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## Memories that will last a lifetime:

"My favorite memories with him [Anthony] are all of them. I spent every day with Anthony, and I wouldn't have it any other way. But I have to say overall my favorites are the ones with his family. His family became mine from the day I met them, and it will always be that way."

-Junior Tatyanna Baldassari

"During freshman year, we played Fortnite all night together and finally got our first wins. We were so happy, and it created a bond between us over the years."

-Senior John Russo

"One time we got into an argument in the car so I told him to pull over so we could fight, and he actually pulled over."

-Freshman Mia Jean-Francois

"Every morning, Anthony would throw Ingulli's ball at me."

-Senior Jordyn Driesse

Compiled by Madison Kelly



## Remembering Anthony Peña 2003-2020

BY MADDY FEDUN  
*Science & Technology Editor*

Anthony Peña, a senior at Delaware Valley, was a beloved son, brother and friend. On Oct. 10, Anthony and his sister Melania were involved in a motor vehicle accident that tragically killed Anthony. Although Melania was seriously injured in the accident, she is now in stable condition.

Students and staff have come together to honor the life well lived by Anthony.

"With his amazing smile and positive vibes he could brighten up anyone's day. He was trying to live his best life and as a senior he got his first job and car. He was raised with lots of love and that is what he gave back. He was an angel the day he was born, and I didn't even know it," Heide Gomez, Anthony's mom, said.

Anthony was pure. He always did his best to put smiles on the faces of people who needed it and never failed to make others laugh. His kind heart and ability to tell the truth made him especially unique.

"Anthony was genuine. The way he carried himself was different from everyone else. His personality was down to earth, and he always stayed happy," said senior Josh Joseph.

Anthony's life impacted the lives around him, and he will

forever be in the hearts of those who cared for him. he loved.

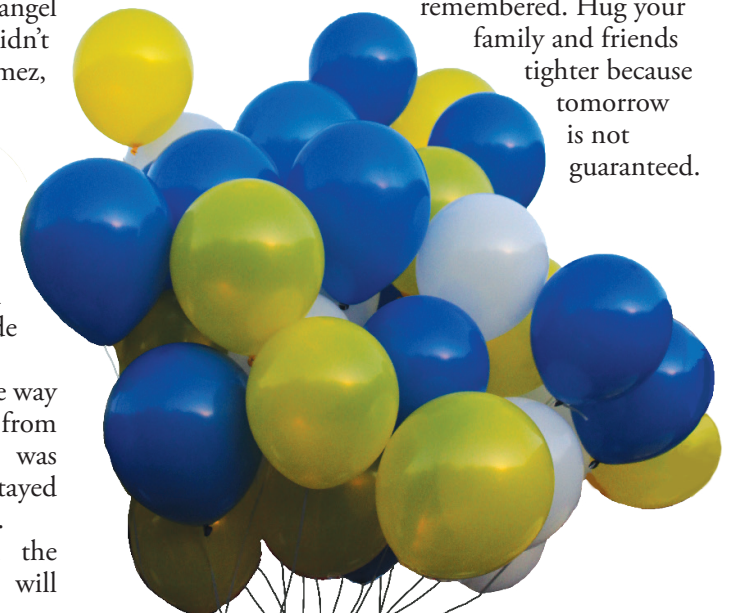
"He was a brother to me," said freshman Mia Jean-Francois.

Since Anthony's passing, family and students have organized fundraisers and memorials to honor the life he led. On Oct. 14, grieving friends and family gathered in the school parking lot to release balloons in his memory. Collages of photos and candles were displayed as friends received the balloons that they eventually released in the air.

A GoFundMe account was made to raise money for the Peña family. The account raised an astonishing \$36,305 with 515 donors, 2,000 shares and 519 followers.

Rest in peace Anthony and thank you for all the cherished memories. Your life will always be

remembered. Hug your family and friends tighter because tomorrow is not guaranteed.



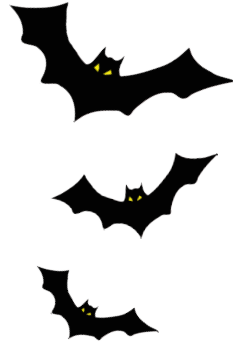
Please keep the Peña family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

# School News

## Seniors bring Halloween to school

BY KYLA STEAD  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 30, seniors and staff were allowed to come to school dressed up in costumes, as it was the last day before the Halloween weekend. For many years, seniors have continued this tradition of attending school dressed up. A variety of different costumes were worn while still following dress code and safety measures by wearing masks. Some students wore costumes based on movies or shows, while other students went with more chilling or comedic ideas.



Kyla Stead/Del.Aware  
**Seniors Jolie Fraggetta, Abigail Heisey and Olivia O'Grady strike a pose in their costumes.**



Kyla Stead/Del.Aware  
**Many seniors participated in group costumes such as the Scooby Doo gang.**



Kyla Stead/Del.Aware  
**Seniors dress up in a variety of costumes such as astronauts.**



Senior Mikayla Kirsanda



Kyla Stead/Del.Aware  
**Many seniors wore matching costumes such as Smurfs.**



Seniors Mark Cavaliaro and Skyjar Molnar

## Students pick royalty despite restrictions

BY ADRIENNE GORDON  
Entertainment Co-Editor

On Oct. 23, seniors Cayden Bell and Sam Hurley were crowned Homecoming King and Queen, respectively. Traditionally, the Homecoming dance is held on the same day; however, this year the school aims to hold the dance during the spring when it is more likely for restrictions to be lifted.

High school principal Dr. Nicole



Maddy Fedun/Del.Aware

**Seniors Cayden Bell and Sam Hurley were crowned king and queen on Oct. 23.**

Cosentino was grateful to provide a Homecoming experience amidst the pandemic.

"We were very excited to be able to provide any experience tied to Homecoming to our students in the fall-- to try to keep as much normalcy as possible," Dr. Cosentino said. She finishes with, "I'm thrilled we were able to crown a king and queen and have the traditional ceremony at halftime of the football game."

## Students, advisers video virtual club fair

BY EMILY HEROLD  
News Editor

On Oct. 19, the annual club fair was shown to the students. Due to current restrictions, it looked very different from past years and was instead shown online.

The video, which teachers were asked to show in homeroom, featured a slideshow encasing each club offered in the high school. Advisers were then asked to make a quick presentation or video that explained the club in more detail.

There are bulletin boards on both the 9/10 and 11/12 sides of the school featuring all the clubs. Attached to each

club poster is a QR code that will link students to the presentation or video made by the advisers. These links can also be found under the co-curricular page on the high school website.

In case students missed the video, the club fair video can be found on the high school website, and it was also posted on the high schools' different social media accounts.

"It is really important to get students involved. That's the whole idea of presenting the club fair so that all students know what the high school has to offer," said freshman assistant principal Mrs. Heather Santarelli.

*"It is really important to get students involved."*

**-Mrs. Heather Santarelli**

# School News

## Warriors show school spirit

BY ADRIENNE GORDON  
Entertainment Co-Editor

Throughout the week of Oct. 19, students and teachers participated in Spirit Week. The themes were Meme Monday, Twin Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Time Travel Thursday and Spirit Friday. During the week, freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes participated by dressing up for each day. At the end of the week, the sophomore class won 5-0 over the freshman, and the senior class won 4-1 over the junior class.



Madison Kelly/Del.Aware  
Sophomores Kailyn Wood and Kylie Grunwald wear red for Spirit Friday on Oct. 23.



Luke Ruggiero/Del.Aware  
Teachers Ms. Lindsay Baker, Mrs. Laurie Oszczepinski, Mrs. Leslie Lordi and Miss Mikeala Smith show off their wackiest attire.



Seniors Hunter Sickler and Myie Cortone



Senior Kristen Henry and Sophomore Sage Henry



Sophomore Olivia Coelho

Attention juniors and seniors!

Parking pass forms need to be turned in as soon as possible to Officer Moglia in the 9/10 office. If parking passes are not displayed, cars will be towed. Passes for seniors are \$25 and ones for juniors are \$50.



## Guidance Corner

### SENIORS

- **Do your best on the SAT/ACT**
- **Start college applications for early admissions**
- **Each month search and apply for available scholarships**

### JUNIORS

- **Talk to your guidance counselor about what the best choices are for your future**
- **Keep up with your school work**
- **Take practice courses for the SAT/ACT; Khan Academy, College Board and Princeton Review are a few popular options**
- **Get involved with after school and community activities**

Compiled by Reilly Ziolkowski



## Inquiring Photographer

"WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD ON THANKSGIVING?"

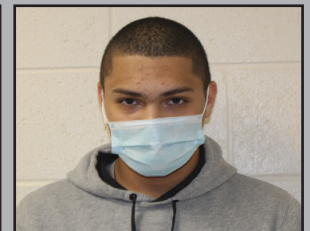
COMPILED BY KAILA DUNN



"Turkey"  
Henry Goginsky  
Class of 2024



"Mashed Potatoes"  
Emily Festa  
Class of 2021



"Stuffing"  
Jose Flores  
Class of 2022



"Roasted Chestnuts"  
Ms. Elizabeth Katz



"Pumpkin Pie"  
Nur Araj  
Class of 2023



"Turkey"  
Matt Mauro  
Class of 2022

# Opinions

## Let your opinions be heard

BY JOLIE FRAGGETTA

*Opinions Editor*

Dear students and staff of Delaware Valley, my name is Jolie Fraggetta and this year I am taking over the position of Opinions Editor for the Del.Aware Newspaper.

The Opinions page is a place where students can express their point of view on just about anything. Students can write articles on topics they are passionate about or make art such as editorial cartoons.

This year I want to make sure every student has an opportunity to make their voice heard. Any student who would like to write or make art for the page but does not know how to go about it is more than welcome to come to D4 during fifth period to talk to Mrs. Lordi or I about any questions you may have.

This year I have also added a completely anonymous advice column to the opinions page. Students can submit any questions they need advice on whether it be silly or serious.

Students can submit Opinions pieces or questions for the advice column to myself, Mrs. Lordi, @del.aware on Instagram or the.del.aware@gmail.com.



## Welcome to the Del.Aware

BY VICTORIA HOFFMANN

*Editor in Chief*



Dear students and staff, welcome to the Del.Aware. My name is Victoria Hoffmann, and I am honored to be Editor-in-Chief of the Del.Aware. This year's staff is composed of 21 talented and dedicated students who strive to create and publish clever and imaginative issues.

Our paper is composed of seven sections, all with precise, significant and accurate news. You may find coverage on the election, find out about new discoveries in science or an article about a new teacher you may have for class.

Our publication represents our school, community, sports and our world as a whole.

Our newspaper is award-winning due to the hard work and dedication put in by our staff year after year. Yet, our paper would be nothing without you, the reader, so thank you for taking the time to dive into a copy of the Del.Aware. Our staff appreciates our readers, so keep picking up copies of our newspaper. Stick around for the coming issues; our staff is excited to reach new journalistic and creative heights with this year's publication.

**Need Advice?**  
**Ask Dela for advice on homework, relationships, fashion or anything else! DM the Del.Aware Instagram or drop a letter off to Mrs. Lordi in D4. Your name will remain anonymous in the newspaper and only Dela will see who you are!**



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what makes you happy, are just a few. But because the film so aggressively hypersexualizes the actors when it doesn't need to at all, it feels like it was made for the sole purpose of stirring up controversy rather than telling a coherent narrative, and, in turn, the message is lost.

However, a YouTuber with the username, mrgirl, has a different take. In his video, "Cuties: An Uncomfortably Honest Review", he said that while watching the movie, you're supposed to find the children attractive, and that the movie is trying to exploit our pedophilic tendencies. Yes, "our" pedophilic tendencies. If you are someone who has these disgusting tendencies that "apparently" everyone has, I'm pretty sure the last thing you should be doing is watching "Cuties."

## Movie 'Cuties' raises controversy

BRYCE ESCALLIER

*Class of 2021*

Opinions. We all have them. But sometimes, it's best to just keep them to ourselves.

"Cuties" is a film about a young girl named Amy, who joins up with a local dance group in her school. The film received backlash, rightfully so, for the way it portrays its child actresses in highly sexual dance sequences.

In all honesty, "Cuties" had the potential to be a fairly decent film. It deals with many subjects that kids can relate to; finding a place to belong, and doing

If the purpose of the film was to make a statement about why the sexualization of children is bad, why does it portray said sexualization as a good thing? Why does it present these children acting out provocative dances as something that is entirely good, and only at the very end say that it's not?

EMILY HEROLD  
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# School News

## Custodians adjust to new sanitation requirements

By **KENZIE PANETTA**  
*Community News Editor*

COVID-19 has given rise to widespread concerns about sanitation. DV's custodial staff significantly contributes to the stability of each school within the district.

The high school would be unable to effectively provide a safe learning environment for the students on campus without the hard work of the custodial staff.

Director of Support Services Mr. Marvin Eversdyke and his staff are responsible for cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting the nine district buildings, the buses and the common grounds, such as the athletic fields and stadiums.

The virus has dramatically affected the way in which Mr. Eversdyke and his staff operate. Prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, the custodial staff was in charge of frequently cleaning and sanitizing

the classrooms, buses and grounds. Because of the pandemic, the staff is now responsible for not only cleaning and sanitizing but also disinfecting all of the touched surfaces in the classrooms and bathrooms each night and the buses after every trip.

Because of these heightened sanitation levels, the custodial staff have experienced a drastic increase in hours. The staff must often work overtime, commonly staying past midnight, to ensure the cleanliness of the school grounds for the following day. Mr. Eversdyke has also enlisted the help of the bus drivers to assist the custodians by helping to disinfect tables between lunches.

Though the many changes caused by COVID-19 have affected the personal lives and routines of the custodial staff, according to Mr. Eversdyke, they have been working more tirelessly

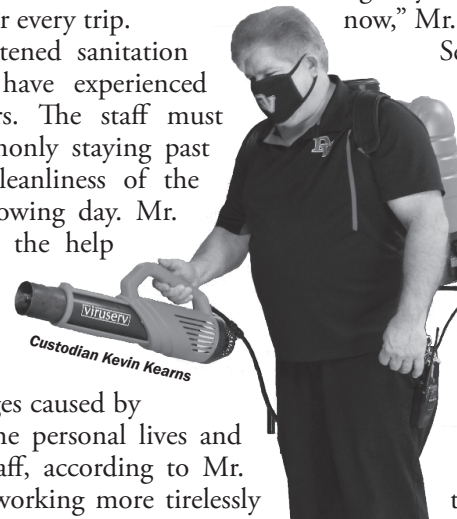
than ever to provide the students with a safe and clean learning environment.

"Everyone is working longer hours and more diligently. There is a lot of overtime taking place right now," Mr. Eversdyke said.

Several types of disinfectant spray guns and virus-targeting solutions have been added to their materials, and they use microfiber cloths to pick up viral germs.

The custodians must also attend training sessions to properly learn how to operate, manage and maintain this new equipment.

"We just have to keep it going," Mr. Eversdyke said. "Everybody has to be diligent, everybody has to be cognizant and everybody has to do the things that are recommended to us by the CDC."



## NACAC to hold virtual college fair

By **JOCLYN IRONS**  
*Entertainment Editor*

There will be a virtual college fair held by the National Association for College Admissions Counseling on Sunday, Nov. 8, from 2-10 p.m. Students can access the fair by going to [virtualcollegefairs.org/events](http://virtualcollegefairs.org/events) or by visiting the guidance webpage.

This event is open to students all around the country, and there are 607 colleges participating. Students can filter and search within the event to explore colleges they are interested in based on criteria such as location, majors, type of college and size.

Some colleges will be holding live question and answer sessions, while others are opting to send out links to previously made resources such as virtual tours and informational videos.

The guidance department considered many options to replace the annual college fair such as individual Zoom

sessions. Due to the limited amount of time, specifically during fifth period, as to stop from taking up instructional time, the NACAC seemed to be the best bet with so many colleges and universities participating.

To find more information and get updates on opportunities open to students, check the guidance website and follow the guidance department on Twitter @DVHSCounselors.

"While we understand it is difficult for our students to be spending so much time in front of computer screens, we feel that this is the best option to provide the information while still keeping everyone as safe as possible in the current state of affairs," said guidance counselor Mrs. Crystal Ross.

**The NACAC virtual college fair will be held Sunday, Nov. 8 from 2-10 p.m.**

**For more information, go to [www.virtualcollegefairs.org/events](http://www.virtualcollegefairs.org/events).**

## Puzzle Fun



Use the information given to find the answer to the last equation composed of symbols. Be the first person to come to Mrs. Lordi in D4 with the completed puzzle to win a prize.

## Word Scramble

*Pirietnsdal* = ???

*Dtadaenisc* = ???

*Iloentec* = ???

*Mdaeotcr* = ???

*Rpeanlucib* = ???



Compiled by Mikayla Krisanda

# School News

# 21 New Faces at DV

When walking through the halls of DV, you may have noticed many new faces. For the 2020-2021 school year, DV welcomed 15 new teachers and staff members along with six long term substitutes. Here are the new faces to look out for in the school.

Compiled by Emily Herold and Kaila Dunn

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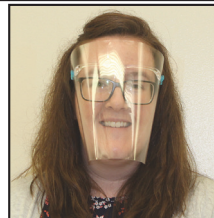
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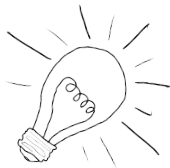
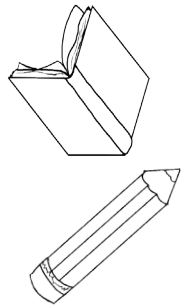
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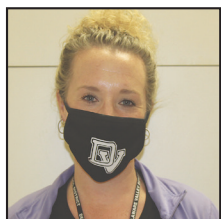
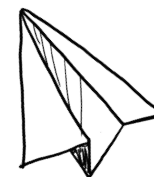
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Science



Miss Patricia Battles  
Special Education



Miss Tonianne Bouselli  
Science



Miss Leah Cameron  
Special Education



Ms. Brandi Ripa  
Math

## Tips from Teachers

**"Your students won't remember every lesson, but they will remember how you make them feel and the passion you have for what you teach," science teacher Mrs. Amanda Pope said.**

**"Pace yourself. It is very easy to dive in and spend every moment meeting students' needs," special education teacher Mrs. Nicole DeLauro said.**

**"Remember to take some 'you time.' It's okay to turn off school mode once in a while," social studies teacher Ms. Alexis Polanis said.**

**"Keep growing as a teacher. Learn a new software program, read a relevant article, collaborate with others in your department, create a new lesson plan, teach a new course. Become a life-time learner, as well as a life-time teacher. Mathematics is a universal language and applies to everything," math teacher Mrs. Christine Marcial said.**

# School News

## Marching band records show for virtual season

By KYLA STEAD  
Staff Writer

This year, instead of performing live at competitions, the Delaware Valley Marching Band has been recording their performances and submitting them to this year's v-USBands for their virtual performance season. Their show is called "The Warrior."

The band came in second in their division in Pennsylvania, and they have currently made it into the National U.S. Bands competition. They will now face bands from all over the country in one final performance.

They have been recording and playing pregame at home football games, but they have not been able to travel to away games due to COVID-19 restrictions.

"We typically get two to three performances between practice and football games to choose from," said marching band director Mr. Rick Bullock.

Mr. Bullock chooses the video that will be submitted and loads the video into a video and audio

editing program. He edits background noise in order to give judges the best sound and view. Each week, the process takes about three to four hours for the final product to be ready to submit.

Submitting recordings of their performances has its own advantages and disadvantages. Although the band can record multiple times, judges are evaluating harder. By simply rewatching the video, mistakes can be watched multiple times and new ones can be found.

There seems to be little room for mistakes, but there is still the advantage of sending in the preferred performance that will score the most points instead of having only one chance to perform for judges at a live competition.

The band also faces the challenges of keeping everyone safe due to the pandemic. They have been following the safety measures put in place while continuing

to push themselves in order to play at a high level.

"The band has done a fantastic job following safety rules and has been able to achieve all of the goals we've had for this year," said Mr. Bullock.

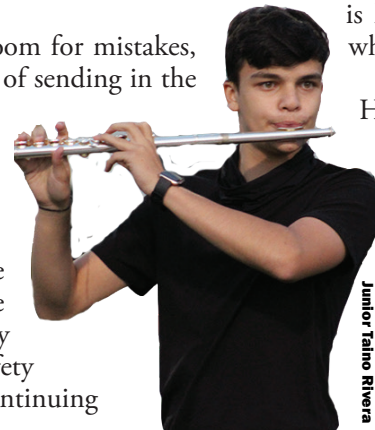
There are still some other challenges unique to this year that the band has had to adapt to as well.

"The mental aspects have been the biggest challenge for leadership and staff," senior Grace Hommel, a drum major of the band, said. "The real struggle is keeping motivation up so we can accomplish what needs to get done and be successful."

Throughout her six years of being involved, Hommel has seen growth from the band.

"The combination of the theme of the show this year, the students in the band and the leadership this year has caused us the most success I've seen in a couple years," she said.

Hommel is excited for what is to come and what else the band is going to accomplish.



Junior Taino Rivera

## Jazz band, orchestra play under stars

By KAILA DUNN  
Managing Editor

On Oct. 9, both the jazz band and orchestra performed an outdoor concert in the stadium. The jazz band started the night off and played "Alright, Okay, You Win," by Sammy Nestico, "Big Time" by Gregory Yasinitzky, "Hindustan," "Honk," by Jeff Jarvis and "Here Comes the Sun," arranged by Mike Tomaro with words and music by Geogre Harrison. Soloists included seniors Aiden Sykes, Danny Zhivkovich,



Senior Zach Brown played the drums during the Oct. 9 concert at the stadium.

Josh Caraballo, Mike Asprea and Zach Brown and juniors Matthew Cortes and Liam Yost.

"It was great to get out and perform in public, and the kids did a great job," said jazz band teacher Mrs. Tina Reece.

Following the jazz band, the orchestra played "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" by Mozart and "Disney Classics" by Charles Sayre.

"I'm really glad we were able to get outside to share music with the parents and community during this difficult time," said Miss Lauren Flack.

## Chorus adapts for outside performance

By MIKAYLA KRISANDA  
World News Editor

On Oct. 28, the high school chorus performed in its first concert of the school year. Instead of performing for an audience in the auditorium like they usually do, the chorus recorded their performance in the courtyard outside the media center.

Performing outside and maintaining social distancing were precautionary measures taken to make sure the students were still following all COVID-19 guidelines throughout the performance. There was no audience, and students kept their masks on throughout the entirety of the concert.

The chorus performed four songs including "Barechu," edited and repointed by Cantor Anna West; "Shenandoah," arranged by James

Erb; and "Johnny, I Hardly Knew Ye," arranged by Alice Parker. Senior Bailey Shay performed a solo during "Shut de Dō," which was written by Randy Stonehill and arranged by Mark Hayes.

"The students did a really good job," said chorus teacher Mr. Richard Horst. "They were focused and showed dedication staying after school. I am very pleased with them and their performance today."

Though this type of performance is different from what the students are used to, they adapted well and seemed to be pleased with their performance overall.

"Overall I think it went really well. That was the first time the two class periods had ever sung together, and the blend and sound was a lot better than many of us expected it to be," said senior Jon Reome.

*"They [students] were focused and showed dedication."*  
- Mr. Richard Horst

# School News

## New courses offer diverse opportunities

By **STELLA TANNENBAUM**  
*Arts & Literature Editor*

Two new classes have been added to the DVHS course selection guide this school year: Concepts of Algebra and AP Research.

### Concepts Algebra 2 Trigonometry

Concepts of Algebra was created to strengthen students' skills on a wide range of essential algebra topics including solving linear and quadratic equations, factoring, graphing, probability and more. The course is taught by Mrs. Laurie Oszczepinski and Miss Marissa Vennie.

The content of the Concepts of Algebra covers all of the algebra material that students will need to know for the Keystone algebra exam. This standardized test is currently a graduation requirement and appears on students' transcripts.

"We felt that some students needed extra support

to get prepared for the keystones," Mrs. Oszczepinski said.

The decision to add a concepts-level course in this subject was made in order to provide additional assistance to students who may struggle with math in preparation for this standardized test, as well as for

*"We felt that some students needed some extra support to get ready for the Keystones."*

**- Mrs. Laurie Oszczepinski**

success in future math classes.

Concepts of Algebra is mainly comprised of sophomores and is available after the successful

completion of pre-algebra.

### AP Research

AP Research, taught by Mr. Stephen Rhule and Miss Jessica Hubal, allows students to design and execute a yearlong research investigation. Research topics are chosen by the students and vary widely from

science to the humanities.

Mr. Rhule said that, from a teacher's perspective, he enjoys learning new things as students research topics that he was previously unfamiliar with.

"I'm excited to see how each idea expands," Miss Hubal said.

Students can expect to strengthen their time management skills, develop their writing and presentation abilities and gain independence as they prepare for their research paper and presentation that result in their AP score.

AP Research replaced Senior Science Research Seminar, a similar student-driven research course, so students could have the opportunity to earn AP credit for their heavy workload.

Part of the two-year AP Capstone program, AP Research only available for seniors who completed AP Seminar as juniors.



The math lab is available for all students. Please check the schedule outside the math lab doors to find the location of the lab by period. Math tutoring is also available every Wednesday from 2:50 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. in room S8.



## DV participates in honorary 5K

By **AIDAN FEAN**  
*Sports Co-Editor*

On Oct. 20, students and faculty members took part in a virtual 5K on the cross country course on campus. The 5K was in honor of 9/11 hero Welles Crowther, and all the proceeds raised went to The Welles Remy Crowther Charitable Trust.

The mission of the organization is to recognize and award academic and athletic success in young men and women who serve and better their communities. The

organization primarily gives back through scholarships and awards.

High school principal Dr. Nicole Cosentino

organized the event. She also took part in running the 5K along with the girls field hockey team, several Combo 10 and 11 students and a handful of other teachers and administrators.

"We are trying to look at creative ways to give back to the community both near and far. This virtual 5K was a great way to reflect on the sacrifice of 9/11 hero, Welles Crowther, and think beyond ourselves," Dr. Cosentino said.

Welles Crowther, also known as "the Man in the Red Bandana," was an equity trader who worked in the World Trade Center. He was credited with saving as many as 18 lives during the attacks. He was able to escape the attacks but went

back into the burning buildings and saved many lives even though he put his own life at risk and ultimately, passed away.



Aidan Fean/Del.Aware

**Senior Emma Schotsch and junior Shannon Croll ran the virtual 5K on Oct. 20.**

## Break Schedule

### November

Veterans Day: Nov. 11

Early Dismissal: Nov. 24 and 25

Fall Recess: Nov. 26-30

### December

Winter Recess: Dec. 23 - Jan. 1

### January

MLK Day: Jan. 18



Compiled by Jolie Fraggetta



# School News

## Guidance aids in college applications process

By KENZIE PANETTA  
Community News Editor

The college preparation and application process can cause many seniors to feel overwhelmed; there are several steps students can take and resources they can use to make the process easier for them.

The main factors that students should consider when surveying colleges include possible majors and programs, location types and school size.

School guidance counselor Mrs. Jessica Favorito strongly recommends students have a well-organized plan before beginning the application process.

The first step students should take is to visit the websites of each school they wish to apply to and refer to their admissions website. This will inform students of the requirements they must meet to apply, their deadlines and available application methods.

After this information is gathered, the Naviance website becomes an essential resource. It is the main tool for communication between students, teachers and counselors.

On this website, students must create and maintain a “colleges I’m applying to” list as well as complete the brag packet.

The brag packet is an important tool for counselors and teachers to gain insight into the character and lives of their students. The brag packet helps them in writing the best possible recommendation letters.

When selecting someone to write a letter, students should choose a staff member who they have personally connected with and/or someone who works in a field related to their desired career.

Students are also accountable for sending or self-reporting test scores, requesting transcripts in a timely manner, and completing the Common Application or individual school applications.

Detailed information on how to fulfill these responsibilities as well as a generic timeline can be found on guidance’s webpage under the College Information tab.

If a student is still unsure about any of these tasks, Mrs. Favorito emphasizes the

importance of communication with the student’s counselor.

“Communication is the beginning of understanding,” she said.

*“Communication is the beginning of understanding.”*

- Mrs. Jessica Favorito



Attention seniors: All senior baby pictures and senior ads are due by Dec. 1. Send your photos through the Balfour Image Share app or bring a hard copy to the 11/12 office dropbox. Pictures must be labeled with your name and homeroom. Find more information about submitting senior ads and purchasing a yearbook at <https://www.dvsd.org/Page/383>.



## Students recognized for outstanding PSAT scores

By LUKE RUGGIERO  
Sports Co-Editor

Recently Delaware Valley students, along with students across the nation, were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their academic potential based on their PSAT scores. Out of 1.5 million U.S. entrants, 50,000 students with the highest PSAT scores qualified for a chance to receive different awards. Senior Stella Tannenbaum was named a National Merit Semifinalist.

“I was very surprised about it; I’m very proud of myself,” Tannenbaum said. Semifinalists are given scholarship applications from the NMSC and move on to compete as a finalist for prizes up to \$2,500 in scholarship money. DV Seniors Hannah Williams, Eric Sutton, Connor Lamarca and Josh Carabello were also commended by the NMSC for their high scores.



Senior Stella Tannenbaum was recognized as a semifinalist by the NMSC for her impressive PSAT score.

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## OFF BEAT NEWS

On Oct. 16, students and staff were shocked to hear that a tractor-trailer drove off the highway. The tractor-trailer that was headed westbound on Interstate 84 crossed five lanes of traffic before coming to a stop in the retention ditch by the senior lot. Reasons

as to why the driver crashed into the school are still unknown and no one was seriously injured in the event. As a result of the crash, students who drove to school were dismissed from class early to alleviate the flow of traffic. The environmental cleanup from the diesel fuel spill lasted approximately nine hours.



*Jolie Fraggetta/Del.Aware*

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By JOLIE FRAGGETTA  
Opinions Editor



The Special Education department has faced new challenges due to the pandemic and has to adjust to the concept of online learning.

Students are finding it hard to complete assignments and focus because of the noise in the classroom and at home.

“Technical difficulties are the barrier to our students having a successful education,” TSS worker Miss Maria Dimitropoulos said.

Hands on activities, called manipulatives, have been an added challenge for students at home.

“It’s difficult to see if a student is doing his or her work correctly when you are not with them,” Ms. Linette Pousley said. “So if a student should be counting something three times, I can’t really see if they’re counting it three times.”

Students in the classroom do not have an issue with manipulatives as there are enough supplies for everyone

to get their own set.

Students have also had a hard time adjusting to the lack of socialization. Though students at home are able to see their friends in the classroom through zoom, it does not compare to what they are used to. The students who are in school have had to adapt to the lack of socialization as well. They have not been able to go out of the classroom much for things like lunch

*“Technical difficulties are the barrier to our students having a successful education.”*

- Miss Maria Dimitropoulos

and art classes. “The socialization has been very limited,” Ms. Pousley said.

She and the students are excited for Peer Buddies, a club where students get to interact with their peers outside of their class. Their first meeting was on Monday Nov. 2 and they meet on a once monthly basis. They are hoping to see old and new faces and get the students socializing more.

“Students have adapted to whatever is thrown their way and adults have been resourceful at meeting their needs,” Instructional Aide Mrs. Stephanie Lynch said.

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By LIZ KAMEEN  
News Co-Editor

Due to the pandemic, many schools have transferred to complete are many struggles, such as connection issues and submitting work to programs, Zoom and Schoology, which is how the majority of online

Some students do not have the proper resources to do well in or grade work. Teachers who are required to use a hands-on approach, online teaching measures. Teachers and staff are constantly working schooling, and many have succeeded in finding ways around these str

## Departments face obstacles, wo

### Math

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### Technology Education

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### Science

- Some experiments are being completed on Virtual w learn in a new way.
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## Zoom presents Challenges

By ALEX KRAKOWSKI  
Staff Writer

Online learning has become the new norm since COVID-19 affected students and teachers around the world. Millions have turned to the video conferencing software Zoom to continue learning and teaching. While Zoom has been beneficial to many people, it still has its problems.

“It has been harder to have as much interaction with the online students,” math teacher Miss Brandi Ripa said.

Some teachers are concerned because their online students seem to be less involved than their in-class students.

“When students are able to get over their camera shyness it [education] is much better,” FACS teacher, Mrs. Mercy Ross said.

From an online student’s perspective, junior Isabelle Kanet has said, “While Zoom is good, there are still a lot of technology issues.”



Adapting to  
and Online



ely, or at least partially, online lessons. With online learning there Schoology. Some online students struggle with accessing the online classes are currently being taught. online school, which may cause teachers to struggle while trying to such as for building or art classes, are struggling to adapt to new to find solutions to issues that may be encountered with online struggles.

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In-person  
Learning

# Art classes challenge Zoom students

By MADDIE MALLON  
News Co-Editor

Over the past eight months, students and teachers have both had to adjust to online learning. Classes, such as art classes, that are hands-on are harder to adjust for online students.

Junior Sophia Miller, currently taking Painting Media I, said the hardest thing is understanding whether or not she is following instructions correctly.

Senior Victoria Monz is taking Graphic Design 1, Painting Media 1, and AP Studio Art from home. She said online students have to rely on their own art skills and teach themselves.

"Things get misconstrued easier. For an AP Studio Art student specifically, it's harder to know what is right for what you need to do," Monz said. "The class is about

taking risks, and it's hard to figure out how far is too far."



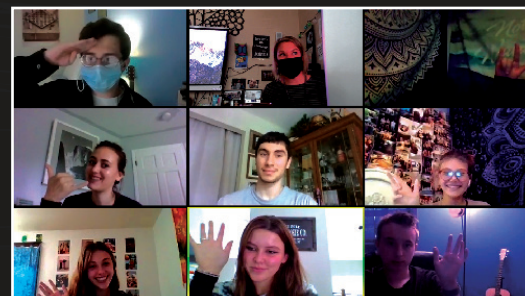
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Art teacher Dr. Irene Lantz said it is very hard to teach students art skills when they are not in the building. She also feels that she and her new online students don't get to know each other and is missing forming

personal relationships with her students. "Those who are suffering most are special education students because sometimes they need more instruction than

other students and it is harder to help them," she said.

Though there are some difficulties for online art students, teachers have been doing their best to make classes from home enjoyable.



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**Mrs. Kaylor's remote Graphic Design 1 students learn over Zoom.**



## Staff, students adjust to Schoology

By KYLA STEAD  
Staff Writer

Using Schoology as a uniform LMS, Learning Management System, has been helpful to many teachers and students but has also caused difficulties. Science department chairperson Mrs. Amanda Pope said, "It [Schoology] was a significant new challenge for teachers to overcome in existence with the ongoing issues surrounding the virus."

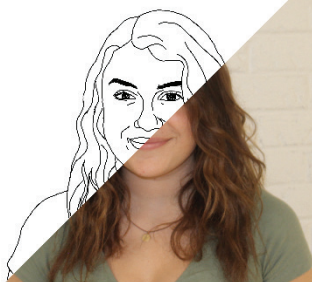
Mrs. Pope said its "centralized" format is very helpful compared to other arrangements.

Junior Anna Romano began the year by attending Zoom classes but made the switch back to in-person schooling Tuesday, Sept. 8.

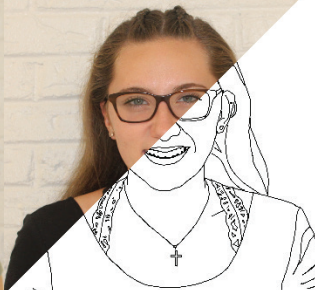
"It was easy to get discouraged and zone out," Romano said when referring to learning at home. "Schoology was a little complicated at first, but I got the hang of it." Facing many similar challenges this year, teachers and students will continue to adapt as the year goes on.



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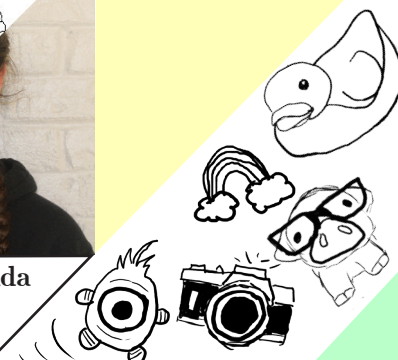
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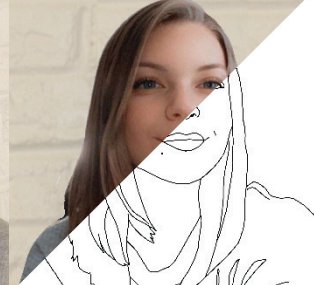
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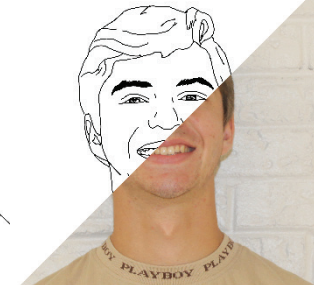
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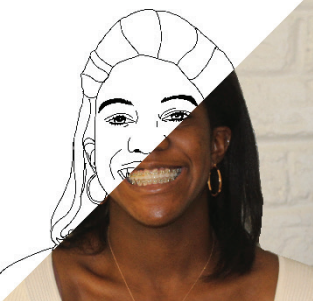
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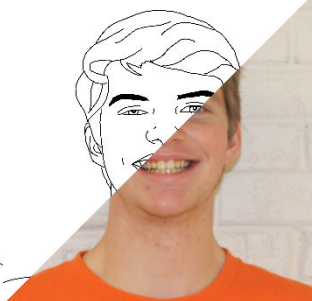
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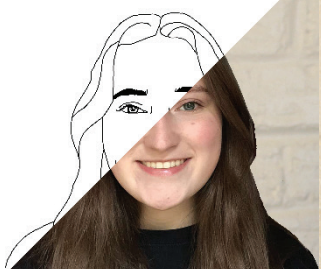
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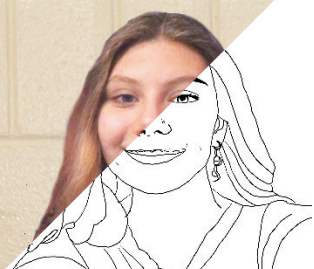
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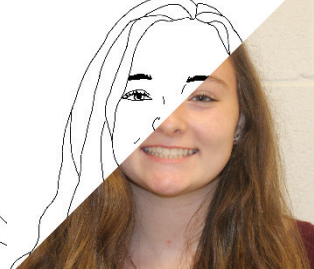
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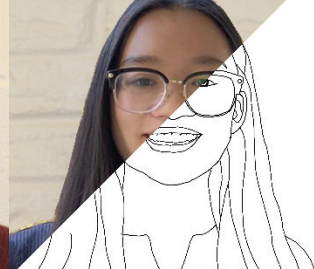
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# Community News

## Sparkomatic, MINT BY ROBIN open in Milford

By **STELLA TANNENBAUM**  
*Arts & Literature Editor*

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, two new businesses, MINT BY ROBIN and The Sparkomatic Cafe & Talkhouse, have opened in Milford.

### Sparkomatic Cafe & Talkhouse

The Sparkomatic Cafe & Talkhouse provides a wide range of coffee, breakfast and lunch options and baked goods.

The Middle Eastern-inspired menu contains many healthy, affordable vegan and vegetarian choices.



“My family is Jewish and we’ve always been into different Middle Eastern foods,” said partial owner Galen McMullen.

The name and decor of the cafe celebrate the history of the Sparkomatic Corp., a car radio manufacturing company founded in 1953 in Milford near the cafe’s location at 611 Broad St.

The cafe is open from 7 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. on weekends. Students who show their student ID card will receive a 10 percent discount.

### MINT BY ROBIN

MINT BY ROBIN sells women’s clothes, shoes and accessories that store owner Robin Russo describes as “trendy, fashionable, feminine and pretty.”



Typically open seven days a week from 11:30 a.m.- 6 p.m., the store’s most popular items include camo and tie dye clothing and Pura Vida bracelets. According to Russo, many of MINT’s items are one-of-a-kind.

“I thought Milford needs nice fashions,” she said.

Russo will offer a discount to students who bring in this issue of the Del.Aware, and she encourages customers to bring in food to donate, as she will be collecting cans for the food drive through November.

## Local intervention program provides aid for abuse victims

By **VICTORIA HOFFMANN**  
*Editor in Chief*

For those who are suffering from domestic or sexual abuse, help is closer than one would think. With a center in both Pike and Wayne counties, Victims’ Intervention Program (VIP) offers resources and guidance for those in need of help.

VIP is a non-profit organization that has helped physically, emotionally and psychologically abused individuals with services such as counseling, emergency

housing, legal, medical and law enforcement accompaniment. The organization works closely with human service groups such as food pantries, employment offices and mental health specialists to provide aid within the best interest of their clients.

“We educate the community on the issues of domestic and sexual violence. We empower victims and survivors to make the best choices for their individual

situations, and we invite the community to envision a world free from violence,” Debra Longo, VIP’s Direct Service Supervisor, said.

VIP’s main purpose is to help and support their clients’ journey after dealing with trauma or violence. Each counselor strives to help, guide and listen to their clients through troubled times.

“I would love to see that all victims know we are here for them and they are not alone,” said Longo.

*“I would love to see that all victims know we are here for them.”*

**- Debra Longo**

VIP’s services are open to any minor over the age of 14 without an adult present. Everything is strictly confidential, and the counselor assigned cannot confirm or deny any services they are receiving.

“I would like to see that every household in both Pike and Wayne counties know of our name and the services we offer,” said Longo.

If you or someone you know is struggling with abuse and requires help, call VIP’s 24-hour hotline (570) 253-4401, (570) 296-HELP or visit vipempowers.org for more information.

## Local artists design this year’s Artful Bears

By **SOPHIA MILLER**  
*Arts & Literature Co-Editor*

Every year Milford hosts the Black Bear Film Festival. Besides the films that are shown in town, the festival also showcases numerous Artful Bear statues that are decorated by Milford residents.

### Megan Moore

Megan Moore, a current student at DePaul University, submitted her bear “Silver Screen” for the Artful Bear. It is currently on display at the historic Milford theater, which matches the historical theme of her bear.

Moore’s bear is painted a silver color with strips of film running down the side of its body. Each roll of film has a different square that depicts movies or

shows that Moore enjoys such as “Wonder Woman,” Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast” and “Frankenstein’s Monster.”

### James Maclsaac

James Maclsaac, whose Artful Bear is located at the Community House in Milford, is a self proclaimed local artist and a “supporter of nonprofits.” Malsaac’s bear was entered under the name “Save the Ocean” and is decorated with ocean life such as turtles, fish and penguins.

On the top of the bear is his message behind the project, “Save the Ocean” as

well as several other inspirational messages pertaining to the theme.

### Jane H. Quattrocchi

Jane H. Quattrocchi, one of the several contestants in the 2020 Artful Bear Contest, modeled her bear after her love for music, art and her experiences in college. The bear, adorned with multiple references to the Grateful Dead’s logo, the “deadhead skull,” is currently on display at the Sparkomatic. According to Quattrocchi, the bear’s inspiration stems from an experience in college when she painted album covers for “the boys across the hall” in their dormitory.



# World News

## Trump, Biden scramble for presidential victory

BY KENZIE PANETTA  
Community News Editor

Tensions are high as the general population's votes for the 2020 presidential election are tallied and the electors cast their votes. There are a total of 538 electors in this year's election, therefore there are 538 electoral votes available.

The two candidates for the 2020 presidential election are President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden. Biden's chosen vice presidential candidate is Sen. Kamala Harris, and Trump's chosen candidate is Vice President Mike Pence.

On Nov. 3, citizens were able to cast their ballots in person at their assigned polling place. People could have also chosen to vote early, mail-in their ballot or submitted an absentee ballot.

As of Nov. 5 at 3 p.m., Biden has received over 72 million votes, Trump has received over 68 million and there are still millions of votes to be calculated.

When people cast their votes on election day, they are considered part of the popular vote. The popular

vote is an essential part of the election process, but, ultimately, it is the votes of the Electoral College that decide the winner of the presidential election.

The Electoral College is a system in which a group of people called electors are chosen by the state to represent them in the general election. Each state's number of electors is determined by the amount of members that state has in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

In order to win the presidency, President Trump or Biden must win at least 270 electoral votes. As of Nov.

5 at 3 p.m., Biden is closer to victory having obtained 264 electoral votes, while Trump has secured 214.

Only a handful of states are still up for grabs. If Biden wins any of the battleground states, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Georgia or Nevada, he will become the next president-elect. However, if President Trump wants to hold onto his presidential title, he must win the votes of all of the battleground states in order to reach 270 electoral votes.

These states hold considerable sway over the result of the election and the numbers are extremely close. President Trump holds the lead in Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Georgia, while Biden is just barely leading in Nevada.



Source: aljazeera

**Citizens urge ballot counters to count every vote in the tight race between President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden.**

## Barrett confirmed as newest Supreme Court justice

BY JOCLYN IRONS  
Entertainment Editor

On Oct. 26, Amy Coney Barrett was confirmed by the Senate with a vote of 52-48. This makes her the fifth woman and the 115th justice to be on the Supreme Court and the third justice sworn in under President Donald Trump's administration.

Justice Clarence Thomas administered Barrett's constitutional oath on Oct. 26, at a White House event, and Barrett was officially sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts on Oct. 27.

"I am grateful for the confidence you have expressed in me, and I pledge to you and to the American people that I will discharge my duties to the very best of my ability," Barrett said after she was sworn in.

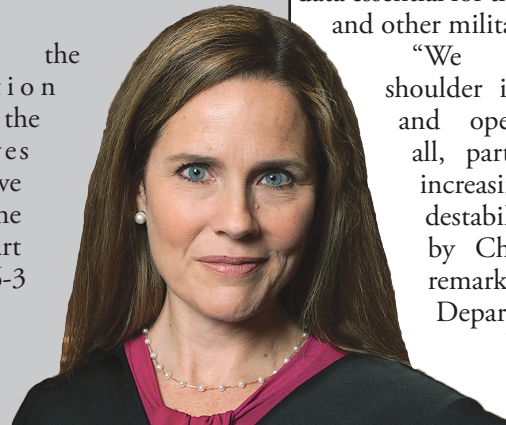
All 47 of the Democrats as well as one Republican, Sen. Susan Collins, voted against Barrett expressing fear

for the nation's healthcare law, the Affordable Care Act and Roe v. Wade, the landmark decision allowing women to have access to abortions.

Most Republicans expressed full support for Barrett.

"Confirming Justice Barrett to the Court is a great victory for every American who cares about the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and our fundamental liberties," said Republican Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas.

With the confirmation of Barrett, the conservatives now have control of the Supreme Court with a 6-3 majority.



## U.S. grants India access to satellite data

BY SOPHIA PERRIN  
Science & Technology Co-Editor

The United States and India have signed the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA), to revitalize their military partnership. U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper and his counterpart Rajnath Singh announced the signing in New Delhi, which allows India to have access to the U.S. satellite data essential for the targeting of missiles and other military actions.

"We stand shoulder-to-shoulder in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific for all, particularly in light of increasing aggression and destabilizing activities by China," Esper said in remarks shared by the State Department.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo joined Esper in

India to meet Rajnath Singh and India's external affairs minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.

"India, like the United States, has chosen democracy and freedom and sovereignty and all the things that the people of India care so deeply about," Pompeo said. "So when confronted by tyranny by the Chinese Communist Party, you can be sure that the United States will stand alongside its partners."

The Chinese embassy in India replied, "Pompeo and other senior officials repeated old lies, attacked and made allegations against China, violated the norms of international relations and basic principles of diplomacy, instigated China's relations with other countries in the region... We urge the US side to respect facts and truth, abandon the Cold War and the zero-sum mentality, stop hyping up the so-called 'China threat', and stop the wrong actions that undermine regional peace and stability."



# Arts & Literature

## MET welcomes brand new fashion exhibition

By SOPHIA MILLER

Arts & Literature Co-Editor

On Oct. 29, 2020, the Metropolitan Museum of Art (MET) welcomed a new collection to one of its main attractions, the Costume Exhibit. This collection's debut is in celebration of the MET's 150th anniversary and is currently being advertised under the name "About Time: Fashion and Duration."

"About Time" is modeled after Henri Bergson, an influential French philosopher, and his notion of duration, or "la durée." The collection will be a physical timeline of accessory and fashion trends spanning from the 1870s to the present day. This concept will be reflected throughout the collection to see how clothes and trends have adapted over time.

The fashion collections at the MET are often accompanied by music or narrations. In the MET's collection, "Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Image," the displays were set to music. In this exhibition, Virginia Woolf, a renowned writer best known for her book "Day and Night," is serving

as what the MET calls a "ghost narrator."

Most MET exhibitions are set up in ways that reflect the central theme of the clothing. As this year's theme is time related, the various outfits will be set up in the shape of a clock's face.

In the description of "About Time," the MET details that, "each 'minute' will feature a pair of garments, with the primary work representing the linear nature of fashion and the secondary work its cyclical character." For example, "a black silk faille princess-line dress from the late 1870s will be paired with an Alexander McQueen "Bumster" skirt from 1995. A black silk satin dress with enormous leg-o'-mutton sleeves from the mid-1890s will be juxtaposed with a Comme des Garçons deconstructed



Source: Georgia CTSA

**A woman models a dress inspired by 'The Persistence of Memory' by Salvador Dali.**

ensemble from 2004." In short, this means that every outfit will stand across from another outfit, both from very different time periods.

According to the MET, the exhibition has clothing from fashion brands such as Alexander McQueen, Comme des Garçons and Viktor & Rolf. The MET revealed that Viktor & Rolf's dress will be the centerpiece of the exhibition. This dress will be relaying its main theme that the dress, "will serve as a symbol for the future of fashion with its emphasis on collaboration and sustainability."

The MET describes the dress as being made of upcycled fabric pieces arranged like patchwork. It will be displayed inside an "infinity box" made entirely of glass and surrounded by more of these pieces to give the effect of a Phoenix rising from the ashes.

## Fashion Aware: Bucket Hats

By REILLY ZIOLKOWSKI

Community News Co-Editor

This summer you may have seen that bucket hats are making a comeback. They come in every color, fabric and design you could imagine. This makes them easy to style with any outfit or add a little flair to simple outfits.

What are now called bucket hats, were originally used by fishermen in the 1900s. The downward slant on the brim protected them from rain. Later, they were used in the Vietnam War made from olive drab cotton as protection for the troops. This is around the time people first started to incorporate these hats into their everyday outfits.

During the 60s bucket hats were made of stiffer fabric, which went with the style of the time. In the 80s, bucket hats were adopted by the hip-hop community. They were embraced



by rappers for album covers and music videos. By the 90s, people began dismissing and even mocking bucket hats.

Throughout the 90s and early 2000s, designers consistently tried to bring back the bucket hat. Even when Rihanna modeled bucket hats from designer Melissa Forde's collection, people still did not support the fashion. It wasn't until spring of 2018 that bucket hats started to make a comeback when there was a sudden outburst of new bucket hat designs on the runway. Since then, many people started to incorporate bucket hats back into their everyday outfits.

While these hats have definitely changed throughout the years, they are still good for protection against the weather, while adding flair to an outfit. So this winter you should definitely think about adding a bucket hat to your closet!

## Scholarships offered for student artists, writers

By MADDIE MALLON

News Co-Editor

Artists and writers should use their creativity to help financially support furthering their education by applying for scholarships. They can apply for the Portfolio Awards, the One Earth Award and The Ray Bradbury Award for Science Fiction and Fantasy for science fiction writers.



### Portfolio Awards - \$10,000

Seniors can apply by submitting six works with a short explanation of the theme and purpose. These works can be fine art works or written works. Sixteen gold medalists receive a \$10,000 scholarship, but 30 silver medalists are also able to receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

### Ray Bradbury Award for Science Fiction & Fantasy- \$1,000

U.S. and Canadian students in grades 7-12 are able to apply for this scholarship by submitting a narrative with a magical, technological, futuristic or other science-fiction theme. Up to six students can win the \$1,000 scholarship each year.



### One Earth Award; \$1,000

Writers and fine artists can apply for this scholarship by creating a work that addresses human-caused climate change. Four students win each year and students from grades 7-12 can apply. The work should address climate change which impacts humans and the environment.

# Entertainment

## Celebrity Baby Boom

*Various Hollywood stars have babies during quarantine.*

By **JOCLYN IRONS**  
Entertainment Editor

Throughout the months in quarantine, there was an uptick in the number of celebrities having babies. When scrolling through social media, it may have seemed like there was a new birth announcement every day. With celebrities following quarantine guidelines by staying home, canceling tours and stopping filming due to COVID-19, this baby boom may last a while longer. Here are a few of the famous couples who have had children in 2020 so far.



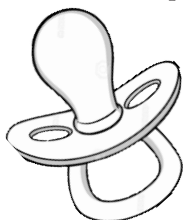
*Sophie Turner and Joe Jonas welcomed new baby Willa Jonas*



*Leighton Meester and Adam Brody welcomed a new baby boy*



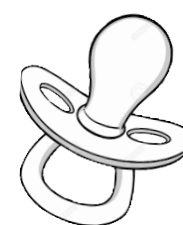
*Nicki Minaj and Kenneth Petty welcomed a new baby boy*



*Joaquin Phoenix and Rooney Mara welcomed new baby River Phoenix*



*Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom welcomed new baby Daisy Dove Bloom*



*Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel welcomed a new baby boy*

## “Hubie Halloween”

By **JOLIE FRAGGETTA**  
Opinions Editor

“Hubie Halloween” has been dominating Netflix this halloween season. Adam Sandler fans all over the world have been ecstatic about this movie. I have heard kids in school asking each other if they have seen it yet and even adults in my life telling me I need to see it, so I decided to sit down and watch it.

The movie’s cast is one of the best I have seen in awhile. You will see faces from characters in Disney Channel shows like China Anne McClain to iconic faces such as Steve Buscemi and Shaquille O’Neal.

There were hilarious parts of the movie like Mrs. DuBois’s T-shirt’s and other parts that warmed your heart like when Violet Valentine confesses her love for Hubie.

Ultimately, Adam Sandler did not fail to write another movie with a great story and a lot of laughs.



## “Wonder Woman: 1984”

By **EMILY HEROLD**  
News Editor

The sequel to the original “Wonder Woman” movie released in 2017 is officially ready to be released later this year.

Wonder Woman, also known as Diana Prince, is back again to take on another villain and save the world. This time, set during the Cold War, Wonder Woman is put up against supervillains Maxwell Lord and the Cheetah.

Wonder Woman is first seen in Washington D.C. working at the Smithsonian Museum. She has created a rather lonely lifestyle for herself as she is too scared to get close to others, but all this changes when her love interest, Steve Trevor, comes back into her life.

Even though the movie is set in 1984, it is said to have many parallels to the current times and political climate.

Be sure to catch “Wonder Woman 1984” in theaters on Dec. 25.



## “Wonder”

By **VICTORIA HOFFMANN**  
Editor in Chief

On Oct. 2, Shawn Mendes released his new single “Wonder” and news about his new album coming out later in this year.

After the release, I played the song over and over again. “Wonder” is different from other songs he has released, which makes it my new favorite.

When the first verse opens, listeners are hit with a grand chorus of harmonizing voices. To me, “Wonder,” is a comfort song, just like his hit song in 2018 “In My Blood.” The song as a whole moved his fans, including me, to the core.

I love this song because of the reaction from fans. They have described this song as “euphoric,” “a coming of age sound” and “flawless.” I couldn’t agree more, and cannot wait to see what his new album brings.



## “Soul”

By **ALEX KRAKOWSKI**  
Staff Writer

This December, Disney Pixar is set to release its new animated film “Soul.” Joe Gardner, voiced by Jamie Foxx, is a middle school band teacher who has had a lifelong dream of being a jazz performer.

When he finally gets his first gig, he falls into a sewer which sends him to a black hole as a bodiless soul. While he thinks he is alone, there are actually millions of other souls with him.

Joe meets 22, voiced by Tiny Fey, who has been a soul there for hundreds of years. Both of them travel back to the real world where Joe finds out what it means to have a soul.

“Soul” will premiere on Dec. 25 exclusively on Disney Plus, and it can be watched without paying any extra fees.



# Science & Technology

## What's in your food: *Fruit Roll-Ups*

By **LIZ KAMEEN**  
*News Co-Editor*

Many believe that Fruit Roll-Ups are a quick and healthy snack, due to the misleading name involving fruit. However, the first ingredient in the popular snack is sugar, followed by corn syrup and pear concentrate. It is significantly healthier to consume fruit rather than a Fruit Roll-Up because of how processed the fruit is by the time it is consumed. Since concentrates are a boiled-down version of dried fruit, it lacks the fiber and nutrients regular dried or fresh fruit holds. Only one Fruit Roll-Up contains two teaspoons of sugar, twice the amount



that the American Heart Association recommends for children in one day.

Since children are very likely to get addicted to the taste of sugar, it essentially numbs their taste buds to enjoy food that is not filled with sugar, such as vegetables and healthy fruit. If children only eat sugary snacks, they have a higher risk of tooth decay, diabetes, obesity and all of the issues that come with those health setbacks.

Fruit Roll-Ups also contain 11 possible genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, but do not label their packages that they contain GMO.

They may also contain a harmful ingredient, Carrageenan, that is often contaminated with non-food grade waste, which can cause cancer and

intestinal inflammation. The dyes used in Fruit Roll-Ups can cause multiple different health problems, such as hyperactive behavior in children, eczema, asthma and allergic reactions. After in-vitro tests, scientists found that the artificial dye, Blue No., can be a potential neurotoxin, and may be able to pass the brain barrier.

A healthy replacement to Fruit Roll-Ups could be fresh fruit, or a homemade, healthier option. Homemade Fruit Roll-Ups are easy to make, with some recipes only involving lemon juice, strawberries and some sugar for taste. A homemade recipe is a lot safer and healthier than artificial, store-bought Fruit Roll-Ups since most recipes do not include dyes or preservatives and are made with mostly natural ingredients.

It is important to look over the ingredients in these popular snacks, since many seem harmless, but are unhealthy to consume regularly.

## Attempts to create vaccine underway

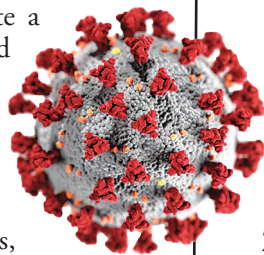
By **MIKAYLA KRISANDA**  
*World News Editor*

As of Nov. 5, 48,687,336 cases of COVID-19 have been reported world wide along with 1,234,464 deaths. Currently, there are attempts by many companies and corporations all over the world to create a COVID-19 vaccine.

According to BBC, results from major trials of the vaccine are expected within the coming weeks or months. Some of the leading contenders in the race to create a viable vaccine include The University of Oxford and AstraZeneca vaccine, Pfizer and BioNTech, Gamaleya Research Institute and Novavax.

There are 154 vaccines in pre-clinical trials; 21 vaccines in Phase 1 testing, which is small-scale safety trials; 12 in Phase 2 testing, which is expanded safety trials; and 11 in Phase 3 trials, which are wider testing and effectiveness assessments.

“The challenge is, the end isn’t coming soon,” said Michael Osterholm, director of the Centre for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota. “But it’s coming, and what we need to do is try to have as few cases as possible between now and the time a vaccine arrives.”



## Hurricane names break into Greek alphabet

By **ALEX KRAKOWSKI**  
*Staff Writer*

Naming hurricanes has been a tradition for the United States since 1950. Every year since then, the English alphabet has been used. The first time the Greek alphabet was used was in 2005.

This year is the second time hurricane names have reached the Greek alphabet.

Because of COVID-19 and everything else that has happened, many are not surprised including Phil Klotzbach, a meteorologist at Colorado State University, who makes seasonal hurricane forecasts.

“Of course, it is 2020, so I can’t rule out anything!” Klotzbach said.

In 2005, the hurricane season closed with Hurricane Zeta. As of Oct. 25, 2020, Hurricane 27 of this year has tied with 2005 reaching Hurricane Zeta.

There are still five weeks left in hurricane season which could mean 2020 could break the current record number of named hurricanes.

## Climate change, infectious diseases linked

By **MADDY FEDUN**  
*Science & Technology Editor*

Climate change modifies humidity and temperature conditions throughout the environment, and could have a direct link to the emergence of infectious diseases. Vector-borne and water-borne diseases are being studied to determine the linkage of these changes.

Vector-borne diseases are pathogens and hosts that survive and reproduce within a range of temperatures. There are two important factors to consider when examining the transmission of vectors- biting rate and the pathogen’s incubation rate. Water-borne diseases occur when human exposure comes into contact with contaminated drinking water, or food.

A study was conducted in India when the Punjab region experienced malaria epidemics. The study concluded that the abundant rainfall and high humidity resulted in an increase in mosquito reproduction.

According to the World Health Organization, a malaria model shows that a small increase in temperature will also increase the rate of infection within people by 3-5 percent which would further the seasonal span of malaria. Studies have shown that climate change is a major consequence of increases in infectious diseases, and without prevention this could continue to be a problem.

# Sports

## Kanterman, Holderith move on to States

By LUKE RUGGIERO  
Sports Co-Editor

The cross country team's regular season came to a close Oct. 19 with a loss against Abington Heights. Despite the loss, the boy's team finished their season 5-1, while the girl's team went 0-6.



Sophomore Maggie Holderith

Senior Adam Kanterman set the boys school record at 16:44, breaking the former record twice this year. Five other runners also had personal records of their own during the season.

Another runner who had a breakout year was sophomore Haley Troup,

who battled back from an injury to finish the season strong.

"The seniors had a great attitude coming into the season, and they adapted well with all of the COVID-19 changes. They were a stronger team from last year," said head coach Audrey Dennis.

The team sent the top seven runners to compete at Districts last Friday. Kanterman and sophomore Maggie Holderith finished as District 2 medalists and qualified for States, which occurs on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Hersheypark.



Freshman Nixon Kamenen

## Golf team loses in LIAA playoff semi-finals

By DANNY ZHIVKOVICH  
World News Co-Editor

The golf team's season ended with a first round loss in the LIAA Playoff Semi-Final on Sept. 25. They finished their season with a winning record of 6-2-2.

The team lost 3-6 in a match against North Pocono. The only player to advance to the individual

district playoffs was senior Matt Salus who shot 90 at pre-districts to qualify.

While at the district tournament, Salus shot 83 putting him in ninth place. A score of at least 78 was needed to move on.

"It was very personal for me watching Matt grow as a player from nine years old to now," said head coach James Salus. "It was one of our better seasons we have had in past years."

The graduating seniors for the golf team include Cayden Bell, Damien Estenes, Matthew Salus, Aiden Sykes and Hannah Williams.



Contributed Photo

The Golf team traveled to Elkview Country Club for District 2 AAA individual championship on Oct. 6.

## Professional sports plan for their next step

By AIDAN FEAN  
Sports Co-Editor

With these unusual seasons over, the NBA, NHL and MLB try to decide what the next step is while the NFL continues their season.

The NBA season ended with the Los Angeles Lakers defeating the Miami Heat in the NBA Finals 4 - 2 . The



NBA is currently working on a plan to determine when the 2020-21 season will start and under what circumstances.

As for the NHL season, the Tampa Bay Lightning defeated the Dallas Stars in the Stanley Cup Final 4-2. The NHL has no official start date but hopes to begin somewhere around Jan. 1.

Most recently, in the MLB the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Tampa Bay Rays in the World Series 4-2. With this season ending just last week, the MLB is unsure of when or how their next season will begin.

The NFL is still in the middle of its season, so they do not have a plan as to what they are doing for next season. As for this season, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said that he plans on having 20 percent capacity at the Super Bowl at the end of the season in Tampa Bay's Raymond James Stadium.

## Collegiate Update: Emily Anderson

By MIKAYLA KRISANDA  
World News Editor

2020 graduate Emily Anderson is playing on the Division II volleyball team at Southern Connecticut State University. She currently plays all three hitting positions but mainly plays middle blocker and right side.

Her practice schedule has been changed and her school developed a phase in plan to deal with COVID-19. Before going to campus in August, she was told that the championship season would be moved to the spring. She currently practices twice a day, five days a week until she leaves school

for Thanksgiving break.

Anderson said that throughout the season she has had to learn to constantly adjust to new habits and routines, especially in her sports schedule.

"Almost everything has been affected in some way by either the new lifestyle of college or the new life created by COVID-19," Anderson said.

She advises upcoming collegiate athletes to make sure that they know what it's going to take to be on the team and to be successful.

"Work on being super proactive and becoming a good planner with great time management skills," she said.



# Sports

## Girls soccer team wins league title

BY DANNY ZHIVKOVICH  
World News Co-Editor

Last week, the girls soccer team won the Lackawanna League Division 1 championship with two wins over the Honesdale Hornets. They finished their league season with an impressive record of 9-1-2.

### DV- 2, Honesdale- 1

On Oct. 26, the Warriors defeated the Hornets in a 2-1 away win.

The first half ended in a stalemate with no goals being scored from either side. Sophomore Sage Henry opened the scoring with a goal in the second half off an assist from senior Meghan Byrnes.

Henry quickly doubled her goal tally off a pass from freshman Gia Ciardullo putting the Warriors up 2-0. Late in the second half, the Hornets struck back with one goal, cutting the Warriors lead to 2-1.

The Warrior defense was able to keep the Honesdale attack to one goal and solidify the win.

“We are just happy to be playing,” said head coach Jeff Rainear. “You never know what’s going to happen with the pandemic.”

### DV- 2, Honesdale- 0

The Warriors finished their league play with a shutout win over the Hornets on Oct. 28 at home.

The first half was dominated by the Warriors with a flurry of shots on target. However, neither team was able to score and the first half ended 0-0.

About 10 minutes into the second half, Henry assisted sophomore Celi Denhalter, putting the Warriors up 1-0.

With about 10 minutes left, Denhalter scored her second goal solidifying a 2-0 win over the Hornets and crowning the Warriors as the Lackawanna League Division 1 champions.

“I thought our season went really well overall,” said senior captain Byrnes. “There were highs and lows, but in the end, we were able to pull through and win the league. It’s awesome that we were the first girls team to win the league for DV since 2010.”

Junior Theresa Ficken was named to the All-Lackawanna League first team as a defender for the Warriors. She was the only player from the girls soccer team to make the first team.

The Warriors played Williamsport Millionaires, home on Nov. 5 in the District 2 4A semi-final game.



Senior Savannah Bailey

## Spotlight Athlete Girls Soccer



Theresa Ficken, JUNIOR

**“Theresa Ficken leads our defense, a defense that has only allowed 9 goals in 12 games. She recently was named to the All-Lackawanna League first team for 2020.”**

**-Head coach Jeff Rainear**

## Lombardo makes history as tennis finishes season

BY LUKE RUGGIERO  
Sports Co-Editor

The tennis team ended their season on Oct. 27 with a record of 8-7. Senior Rose Lombardo made history this year, being the first DV girl since 2005 to make it to the semifinals at Districts for singles.

Lombardo and senior Madi Strickler competed at the semifinal level for doubles, finishing third and receiving a bronze medal.

“Our seniors Rose, Anna Bailor and Madi have been our anchors all year, and our junior Vicky Sioreti has been great all year. They have all stepped up at certain points,” said head coach Kevin Quinn.

“As a team, we wanted to get better everyday, and we did that. In team districts, we went to the semifinals, and we beat Hazelton in the quarterfinal,” said coach Quinn when asked about the team’s goals this season.



Senior Anna Bailor



Senior Rose Lombardo

## Field hockey team loses to Hazleton in Districts

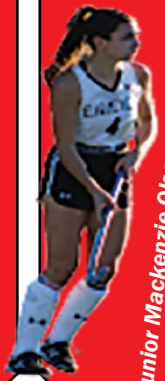
BY SOPHIA PERRIN  
Science & Technology Co-Editor

The Warrior field hockey team ended their season 0-13. In the district game against Hazleton, they came out strong with a tie 0-0 in the first quarter. However, late in the second quarter they gave up one goal going into halftime losing 1-0. The Cougars dominated the second half, adding five more goals to make the final score 6-0.

According to head coach Marielle Cavallaro, the team developed their hockey knowledge and skills together and learned how to move past obstacles with their collective attitude. These techniques led them to be more head-strong about improving their abilities more every day during practice.

The team’s main focus this season was working together as one defensive unit and connecting as an offensive unit. Some players stood out as leaders on the field.

“Senior Kristen Henry and junior Mackenzie Olsommer really took the reins on the field during game time,” coach Cavallaro said.



Junior Mackenzie Olsommer



Senior Kristen Henry

# Sports

## Warriors clinch District II 6A championship title

*DV takes on Altoona Area Mountain Lions tonight at 7 p.m. at the Danville Area Stadium.*

BY MADISON KELLY  
Sports Editor

The boys of fall improved their record to 4-1 after beating the North Pocono Trojans and Hazleton Cougars securing the District II 6A title in this shortened season.

### DV- 35, North Pocono- 7

The Warriors beat the Trojans on senior night, Oct. 23, at the DVHS stadium 35-7.

Seniors Jason Henderson, Preston Machado, junior Ryan Battaglia and

sophomore Paulie Weinrich scored a combined five touchdowns.

Henderson scored two of the five touchdowns, leading the team offensively with 398 rushing yards and helped defensively, adding four tackles and one assisted tackle. Senior Mark Callanan led the team in receiving yards with a total of 211 yards.

An interception was made during the game by defensive lineman Battaglia, who returned the interception 45 yards for a touchdown.

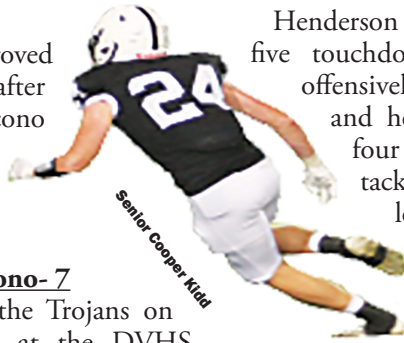
### DV- 55, Hazleton - 30

The football team defeated Hazleton 55-30 in the District II 6A championship game on Oct. 30 at the DVHS stadium.

The team had a total of eight touchdowns from Henderson, Machado, Callanan, Weinrich, senior Aiden Oliver, junior Harlem Cook and Aiden Black. Cook led the team in touchdowns scoring two of the eight.

Oliver threw for 300 yards, connecting with six different receivers.

The Warriors play tonight at Danville against Altoona Area High School at 7 p.m. for the first round of state playoffs.



Senior Cooper Kidd

## Volleyball dominates Crestwood, Hazleton Area

BY AIDAN FEAN  
Sports Co-Editor

The Warriors finished their season with an impressive 11-2 record. The Warriors capped their season off with a district championship over Hazleton.

### DV- 3, Crestwood- 0

On Oct. 16, the volleyball team defeated Crestwood in three straight sets.

The Warriors won both the first set and the second set by an identical score of 25-12. The third set was a little bit more competitive, but the Warriors defeated

them with a score of 25-16.

Sophomore Emily Henn led the Warriors with nine kills along with senior Brooke Acoveno's six kills.

Sophomore Jazmyne Bates led the team in service points with 13, as junior Casey Kidd added 10. Senior Kelly Volavka added 16 assists.

### DV- 3, Wyoming Valley West-

0  
On Oct. 23, the Warriors also defeated Wyoming Valley West in three straight sets.



Junior Casey Kidd

The Warriors won the first set by a score of 25-9. In the second set, they beat the Spartan warriors 25-12. In the third set, the Warriors clinched the game with a score of 25-13.

The team was led by Acoveno who had six kills.

Kidd, Bates, Henn and sophomore Olivia Conza all had three aces from the service line.

The Warriors defeated Hazleton this past Thursday for the district title.

## Warriors beat Honesdale twice, win league

BY ADRIENNE GORDON  
Entertainment Co-Editor

The boys soccer team clinched the Lackawanna League Division I title with a record of 10-2.

### DV-4, Honesdale- 0

The Warriors secured a 4-0 victory over the Honesdale Hornets on Oct. 27 at the DVHS stadium.

Sophomore Chad Fallen passed the ball to junior Patrick Moran who successfully shot the ball into the goal starting the game off 1-0.



Senior Hunter Sickler

With seven minutes left in the first half, senior Danny Zhivkovich crossed the ball to senior Owen Henry to put the Warriors up 2-0. Scoring the first goal of the second half, senior

Hunter Sickler scored with help from senior Mason VanHorn. At the very end, junior Travis Kelly scored a volley off an assist from Moran.

### DV- 4, Honesdale- 0

On Oct. 29, the Warriors travelled to Honesdale High School to secure

another 4-0 victory over the Hornets.

The Warriors scored three goals by VanHorn, Zhivkovich, and Henry. In the second half, Sickler scored for the Warriors with an assist from VanHorn.

Head coach Aaron Stark said that, "Overall, the team kept possession of the ball and played very well."

Sickler was selected as the Lackawanna League Division 1 MVP. This makes him the 4A All-State nominee from the second district. In addition, he was selected as the first team All-League forward.

The Warriors play the Williamsport Millionaires tonight in the District II final game.

## Spotlight Athletes Football



Jason Henderson, SENIOR

*"Jason is a leader on the defense and his role has increased significantly on offense this year. He has done a great job."*

-Head coach Keith Olsommer

## Volleyball



Emily Henn, SOPHOMORE

*"Emily has really stepped up her game in the last month and is playing really smart."*

-Head coach Bridget Crawford

## Boys Soccer



Hunter Sickler, SENIOR

*"Hunter gets a lot of defensive attention from opposing teams. He still manages to face that and put our team in the win column"*

-Head coach Aaron Stark