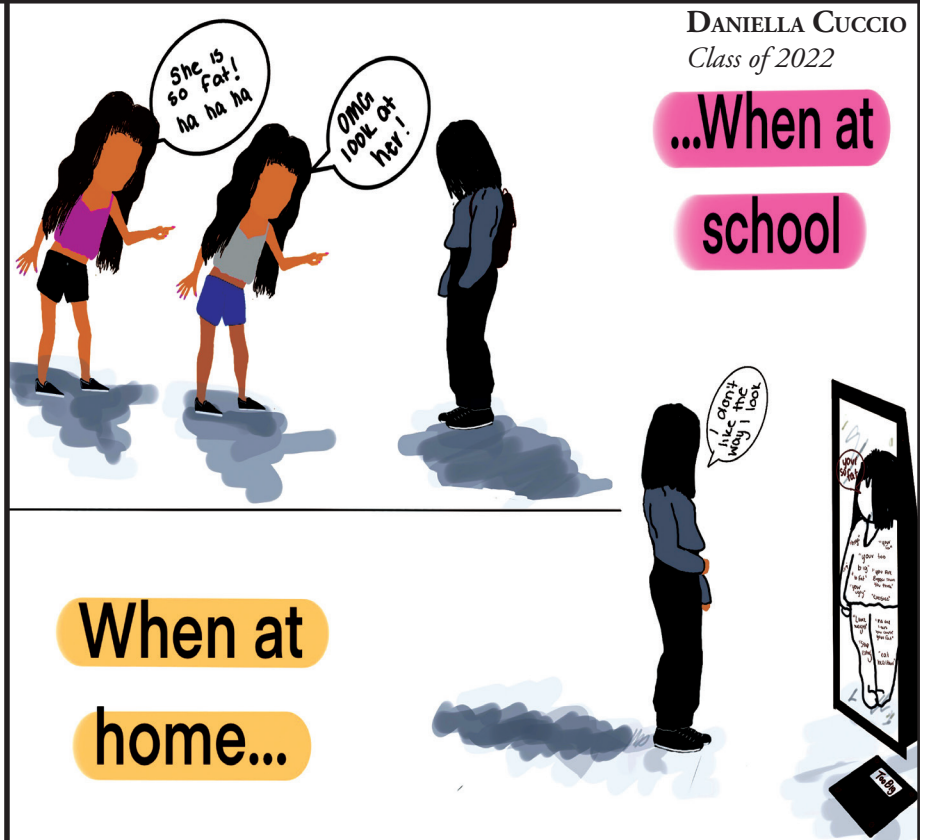
If a woman becomes pregnant and is financially or physically unfit to be a mother, it should be her choice whether to continue the pregnancy or not. How can you tell someone what to do if you don't know their side of the situation?

Due to the pandemic, many healthcare resources are low, and women

are struggling to find available places for safe abortion and contraception. Women are dying due to unsafe abortions because they are not given a choice. If women can't choose when they have a child, they end up raising children in bad environments without proper support.

Nobody should make a woman's choice for her. We need to trust the individual with her choice and what is right for her. Often times a woman who may already be a parent chooses to get an abortion for the sake of her children because with more kids, she would not have the money or resources to provide stability for that child.

Women own their bodies, and they own the choice.



DANIELLA CUCCIO

Class of 2022

...When at school

When at

home...

## LGBTQ+ community deserves representation in media

ISABELLE KANET

Class of 2022

The media should represent the world around us. From the television we view to the social media posts we enjoy, there is far too little representation of the LGBTQ+ community. This is a grave issue in today's society, and it is one that we together need to improve.

Most of the time, people of the LGBTQ+ community are side characters or viewed as the "comic relief" for the show's "societal normative" characters. Not only that, but when there is representation, it tends to become that person's entire personality rather than representing someone based

on his or her morals and values. These characters are labeled as "my gay best friend" or "my trans friend."

Media needs to better itself by branching out across the spectrum of the LGBTQ+ community and include underrepresented parts of the community, for example a non-binary, polyamorous, or asexual character. Sexuality and gender are a spectrum and thus should be represented as one.

To make a change, one has to challenge societal norms and defy what people feel comfortable seeing in the media. If not, one can develop tunnel vision with the world they live in.



## Dear Dela

Need advice on homework, relationships, fashion, etc.? If so, ask Dela for advice! Go to the Del.Aware Instagram and click the link in our bio to go to the online school newspaper. Then click the link for the Google Form. Your name will remain anonymous.

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# School News

## 'Walls of Inspiration' created to motivate CTE students

BY NICK GELARDI  
News Co-Editor



Nick Gelardi/Del.Aware

The main poster in the hallway represents all of the CTE curricula.



Nick Gelardi/Del.Aware

A look at the hallway near the automotive CTE being filled with inspirational posters.

Carpentry teacher Mr. Eric Thiele, Media Center Coordinator Mrs. Michele Zirpoli and Building teacher Mr. Ralph Ventre wanted to compel their CTE students to do better in their fields by creating the "Walls of Inspiration."

With the help of CTE students senior Patrick Moran and juniors Tim Cortes and Ryan Wenzel, framed posters were put up all around the halls in the CTE wing in order to inspire students.

"Being down in CTE for 20 years, I have witnessed the change in students when they are inspired," Mr. Ventre said.

Mr. Ventre with Building CTE students senior Patrick Moran, junior Tim Cortes and junior Ryan Wenzel.



Nick Gelardi/Del.Aware

Senior Patrick Moran and juniors Tim Cortes and Ryan Wenzel hang a poster.



Nick Gelardi/Del.Aware

Cinderella's Closet is hosting a try-on event on Wednesday, March 16 in the Freshman Gym during all lunches for any seniors looking for prom attire. Dresses and suits will be available to be borrowed until after the dance.

## Four ensembles perform at annual benefit concert

BY SHAUN RYAN  
Entertainment Editor

On March 4, the orchestra, concert band, choir and jazz band performed in the auditorium for a full audience. Concert proceeds go to student music scholarships.

The jazz band performed first with three songs, ending with the upbeat "Red-Light, Green-Light" by Ben Markley. The jazz ensemble had only eight players, which is by far the smallest group that performed that night.

"Playing with a smaller group is more difficult, because you have to really know your part and play it out," jazz band instructor Mrs. Tina Reece said.

The orchestra performed second with three arrangements as well.



Shaun Ryan/Del.Aware

Senior Toby Shedd plays electric bass during the jazz performance.

The upperclassmen in the orchestra performed "Lady Gaga Fugue," a compilation of classical Lady Gaga songs arranged by Giovanni Dettori.

After a short intermission, the chorus performed three pieces. Orchestra instructor Ms. Lauren Flack accompanied the chorus on the viola during the second arrangement.

The final ensemble of the evening was the concert band. They performed two songs: musical highlights from the films "La La Land" and "Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith."

The classic soundtracks from both these films made for a compelling way to end the night.

## Inquiring Photographer

"WHAT IS YOUR ANTHEM?"

COMPILED BY JAMES ZAYATZ



"Being Honest" by Kay Flock

Zachary Jacaruso  
Class of 2023



"Theme Song from 'K.C. Undercover'"

Anthony Sisco  
Class of 2024



"Rock is my favorite genre of music"

Kevin Kearns  
Staff



"20 Min" by Lil Uzi Vert

Vanessa Dunne  
Class of 2023



"Thriller" by Michael Jackson

Sophia Ball  
Class of 2023



"Take What You Want" by Post Malone

Kami Gratto  
Class of 2025

# Behind the Scenes: 'The Addams Family'

## Set Design

BY NICK GELARDI

*School News Co-Editor*

Building CTE seniors Owen Loiacono, Cormac Starr, Branden Chacianas and Matty Martin helped put together the big window and the crypt for the set for "The Addams Family" play. The set designer is substitute teacher Mella Tusinean, and she assigns student groups pieces to work on. "The whole stage group has really come together to build these pieces," stage manager Mrs. Tina Reece said.



Nick Gelardi/Del.Aware

## Lights & Sound

BY JEONGHO KOH

*Science & Technology Co-Editor*

With the assistance of lighting designer Bryan Zellmer and director Mrs. Sarah Fitzkee, the lighting team controls all aspects of stage lighting such as colors, tones and focus areas. The sound team is responsible for the volume of receivers and microphones as well as turning the microphones on and off when necessary.



Jeongho Koh/Del.Aware

## Choreography

BY REILLY ZIOLKOWSKI

*Arts & Literature Editor*

Choreographer Melissa Thomas has been working on all the dance routines for the "The Addams Family" musical.

Thomas has received inspiration for the five dance routines, from past versions of the Addams Family musicals, television shows and movies. She said that the dances are detailed, that the planning of each dance routine has to be down to an exact science.



## Pit

BY SHAUN RYAN

*Entertainment Editor*

Over a dozen students from all instrumental ensembles volunteer their time to learn and rehearse music for the yearly drama production. This year, the pit orchestra has to prepare over 70 pages of music for the show in April. Mr. Richard Bullock organizes and conducts the ensemble, which is made up of a variety of instruments from tuba to cello.



Shaun Ryan/Del.Aware

## Costumes

BY LIZ KAMEEN

*Editor in Chief*

This year is Barbara Sudano's first helping with the high school's play production. In previous years, the high school play rented costumes, but budget cuts forced the production to be more frugal and crafty by supplying their own costumes, which is why Sudano has become more involved this year. Sophomores Caroline Curtin and Charlie McClain and FACS teacher Mrs. Mercy Ross have helped tailor costumes to make sure they fit, as well.



Freshman Abby Chudoba

## Singing

BY ALEX KRAKOWSKI

*Managing Editor*

"The Addams Family" musical is filled with music from beginning to end. Music director Sandy Stalter has been working hard to get every single cast member ready for the production. She has been working with them as much as she can individually and as a group. Hours of practice and dedication from each cast member is needed for everything to sound the best it possibly can be on show day.



Tickets will be available for online purchase at [www.our.show/addamsfamily](http://www.our.show/addamsfamily) on April 8. Tickets will also be available at the door. Tickets will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. More details can be found on the website.



# School News

## New student offers different perspective

By LUCAS PAULEY  
Opinions Editor

Sophomore Thomas Perenguez-Echeverri began attending Delaware Valley High School at the beginning of the school year after moving in with his godfather and his aunt. Thomas moved to the area from Medellin, Columbia, and will only be attending DV this year.

When he first came to DV as a new student, Thomas noticed how students were more focused on themselves. He mentioned how new students are treated differently here than in Columbia.

"People here are so focused on their way. In Columbia they care more for other people. They see a new student and everybody wants to talk to them,"

Thomas said.

He also discussed how school was much more difficult in Columbia, with his school day consisting of 13 subjects. He prefers school here because it is more centered around the needs of the students.

"Here the education is better because they care more about the preference of the students. In Columbia, you have the same subjects," Thomas said.

Something Thomas says is different about school here is how students raise their hands when they want to talk to the teacher.

"The teachers don't look at the students, but the students keep doing this [raising their hands].

It's just weird because the

students get up and talk to them," Thomas said.

He was a member of the JV boys soccer team during the fall. Some differences

between playing here and playing in Columbia included a practice field, locker rooms to change in and how the teammates acted towards each other.

"I like the people here and their support and how the team supports each other. In Columbia some players are so selfish," Thomas said.

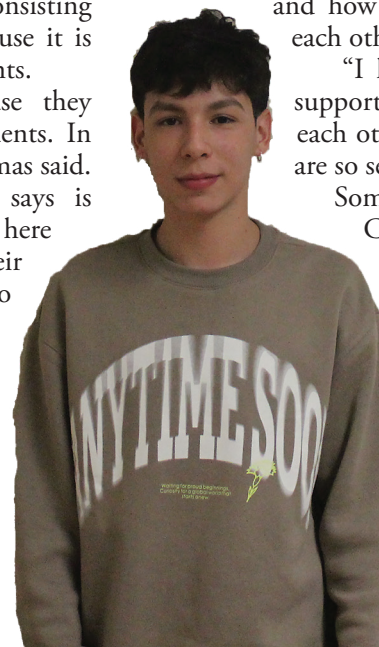
Something he misses about Columbia is its accessibility and how it is easier to go places.

He discussed how his experience here is much different than in Columbia.

"[In Columbia] If you want to do something it is close, but here it is so far. You don't have Uber and I don't know why," Thomas said.

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- Thomas Perenguez-Echeverri



## Five musicians selected for regional ensembles

By LUCAS PAULEY  
Opinions Editor

Five members of the band, chorus and orchestra have been chosen for a regional ensemble. The five students are seniors Nick Moglia, Jade Cook, Mike Vigilante, Shane Geisel and sophomore Charlie McClain.

Before auditioning for regions, each student had to be a part of the district ensemble. Once they

are a part of the district ensemble, they must audition again for Regionals to move onto the next level.

Students get to go to a two-day festival for their ensemble. The first day of the festival, they rehearse with the whole ensemble for the first time, and the second day is the concert.

To be a part of a regional ensemble takes an incredible amount of time and effort. Band director Mr. Richard Bullock stated that the students have been working towards this since last spring and spent countless

hours outside of school.

"Their work ethic is fantastic, and it can't be matched," Mr. Bullock said.



Shaun Ryan/Del.Aware

**Senior Nick Moglia was honored for playing the trumpet with his selection to the regional ensemble.**

## Juniors, seniors attend semi-formal dance for first time

**On March 7, Student Council held the semi-formal dance for the first time in the past three years. The dance was held for juniors and seniors, and it went from 6-9 p.m. in the middle school gymnasium. A DJ was playing music the whole time, and students were also provided an area to take pictures. In the cafeteria, there was a concession stand for students to purchase snacks, drinks and cookies made by the Warrior Cafe.**



Photo and caption by Mackenzie Olsommer

# Community News

## Pike Autism Support Services promotes awareness

BY JEONGHO KOH

Science & Technology Co-Editor

On March 8, employees of Pike Autism Support Services (PASS) did a presentation in the 9/10 cafeteria to talk about Autism spectrum disorder. At the event, Combo 9, 10 and 11 students made autism awareness bows to promote autism awareness. Their participation assisted the organization in reaching their goal of making 600 total bows. The bows will be hung on trees around the community in April for autism awareness month..

"It's just a wonderful thing that students are enthusiastic, learning about autism and helping in making the bows. It's a tremendous support for us, and we really appreciate

it," Mrs. Jeannemarie Passaro, executive director of PASS, said.

PASS offers guidance for parents in raising children with autism and accommodates the training depending on the issues the parents may be facing. For young kids, the training may include toileting, dealing with their behavior, how to best help them in school, teaching modalities and other aspects a person diagnosed with autism may have issues with. For older children and adults with autism, the training may be more emphasized on communication skills, job coaching and other support that are practical outside in society. PASS also hosts support groups to speak about the troubles of helping their children.

PASS provides non-verbal learners that have

trouble socializing with iPads that assist them in communicating their thoughts. In addition, the organization holds parties and dances in order to expose the clients to a bustling environment as well as help them build their communication skills.

Students who wish to further assist their cause can partake in Peer Buddies. This commitment involves working with others with special needs of relatively the same age and offering conversations and social interactions.

"Something anybody can do to support someone with autism or any special needs is to just be their friend. It's as simple as that," Mrs. Passaro said.

For more information, Pike Autism Support Services is located in The Milford Community House, suite #4, 201 Broad St. in Milford. You can also reach them through email at [info@passnepa.org](mailto:info@passnepa.org).

*"It's just a wonderful thing that students are enthusiastic, learning about autism and helping in making the bows."*

- Jeannemarie Passaro

## Lakeview Plaza meets customers' needs

BY JAMES ZAYATZ

World News Co-Editor

Lakeview Plaza and Dairy Bar is located on Route 739 next to the Forklift Cafe and is open from 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day. It is the perfect place to grab a bite to eat, a gallon of milk or make friendly conversation.

The dairy bar can be found to the left of the doors offering a variety of soft or hard ice cream along with milkshakes. Upon entering the building, the deli counter stands to the left, and a wall of freezers lines the right. Directly ahead is the check-out counter with the establishment's owner typically working it. Further ahead and to the back of the store are the condiments and packaged goods. A coffee machine is available for use, and for those of age, lottery tickets can be purchased.

Although there is a vast menu for both breakfast and lunch, what really stands out are the sub sandwiches. There is a slight bias toward the Italian sub, as it is a personal favorite and for good reason.



James Zayatz/Del.Aware

**Lakeview's deli orders are tailored to the customer's liking.**

It truly deli-vers. The drink freezers carry mainstream sodas, iced teas, lemonades and some more obscure refreshments that may just become your new favorite.

There are a few employees who are not the most approachable, and although the store is open until 9:00 p.m., the grill closes at 2 p.m. Deli-goers can order breakfast or lunch over the phone or in the store.

All in all, LakeView Plaza sits at 3.75/5 stars.

## 3Ninja Express serves local area with delicious food

BY AIDAN MCBRIDE

Sports Co-Editor

Located on the corner of East Main Street in Port Jervis, New York, 3Ninja Hibachi and Sushi Express is a relatively new restaurant that opened in early 2021. With a large menu and delicious food, 3Ninja successfully brings a memorable hibachi experience to the local community.

My experience with 3Ninja has only been a takeout meal, but it was very flavorful. The hibachi meal included steak, chicken and rice.

The steak was perfectly seasoned and cooked, but the chicken was rather dry. That was not much of a problem though, as the Yum Yum Sauce enriched the chicken's taste.

The rice was amazing, and with

Yum Yum Sauce mixed in with it, it tasted even better. The vegetables completed the meal, as they were the last piece to a phenomenal meal.

There is a wide variety of hibachi meals. You can check out the menu online at [zmenu.com](http://zmenu.com). 3Ninja also makes sushi rolls, which are full of flavor, and they are cheap, as most of the rolls cost \$5 or less.

Although I was not able to dine in, the staff members were very polite over the phone. Once the food was ready, they called back to let my

family know that our dinner was ready to be picked up. When we got there, they were just as polite in person as they were on the phone. A friendly staff makes the experience all the better at a restaurant, and 3Ninja has just that.



Aidan McBride/Del.Aware

**3Ninja provides large portions of every kind of meal served.**



# World News

## President Biden nominates Jackson for Supreme Court

By MEAGHAN HUNT  
Community News Editor

President Joe Biden introduced Ketanji Brown Jackson on Feb. 25, for a historic nomination for the U.S Supreme Court. If confirmed by the Senate, Jackson would be the first African American female in the Supreme Court.

Jackson was a graduate from Miami Palmetto Senior High School where she excelled in speeches and debates. As a senior in high school she competed at championships, when she won the national oratory title at the National Catholic Forensic League Championships.

Jackson is currently a part of the

*"The person I will nominate will be someone with extraordinary qualifications, character, experience and integrity."*

- President Biden

Washington D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. If Jackson is elected, it will prove to help the democrats in the Supreme Court. Jackson is a moderate, but she leans towards the liberal side more.

Jackson is replacing Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer. With Breyer's departure, it gives President Biden the opportunity to select who he thinks is going to better the democratic agenda.

"The person I will nominate will be someone with extraordinary qualifications, character, experience and integrity. And that person will be the first Black woman ever nominated to the United States Supreme Court," President Biden said.

## Recent conflicts cause shift in Turkish policy

By SOPHIA PERRIN  
Science & Technology Editor

With the current state of both the regional and global environment, Turkish foreign policy is being modified to protect its interests concerning international affairs.

Turkey has maintained a policy to establish stable conditions of peace and development with neighboring and distant states. However, recent shifts suggest that Turkey is moving away from the West and becoming more active in the Middle East.

Ankar, Turkey's capital, is becoming increasingly more involved in the affairs of the Middle East to the extent that it has been acting as a third party in regional conflicts.

Specific regions of the Middle East open to these new channels for improving Turkey's diplomacy include Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates

(UAE) and Israel. Turkey has begun to change its positions and restart relations due to external factors, domestic and external issues involving security and the economy.

The decreasing involvement of the U.S. in the current conflicts between Russia and Ukraine has caused Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan to act cautiously towards the West.

"It would be naïve for Turkey to continue with a benign reading of the strategic environment and to seek a policy of neutrality between the warring parties," President Erdoğan said.

The increasingly violent situation with Russia has pushed Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Egypt and the UAE towards a de-escalation process.

However, a good balance remains with Libya and Syria, shifting Ankara's Middle East policy to rebalance the region while tensions strain further east.

## Russia goes to war against Ukraine, bombs civilians

By REILLY ZIOLKOWSKI  
Arts & Literature Editor

On Feb. 24, Russia's President Vladimir Putin launched an assault on Ukraine.

Putin announced that Russia was intervening as an act of self-defense. He claimed that he was protecting the people of Russia from genocide, that the Russian military is seeking "demilitarization and denazification," not occupation.

Since the initial invasion, Russia has been bombarding Ukraine. On March 4, Russia attacked Europe's largest nuclear plant, Zaporizhzhia. Russia bombed the southeast side of the facility, despite warnings of the potential nuclear disaster that could occur, starting a fire. The fire was successfully put out and no essential equipment was reported to be damaged, but it is believed that Russia



Source: gettyimages

**The aftermath of Russian bombings in residential areas of Kharkiv, Ukraine.**

Kherson and Mariupol have also caused humanitarian issues. Due to the damage of roads and bridges from the fighting, access to food, clean water and medicine is scarce.

In early March, officials from Ukraine and Russia

now has control over the facility.

Russian troops have also been advancing towards cities Kherson, Mariupol, Kharkiv and Kyiv, Ukraine's capital. Residential areas of Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city, were hit with missiles on Feb. 28, killing at least nine and injuring 37. Kherson's residents are also under attack, on March 1, residents were forced to shelter in basements as explosions, gun fire and armored vehicles began to flood the streets.

The aggressions in Kherson and Mariupol have also caused humanitarian issues. Due to the damage of roads and bridges from the fighting, access to food, clean water and medicine is scarce.

met to discuss the need of humanitarian corridors, a safe zone for civilians, but they have yet to reach an agreement on a ceasefire altogether.

As of March 10, the estimated number of Ukrainian civilians dead is 516 and injuries are estimated at about 908 according to the United Nations. About two million people have fled the country, thousands of which fled from the country's capital in fear of the city being put under siege. As of March 6, several evacuation attempts have been halted by Russian bombings.

The tensions between Ukraine and Russia began when the Soviet Union broke apart in the early 1990s. That tension then led to the annexation of Crimea, a peninsula along the northern coast of the Black Sea, by Russia in 2014.

Along with the annexation of Crimea, Luhansk and Donetsk, provinces of Ukraine, have been under the control of Russian-backed separatists since 2014. Since 2014, Russia has been striking at Ukraine, leading to the conflict at hand today.





Source: facebook



### Spoonful- Soup & Eats

Spoonful, found at 311 W. Harford Street in Milford, has a boundless vegan, vegetarian and gluten-friendly menu at fair prices for take-out only. The restaurant's staple meals are soups, yet their menu also contains salads, paninis, baked goods and more.

### Tequila Sunrise

Tequila Sunrise, tucked away at 305 E. Harford Street in Milford, is a family-owned restaurant rooted in Mexican cuisine. Their menu features favorites such as soft and hard shell tacos, fajitas, burritos, taco salad and much more.

## Hiking and Sightsseeing

### The Milford Knob

The Milford Knob, located just outside of Milford, is about a 3.5 mile hike. While the view of Milford is one of its main features, there are some steep inclines on the way making it a moderately difficult hike. There are multiple other trails that connect together providing plenty of trails to explore.

Source: uncoveringpa

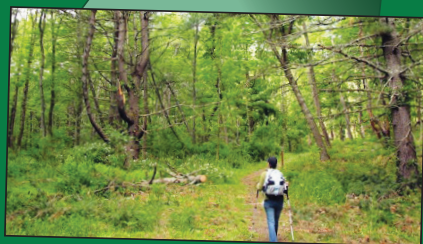


### Hornbecks Trail

Hornbecks Trail is located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, which is about 15 minutes outside of Milford. Along the trail, there are streams, wooden log bridges, a waterfall and many other features to hike. Bird watchers and fishers may also enjoy the area.

### Raymondskill Falls Trailhead

Located off of Raymondskill Road, Raymondskill Falls Trailhead is a short, easy walk for anyone to hike. Its main attraction is its three tiered Raymondskill Falls waterfall. While swimming is not permitted, there are two levels of viewing areas to take photos or take in the view.



Source: danbalogh

# Dining Hidden Gem

# Town Events

### Milford Music Festival

The Milford Music Festival will be happening June 10 - 12. The festival will be held on Hartford Street where the streets will be filled with various types of music. Besides listening to the music, people can walk around town to shop and eat as well.

### Septemberfest 2022

On Sept. 24, Septemberfest will fill up the main streets of Milford, with local musicians performing. Septemberfest will have food and beverage stands and a wide variety of music, for people to enjoy on this all day festival.

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Source: poconomountains

# Entertain

### The Milford Theater

At The Milford Theater, students are offered a discount on silent movie house, but recently has been renovated to offer i

The month of March will feature various horror movies

The Milford Theater's Facebook page.

### Kittatinny Canoes

As the weather starts to warm up, Kittatinny Canoes and different trips are offered, ranging from \$40 to \$60

Trips can last anywhere from four to six hours and

# Things of Milford

## Landmarks

### Grey Towers

Grey Towers are open from sun-up to sun-down seven days a week. Admission for adults is \$8, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for children aged 12-17 and admission for children 12 and under is free.

Grey Towers is located on the Delaware Turnpike, behind Apple Valley in Milford.

Grey Towers offers various special events such as History of Art in the Mountains, The Great Gifford Connection, Flyfishing with Gifford, and many more. These events delve into more specific historical-art topics.

Grey Towers include the Forest Discovery Center and the Milford Experimental Forest.

Grey Towers are located on Broad Street, Milford.

Grey Towers are open Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 PM by appointment.

Grey Towers offer a variety of exhibits which include the famous "The Gifford Connection," a collection of personal effects of General Peirce, 19th century clothing and artifacts that relate to life in and around Milford.

The entrance fee is \$5 per person.

## Recreation Activities

Grey Towers offers movie viewings, only spending \$8 per ticket rather than \$10. The theater opened in the 1910s as a place to enjoy inexpensive popcorn, candy and soda, as well as an invaluable vintage experience to locals. Movies shown include, such as "The Thing" and "The Departed." Customers can find a list of viewing dates and times on the website.

Grey Towers plans on reopening for the spring season in April. Kittatinny's most popular service is kayak trips, which are available for \$20, depending on the day and length of the trip. Grey Towers also provides customers with a beautiful view of the Delaware River and the surrounding scenery.

Are you bored and think you have nothing to do? You may not realize it, but our area provides so many different opportunities for fun things to do. From the places to go, the food to eat or the activities provided, there are so many options you can choose from. Pike County and the areas surrounding it provide fun things to do that you may have never even heard of.

Compiled by Mackenzie Olsommer

## Shopping



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### Hadley's Earth Crystals

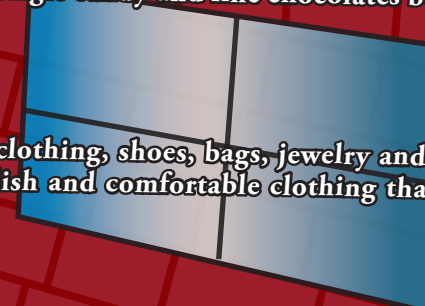
At Hadley's Earth Crystals, located at 108 E. Ann Street in Milford, customers can find a variety of beautiful hand-picked rocks and crystals at affordable prices. This is perfect for both the rock collector and the metaphysical person. The owners love educating others on different stones and what they are used for.

### Candy Cottage

Candy Cottage is located at 108 W. Harford Street, Milford and offers a wide variety of chocolates, candy and unique gifts for anyone you know. This hidden treasure of a shop carries nostalgic candy and fine chocolates but also offers jewelry, handbags and much more.

### MINT BY ROBIN

MINT BY ROBIN, located at 202 Broad Street, Milford offers women's clothing, shoes, bags, jewelry and more. With a big-city feel and an extensive range of sizes, customers can find stylish and comfortable clothing that suits them.



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# World News

## President Biden delivers State of the Union address

By SHAUN RYAN

Entertainment Editor

On March 1, President Joe Biden delivered the annual State of the Union address in front of Congress. The State of the Union address is an annual speech given by the president of the United States that explains the current condition of the nation, and usually consists of many key topics concerning the U.S.

President Biden spoke for about an hour and touched on many subjects, including COVID-19, gas prices, renewable energy, the workforce and the current situation with Russia and Ukraine. Alongside Biden was Vice President Kamala Harris and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

President Biden



Source: thehindu

**President Biden's speech addressed many issues pertaining to the American people.**

explained the efforts made to put the pandemic in the rearview mirror. He mentioned the effectiveness of vaccines and how they helped halt COVID-19. Most areas no longer require masks after the CDC changed guidelines a few weeks ago.

"Thanks to the progress we have made this past year, COVID-19 need no longer control our lives," President Biden said.

The first section of President Biden's speech was regarding the war

between Russia and Ukraine. He commended Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people for standing up to Vladimir Putin. President Biden criticized Putin for his unprovoked attack on Ukraine and mentioned the countermeasures that are being taken to prevent Russia's invasion.

"From President Zelenskyy to every Ukrainian, their fearlessness, their courage, their determination, inspires the world," President Biden said.

President Biden explained that NATO, an alliance

of European and North American countries created to prevent conflict in Europe, are working together to assist Ukraine.

President Biden spoke on many of the effects the pandemic

had on the American workforce and economy. He told of the efforts made to make jobs more available, and also changing the tax system to help underprivileged families. Along with this, affordable housing, accessible energy, cheaper child care and education were all topics he mentioned during his address.

"And under my plan, nobody earning less than \$400,000 a year will pay an additional penny in taxes. Nobody," President Biden said.

*"From President Zelenskyy to every Ukrainian, their fearlessness, their courage, their determination, inspires the world."*

- President Joe Biden

## Haitian police open fire on factory protesters

By LIZ KAMEEN

Editor in Chief

The Haitian Police began to open fire on factory workers who organized a three-day-long peaceful protest in Port-au-Prince on Feb. 23. Three were wounded from the gunshots, and one journalist died in the hospital from injuries he received in the crossfire.

Hundreds of protesters filled the streets, requesting Prime Minister Ariel Henry to raise the minimum wage again after he initially raised it 54% earlier in the week. The protesters declared the minimum wage needed to be raised in order to match the price of living better.

Protesters from the Port-au-Prince massacre mainly were garment workers

who reported making less than \$7.50 a day. Prime Minister Henry instituted a 37% wage increase for garment workers, half of what Union leaders demanded.

Police fired from a moving vehicle on the street, which Prime Minister Henry later condemned. He insisted that he will do more to protect peaceful protesters in the

future.

"The government reiterates the responsibility of public authorities to ensure order and security," Prime Minister Henry said.

Haiti's National Police Department did not respond to any requests for comments, so it is not sure why police fired on the protesters in the first place.

*"The government reiterates the responsibility of public authorities to ensure order and security."*

- Prime Minister Henry

## Russian skater tests positive for banned substance

By MARISA DAMBACH

News Editor

On Feb. 15, 15-year-old Russian figure skater Kamila Valieva tested positive for trimetazidine, a drug on the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) list of banned substances.

Valieva entered the games as a favorite to win the individual skating gold after dominating the 2022 European Championships. After leading her team to gold in the team event, her drug test came back positive for a banned heart medication. The Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) suspended Valieva a day after her results were public. The Disciplinary Anti-Doping



Committee canceled the suspension to investigate her support personnel.

On Feb. 14, she was officially allowed to participate in the individual women's short program. The day of the competition, Valieva posted the best score in the short program to qualify for the free skate. After numerous falls in the free skate, she took fourth in the individual program.

Many believe Valieva should not have competed in the individual program and the team event. Others claim the adults who are associated with the skater should be held responsible, not Valieva.

"This is a slap in the face to the Olympic Games, to our sport, and to every athlete that's ever competed at the Olympics clean," former Olympic figure skater Johnny Weir said.

# Arts & Literature

## Student writers win Silver Keys in Scholastic Writing Awards

BY NICK GELARDI  
News Co-Editor

In the 2021 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, freshman Owen Carso won an Honorable Mention award for his personal memoir, and both Carso and sophomore Olivia Choi won Silver Key awards for novel writing and poetry respectively.

In fifth grade, Owen wrote the novel "Lewis Adams and the Kingdom of Fire," which later received the Gold Key award in an earlier submission made to the Scholastic Awards.

The novel that won him a Silver Key award this year was named "The Forgotten Elemental," a sequel to his previous novel. The series is centered around heroes in a fictional universe with real and imaginary planets. In "The Forgotten Elemental," character

Calam Morti fights the Forgotten Elemental for his place as he tries to make sure a resurrection never happens.

Carso's piece that won him an Honorable Mention award was a memoir called "A Thousand Years in the Grove of Patriarchs," which focuses on his experience hiking with his family and viewing trees that were hundreds of thousands years old. The poem analyzes how these trees have experienced many versions of civilization and life.

"I wanted to highlight this incredible experience," Carso said.

Choi's Silver Key award was won by her poem "Dehydrated Oily," which describes how dry skin produces oil as a form of

hydration that in reality is not healthy. This process can be compared to how people use fake self-esteem in an unhealthy lifestyle.

"Fake self-esteem does not get you anywhere," she said.

Choi is fond of poetry because it does not have any rules or formats to follow. She finds it "easier to write and express" than other forms of writing.

She was mostly inspired to write "Dehydrated Oily" by her passion for psychology, which she intends on studying throughout her academic career.



Nick Gelardi/Del.Aware

**Freshman Owen Carso with his Silver Key and Honorable Mention awards.**

## Book Review: 'The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde'

BY SOPHIA PERRIN  
Science & Technology Editor

The novel by Robert Louis Stevenson called "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" is a mysterious story that follows the investigation of a London legal practitioner's old friend, Dr. Henry Jekyll and his evil alter ego Mr. Edward Hyde.

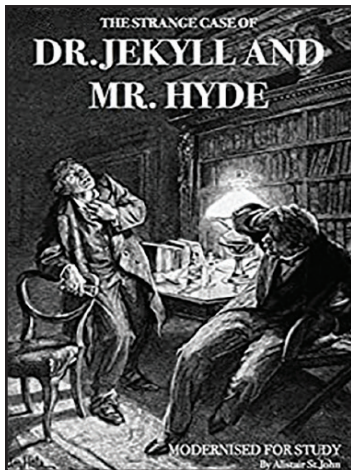
I found this to be one of the most intriguing novels I have read because of the complexity that it elaborates on about the duplicity of human nature. In the novel, Jekyll is depicted as a well-respected, intelligent scientist who experiments with the dark side of science. These experiments were meant to bring out Jekyll's other personality, which leads to the transformation of Hyde, his sinister alter ego who does

not repent or take responsibility for the evil crimes he commits including murder.

Published in 1886, the novel displays thrilling insight into the dark gothic aspect of Victorian London in a perfectly balanced and well-written way. To say that the novel is a page-turner is an understatement because of the unexpected plot twists that are eloquently written as the novel progresses.

The historical significance of the novel alone is interesting due to the similarities it correlates with the story of Jack the Ripper, a serial killer that allegedly ran rampant in Victorian London during the late 1800s.

I highly recommend this novel to anyone who enjoys novels containing mystery, murder and excitement.



Source: amazon

## Fashion Aware: Corsets

BY ALEX KRAKOWSKI  
Managing Editor

The first thought of a corset may be of royalty from the 17th century, but with the new emergence of the trend, it could be changing.

Today there is a "newfound fascination for all things relating to royal fashion and the resurgence of Y2K fashion," according to Morgane Le Caer, the content lead for the online shopping site Lyst.

The original purpose of a corset was to surround the ribs

and compress the waist to create the desired silhouette. However, corsets created concerns by doctors that they were contributing to respiratory issues, deformities and damage to internal organs.

Today, because of the newer ways to alter the body, corsets are no longer worn to make these changes but instead a fashion staple piece.

The amount of searches

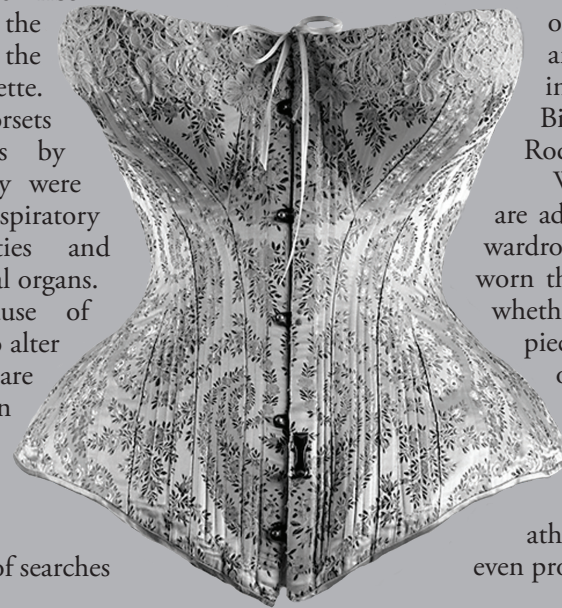
for corsets has skyrocketed since popular shows feature the pieces, including the period drama "Bridgerton" and a more modern approach in "Euphoria."

"There's no question that whenever films or TV shows show corsets, it seems to trigger a new interest in corsetry in some sense," said Valerie Steele, director and chief curator of the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology.

Corsets do not have to look dated as they come in a wide variety of sizes, shapes and colors. Many popular celebrities have

also showcased them on the red carpet and magazine covers, including singers Billie Eilish, Olivia Rodrigo and Lizzo.

Women and men are adding them to their wardrobe as they can be worn throughout the year, whether as a standalone piece or layered with other items. It has also leaked into other areas of clothing, including athleisure, dresses and even prom dresses.





# Arts & Literature

## Spotlight Artist: Sage Henry

By LIZ KAMEEN  
Editor in Chief

Sage Henry's interest in the arts grew exponentially during her freshman year, in which she took a multitude of art classes, such as Drawing I and Foundations of Art, with Mrs. Christine Sweeney and Dr. Irene Lantz, respectively. Sage grew up in an artistic family, so her life has always revolved around art.

"When I started taking more art classes, I learned to develop my art more and experiment with countless amounts of different media," Sage said.

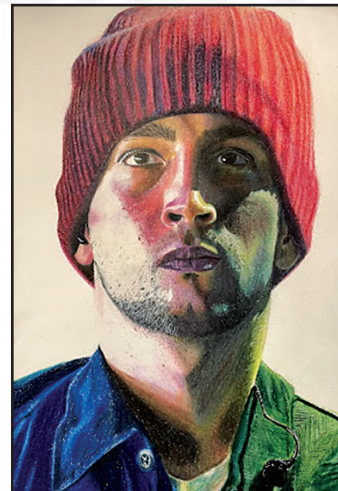
When Sage first became invested in art, she focused on drawing animals such as dogs and birds and later moved to people and bodily figures. She enjoys mixed media and specifically prefers painting and drawing.

She grew up constantly sketching with graphite pencils but began to utilize colored pencils, painting and various other mediums as she discovered her style.

"Whenever I talk about my ideas, I become instantly inspired and drop everything to just create or sketch down my thoughts. Looking at pieces of art, whether it be around the school or on social media, inspires me to leave my comfort zone," Sage said.

Sage plans to take more art classes her senior year, such as AP Studio Art and Painting I. She is also currently the vice president of the National Art Honor Society.

Her first art memory includes her sketching her sister's dog at a soccer tournament. Despite not having a reference picture, this drawing allowed her to realize that she wanted to continue



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**Sage completed this portrait of singer Tyler Joseph, a member of twenty one pilots.**

creating artwork.

"I love the growing art in our school's community and hope for more art to be spread throughout our school, as I believe it adds creativity and expression," she said.

"Sage has the ability to interpret and represent form in a way that shows skilled realism and thoughtful expression of her ideas. Sage also understands color and how to use it to great effect in her work," Mrs. Sweeney said.

## Spotlight Writer: Josue Bandala

By REILLY ZIOLKOWSKI  
Arts & Literature Editor

Sophomore Josue Bandala has always perceived himself as an amateur writer.

His preferred writing style is fiction of narrative stories, but he has never had the time for writing in his free time.

"I would rather focus on writing fiction or a narrative rather than writing a research paper or an essay for a class," Josue said. "Doing something for a class that is graded and dull does not suit me."

His first impactful memory of literature was the assigned novels and essays for school. Books that Josue has read over the years created an interest for writing his own stories and the Effective Writing elective gave him the chance to write freely.

"In my class, Josue was required to

write a short memoir about a regretful decision," English teacher Mr. Bryan Pol said. "Through his words, Josue commanded a sense of regret and sentimentality, while staying true to his family's identity and language: he went from English to Spanish with tremendous fluency."

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- Mr. Bryan Pol

The books Josue has read over the past year in 10th grade have inspired him the most. All his past English teachers have also inspired him, as they helped him mature his writing.

"They [the novels] have inspired me to write or think of writing," Josue said. "Along with the teachers who have helped me improve my writing for essays which I am grateful for."

Josue is currently taking Effective Writing but has not been involved in any other writing classes in school or in his free time.

## Spotlight Musician: Scott Holderith

By JEONGHO KOH  
Science & Technology Co-Editor

As a violinist, junior Scott Holderith has been a part of the orchestra ensemble from a young age.

When Scott was in the second grade, he was approached by fifth graders about joining the orchestra. His beginning as a musician started the next year when he decided to take their recommendation.

He originally wanted to play the cello, but there were not enough of the instrument for everyone. So he learned the violin instead. Scott also exposed himself to band and chorus in his later elementary years but decided that orchestra was the best fit for him.

Scott credits Mr. Nathan Kroptavich, his elementary and middle school orchestra teacher, as his greatest

inspiration to continue performing music. He set a goal early on to continue to participate in orchestra until his high school graduation.

"I've had times when I wanted to quit, but I've stuck with it continuously. Part of it is because I like the new variety of music we get to play every year," Scott said.

Besides Miss Lauren Flack's orchestra class, Scott has participated in an event held at Marywood Event a few months back as well as several PMEAs to help promote music education.

Scott claims playing the violin is a big part of his life.

"Playing the violin is unique to me. It's something I like to do routinely," Scott said.



# Entertainment

## Kanye West: from humble beginnings to huge success

By **SHAUN RYAN**  
*Entertainment Editor*

Kanye West was not always a rapper. He began as a record producer in the early 2000s under Roc-A-Fella record label. He gained recognition among other rappers for his unique musical style. In the early days, Kanye was producing tracks for Jay-Z and other artists under the Roc-A-Fella label.

Although Kanye was a successful producer, his end goal was to become a rapper himself. He struggled to gain recognition as a rapper since was already established as the man behind the music.

After about a year of convincing the people and his label that he could rap, Kanye was finally signed for an album.

In the midst of this success, Kanye was seriously injured in a car accident. He shattered his jaw in three places and had to get it wired shut. The accident took a toll on Kanye, especially because it delayed his album. Regardless, two years later his debut

album *The College Dropout* was released. And the rest is history.

Kanye West quickly became a name the whole world knew. His albums broke records and earned countless awards.

Kanye's mother, Donda West passed away only months after Kanye's third studio album was released. Her death is an integral point in Kanye's timeline. He mentions her death in many songs and has a studio album dedicated to her.

Kanye has always been one to speak his mind, for better or worse. During an MTV awards show in 2009, He interrupted Taylor Swift's acceptance speech by grabbing the microphone from her hands.

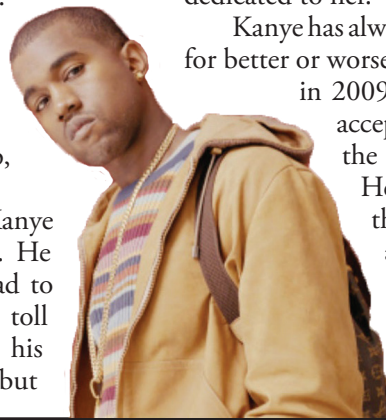
He proceeded to announce that Beyoncé deserved the award rather than Swift. The incident quickly caught the attention of the media, but this was only the first of many public outbursts.

From an underground Chicago rapper to a billionaire and one of the most decorated artists of all time, Kanye West has truly achieved what he set out to do.

He married Kim Kardashian in 2014, a marriage that lasted six years and is currently ending in divorce. Kanye is yet again in the spotlight of the media amidst his divorce.

Kim Kardashian and comedian Pete Davidson have developed a relationship after Kim and Kanye's separation. Kanye launched a social media attack on Davidson and many others, including Kim and former musical collaborator Kid Cudi.

Kanye has also released two studio albums in a matter of seven months, *Donda* and *Donda 2*. One thing is for certain, the name "Kanye West" will not be leaving our news headlines any time soon.



## Speculation surrounds Princess Diana's death

By **SOPHIA PERRIN**  
*Science and Technology Editor*

On the night of Aug. 31, 1997, Princess Diana died in a car accident in the Alma Tunnel, in Paris, France. Some people believe that what happened that night was not only a tragic accident but a successful assassination of a strong female leader.

Though most of the theories surrounding the death of Diana are proved false, it is coincidental that after the death of Diana, Prince Charles quickly remarried Camilla Parker Bowles. A majority of this theory stems from thinking that British intelligence agencies assassinated Diana, who was having an affair with Dodi Al-Fayed, an Egyptian Muslim and son of a billionaire, in order to save the reputation of the royal family.

Rumors were spread that Al-Fayed intended to propose to Diana because she was pregnant. Al-Fayed's father also stated that the royal family did not want the mother to the heir to the throne, Prince William, to be married to a Muslim.

"They [the royal family] could not accept that an Egyptian Muslim could eventually be the stepfather of the future King of England," father of Dodi Al-

Fayed, Mohamed Al-Fayed said.

It was later discovered after the car crash that Diana was not pregnant, and Al-Fayed had never purchased an engagement ring therefore never intended to propose.

Diana herself suspected that her death would occur because of the royal family. In a note to her butler she wrote, "I am sitting here at my desk today in October, longing for someone to hug me and encourage me to keep strong and hold my head high. This particular phase in my life is the most dangerous. [...] is planning 'an accident' in my car, brake failure and serious head injury in order to make the path clear for Charles to marry."

Although the rumors of pregnancy and proposal were false, the suspicion that Diana's death was not an accident is still possible. A former M16 officer stated that he saw assassination plans for a foreign politician in Paris that were "eerily similar" to Diana's deadly car accident. It was then questioned whether the driver, Henri Paul, was feeding information to M16 leading up to the accident.

It was suspected that Paul was led to the tunnel where the crash occurred because M16 intentionally blocked an expected turn on the usual route



Source: readersdigest

**Princess Diana was an inspiring female role model for young girls.**

Diana took from the Ritz Hotel to her boyfriend's apartment. The chase of paparazzi was thought to be M16 agents assuring that the accident occurred and Diana would be fatally injured and killed.

These conspiracies have been traveling through the media for years. Many are still curious if there is any validity to the rumors, but multiple investigations have dismissed the theories many times over.

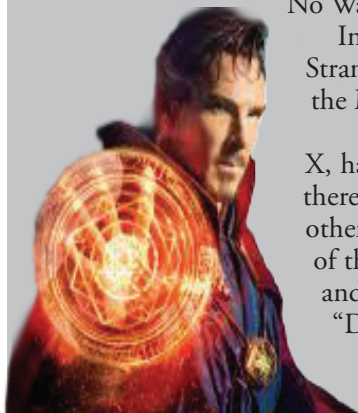


# Entertainment

## New 'Doctor Strange' film set to release May 6

BY NICK GELARDI  
News Co-Editor

The newest and possibly the largest installment of the Marvel cinematic series will be "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness." The movie is directed by Sam Raimi and will release May 6. The film is based on American superhero Doctor Strange, and the plot of the movie is that he and his allies travel into the multiverse to face a new mysterious threat following the events of "Spider-Man: No Way Home."



In a new trailer released during the Super Bowl, Dr. Strange is depicted as paying the price for messing with the Multiverse as the planet is in complete chaos.

With Patrick Stewart, better known as Professor X, having a prominent role in the trailer as a voiceover, there is much speculation around the appearance of other Marvel characters in the movie such as members of the "X-Men," while alternate versions of Spider-Man and Iron Man have also been teased. With this in mind, "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness" might be one of the most unpredictable movies in Marvel franchise history.

## Donda 2 releases on new music platform

BY SHAUN RYAN  
Entertainment Editor

Kanye West unveiled a new album during a live performance on Feb. 22. The album, titled Donda 2, is a direct sequel to his tenth studio album Donda.

Donda 2 was not released on any major music platforms. The album is only available on the stem player, a portable speaker manufactured by West's technology company. The stem player provides an interesting musical experience since it allows the listener to remix the song as it plays.

The album did not release all at once; instead, songs were added to the stem player throughout the week of its release. As for the music on Donda 2, most of the album feels unfinished and a bit sloppy.

The album is similar in style to its predecessor, although Donda 2 just does not have the same charm. Many of the featured artists on the album are big names in the music industry, including Jack Harlow and XXXTENTACION, but the features are mostly underwhelming.

There are some cool and interesting moments on the album that show that Kanye is still improving his formula. One of the highlights being "Sci-Fi," which is definitely some of Kanye's best work.

Overall, Donda 2 was an interesting listen and had some high points. Unfortunately, the album is not accessible to most audiences. If his fans want to listen to the entire album, they will need to buy a stem player for \$200.

## 'Tinder Swindler' shows internet exploitation

BY NICOLE STEINBERG  
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Based on a true story, this documentary follows the con artist Shimon Hayut and the women he affected. Throughout the documentary, three women tell their story of how they were scammed out of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Hayut, who went by the alias Simon Leviev, posed as the son of a wealthy diamond mogul. He made an account on Tinder, where he portrayed a jet-setting, wealthy man. He would take women on a luxurious first date then convince them that he was in love with them. Every girl essentially paid for the trip for the next girl.



Not only were these three women affected, but hundreds of other women came forward and said they had also sent him money. As I watched this film, I realized that these women were in love with someone they did not even know. The total amount of money that was sent to him was over \$10 million dollars.

The ending was shocking none the less. To hear the stories of not only these women getting scammed but how they were so gullible was unfathomable. How could they waste so much money like that on someone that they hardly even knew? This film was riveting and kept me on my seat for the whole thing. With all that said, I highly recommend this documentary.

## Arthur is all grown up after 25 seasons

BY ALEX KRAKOWSKI  
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Popular TV show "Arthur" had (as he would say from his theme song) a wonderful kind of day with its season finale on Feb. 21.

The first episode of the show aired in 1996, making it the longest running kids animated series in history in the U.S.

The final episode, "All Grown Up," features Arthur and his friends finding an old game that attempts to predict Arthur, Buster, Francine and Muffy's futures. However, the game breaks down before Arthur can get his prediction.

The show then jumps 20 years in the future showcasing Arthur, who has become a graphic novelist, and all of his other friends' professions.

"I love seeing reactions from these young adults who grew up with Arthur, with these characters still fresh in their minds," Marc Brown, creator of the show, said.

The episode had multiple moments reminiscing back to old episodes as Arthur and his friends grew up. Arthur titles his first graphic novel "Arthur's Eyes" which is the first episode that aired in 1996.

While this is the end of the show, Arthur is being featured in newer projects such as shorts and potentially a podcast so that they can reach the new generation of kids who consume media in different ways.



# Science & Technology

## What's in your Food?: Cosmic Brownies

BY MEAGHAN HUNT  
Community News Editor

Cosmic Brownies are fudgy brownies covered with a rich chocolate coating and rainbow chocolate chips on the top. This sugary treat came to grocery stores across America in September of 1999.

Little Debbie, the company that produced Cosmic Brownies, wanted a twist from their regular fudge brownies with walnuts on top. They added a galactic theme to the brownie, hence the different colored chocolate chips on top of the two brownies.

Sugar, corn syrup water and enriched bleached flour are the first three ingredients on the back of the package. Looking far down the ingredient list there will be items like polysorbate 80, sodium stearoyl lactylate and sorbic acid.

Those ingredients look unsettling at first, but they are just additives to help enhance the product. Sorbic

acid, for example, is an additive for the brownies to preserve freshness in the brownies before they are opened.

Aside from this, Cosmic Brownies are one of the most fattening brownies among the different brownies made by Little Debbie. However, do not let its pleasant taste fool you, the brownie's saturated fat content is five grams which jumps the sugar count up by 24 grams.

Another reason why this treat is fattening is the enriched bleached flour. Enriched bleached flour is a high fattening agent, and it is scarce of nutrients, proteins and fiber that the body needs. Nevertheless, after the bleaching process of the flour, it is then enriched with vitamins, iron and calcium.

In the middle of the list, there is cocoa, which you think would be one of the very first ingredients before all the additives. Cosmic Brownies need to be thrown out if they reach their expiration date of 3-4 weeks.

One of the last ingredients on the list is citric acid.

Citric acid can be good for you, but since it is last on the ingredients list, people may overlook it. This type of acid can have different responses, like sickness and allergic reactions to this additive. However, in Cosmic Brownies, citric acid is supposed to protect the flavor.

Cosmic Brownies are a delicious treat but not something that should be frequently enjoyed.



## New, efficient ways to turn CO2 into fuels discovered

BY AIDAN MCBRIDE  
Sports Co-Editor

In the past, researchers at the University of Cambridge have proven that enzymes can produce fuels using renewable energy sources, but the only problem was that

enzymes were not producing fuels at an efficient rate. The most recent research from the university found an efficient

concept to turn carbon dioxide into sustainable fuels using enzymes located from bacteria.

During the time of research, the university's researchers worked with a group from Universidade Nova de Lisboa, a university located in Portugal. The findings prove that altering the local environment around the enzyme produces fuels 18% more efficient compared to the

last study.

"Enzymes have evolved over millions of years to be extremely efficient and selective, and they're great for fuel-production because there aren't any unwanted by-products," Dr. Esther Edwardes Moore from Cambridge's Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry said.

To provide additional protection to the environment, the teams displayed the way the two enzymes worked together. One was producing fuels while the other was controlling the environment. By adding another enzyme, it was found that the efficiency of fuel production increased.

"I was worried we'd spend years trying to understand what was going on at the molecular level, but once we truly appreciated the influence of the local environment, it evolved really quickly," Moore said.

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## Climate report warns of irreversible damage

BY KYLA STEAD  
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The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a body of experts convened by the United Nations, finalized a report on Feb. 27 of the most detailed look yet at the threats posed by global warming.

There is the assumption that if climate change can not be controlled then people will adapt to the consequences, but the report warns that there is a future of disaster that no amount of adapting can reverse. It also warns that more

people will suffer if nations do not act to drastically decrease fossil fuel emissions and halt global warming.

"We're seeing adverse impacts that are much more widespread and much more negative than expected," Camille Parmesan, a researcher who prepared the report, said.

Nations spending money on adaptation measures such as flood barriers and air conditioning were said to be "incremental." Instead, IPCC's report says "transformational" changes such as rethinking how people produce energy, grow food and build homes are needed to prepare for dire future threats including irreversible ecosystem damage and diminishing freshwater supplies.



Source: nytimes

**According to IPCC's report, a growing amount of people will suffer due to climate-related threats such as floods, fires and droughts.**



# Sports

## Boys, girls swim, dive thrive at Districts

BY MARISA DAMBACH &  
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On March 4 and 5, the girls and boys swim team competed in the district championships. The girls won the title with 340.5 points, and the boys got second with 328 points.

### Girls Swim-

The girls started off the meet qualifying for their first states event in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:54.05. It was composed of seniors Sierra Hartmann, Kaitlyn O'Connell, Alexis

Ristaino and sophomore Anaya Ruiz.

Senior Victoria Corcoran won the 200 freestyle and O'Connell won the 100 butterfly just surpassing her opponent by 0.05 seconds. Ristaino took second in the 200 individual medley and first in the 100 breaststroke to qualify for the state meet.

The 200 and 400 freestyle relays featured senior Lily Fuchs, Ruiz, Ristaino, Hartmann, O'Connell and Corcoran. Both relays won with ease to be able to compete at the state meet.

### Boys Swim-

The boys came close to winning their first event, placing third in the 200 medley relay. The team consisted of

freshman Liam Fass, sophomore Matthew O'Connell and juniors Keith Sublett and Dan Matyushin with a time of 1:50.18.

Senior Bobby Holderith won the 100 butterfly with a time of 56.54 close to his opponent by 0.36 seconds.

Holderith, juniors Eddie Nieves, Jake Manning and Matyushin placed second in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:36.53.

State qualifiers include senior Zac Madewell for diving and Holderith for the 100 fly.

## Warriors lose to Williamsport in playoffs

BY NICOLE STEINBERG  
*Entertainment Co-Editor*

The Warriors finished the regular season with a final record of 3-18. They lost their final playoff game, ending their season on Feb. 22 to Williamsport Area High School.

### Williamsport - 48 DV - 14

The team was led by freshman Ciara Newton who finished the game with a total of 12 points.

"In the Williamsport game, the younger players showed great promise and even though we were outmatched, they competed until the very end,"



Nicole Steinberg/Del.Aware

**Freshman Ciara Newton shoots a foul shot at the Jan. 11 game against Western Wayne.**

## Boys basketball ends season to Wolfpack

BY MACKENZIE OLSOMMER  
*Sports Editor*

The boys basketball team lost to Wilkes-Barre Area 71-53 ending their season with a record of 7-14.

Senior Ryan Doherty scored 22 points and junior Jake Brower added 12 points. Senior Noah Newton played solid defense and also added nine points on the board for the Warriors.

"I thought we were fine on offense," head coach Kris Holtzer said.

On defense, the Warriors struggled. The team gave up countless offensive rebounds to the Wolfpack.



Mackenzie Olsommer/Del.Aware

**Junior Jake Brower attempts a foul shot in a game against Pocono Mountain East.**

head coach Lindsay Duffy said.

Duffy also said that she is excited about the younger players who really made a strong effort at the end of the season.

The team has five graduating seniors. Those seniors include Mackenzie Olsommer, Nikki Kalitsnik, Cassidy Mullamphy, Gabrielle Courtright and Jillian Senior. Over two-thirds of the team will be returning for next year's season.

As for next year, Duffy said "For us to be successful in the upcoming season, our players need to invest into developing their game in the off season and to focus on building their basketball IQ during the season."

"They weren't super athletic and [they] couldn't really shoot, we just let them get too many offensive rebounds for easy put backs," coach Holtzer said.

For the most part, the Warriors kept the game close. The third quarter was the only quarter they were out scored, 21-9.

"If we boxed out we would have really had a chance," coach Holtzer said.

Coach Holtzer said there was a great environment in the Wilkes-Barre gymnasium.

"It had a good shooting background, and it was a great place to play," coach Holtzer said.

## Spotlight Athletes Swim, Dive



Tyler Ingraham, FRESHMAN  
Lily Fuchs, SENIOR

**"They both medaled in their events in Districts and improved throughout the year."**

- Head coach Chelsea Shatt

## Girls Basketball



Ciara Newton, FRESHMAN

**"We are really looking forward to her doing big things next year."**

- Head coach Lindsay Duffy

## Boys Basketball



Noah Newton, SENIOR

**"You can name a captain, but that's just a title, he really became a leader."**

- Head coach Kris Holtzer

# Sports

## Boys wrestling completes successful season

By AIDAN McBRIDE  
Sports Co-Editor

The boys wrestling team finished their season with a record of 12-5. After a solid season as a team, several wrestlers have qualified for Regionals for individual competition.

Senior CJ Ross, juniors Landon Machado, Zac

Jacaruso, AJ Dierksen and CJ Walton and sophomores Dom Moyer, Lucas Delo and Aiden Black qualified for Regionals

for individual competition. If they win their matches, they will advance to state competitions at Hershey.

Despite COVID-19 striking Delaware Valley the hardest in January with the addition of the hybrid learning

*"Kids showed up and improved everyday with the mindset of getting better."*

- Head coach Lou DeLauro

option, the team had the opportunity to compete.

"We're very grateful that we got a full season," head coach Lou DeLauro said.

The team was very young and had only one senior in the starting lineup, so

a lot of younger wrestlers had to step up to the plate.

"Kids showed up and improved everyday with the mindset of getting better," coach DeLauro said.

After a successful season this year, the team will have high expectations for next season, as there will be many returning seniors. Many sophomores who contributed to the success will also be returning, adding depth to the roster.

"We want to continue to work out throughout the offseason and get better in preparation for next season," coach DeLauro said.

## Spotlight Athlete Boys Wrestling



Landon Machado, JUNIOR

**"Landon helps out the team tremendously. He does whatever he needs in order to succeed."**

- Head coach Lou DeLauro

## Collegiate Update: Mia VanWie

By MARISA DAMBACH  
News Editor

Mia VanWie, a 2020 graduate, is currently a midfielder on the women's lacrosse team at Kenyon University.

VanWie and her team practice six times a week in the afternoon for two hours. On Saturday's they have a game and Sunday's are for rest and recovery. Optional lift sessions are available for the team as well.

In terms of high school compared to college athletics, VanWie mentions the rise of intensity in the college game. She appreciates the level of dedication everyone holds because they are attending college for

the sport they love.

"The practices have a lot more intensity in them. It's a lot more competitive too just because we are all here for lacrosse, but it makes it fun," she said.

VanWie states that balancing school with lacrosse is actually easier than it seems. Lacrosse allows her to have a set schedule which helps her manage her schoolwork and lacrosse simultaneously.



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"I go to class, I go to practice, do my homework, so it's really not that bad so far," she said.

She says to any athlete who is considering playing a sport in college to "shoot your shot." VanWie currently lives with five of her teammates and has made numerous friends involved with sports around campus.

"I feel like being an athlete on campus is one of the best experiences I've had," she said.

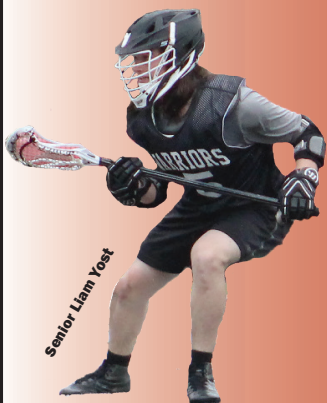
## Boys Lacrosse

*"We are excited for the ability to have a regular season and rebuild the culture of DV lacrosse heading to league championships this year."* -Head coach Jeff Krasulski

**Seniors:** Nate Melnick, Liam MacClugage and Liam Yost

**Key Players:** Melnick, MacClugage, Yost, Logan Kelly, Jack Sullivan, Brady Quinn, Justin Kalitsnik and Owen Kelly

Compiled by Sophia Perrin



Senior Liam Yost

## Girls Lacrosse

*"I'm excited, and we have strong senior leaders and a lot of young players who are ready to contribute."* - Head coach Bernadine Salak

**Seniors:** Daisey Carney, Gabbi Courtright, Shannon Croll, Emily Cruz, Casey Kidd and Sophia Perrin

**Key Players:** Carney, Courtright, Croll, Cruz, Kidd, Perrin and Leah Weinreb

Compiled by Marisa Dambach



Junior Leah Weinreb



# Sports

## Boys Track & Field



Junior Scott Holderith

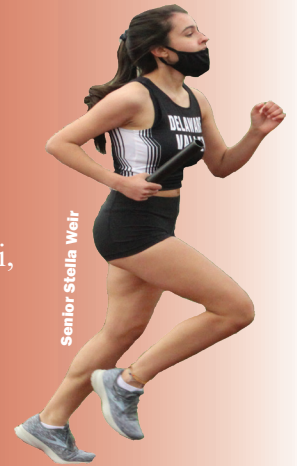
*"We are excited to get started with the new season. We have two very young teams who have been working hard and we are excited to see how we progress over the course of the season."*  
 - Head coach Nick Quaglia

**Seniors:** Tim Kizis, Skyler Woodley and Mike Villafane

**Key Players:** Kizis, Dominic Lazzaro, Justin Hernandez and Aiden Black

Compiled by Lucas Pauley

## Girls Track & Field



Senior Stella Weir

**Seniors:** Mackenzie Olsommer, Viktoria Sioreti, Stella Weir and Victoria Corcoran

**Key Players:** Olsommer, Maggie Holderith, Maddie Gecik, Kaya Meler, Ryan O'Connor, Alyssa Callanan, Fiona Ring and Brooke Cronen

Compiled by Lucas Pauley

## Baseball



Senior Quinn Curabba

*"We have a number of veteran players coming back and quite a few young guys ready to compete for spots. We are looking forward to bouncing back after a difficult '21 season."*  
 - Head coach Sean Giblin

**Seniors:** Quinn Curabba, Christian Galimi, Ronny Jason, Corey May, James McManus, Derek Metzger, John Paffenroth and CJ Ross

**Key Players:** Curabba, Galimi, Jason, May, McManus, Metzger, Paffenroth, Ross, Aidan Hyams and Tye Irving

Compiled by Mackenzie Olsommer

## Softball



Senior Celia Park

*"We have to make sure we are competitive and playing hard everyday."*  
 - Head coach Frank Jordan

**Seniors:** Celia Park, Abby Kemp, Jill Senior, Kyla Stead, Kyleigh Simar, Nikki Kalitsnik and Cassidy Mullamphy

**Key Players:** Park, Senior, Kemp and Emily Henn

Compiled by Aidan McBride

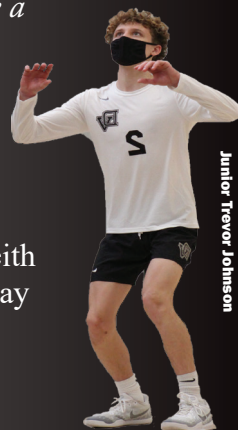
## Volleyball

*"We are a young team with a lot of potential. If the guys are willing to put in what it takes, we will become a threat to teams not only in our district but other districts as well."*  
 - Head coach Heather Holdredge

**Seniors:** None

**Key Players:** Trevor Johnson, Lucas Pauley, Keith Sublett, Aidan Papula, Thomas Parker, Chris U'Glay and Samuel Yost

Compiled by Kyla Stead



Junior Trevor Johnson

## Tennis

*"Both will be key players as they are expected to be our top singles players. They push their teammates at every practice to focus on the details that go into each point. We expect to compete for a district title this year with competitive play at every position."*  
 - Head coach Kevin Quinn

**Seniors:** Gavin Buckley and Griffen Kowal

**Key Players:** Buckley and Kowal

Compiled by Liz Kameen



Senior Griffen Kowal