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Casey lips

By The Signpost Staff

Red Bank Catholic hosted members of the Asbury Park Press Red Zone crew and the Long Branch Varsity Football Team on October 1. Students rocked the Eck Center as the commentators discussed the game and interviewed players. The Caseys won the home game on October 5, 41-15, locking up the Conference Freedom Division title.

Art teacher Mrs. Carla Valentino exhibited 6 pieces of art at the Spring Lake Community Playhouse on December 2.

The first Original Speech Competition at Red Bank Catholic took place December 5 in the Broad Street Auditorium. The class of 2022 was well represented with 14 impressive competitors. Faith Wittstruck won first place, Jacqueline DiBenedetto second place, Kayla Ogo third place, and Kate DiFilippis won an honorable mention.

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Amerigo Coming to RBC

by Claudia Satzke

Red Bank Catholic is honored to have been considered for participation in Amerigo Education's organization, commencing during next year's fall semester. Amerigo Education is an organization that builds supportive boarding communities for international students in partnership with strong American preparatory schools. Amerigo works with students from twelve different countries worldwide, including South Vietnam, China, South Korea, Spain, Brazil, Mongolia, Russia, and Uzbekistan. This creates a very diverse group of applicants. Their mission is to "help international students discover their passions, build lifelong friendships, and most importantly, thrive in the classroom." This coincides with Pope Fran-

cis's mission to educate and integrate students from all over the world.

Amerigo Education has chosen sixteen Catholic schools around the United States as candidates for their program, including RBC. "We are honored and very excited to have been selected by Amerigo," said Principal Abatemarco. Students worldwide apply to Amerigo, then if accepted, apply to the schools that are chosen. Around ten to twenty students will be accepted per grade, but no more than a total of eighty students will be enrolled per school. A majority of the students will be freshmen and sophomores. If accepted, they will begin their journey at RBC in September of 2019.

Amerigo Education's goal

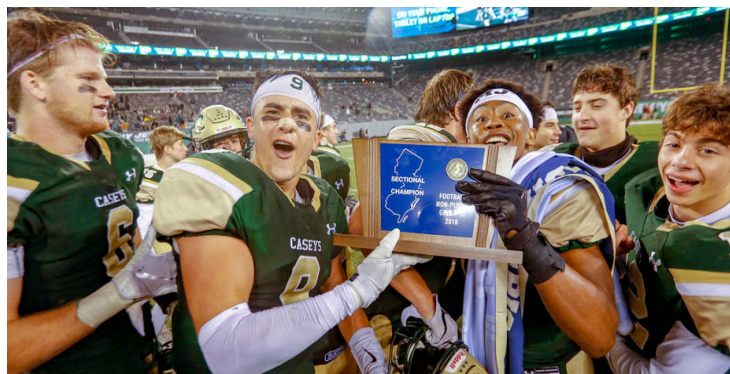
aims to provide more than an American education for students; it includes the hopes for every student to become immersed in American culture. Students will be provided the opportunity to experience this through trips, shows, and other activities. One of the main avenues to experience American life that Amerigo stresses is through friendships. RBC is known for welcoming new students. These students will build relationships with other students from the high school as well as their fellow Amerigo foreign exchange students in order to bring the world together, and teach one another about their various cultures.

Students are provided housing in dorms or apartments that are specifically built for these students, which is different from other programs. Housing for all students would be within fifteen minutes from the school.

Caseys Claim NJSIAA Football Title in Meadowlands

by Lily Gardner

Red Bank Catholic won the Non-Public Group III State Championship for the second time in the last five seasons and won its third overall NJSIAA Championship. The RBC Varsity Football Team dominated Pope John XXIII in a 27-0 shut-out victory to advance to the state title game. They met with Mater Dei Prep on Saturday, November 24, at MetLife Stadium. Number 5 in the state, Red Bank Catholic (10-0), scored the decisive points on its first possession of the second half when they went eighty yards in ten plays. Quarterback Steve Lubischer scored from eight



Seniors Anthony Romano and M.J. Wright hold up the NJSIAA trophy.

yards out with a run over left guard for a 7-0 lead with 4:46 left in the second quarter.

In a nailbiter, the RBC defense stopped Mater Dei Prep on a fourth-and-goal from the

three yard line with 4:52 left. Four straight incompletions ended the game and allowed Red Bank Catholic to celebrate its New Jersey State Championship in a 14-10 victory over Mater Dei Prep.

EDITORIAL

Climate Change Causes Dangerous Storms As Graduates Evacuate

by Lily Gardner

Hurricane Florence was a powerful and long-lived Cape Verde hurricane that caused severe damage in the Carolinas in September 2018, primarily as a result of freshwater flooding. It weakened to a tropical depression, according to the National Hurricane Center, but still was able to produce heavy and excessive rainfall over much of the Carolinas.

As Hurricane Florence bore down on the Atlantic Coast, colleges and universities in the storm's path closed and braced for its impact. Many Red Bank Catholic graduates were affected by this evacuation and sent home.

Schools Evacuate Students

Institutions such as Coastal Carolina University, the College of Charleston, the University of South Carolina, East Carolina University, Elon University, Clemson University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington were among the numerous schools forced to close and prepare for Hurricane Florence.

Eighteen Red Bank Catholic students enrolled in the College of Charleston within the past three years, and all, along with their classmates, were required to leave campus on Wednesday, September 12. The school canceled all classes, sporting events, campus activities and campus visits.

This was a pattern among many campuses: The University of South Carolina had sixteen RBC alumni sent home; twelve RBC students at Elon University were sent back to Monmouth County; three RBC students attending Coastal Carolina University were evacuated and

remained home for over two weeks; and Clemson University closed classes on four Casey graduates.

Each college emergency management team worked to coordinate recovery plans as quickly as possible to lift the evacuation orders and send students back.

Campuses Flooded

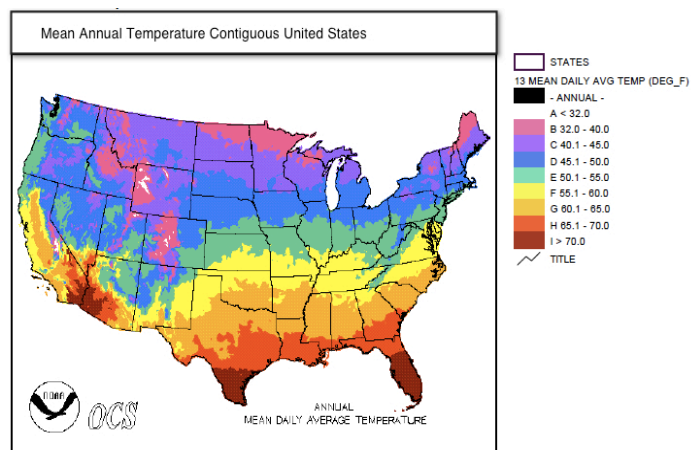
The biggest issue was excess water on rooftops and flooded areas on the campus; many routes used by students and employees were blocked. University offices reopened on Monday, September 17, and resumed classes on either Tuesday, September 18 or Wednesday, September 19 depending on the severity of the damage.

The chilling cause of more severe hurricanes has been rooted to global warming which has posed a wide-range of risks to more than just students. This phenomenon has caused a broad spectrum of problems beyond hurricanes, including heat waves, wildfires, sea level rises, flooding, and shortages of clean water.

California Wildfires

Such problems have already come in combination on the West Coast. California is suffering through the worst wildfires the state has ever seen. Extreme heat waves have degraded air quality that is threatening the health of residents. Colleges in California have had to cancel classes and events to protect students from this unsafe air quality in parts of the state.

None of the campuses have been evacuated so far, but most have advised students to stay indoors as much as possible with windows and vents closed and have instructed students with



Above is a graph that documents the mean annual temperature in the United States.

respiratory problems such as asthma or bronchitis to wear a mask while outside. Some colleges that have canceled classes include, yet are not limited to: Stanford University, the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of California, Davis.

Humans are generally not attuned to climate change because of how far in the future the threats tend to be; humans are more concerned with current events.

However, there are pressing problems now. "We see that climate change is literally re-

drawing the lines on the map, and revealing the threats that our world faces at every level," said Dawn Wright, the chief scientist for Esri, a company that develops geographic information systems. One main cause is greenhouse gas emissions warming the atmosphere which ripens conditions for wildfires.

Unless humanity takes action to curb the greenhouse gas emissions that drive climate change, the tropical coastal areas of the planet, such as California and Florida, could continue to be hit by these extreme occurrences.

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FEATURES

Senior Class Displays Halloween Creativity



Who's That Casey? Olympian-To-Be, Taylor Getz

by Lily Gardner

Taylor Getz is a senior Casey who leaves Red Bank Catholic for a period of time to compete in mogul skiing competitions.

Mogul skiing is a freestyle event comprised of two events, singles and duals. It consists of one timed run of free skiing on a steep, heavily moguled course, stressing technical turns, aerial maneuvers, and speed.

On an average day, Taylor skis in the morning for about four hours, either on a course, skiing flat, or doing practice jumps. She goes back to Killington Mountain School for a quick lunch and gym workout. Following this, Taylor goes to classes from around two to six in the evening, with free time afterwards.

Last year, Taylor, along with her ten person team, qualified for and competed in Junior Nationals, Nationals, and U.S. Selections. She continued to compete in the North American Tour, which is comprised of four competitions.

International Competition

Taylor not only competed against other Americans, but Canadians, Australians, and the Japanese as well. Unfortunately, Taylor tore her ACL the week before her first competition on the tour.

However, despite this setback, Taylor is returning to participate in the U.S. Selections with the goal to do well enough to get onto the North American Tour again.

Taylor is unsure whether she wants to take a gap year after high school to pursue a higher level of skiing, or move on and

go to college.

Wherever she ends up, the Caseys wish her the best of luck in both skiing and academics.



Taylor Getz takes a break on the snowy slopes at Junior Nationals.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Katherine DeFelice's View of Life Through Her Lens

by Brianna Alwell

Many students at Red Bank Catholic have talents we cannot see on the field, on the stage, or in the classroom. Senior Katherine DeFelice views the world around us differently; she views everything through the lens of her camera.

Katherine has been taking pictures for what she says "feels like forever." However, her passion for taking pictures has just recently flourished. Just this year, Katherine's photographs were chosen to be displayed as the front cover of the September issue of the New Jersey Journal.

Katherine captured these stunning photos from around Monmouth County over the summer. Her photos expose just how beautiful the state of New Jersey really is.

Her talented eye and creative style do not go unnoticed when viewing her work. She is able to see the depth and richness of color that many ignore. Katherine hopes to continue her passion for photography throughout college, and hopefully as a future career.

Katherine DeFelice is just one of the many students at RBC who sees things uniquely.

Lend Me a Tenor To Heat Up Broad Street Stage This January

by Christina Kildare

Come one, come all to the Red Bank Catholic High School winter play *Lend Me a Tenor*.

The show will warm the soul on a cold winter's night. It portrays a world famous Italian tenor named Tito Merelli, (senior Kenny Blake), performing in the starring role of the opera, *Otello* for an American opera company. Henry Saunders, general manager of the company who is stressed about everything, (senior Zack Dalton), hopes for success, while his assistant, Max, (junior Stanley Skalecki), is a young secret tenor extraordinaire watching over Tito's every move.

After a fiery fight with his wife, (senior Maggie Skalecki), Tito receives a double dose of tranquilizers through a series of mishaps, causing the company to wonder how they are going to put on the opera when the audience is awaiting the performance of the world-renowned Tito.

Throw in Diana, (junior Jacqueline Hennessy), an ambi-

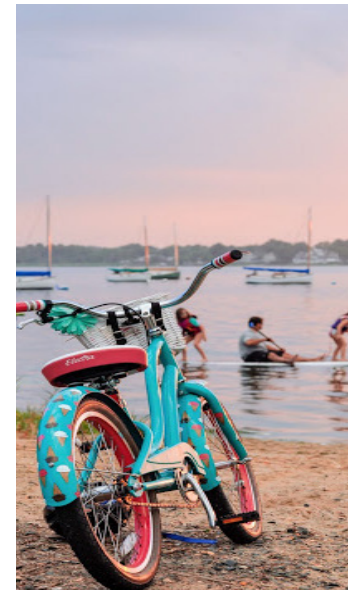
tious female co-star; Maggie, Max's giddy girlfriend (senior Lara Baktarian); Julia, a flirty head of the opera guild (sophomore Grace Allison); a meddling bellhop fighting for Tito's attention (senior Ryan Gotta), and we have a recipe for a comedic disaster.

The bellhop keeps showing up at the hotel suite at the wrong moment, trying to get an autograph and a photo of Mr. Merelli. Saunders ends up chasing the bellhop around the hotel suite, trying to strangle him for interfering and causing trouble.

Max navigates the company through one catastrophe after the next: an angry wife, a presumed death, crazy costumes, secret romantic romps, and loads and loads of slamming doors.

Will Max and Saunders find a way to save the opera's big night in grand, farcical fashion?

Find out on January 18 and 19 when this comic play bursts onto the Broad Street Auditorium stage.



These are just three of Katherine De Felice's photographs taken around some of Monmouth County's more picturesque locations.

Share a Piece of Artistic Passion

by Meghan Frederick

Members of the Literary Magazine Club at Red Bank Catholic are looking for new faces to contribute to this year's magazine.

Every spring the club publishes students' creative short stories, poems, drawings and photography. Everyone has personal talents, and whether they are displayed on the field, or through paper and pen, opportunity awaits.

The Literary Magazine allows students to express themselves in a unique way through their own perception and thoughts. Club moderator Mrs. Jacomme encourages students

to collaborate and openly contribute to the magazine and its publication.

Likewise, students already involved in the Literary Magazine are excited to collaborate with Public Speaking and Ms. King to work on introducing a Poetry Night in April this year.

April is poetry month, and this would be the chance for students to share some of their own verses with others who have the same passion for poetry, or even read aloud from the published works of favorite poets. Sharing poetry and hearing the works of others is good for the creative soul.

SPORTS

Boys' Soccer Team Makes Shore Conference Tournament

by Lily Gardner



Terrance Carroll and Andrew Schweizer celebrate after a win.

Change came about this year following the graduation of seven senior players for the Red Bank Catholic Boys' Soccer Team. However, the Caseys' newly implemented style of play directed by their four captains, Andrew Schweizer, Terrance Carroll, Alex Nichols, and Sean Wosleger, spearheaded the team to great success. Senior Andrew Colannino explains, "At first it was just about

sitting down and making sure we understand the mindset of how we want to play. Coach showed us YouTube videos and things like that."

Many factors contributed to the Caseys' successful 6-9-1 season record. The starting goalie for the Caseys, Schweizer, recorded over 500 career saves this season and added seven more saves in a major 4-2 win against rival Rumson Fair-Haven. Moreover, the boys have been recognized by the Shore Conference for the 2018 Sportsmanship Award.

As the boys' regular season came to a close, they headed to the Shore Conference Tournament to battle Howell in the first round. Despite the loss, this was their biggest test in the season so far; it was the first time they have been in the tournament for more than ten years now.

The Caseys finished their season with a loss in the New Jersey State Tournament game against CBA.

Sophomore Gymnasts Stand Out

by Elena Dimitri

The 2018-2019 Red Bank Catholic Gymnastics Team tumbled to a great season. With former star Alexandra Cucich graduating last year, gaining freshman stand-out Quynn Degraw played a key factor in the team's success.

Quynn earned her spot on the varsity team as only a freshman and believes that she is doing pretty well so far. Coach Gina Roselle says that she is "naturally talented" with "clean lines" and "specializes in beam and floor."

She has been performing gymnastics since she was two

years old and won beam at a state competition in the past. She has the potential to become the next RBC gymnastics star in the future.

More key gymnasts include senior Kaila Domanski, sophomores Cristina DiLeva, Mackenzie Haar, Skyla Domanski, and junior Connor Lane. Kaila Domanski is the captain of the team and has shown to be a tenacious leader. She has a lot of power and grace while competing.

This youthful, tight-knit group of gymnasts improved all season long.

Cross Country State Champs

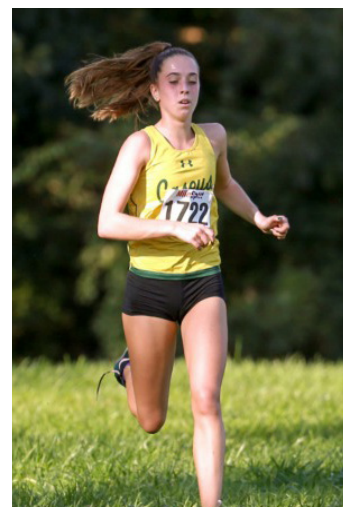
by Brooke Formato

The Red Bank Catholic Girls' Cross Country Team showed what they could do during their meet at Monmouth Counties, held at Holmdel Park. Junior Maddy Kopec placed third overall, with an outstanding time of 19.00.0.

Standout freshman Elena Dimitri has been helping the team succeed on the trails. These girls had been training almost every day since the summer, and it really started to pay off. Each meet, the team got closer and made a run for a state title.

Not only did Kopec drop time in her race at Monmouth Counties, but she was also Shore Track Coaches Association "Performer of the Week" at that time.

Cross country is a team sport that requires incredible individual efforts, which was proven each meet by the Casey girls. The girls worked hard together every day after school, and kept each other focused



Junior Maddy Kopec running at the Meet of Champions race.

and excited on their race days. The Caseys went on to capture another state title. The girls' cross country team secured a Non-Public A State Championship at Holmdel Park. The team had two girls finish in the top ten: Maddy Kopec in fourth, and Claudia Satzke in tenth.

Congratulations to the girls and their coaches on a spectacular season and 2018 state title.

Tennis Team Serves Up Success

by Meghan Frederick

The Red Bank Catholic Varsity Girls' Tennis Team racked up some outstanding achievements this season.

The girls made it to the semi-finals of States, where they displayed their talent in multiple intense matches against Pingry. Although they suffered a loss, it only heightened their determination for future matches.

Some of the team's best moments were captured in their victories against Rumson Fair-Haven and Mount Saint Mary's, where both final scores were 3-2.

Junior Julie Moschella, first singles, competed well in the Monmouth County Championship earlier this season, defeating Holmdel, while continuing to show her talent throughout the season.

Other accomplishments include Junior Sarah Fazzolari, second singles, finalist in her bracket, as well as sophomores Maria Ryan and Lauren Yu, continuing into the quarterfinals of their doubles bracket. The girls played their last match against Shore Regional on October 23, 2018 and came out with a 4-1 win.



Sarah Fazzolari and Julie Moschella at the Monmouth County Championships.

SPORTS

Football Finishes No.1 in the Shore

by Sofia Giamanco



Junior Billy Guidetti scores against division rival Long Branch.

The Red Bank Catholic Football Team posted another outstanding season, locking up the Shore Conference Freedom Division title against Long Branch, and the NJSIAA Non-Public Group III state title at MetLife Stadium against Mater Dei Prep. The Caseys completed an undefeated season, with a division record of 5-0. The team also won both non-divisional games against former Thanksgiving rival Rumson-Fair Haven and Middletown North. Another outstanding non-divisional win was against St. John Vianney. The Lancers defeated

the Caseys in last season's marquee matchup, and ever since, the Count Basie Field illuminated that final score to serve as a reminder of what the team worked toward; the Caseys took revenge, winning with a score of 41-14.

The football team has five committed seniors and one committed junior: Jaden Key (University of Pennsylvania); M.J. Wright (Fordham); Adam Demurjian (Fordham); Steve Lubischer (Boston College); Ryan O'Hara (Lafayette College); and junior Kevin Bauman (Notre Dame).

Girls' Soccer Team Reaches Shore Conference Tourney Finals

by Ava Giamanco

Girls' varsity soccer traveled to the Pingry School to play this top foe at the beginning of the season.

Ten minutes into the first half, RBC scored the first goal. After scoring, they just kept going. The final score was 5-2.

After this win against such a challenging school, the team was ranked very high on a list of schools to watch out for.

Though plagued by injuries toward the end of the season, the Caseys finished their division as the number one seed at 6-0.

The girls fought through the Shore Conference Tournament to the finals. They lost against

Toms River North 1-0.

After the tournament, the Caseys continued to battle in States, where they lost in the semi-finals against the very same Pingry School that they had beaten earlier in the season.

This year the girls' team was led by three captains; Danielle Borrino, Caroline O'Connor, and Julianna Rafaniello.

Five of these seniors committed to colleges; Julianna Rafaniello (UMBC), Sofia Giamanco (Iona), Caroline O'Connor (Virginia Tech), Danielle Borrino (Sienna), and Anthi Panayides (Drew). The team thanks the seniors for their valiant efforts this season.

Field Hockey Team Advances to Non-Public A South Semis

by Claudia Satzke



Julianne Kopec charges down-field.

Red Bank Catholic Varsity Field Hockey carved out an outstanding season with 13 wins, 7 losses and 1 tie.

The 2018 team was led by seniors Madison Grover, Lindsay Cook, Ellie Young, Victoria Black, Samantha Sercia, Caroline Kane, Regina Acken, and Erin Smith.

They also benefitted from the amazing play of underclassmen such as Shannon Tringola, Julianne Kopec, Alli Mulan, and Tess Darnell.

The team defeated Pinelands

in the first round of the Shore Conference Tournament by a score of 3-2, but lost in their second round in a hard battle against Shore Regional.

Members of the team would describe the season as exciting, yet difficult.

Junior Shannon Tringola, Drexel University commit, says that, "the change in our division has been tough, but we work hard in practice and I am super proud of our progression and intensity on and off the field."

Shannon is a great addition to the team and leads RBC with a total of fifteen goals and ten assists. The team is also heavily supported by key player, sophomore Julianne Kopec.

Teammate Reilly Trainor describes Julianne as "intense, competitive, and a great teammate." Julianne plays center midfield alongside Tringola. She has scored a total of nine goals and five assists.

The girls were seeded number one in NJSIAA Non-Public A South division play, got to the semi-final round, but lost to Camden Catholic.

The team thanks the seniors.

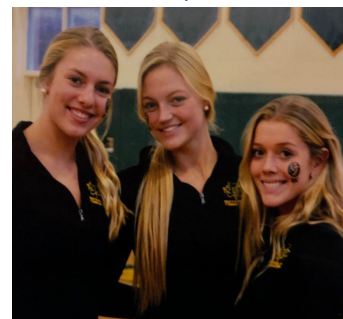
Seniors Lead Girls' Volleyball

by Brianna Alwell

The Red Bank Catholic Girls' Volleyball Team has completed yet another successful season with a record of 12-2 in the division. This year the team has five seniors: Carolyn Hazard, Grace Thygeson, Camryn Oneidas, Mackenzie Boyle, and Sofia Kelly. Senior night was October 16 against Barnegat. The seniors displayed strong team sportsmanship on and off the court. They posted a great win with a final score of 2-0.

Some of the team's best victories included Wall, Rumson-Fair Haven, and Raritan. Unfortunately, the girls did not qualify for the Shore Con-

ference Tournament, but advanced to the first round of states against Newark Academy. Overall, the Caseys racked up a great season and the team looks forward to next year.



Seniors Camryn Oneidas, Mackenzie Boyle, and Sofia Kelly pose after a game.