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## Rain Fails to Dampen Prom

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For many high school seniors, and underclassmen lucky enough to be asked, prom is the most eagerly awaited event of the year. Students spend hours upon hours poring over dress options, compiling pre-prom guest lists, negotiating with bus companies, and of course, stressing over finding a date. Unsurprisingly, such preliminary activities tend to generate almost laughably high expectations for the event itself. But Harrison High School's 2012 prom, held on May 24 at Mamaroneck Yacht Club, came as close to satisfying the hype as could be hoped.

Less than ideal weather put a bit of a damper on the "mock-tail" hour. Students were led to an outdoor pavilion, affording a normally lovely view

of heavy rain. But from here on in, it was smooth sailing. The conditions outside had no impact on the beauty of the yacht club's interior. The lush surroundings complemented the elegance with which those in attendance were dressed. Colorful vests wafted beside gorgeous dresses; heels of varying heights peeked out from beneath ethereal trains. "I don't think I've ever given so many compliments in one night," shared senior Madison Pollack. "Everyone looked so great! It wasn't just the dresses; people's hairdos and makeup were also spectacular!"

Soon after the students entered the ballroom, the dancing began. The DJ played a wide variety of upbeat hits, including "Call Me Maybe," "Shots," and "Starships."

Senior Lily Stokoe stated, "I was a big fan of the prom playlist! The DJ played lots of songs that everyone knew, and were easy to dance to. The only time I missed a dance was when my feet were hurting too badly for me to keep



Smile and turn! going."

Following forty or so minutes of dancing, dinner was served. Students queued beside banquet tables bearing a multitude of tempting dishes: pastas, rolls, salads, potatoes, even a full brisket! Many who made it to the front of the line early found themselves returning for seconds.

A second block of dancing succeeded dinner. The dance floor was somewhat less crowded, as many were still eating, and others chose to forego dancing in favor of mingling with their fellow prom-goers. Senior Nicole Barletta shared, "I love dancing, but I wanted to take some time out to just walk around and see all of my friends. It was so nice seeing everyone all dressed up, and enjoying themselves."

Those who chose to bust a move were rewarded with throwbacks like "Wannabe" and "Livin on a Prayer." Senior Sebastian Cortes commented, "I hadn't heard the Spice Girls in forever! What a treat! But seriously, it was

*Courtesy of Christie Suozzo* nice to hear some of the songs I loved as a kid."

Towards the evening's conclusion, dessert was unveiled. The dessert table featured delicacies running the gamut from chocolate-covered cannoli to raspberry-filled elephant ears. Those feeling a little weary could avail themselves of a cup of coffee. As desserts were enjoyed, the requisite slow dance for the night, "Two is Better Than One," was played. Couples feeling up for it made their way to the dance floor. Prom didn't officially end until 11 p.m., but the majority of those in attendance cut out at 10:30 in order to make it to after-prom on time. The students this reporter spoke to as they passed out of the ballroom were eager to share their thoughts on prom as a whole.

Senior Blair Finkel said, "Prom was wonderful! I'm a little sad that it's over, after so much buildup, but I had a really amazing time."



Striking a pose at pre-prom. *Courtesy of Ms. Chieco*

of Mamaroneck Harbor, only to be ushered back inside a little ahead of schedule on account

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# NEWS & FEATURES

## Field of Honor funds Hawaii

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By now, almost everyone has heard that the Harrison High School Band will be traveling to Hawaii in December to march in a parade commemorating the seventy-first anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Most have also realized how much money and effort will be required to make this trip a reality. Several fundraisers have been organized in order to defray the costs of sending over 100 students and chaperones (not to mention instruments) on a 14 hour plane trip to Hawaii. Students have been selling candy, and governmental grants have been secured. But the most visible fundraising strategy undertaken by the band has been the Field of Honor. For forty dollars, one can purchase an American flag to be displayed on the front lawn of the high school, and dedicate it to a fallen veteran. Over 200 flags are currently flying on the front lawn of the high school and will remain there until Flag Day, at which time they will be returned to their buyers in thanks of their generous gifts.

This Field of Honor epitomizes the reasons why the band

accepted the invitation to Hawaii. First off, it is always necessary to raise awareness for both the deceased and surviving veterans of our nation's armed forces. Through its dedicated flags, the field commemorates soldiers who have passed away. The Harrison High School band students will also honor veterans

The Field of Honor fundraiser, which has already generated thousands of dollars, would not have been possible without the help of band conductors Dr. Pasqua and Mr. Briem, both of whom have worked incredibly hard to make the fundraiser a success, and more importantly, to help commemorate the lives

the Field of Honor, everyone is invited to share their stories with us and with the whole Harrison Community."

Special recognition is also due to the members of the Pearl Harbor Committee, who have spent tens of hours outside of school helping to make the Hawaii trip feasible.

The committee consists of juniors Theo Gevirtz, Tim Alfieri, Serena Takada, Ray Corona, Deven Ullerick, Jungsuh Kim, sophomores Danny DeBois, Lily Lindsay, Jenna Lefkowitz, Emma Camillone and Julia Ng, and freshmen Vanessa Santamaria, Catherine Rocchi and Andrew Cuevas. Among the many responsibilities shouldered by this group has been raising awareness among community members about the Field of Honor.

If you or your parents would like to donate a flag to the Field of Honor, there are several avenues through which this can be accomplished. Checks made out to "Harrison Central School District" can be mailed into the high school. Money can be handed over directly at the security desk in the main lobby, or made online. Donations can also be made online, via credit card, at [hhsbpa.org](http://hhsbpa.org).



Flags fly on the Field of Honor.

*Courtesy of Rula Samad*

while they are in Hawaii, by wearing tokens sent in by a surviving combatant. The band received these special tokens from veterans all across New York State after personally sending out letters to every military regiment in the state asking for donations and symbols of the struggles the soldiers have faced. This reporter has already received a Wounded Warriors pin from a veteran from Staten Island.

of our nation's veterans. When asked about why the idea to create a Field of Honor was so appealing to him, Mr. Briem stated, "We all have stories and memories of significant people in our lives; parents, siblings, relatives, teachers, community members, youth leaders, and neighbors who have all affected us in deep and important ways. Many times we discover that these same people were also veterans. With



# Debois is da best at Debate

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Sophomore Danny Debois never ceases to amaze Harrison High School with his astonishing debate accomplishments. This past weekend, Danny competed at the National Catholic Forensic League's Grand National Championship in Baltimore, Maryland. Debois came in second place with an extremely impressive record. He had to qualify out of the local district for this tournament, which is impressive in itself because each state sends only six debaters in each event.

With 200 of the best varsity debaters in the country in the competing field, Danny first had to break through preliminary rounds with a record of 4-1 or better, which is a difficult task. Because so many regions were represented here, debaters had to adapt to a wide variety of judg-

es and styles. Danny exceeded expectations by breezing through preliminary rounds with a record

of 5-0. With three judges on the panel for each round, Danny had a 13-2 ballot count. He continued



Debois strikes a pose, in debate attire.

*Courtesy of Danny Debois*

to do exceptionally well by winning his double octofinal round (top 32), octofinal round (top 16), quarterfinal round (top 8), and semifinal (top 4). It was not until his final championship round that Danny experienced his first loss.

His great success in this past tournament and at the Tournament of Champions last month allows him to rank as one of the top debaters in the country. Danny will be continuing onto his last tournament of the year in early June at the National Forensic League's tournament in Indiana. It is almost unheard of for a sophomore to achieve this kind of recognition. Please congratulate Danny if you see him and wish him luck in his upcoming tournament pursuits.

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## HHS debate excellence continues

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The Tournament of Champions, better known as the TOC, is a high school debate tournament held annually at the University of Kentucky during the first weekend of May. The TOC features many different forms of debate, ranging from public forum debate (four-person debate with two teams of two) to Lincoln Douglas debate (one on one debate). Among members of the debate community, the TOC is considered the most prestigious tournament on the "national circuit" – a competitive forum for the most successful debaters from around the nation. J.W. Patterson founded the tournament during his tenure as director of the debate team at the University of Kentucky. Similar to sports, competitors need to qualify to be eligible to participate. In order to qualify, debaters must attain two bids at various tournaments held during the year. Obtaining bids can be challenging, because the bid rounds at certain tournaments

feature three-person judging panels, and debaters must please them all. This year two Harrison debaters worked hard enough to get bids. Sophomore Danny DeBois received his bids by achieving the distinction of co-champion at the 2012 Malcolm A. Bump Memorial Debate Tournament at Hendrick Hudson High School, and by reaching the octofinal round at the twenty-sixth annual Minne Apple debate tournament. Senior Ally Brabant received a bid at the Malcolm A. Bump tournament, where she too was recognized as co-champion. She picked up her second bid at the Harvard University tournament, where she reached the octofinals elimination round (in other words, the top sixteen). This reporter spoke with both Ally and Danny about their feelings leading up to the TOC.

Debois shared, "I'm obviously nervous to be going to such a hard tournament, but at the same time I'm really excited to be going, especially because

not many sophomores get the chance to go."

Brabant had this to say: "It felt great to qualify. It signified all the hard work I'd put into debate for the past three years. It felt like the culmination of all the work I'd put it and it was awesome to finally get recognition through something that not many people qualify for. After a lot of thinking, I decided not to go because it interfered with some other previous commitments I had. I didn't want to let down my softball team, since I had a bunch of games over that weekend so I decided not to go. I was okay with not going because it was the qualifying that was important to me."

By analogy, the TOC is like the Super Bowl of debate. It's the most competitive tournament. It is a chance for all different types of debaters from across the country to come together and compete against one another. Within the debate world, there are different types of debaters. Harrison's

debate team functions as a more traditional type of debate. They write common arguments that can be understood and debated in a smart way. Other schools are more progressive and they debate the philosophy before they get to the actual issue. For instance, some debaters debate whether morality exists before they get to the actual topic. The judging at the tournament consist of old debaters, coaches, and parents. Like debaters, the judges also vary in the type of debate that they like to watch. Some judges do not like fast speaking or complicated arguments. In order to avoid this, judges make a judging paradigm, which expresses their views about debate. This is beneficial to the debaters because they can read what the judge wants to see and adapt accordingly.

# Success for SUNY College Tour

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Juniors and sophomores went on a college tour hosted by our school on April 25-26. This "SUNY College Tour" visits various state universities. This spring the college tour chaperones were Mrs. DiFalco, Mrs. Chieco, Dr. Miller and Mr. Gunnel. The colleges visited included: SUNY University at Albany, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Binghamton University and Marist College. Marist is a private school, and was the only college that wasn't a SUNY school.

The first day the students went to see Albany and Cortland, and then the following day they went to view the campuses of Binghamton and Marist. The diversity of these colleges was very interesting to the students; they were able to see what they liked.

First up on the tour was SUNY University at Albany. It

really nice place to go to school. I would definitely look into going there."

Straight from there, after stopping off to have a little lunch at the local Burger King, the students were brought to SUNY Cortland. They were a little behind schedule, but once they got there, the school tour guides were not wasting time. The students were broken into smaller groups of ten and were given a complete tour of the small campus.

"Cortland looked like such a fun college and it was very small which is what I really like," says junior Grace Tobin. "The tour guide made all the upcoming events sound amazing like the dances and the big game against Ithaca. There was also a giant vending machine containing every snack a college student would ever want; it was very cool. I enjoyed viewing the campus, so now I am

definitely going to look into the school more and see if I would like to apply there."

The students who were attending these college tours were aware that they would have to stay overnight. After they were bought dinner, they stayed at the Cortland Inn. The hotel had an indoor pool and a complimentary breakfast. The students had a great time there and in the morning were refreshed and able to go view more colleges.

Bright and early, the students were off to SUNY Binghamton, considered by many to be the 'Ivy League' of state

schools. Many Harrison high school graduates from last year are now freshman enrolled there. The visiting students were broken up into two large groups while the tour guides expressed to them the benefits of going to the school.

"Binghamton was a large and beautiful campus," says sophomore Sarah Mazza. "It is a very good SUNY school and was definitely my favorite out of the ones we saw. The only problem is they do not have a football team and I was looking forward to cheering on my team and having a lot of school pride. I loved the school though, so I could probably live without a football team and make do with the other athletic sports taking place at the school."

After a lunch break the students were off to their final tour. The last school they would be looking at was Marist College. It was different from the schools they had just seen, not only because it was

small, but also because it was the only private school out of the four visited. The Harrison students were split into small groups after watching an introduction to the school.

"The Marist campus was beautiful!" says sophomore Evann Specht. "I felt like there were castles all around me and the programs they were show-

ing us were very well organized. They made it look like something I would have a lot of fun doing. Although the campus was gor-



geous, it seemed very strict compared to the other campuses we saw."

Right after Marist, the Harrison High School students got back onto the bus and were ready to go home. They reminisced about everything they had seen and learned about the previous colleges by playing a fun game with the chaperones. Before they knew it, they were back at home with their families, telling them all the great things they had seen. The college tour



was a large school that, at the time, was under a lot of construction. Regardless of that, students were still able to get a good feel for the campus. They watched a film that provided details about the school and were later split into two large groups and shown dorms and programs used in the school.

"My brother goes to UAlbany and I was able to see him when we went to visit the college," says junior Nick Pipitone. "Seeing him was great and getting a feel of the school was also very nice. My brother says he loves it there and it looks like a



Photos courtesy of the HHS Guidance Department

happens every year and each year the students learn a lot and have a fun time.

"I thought overall the college trip was a fun, informative way to visit colleges," said junior Kaylee Araoz. "You were able to actually learn from the tour guides and not have your parents harass you while you did it."



# Savor the Flavor!

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On May 5, the second annual Savor the Flavor banquet was held at Manhattanville College. A fundraising event, Savor the Flavor aimed to raise money in support of the Hawaii-bound Harrison High School band.



Band students perform.

As its name suggests, Savor the Flavor revolves around food. Numerous restaurants located in and around Harrison brought a dish or two to be served to those who attended the event. Members of the Harrison High School band, as well as students from Manhattanville, volunteered as servers. The event allowed

attendants to sample many different kinds of food, from Italian, to Chinese, to a wide array of desserts. After purchasing a wristband, they were free to

browse a large room lined with tables for the different restaurants.

Freshman band member Catherine Rocchi was among the students who volunteered to serve food. She shared, "Overall, the night was a success. It was nice to have so much fun supporting the band."

In addition to food sampling, Savor the Flavor also featured silent auctions. A large

range of donated prizes, which included electronics, tutoring sessions, and gift certificates, were displayed and bid on throughout the night.

Several musical performances also contributed to the success of Savor the Flavor. Members of the high school band and the middle school band, as well as some elementary school students, performed for the attendants. There were also performances by Harrison High School alumni, and band director Mr. Briem.

Perhaps the best part about the event was that it gave Harrison band students an opportunity to have a good time, and enjoy some good food, while helping to support an organization they love. The students



Faculty members, all dressed up!

who this reporter spoke to were unanimous in their enjoyment of Savor the Flavor.

"Mr. Briem was awesome," said freshmen Andrew Cuevas, "Savor the Flavor was a nice way to unite the band."

"Savor the Flavor was a great experience, especially for the freshmen," said freshmen Alexis Shannon, "We were really excited to work with everyone."

# Juniors cash in on fashion

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Saturday, May 12, the Junior Class hosted Harrison High School's first fashion show at Lester's in Rye to raise money for the Junior Class. Throughout

down the runway as their names were announced by the store manager. A funny excerpt pertaining to their outfits and backgrounds was read right before their outfits were described. Each model had the opportunity to strike a pose at the end of the runway and walk back as people gazed at their outfits.

After the show, customers shopped until they dropped to support the Junior Class. Lester's was generous enough to extend the event through Sunday, May 13, to additional community members who could not make the Saturday times. Overall, the event was an exciting way to advertise Lester's fashions while the Junior Class benefitted from the



Photos courtesy of Peri Mendelsohn

the course of the day, members of the Harrison community that shopped at Lester's benefitted the Junior Class by stating at the register that they were from Harrison. A Fashion Show was held at 2 p.m. in order to bring in shoppers and advertise Lester's fashionable clothing selection. Both teachers and students participated in the show. Students were eager to watch their teachers strut their stuff on the runway. Teachers like Ms. Columbus, Ms. Hoover, Ms. Epstein, and Mr. Brickle all did a fantastic job of putting on the best show possible and sporting stylish clothing. The following students also participated in the show: Peri

Mendelsohn, Kate Faxon, Rajan Mehra, Sarah Vallarelli, Chloe Williams, Emily Chestler, Christie Nannariello, and Alison Midollo.

During the show, the models lined up and made their way

customers' behalf -- not to mention the highly entertaining show!

The Junior Class would like to thank all of the models who participated in the show for their time and enthusiasm. It was greatly appreciated and helped



Senior Emily Chestler struts her stuff.

make the event a success. Additionally, the Junior Class thanks all the community members who supported the cause through shopping or attending the show!

# Glauber Does NaPoWriMo

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In his poem "The Waste Land," T.S. Eliot wrote, "April is the cruellest month." Perhaps he would be of another mind these days, now that every April is known as National Poetry Month, a tradition in place since 1996, and currently celebrated by publishers, booksellers, literary organizations, libraries, schools, and poets. Thousands celebrate the designation through readings, festivals, workshops and other events. One challenging way for poets to celebrate the 30-day occasion is to take part in NaPoWriMo (National Poetry Writing Month). A tradition since 2003, when writer Maureen Thorson first modeled the challenge after November's National Novel Writing Month, the idea is that a participating poet writes a new poem for each day in April, according to a provided prompt.

Among the many who rose to the writing challenge this April was our very own Mr. Glauber, who chose to follow the daily prompts given on the Writers' Digest website by Robert Lee Brewer in his blog "Poetic Asides." There were other sites that offered alternative prompts, (such as [www.napowrimo.net](http://www.napowrimo.net)), but this first time around Mr. Glauber kept to Mr. Brewer's prompts, which were challenging, but not overwhelming. With teaching, planning, and grading papers and articles from IB English literature, Theory of Knowledge, and Journalism classes, it wasn't always easy to keep up with the daily writes.

"To be honest, some prompts had to wait for the next week-end," said Mr. Glauber. "But I held true to the challenge. At the end of the month, I had a thick stack of 30 new poems and a feeling of accomplishment."

Poetry is nothing new for Mr. Glauber.

"I've always been a writer, but I began to focus more seriously on my poetry in 2006," he said. "Now, six years later, I can see my growth within the medium. I have had some great success in getting poems published in small literary journals online and in print."

From the end of the 2011 school year to the present, Mr. Glauber has had some 28 separate acceptances from a variety of publications. For now, it remains merely a labor of love, yet he hopes that some publisher might want to offer a collection of his poems in the near future.

"Being a poet is not a paying career for most," Mr. Glauber explained. "I saw Alan Shapiro, who has had volumes of poetry published, at a recent reading. He said that people often are taken aback when you tell them you are a poet. It's like telling someone you are a shepherd or a leech gatherer. It's certainly

not going to be a career that guidance counselors will steer high school students toward. Yet I think all of the teachers in the English Language Arts department are very supportive of creative writing from students, and I have seen some amazing student work over the years here at Harrison."

Mr. Glauber reminds students that his recent success has been a process of persistence and determination:

"I still get quite a few rejections, but that's part of the process. The fact is that not every reader will connect with the work, as poetry covers a very wide realm of subject matter and styles. Taste is subjective, and often luck plays as much a part as talent."

It's often frustrating to get a form rejection letter that doesn't offer much insight as to why any particular piece has been passed on. One of the prompts for April's challenge was to write a poem about rejection

(see insert). I took a long look at many different rejection letters, and began to form what developed into a poem."

Other prompts for the month included writing a sports poem, one about a regional food dish, a tree poem, and one about science fiction or fantasy.

"It was a fun challenge, and I urge interested students, teachers, and administrators to give it a shot next April – or even over the summer break," Mr. Glauber said. Over the next few months, Mr. Glauber will be revising and refining some of those poems created over the NaPoWriMo challenge, then sending them out in hopes of future publication.

"Poetry remains an obscure art," he said, "but a nuanced and fascinating one, nonetheless. Go out to a reading, try your hand at writing, or just explore many of the online poetry sites that are out there. You might discover an inner poet you never knew existed."

## **Not for us**

The tenor and timbre are similar  
whether form response or personal:  
they speak of appreciating the chance  
to read, reread and carefully consider,  
but these aren't quite right,  
they are not a good fit,  
in short, they are not for us.  
Best wishes are sent  
in sending stuff elsewhere  
and thanks extended  
for the trust implicit  
in choosing this journal or contest.  
The backlog caused this delay,  
and you have our apologies,  
but please wait a month before submitting again.  
They are messages of regret,  
of numerical odds working against you,  
of bad timing or fickle fate,  
of clashing aesthetics or  
the planets being poorly aligned.  
Sometimes it's not about the work,  
for politics exist in the smallest arenas,  
and personal visions and  
mercurial temperaments  
often rule the day.  
This is the moment of discouragement,  
denied even the decency of some account  
why your work has been declined.

Is it better to hear that these works  
would be improved by greater concision  
or more original language,  
that while your message is inspirational  
your words are prosaic, your syntax disjointed,  
your rhythm unregulated?  
Are you better for knowing  
you lack an emotional point of access,  
that such emotions seem disembodied  
or overly sentimental,  
the action too static and rife  
with clichéd assertions,  
that there is redundancy,  
too much formality,  
or not enough?  
The language is underspecified,  
or possibly too abstract.  
Yet your words are lovely things,  
No doubt they will find suitable homes  
in short order. Our loss, they say,  
much luck and hope you continue to prosper.  
But for now, it's a no,  
So good luck dealing  
with this temporary setback.

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(April 8, 2012 prompt– a theme of rejection)

# No Bells Peace Prize?

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Now that AP testing week is over, why is there still so much silence between classes? Everyone knows that the bells get turned off during exam weeks to be courteous to students taking the exams. This makes sense, as it limits distractions, but in the past the bells have returned the day after exams were over. This time that has not been the case.

Students are confused to whether the bells are broken or if the school simply is not going to turn them back on. In some cases, the silence has proven to be very relaxing, but in other instances, it has caused stress. For those students who do not know when it is time to get to their next class and for ones that do, but are not certain whether or not they are late, this new bell-less environment can create quite an issue.

"When I am on my free and it is nice out, sometimes I like to sit outside. Since I never see people walking in the hallway to signal that the period is over, I usually just go by the bell, but now since there are not any

bells, I am constantly looking at my phone to check the time and constantly worrying that I will be late," says junior Talya Evans.

Students and teachers seem to not have a distinct time to end without bells, and some teachers go over the time period, making students late to their next classes without a valid reason. The next teacher only sees students arriving late, and assumes it is their fault. This situation can get sticky because it interferes with education (and can interrupt the other students who have arrived in a timely manner). In this situation, teachers are unable to determine whether students are being held by other teachers, or just are tardy and trying to avoid class.

"One of my teachers always marks me tardy these days!" says senior Matthew Karpf. "The teacher of the class before thinks it's okay to hold our class late to keep teaching and my teacher of the next class is

not a fan of me showing up late every single day."

Yet other students feel like the no bells and no announcements policy is quite relaxing. They find the bells loud and harsh and this new policy makes school feel less like a jail. Without the added loud stress of the bells, students say that the high school appears to be a friendlier and happier place to be. In this spirit, perhaps that atmosphere will inspire greater learning overall, making the school far better off in the long run.

"I always kind of get a tiny bit of a headache when the bells ring, especially if you are standing right under them," says senior Elisa Santilia. "They are just so loud and harsh. I could not be happier that we are no longer using them. I actually think it is a little bit of freedom that the school is giving us, almost just like trusting us to come to class on time. I think that high school students definitely deserve free-

doms since we are so close to entering the real world."

"Having no bells creates a more peaceful environment in the school and also forces students to be more responsible," agrees Mr. Gunnel.

Ms. Epstein sees it as an improvement as well.

"I think the no-bell schedule is a lot more beneficial for the students and teachers. Teachers are able to get additional teaching in without having to talk over the bells. I also think that it is calmer now that there are no announcements. It creates a more tranquil environment. Although, there are some downsides, like for instance how some students might be a little late, but I think they are adapting very quickly."

Although students and teachers seem to have mixed opinions about the bell debate, everyone is eager to see what will be decided overall. Many are hopeful a long-term decision will be reached sooner rather than later. For now, enjoy the silence, but get to your classes on time!



## Pierce Crowley: Safe and Found

Sarah Mazza

Staff Writer

On May 25, Rye native Pierce Crowley went missing. The 15-year old Crowley attended the all-boy Catholic school Iona Prep in New Rochelle. Pierce was last seen at the New York Presbyterian Hospital in White Plains, sneaking out the back door. According to LoHud.com, Gretchen Crowley (Pierce's mother) told reporters that Pierce was in a "fragile state" and needed to be found as soon as possible.

Pierce left the hospital with no more than 40 dollars in his pocket, no cellphone, and no credit card. After Pierce left the hospital, where he was enrolled in a program, he was seen at *The Cheesecake Factory* with a friend with whom he later went to the train station. The friend went home, but Pierce did not. His disappearance worried his

family and friends.

News of Pierce's disappearance spread very quickly. What started out as a local news story on News12 soon escalated into a cover story on NBC's Evening News. Many people from all over the region started making posters and creating Facebook and Twitter pages in order to raise awareness of Pierce being missing, and hopefully to bring Pierce home. These gestures did raise awareness, and were aided by the actions of several celebrities. Celebrities like Kim and Kourtney Kardashian, P-Diddy and his son, Mike Posner, and many others tweeted to their many followers about the missing boy to try and raise public awareness and get Pierce home.

On May 31, Pierce finally was spotted by a NYC police officer in Washington Heights. He

was immediately brought home to Rye to be reunited with his family a friends. According to WhitePlainsPatch.com, mother Gretchen Crowley exclaimed her joy in having her son home.

"He is home safe and clean that was our goal from the beginning," she said. "We are just so overjoyed that he is home." Although we still don't have answers as to why he ran away, the community is happy that he is home safe."

Many Harrison students got themselves involved in the massive search party for Pierce.

"As soon as I heard that a person from a neighboring town was missing, I knew I had to get myself involved," said current sophomore Nicole Ferrara. "I knew that passing out posters at the Harrison Memorial

Day parade would raise lots of awareness and, by doing that, I captured many people's attention. I also posted in the Find Pierce group on Facebook all the information that I knew."

"I'm so happy that Pierce is found," said current sophomore Kyle Lefkowitz. "I know this event was not only traumatic for his close friends, but also for the people in his community. I really got involved by spreading the word on Twitter and hanging posters in school. I even got a famous rapper named Hoodie Allen to retweet a picture of Pierce to his followers. This made me feel good that I could help out the cause."

The coordinated effort was impressive and ultimately effective. Thanks to all who helped spread the word and helped to bring him home safely.



# Five Westchester High Schools Make List of Top 100 in the Nation

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The 2012 edition of the annual *U.S. News & World Report* list of the top hundred high schools in the nation came out in early May. People were stunned to learn that five schools located in Westchester County made it on this year's list. Out of the whole nation, Yonkers Middle-High School was ranked at number 24, following at number 72 was Rye High School, number 79 was Horace Greeley High School, number 83 was Dobbs Ferry High School, and finally at number 96 was Edgemont High School.

Laura McMullen, writer for [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com), explains the process of being eligible to receive a ranking in the top hundred high schools as follows:

"To determine the best high schools' national rankings, schools were first analyzed at the state level in terms of how well students in each school performed on state assessments, taking into account the test scores of disadvantaged

students (low-income, Hispanic, and Black), who tend to score lower on tests. Then high schools that made it through this analysis were eligible to be ranked nationally, in terms of college readiness. This is determined the degree to which schools prepare students for college-level work by analyzing student success in Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) programs, both of which include college-level courses."

Out of 22,000 high schools, one hundred were awarded with having the greatest education, exceptional state exam scores, and students' readiness and preparedness for entering college. Many people often have questions as to what's better on college applications. AP classes or IB classes. According to [www.collegeconfidential.com](http://www.collegeconfidential.com), in its Ask The Dean section, it says, "You can't go wrong with either AP or IB. They are both rigorous programs, which intend to prepare you both for

college equally."

At Harrison High School, we are fortunate enough to have adopted the International Baccalaureate program into our current curriculum. We currently also have AP classes for students as well. Our education is growing stronger as we move ahead in this rigorous and challenging program, and we have exceptional candidates who are seeking IB diplomas next year.

"I am nervous for the IB diploma, but at the same time I am happy that I signed up because it will look great on my college applications," said current sophomore Paige Brabant. "The IB diploma will not only prepare me with the right tools I need for college, but also for later on in my life."

Some people say that Harrison provides a very good education, and even more so now with the IB diploma program launched. So why wasn't Harrison High School included on the list of top schools? What can

Harrison do to improve their education to make it onto this list?

"Harrison offers a great education. I feel like I know more than a lot of my friends do at other schools that don't take the higher-level classes that I do," said sophomore Danielle Mehlman. "I honestly don't think that Rye's education is any better than ours."

"With the IB diploma just being started, perhaps the program needs to work out the kinks," said sophomore Hunter Sable. "Because it is in its first year here, it's bound to have a couple things wrong with it. But over the next couple of years, it will be even better!"

The *Washington Post's* Challenge Index recently rated Harrison High School as #121 nationally.

While lists are not always the most reliable indicators of actual education, perhaps HHS will be included in next year's top 100. We are in a great position to move up in the rankings.

## Law Day Spotlights Mock Trial, Debate

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On June 1, Harrison High School held its annual Law Day event. This year's event was coordinated by Mr. Hertzog, his second year at the helm. Law Day features two main components. First, the law students participate in a mock trial to show off their skills to family and friends. A real judge comes in to judge each trial. The students then get feedback based on their performance. Secondly, the debate team conducts workshops, showing a debate round and what it is like to research, think on your feet, and argue.

The topic they debated on this year's occasion was: The United States ought not to intervene in the political processes of other sovereign nations. Team

members were divided into different workshops in order to better delve into the topic. It gave the students a great first-hand experience.

"We're excited to again be celebrating Law Day at Harrison!" said Mr. Hertzog. "This year we were again joined by Beena Koshy, who was running workshops for the novice and varsity debaters during the day. At the same time, two Harrison Town Court judges were on hand to judge the mock trials. Ms. Murphy and I are truly grateful to the Harrison Educational Foundation for sponsoring this event!"

Ms. Beena Koshy is a highly regarded figure on the national debate circuit. She is a well known Director of Debate and

in addition to coaching debate teams on to various championships, she also trains corporate employees in public speaking. Ms. Koshy currently works for the National Forensic League, compiling research on middle school forensics programs. It is an honor to have her leading the debate workshops at the event.

In addition, the school was grateful to the Mock Trial judges who graciously volunteered their time this year: the Honorable Nelsen E. Canter and the Honorable Marc J. Lust from Harrison's Town Court.

Students were excited about Law Day as well.

"I really look forward to Law Day because it gives me a chance to put what I

Courtesy of MeanGreenWorkshops



Beena Koshy. learned in the classroom into action," said freshman Tory Tiburzi. "I am especially excited as part of the debate team. This event provides an opportunity for my peers to see what debate is really like!"

Law Day has been a major success in the past, and continues a longstanding tradition at Harrison High School. It provides a great showcase for the students who take part in the Mock Trial and Debate teams.

# Obama Favors Gay Marriage

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On May 9, President Obama made history when he became the first U.S. President to publicly support same-sex marriage. His decision to stand behind gay marriage has been viewed as both revolutionary and potentially foolish, as it may hurt his chances of winning the upcoming presidential election. Politics aside, Obama's endorsement of gay marriage has drawn attention to an issue that is currently dividing the nation, and is forcing Americans to consider afresh the legal and moral issues which surround same-sex marriage.

Obama's perspective on same-sex marriage has transformed over the course of his time in office. When he took office, back in 2009, he was opposed to gay marriage. That Obama was once opposed to gay marriage has led some to question the sincerity of his endorsement, and accuse him of being a political flip-flopper. Others have a more optimistic view of the situation.

"I commend a man who

can change his opinion," said senior and Obama supporter Matt DiRe. "The most powerful tool Obama holds is his open mind. Politicians need to be open-minded in order to bring change. Needless to say, with Obama's new support for gay marriage, gays across America will see change."

According to President Obama, his decision to release an official statement regarding his changed opinion of gay marriage was the result of pleas from gay friends, as well as from his own family. In the ABC News interview which included the historic announcement, Obama stated, "I had hesitated on gay marriage in part because I thought that civil unions would be sufficient. I was sensitive to the fact that for a lot of people, the word marriage was something that invokes very powerful traditions and religious beliefs."

Currently in the United States, in states where gay marriage is illegal, same-sex couples in civil unions are not afforded the same benefits as married

heterosexual couples. Same-sex couples that are unable to marry pay higher taxes than married couples, and are denied basic protections and rights granted to married couples, such as additional social security and health care benefits, as well as family leave benefits. Additionally, gay Americans in civil unions cannot hope to procure citizenship for their loved ones in the same way that a married American can procure citizenship for his or her spouse.

There is no question that gay couples stand to benefit greatly from a presidential endorsement of gay marriage. But for the present moment, Obama's announcement, while symbolically significant, has precipitated no real change. Many believe that in order for Obama to truly stand behind gay marriage, his administration must spearhead legislation that would legalize same-sex marriage at the national level.

This is an opinion supported by Junior Nicole Suozzo, who was unimpressed by Obama's

announcement.

"I believe firmly that actions speak louder than words," she said. "I want to see Obama not only say he supports gay marriage, but also show it through legislation."

The moment may be ripe for Obama to do just that. Public support for same-sex marriage is growing at a fast pace. Young voters who are strongly in favor of gay marriage are gradually replacing an older generations of voters who tend to oppose the policy.

Senior Lexi Rubenstein would be happy to give her support to legislation nationally legalizing gay marriage.

"To know that homosexual couples are unable to marry in some areas of the country is truly upsetting," she said. "We are taught at a young age that America is a haven, a land famous for its dedication to equality. But there is zero equality when it comes to marriage. By prohibiting same sex marriage, America is failing to stand by its dedication to equality."

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## Money matters; college costs soar

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As juniors begin their college search, and seniors put down deposits at the schools they will be attending come September, many are realizing just how expensive going to college really is. While state schools, such as SUNY and CUNY colleges, are somewhat affordable, with the cost of tuition for New York natives hovering at around \$20,000 per year, the cost of attending private universities has become unthinkable high. With tuition at private schools running as high as \$70,000 per year, and averaging around \$55,000 per year with room and board, it's difficult to make it to the school of your choice on grades alone. As upsetting as it is, money does play a key factor in determining where a lot of students wind up after high school. This holds true for many students at Harrison High School.

The sky high cost of education begs the question, why do colleges cost so much? According to the article "Tuition Rising: Why College Costs So Much?" by Ronald Ehanberg of Cornell University, there are many factors existing that motivate the need for tuition to be increased. The article states, "Selective private colleges and universities can take several actions to moderate their tuition increases. The resource allocation method an institution uses can have considerable effect on its ability to control costs. In the same vein, deans should be held responsible for the well being of the institution as a whole, not just for their individual college. Trustees and alumni, too, need to be educated to look beyond their special interests. In private institutions, trustees can play a crucial role in backing efforts

on the part of presidents and provosts to control costs."

Junior Jessica Oggeri shared, "If I don't get a scholarship that pays for most of my tuition, my Dad says I'm going to a SUNY school." This is the mindset for many parents with students attending Harrison High School. And the woes of college financing do not end with matriculation. Attending a private college is so expensive that by the time students graduate, they are often drowning in debt. According to the article, "Some Hard Lessons About College Costs" by Rebecca Jarvis, college tuition has risen at twice the pace of inflation. Jarvis writes, "And higher prices - combined with growing enrollment - means there's much more student debt. The nation's student loan bill now tops all the nation's credit card bills."

Mark Kantrowitz, the publisher of [finaid.org](http://finaid.org), one of the country's leading financial aid websites, said, "More and more students are having difficulty paying for colleges, which often forces them to borrow more, so debt at graduation is increasing quite steadily." Last year, according to Kantrowitz, the average debt at graduation was \$27,200. "If you throw in the parent loans, it's \$34,400," he stated.

While students can apply for small scholarships by writing essays, or in some cases just filling out a form, the prospect of receiving funds in this way is far from definite. As important as it is to apply to the schools one would most like to attend, doing so without any consideration for finances is both foolish, and impractical.

# The following is a list of colleges and universities that some of our Harrison High School seniors will be attending:

Last Name	First Name	College of Matriculation	Last Name	First Name	College of Matriculation
Adler	Emma	Harvard University	Konigsberg	Ben	Lehigh University
Agostinelli	Samantha	Loyola University, Maryland	Kwon	Jlin	New York University
Albanese	Joseph	Northeastern University	Lauro	Brian	University of Pittsburgh
Andrade	Luiza	Pace University	Ledesma	Jacqueline	New York University
Angilletta	Samantha	Quinnipiac University	Lukaswitz	Caroline	University of Colorado, Boulder
Ankawa	Roi	SUNY Albany	Macchia	Raffaele	St. John's University
Ankawa	Rotem	Marist College	Maldonado	Marlon	Westchester Community College
Aung	Cherry	University of Denver	Marcuccilli	Michael	Westchester Community College
Barbagallo	Jerry	Westchester Community College	Martino	Kyle	Dartmouth College
Barletta	Nicole	Elon University	Mckay	Caitlin	Eastern Connecticut State Univ.
Barnett	Lindsey	Tulane University	Menniti	Rosario	Westchester Community College
Barnstable	Michelle	Long Island University, CW Post	Midollo	Alison	Tulane University
Beckett	Alex	Franklin Pierce University	Moore	John	High Point University
Bishtawi	Marwan	University of Notre Dame	Moreno	Gabriella	Manhattanville College
Brabant	Ally	Washington University St. Louis	Morgen	Daniel	University of Rochester
Brefere	John	The Culinary Inst. of America	Moron	Diana	Concordia College
Breslin	Rachel	University of Delaware	Muller	Ashley	Cornell University
Broady	Luis	Florida International University	Nangle	James T.	Bucknell University
Brown	Faryn	University of Maryland	Nannariello	Christie	Wake Forest University
Bruckner	Max	Iona College	Nardozi	Amanda	Utica College
Bruno	Roberto	Hudson Valley Community Coll.	Nardulli	Alexa	Tulane University
Burack	Abby	University of Vermont	Nasim	Farhan	Manhattanville College
Chen	Michael	University of Virginia	Nocco	Adriana	Bryn Mawr College
Chestler	Emily	University of Wisconsin-Madison	Oestreicher	Rachel	Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst
Cirillo	Stephen	Fairfield University	Ossip	Ashley	University of Maryland
Clemens	Jenna	University of Chicago	Padro	Gabrielle	SUNY Cortland
Coash	Julia	Hamilton College	Pantelopoulos	Athena	Villanova University
Cohen	Cassidy	University of Michigan	Pantelopoulos	Eleni	George Washington University
Cortes	Sebastian	Binghamton University	Pettinato	Cayla	Stanford University
Cummins	Jared	University College Dublin	Polera	Shang-Li	Quinnipiac University
Cuneo	Daniel	Syracuse University	Pollack	Madison	New York University
Cysner	Matthew	Colorado University, Boulder	Renda	Jennifer	Manhattanville College
D'Annibale	Michael	SUNY Cortland	Reyes	Yulexi	Eastern Connecticut State Univ.
D'Antona	Chris	University of Rochester	Ricotta	Dominick	Tampa University
DaSilva	Suellen	Nyack College	Riehl	Lindsay	Michigan State University
Dalcolmo	Rafael	Manhattanville College	Rozycki	Jessica	Iona College
Davidoff	Zack	Butler University	Rozycki	Sara	University of Delaware
De Leo	Steven	Quinnipiac University	Rubenstein	Alexis	University of Wisconsin-Madison
DeSantis	Vincent	University of Vermont	Russo	Samantha	College of the Holy Cross
Diaz	Alexandra	Indiana University at Bloomington	Salvatori	Dominic	St. John's University
Diaz	Destiny	Adelphi University	Sanchez	Betsy	Vaughn College
DiMatteo	Josie	University of Delaware	Santella	Elisa	SUNY Albany
D'Ippolito	Daniella	St. John's University	Sarmiento	Nina	Binghamton University
DiRe	Matthew	Tufts University	Scapperotti	Alyx	Manhattanville College
DiTursi	Michael	Rollins College	Schwartz	Logan	Northwestern University
Drago	Charlie	Fordham University	Segal	Jessica	Bentley University
Druckman	Julia	Vanderbilt University	Seldman	Jacob	Harvard University
Eklund	Ashley	Eastern Connecticut State Univ.	Shaffer	Matthew	Indiana University
Ellis	Brandon	Duke University	Shalyutin	Eric	Stony Brook University
Ericson	Genesis	Pace University	Shapiro	Emma	University of Michigan
Ersoff	Zach	University of Miami	Sheck	Isabelle	Boston University
Espinola	Julio	Roger Williams College	Shulman	Doug	Syracuse University
Fabiani	Brandon	Adelphi University	Smithline	Andy	University of Pennsylvania
Ferraro	Amanda	Sacred Heart University	Snyder	Zachary	University of Colorado
Ferreira	Ryan S.	Long Island University, CW Post	Song	Kevin	Rochester Institute of Technology
Finkel	Blair	Syracuse University	Stark	Stephen	SUNY Albany
Fitzgerald	Alice	SUNY Purchase	Stein	Zoe	University of Arizona
Forgione	Michael	Springfield College	Stokoe	Lily	UCLA
Forgione	Sabrina	Marist College	Suhre	Amanda	University of Tampa
Fuller	Allie	Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst	Suozzo	Christie	Fashion Institute of Technology
Giacomo	Salvatore	University of New Hampshire	Temkin	Jacob	UCLA
Gillotti	David	Brandeis University	Tiburzi	Robert	Columbia University
Glass	Daniel	University of Chicago	Tobin-Kreiser	Annie	New York Institute of Technology
Goldberg	Melissa	Northwestern University	Trola	Angela	Binghamton University
Goldman	Michael	Lafayette College	Valentin	Javier	Saint Thomas Aquinas
Haddad	Richard	University of Rochester	Vega	Maeghan	Eastern Connecticut State Univ.
Hayden	Charles	College of Charleston	Vendola	Kevin	University of Delaware
Heine	Alice	University of Vermont	Viscome	Patrick	SUNY Cortland
Hirsh	Sandra	Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst	Webb	Jenna	Springfield College
Hubbard	John	Adelphi University	Weinreb	Matthew	Univ. of Maryland, College Park
Hurvitz	Rachel	Emory University	Williams	Chloe	UNC at Chapel Hill
Imperia	Kevin	Saint Michaels College	Winkelman	Michelle	SUNY Oswego
Jones	Taylor	Manhattan College	Wolf	Luke	Duke University
Kapusi	Thomas	Andrews University	Wo lfe	Daniel	SUNY Purchase
Karpf	Matthew	University of Michigan	Yang	Qin Yu - Cindy	SUNY Stony Brook
Koller	Emily	New York University	Yotides	Christina	University of Michigan



# The Art of the College Essay: 2011-12 Edition

The following are snippets taken from various college essays submitted by this year's senior class. They are shared to show the wide variety of possibilities inherent in the college essay: it's the greatest opportunity to show admissions officers your real personality – who you are, what you're about, where you've been, what you've learned. Enjoy these excerpts from what has proven to be a very successful senior class:

## From Jenna Clemens' Essay:

One important thing to remember about the well-administered manicure is that there must be ample dry-time in between coats of paint. While my hands are occupied (or, ironically, unable to be occupied), I like to take in my surroundings. Perhaps my favorite vantage point is a glass wall of floor-to-ceiling windows. It resides within a third-floor theatre studio above a nearby city block, filled with the great vista of life whirling by.

There are high heels clicking madly over the cement, late to the next task on their to-do lists,

and sneakers gently gliding on, calmly leading happier feet to other places. In the park, picnics and naps and those inevitable short-



Jenna Clemens.

cuts through the green. I like to imagine the not-visible parts of these lives. I wonder what drives them. What throes of passion could this passerby be involved in that keep his life jogging forward, that crease her brow? I wonder if they know I am wondering about them. Or if that lady realizes her shoes are tracking dog poop. And I wonder what I look like to them, viewing me from afar. Maybe they sense the quiet thinker in me, or perhaps the leader, the artist.

## From Richard Haddad's Essay entitled "Pushing Up":

After I entered the elevator, I was unsure what to anticipate. I was nervous; I could feel the hairs on the back of my neck rising and I could hear my heart racing. The elevator doors closed like a metal prison cell. I felt trapped, scared. But when

the doors opened, light flooded my vision, soothing music washed over me, and like water, my fears floated downstream, freeing myself of them. By the time I stepped out of the elevator, I realized that Hope Lodge wasn't a place for mourning. It was a place for celebration.

In under a week of intern-ing, I befriended an older man named Steve: a widowed Vietnam War veteran with far away family who was particularly fond of vintage vinyl and the Yankees. Steve and I enjoyed time together exchanging one-liners, expressing disgust at the deficit, and talking about his colorful past.

About two weeks into the Hope Lodge program, Steve informed me that he was battling terminal stomach cancer with just months to live. His daily ritual was painful: after struggling through the daily tasks that so many of us complete with ease, and enduring hours of chemotherapy, he would, finally, arrive at Hope Lodge, more specifically, at the elevator that once filled me with anxiety and fear. To him, it was the opposite. It filled him with relief. The "up" button would carry him to the warmth of the Hope Lodge.

## From Melissa Goldberg's Essay:

On the third day, we entered a tiny creek just wide enough for a single canoe to fit through. It started pouring, and the wind started to pick up, whipping my natural brown and blonde hair in a whirlwind, but my attitude remained positive. As we continued on, I realized it wasn't the only storm that creek had seen that summer. Fallen trees blocked the entire path every twenty yards or so. At every blockage we had to empty the canoes of our supplies, carry the canoes around the fallen limbs, and reload for the short paddle ride to the next fallen limber where we had to rinse and repeat. With my typical optimistic outlook, I kept telling myself that we were almost there.

Despite my hopes, the relentless rain increased, pounding like hard coins on my head. My group remained strong, helping and encouraging each other at every stop. At an hour and a half into the trek, we realized we had taken a wrong turn when we first entered the creek.



Richard Haddad.

My heart dropped. Everybody went silent, as we turned around and trudged back in reverse, through the destructive creek. My brain started pedaling like a bicycle, racing through thoughts. Would we make it back? Were the other groups lost like we were?

When we finally reached our resting spot for the night, it looked as though we had emerged from a war zone. It was pitch black, and the few flashlights barely cast shadows enough to see the drenched clothes clinging to our skin. Constant shivering made my teeth cluck back and forth, and I was out of breath.

My group's leader was worried; we were cold, tired, and had no dry clothes to wear. He called the camp, told them the situation, and ordered a bus to come and pick us up.

I was miserable and full of fear: a 14-year-old girl, stuck in the middle of the Adirondacks, hours from home.

## From Nicole Barletta's Essay entitled "WWDD":

I run to the television, all dressed up. I cannot contain my excitement. Looking into the screen, it is as if I am staring at my own reflection. I mimic each move, speak each word, sing every tune. This is my pastime, my daily routine. In my blue and white gingham dress, long braids, and ruby slippers, I am Dorothy Gale.

I have *The Wizard of Oz* entirely memorized. For 1,095 days, the minute I arrived home after preschool, the dress came on, my hair went up, and the shoes were buckled. I was obsessed. Through 17 Halloweens, I have experienced at least six as Dorothy. I looked up to Dorothy, and clearly wanted to be just like her. Even at a young age, I was able to recognize the admirable and important qualities she conveyed. I yearned to follow in her footsteps.

## From Emma Adler's Essay:

I am a hardened logophile. And the fact that Microsoft Word has decided to go ahead and put a red line under that word frustrates me more than Will Shortz on Saturday mornings.

No one can claim total mastery of any tongue. This boundlessness is what I love most about words.

I relish the giddiness that bubbles up in me when a previously foggy term becomes a fully integrated part of my vocabulary for which I need not grope, as for a half-remembered phone number, but may retrieve safe in the knowledge that it will be found right where I left it. Reaching this level of intimacy is a process. I grow to love words just as I grow to love people. Sometimes I'm infatuated from the start. I remember when I learned "coruscate." It was a spring morning (really it was); it appeared amid a crowded inbox, the Dictionary.com Word of the Day. That very week I went out of my way to include it in an English essay. We are still in the honeymoon phase, but I am confident this is a love that will last. Other words are less easily wooed. However, courtship of this variety is always well worth it. I believe firmly that there are no real synonyms.



Madison Pollack.

Each addition to my vocabulary affords entrance to a unique conceptual universe, fills a hole I never knew existed.

Little gives me more joy than when words are applied, arranged, utilized in ways that are singular and beautiful.

## From Madison Pollack's Essay:

I named my iPod Marley after three things: one of my favorite celebrity dogs, Laura Marling, and of course, Bob.

There are 11577 songs on Marley.

I'll explain. In his memoir *Finishing the Hat*, Stephen Sondheim describes a song as a balance between lyrics and accompaniment. In order for a song to have the greatest effect, neither the music nor the lyrics should be able to stand on their own.

I believe that words alone aren't enough for me to effectively express myself, just as reading lyrics isn't enough to fully appreciate a song. However, if you were to scroll through Marley, I'm sure you would learn and understand more about me than I could ever write. I can't fill this essay with everything I've ever felt, or every special moment in my life, but you could find them all on Marley.

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# opinions & editorials

## LIKE THE PICTURE NOT THE LINK

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As teenagers, we constantly have self-esteem issues, wondering who is judging us, if we're thin enough, good-looking enough or cool enough. We try to fit into the "in-crowd" and sometimes we get too caught up in what others think of us. We judge ourselves enough; we want ourselves to look like the celebrities that we look up to, seeking to make ourselves pretty enough, thin enough, and cool enough for society's standards.

What happens when we add to the pressure of society by letting others judge us? Even the most seemingly confident people feel the pressure of the world we live in. We live in a world where people are so harsh to each other that there are extreme, unfortunate outcomes. The worst of these judgments don't even happen face-to-face or by word-of-mouth, they happen on the Internet – the evil online world – and most commonly on Facebook.

As high school students, most of us have Facebook accounts, and we are all familiar with the idea of "sharing" pictures.

"Sharing" is most commonly done with a new profile picture in order to attract the attention of your Facebook friends. Doing this just subjects yourself to have the public judge you. You click "share" with expectations that someone or everyone will see and "like" it or comment positively on things. But have you ever actually thought of what you are *really* doing?

Clicking "share" is like publicly announcing that you care what others think of you. It's an undeniable fact that most people care about what others think, it is basic human psychology, but to make it easier for other people to form opinions about you just does not make sense. Why does it make you special if you have the most "likes" or comments on your picture?

"I think that people sharing their profile pictures is just a way to fish for compliments," says freshman Cassidy Donohue. "While you may think it's a really great picture, likes and comments on a picture don't really mean much. It isn't much different than fishing for compliments in real life-- it's

annoying either way."

She, like many other students, is frustrated by the fact that people do this. It's becoming a real problem that people are defining themselves by how many people "like" their photos on Facebook.

It also becomes a real problem when how we see ourselves is determined by the opinions of insignificant others.

"How many of most people's Facebook friends are their actual friends?" asks junior Danny Hurley. "Not that many – so what difference does it make if someone you barely know "likes" your picture? I just don't get it."

The amount of people on your Facebook friends list doesn't accurately represent whom you associate with and who your friends are. It shouldn't matter if some random person that you met once – maybe twice – "likes" your picture or not. "Likes" shouldn't be the only way to feel secure and self-confident.

This year Harrison High School students have been encouraged to find inner beauty in everyone instead of focusing on

appearances, like most teenagers do. It's a challenge to do when we look up to such attractive people as our idols and role models, but the majority of people don't get through life solely based on looks. *Operation Beautiful* tells us that we each are beautiful in our own, unique way. Why should we wait for others to tell us that? Don't let the judgments of others run your life. Know that you are beautiful and important just the way you are. Think about how beautiful you know you are before you ask the public for its opinion. Think before you ask people to "Like the picture, not the link." Do you really need their opinion?

Don't rely on others to tell you that you're worthy; believe in yourself and like yourself for your own reasons.

In a world full of technology, people have just found more ways to attack and judge each other; we should do what we can to protect ourselves and find confidence within.

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***This baseball season, will you be rooting for the Yankees or the Mets?***



**"Yankees."**  
- Senior James Nitis



**"Yankees."**  
- Junior Shannon Toohey



**"Yankees."**  
- Sophomore Michael Suozzo



**"Mets!"**  
- Freshman Taylor Day

# REALITY Sheck

In "Reality Sheck," Harrison senior and frequent contributor to the Opinions & Editorials section Izzy Sheck tells it like it is. In this installment, Izzy looks back on prom night 2012.



It is tradition that the prom come with some drama, or "prama," and the same followed true this year. Among all the spray tans and fake eyelashes, students experienced problems in every aspect of the night. You would think that because prom is what seniors are looking forward to the entire year, prom night would be one to remember. Unfortunately, while people will remember their prom, not all memories are good ones.

May 24, 2012 was a rainy day, a high school girl's worst nightmare. While some people were moving all of their friends and family indoors to avoid ruining their hair, others had to change the venue of their pre-proms altogether. If you were lucky, your up-do was salvaged, and you didn't trip on the trail of your dress while running to the safety of the house. This was just the beginning of the problems, and it wasn't even 5:30 yet. After taking pictures and saying hello to all of your

friends and their parents, it is time to depart to the prom. The party bus (that everyone chipped in a mere \$115 for) not only has no working bathroom, but also can't play music. This doesn't make any difference though, because everyone is too excited by the prospects of the night to come. And they are right for being excited! The prom took place at Mamaroneck Beach and Yacht Club, a beautiful club with excellent food, good music, and a view of the water (that is, if you could actually see the water through

the fog). Almost everyone was dancing, and those who were not enjoyed sitting at the dining tables with their closest friends, and taking a few pictures. Yet, by 10:30 everyone is stampeding to get out the doors of the club, off

club, and are forced to sit outside or take a cab back home. Those who were able to enter were shocked at the behavior exhibited on the dance floor. Either way it doesn't matter, because everyone has to be back on the bus

by 3, so the maximum amount of time spent in the club was an hour - that is, if the bus ever made it to the city. Many students were too sick to even get to the club, and were sent to the hospital. The ride home from the club was the calmest part of the night. The girls kicked off their heels and tried to get some sleep, while the boys passed around a garbage pail (just in case).

Seniors are finally slipping into bed as the sun is starting to rise, the legendary prom night finally over. After a lot of water, Advil, and sleep, the consensus about the night develops: prom

was better than after-prom. This is surprising, because in the past the exact opposite was believed true. Maybe there is something to say about prom in its most classic state. When we see the effects of such binge drinking patterns, you can understand why some believe if the drinking age were changed back to 18, high school students wouldn't get so out of control. Everyone has fond memories of Prom 2012; I'll try to remember the good ones.



Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

to the next part of the night, the part that everyone is truly looking forward to - the after prom.

The party buses drop everyone off at a friend's house, as 50 people run inside to start imbibing as much as possible in a 40-minute time period, before they re-board the bus to the city. The bus ride to Webster Hall was interesting...thankfully the music started working, because it took two hours to get to the desired destination. By the time the buses finally arrived, many students were too tipsy to even enter the



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## Sound off!

*For the past couple of weeks, a substantial portion of the senior class has been participating in Senior Assassins, a game of stealth and strategy (not to mention, water guns). We asked several students, how do you feel about Senior Assassins?*

"It's been a really great way for our class to come together!"

- Senior Nicole Barletta

"Beans."

- Senior Dean Brancucci

"I hope the current junior class can do it next year!"

- Junior Casey Rinker

"I'm tight." (Resonse solicited shortly after respondent's assassination.)

- Senior Daniel Morgen

"Well considering I only got to play for an hour...the anticipation was exciting though. I had fun.

- Senior Max Bruckner



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# LOOKING GLASS

In "Through the Looking Glass" our Opinions Editor Danny Glass discusses the world as he sees it through his exceptionally unique lens. In this installment, Danny attacks those who attack online piracy.

SOPA, PIPA and ACTA are all preemptive measures to cure the cancer that is online piracy. They hope to stop torrenting video and file-sharing sites, and even websites that simply host illegal videos. The RIAA, Hollywood, and other agencies claim that this problem costs billions of dollars every year, but this is simply not the truth. With *The Avengers* setting not one, but two record-breaking box office weekends, the *Call of Duty* franchise becoming the biggest entertainment launch in history, and record breaking numbers from pay-per view entertainment, it is clear piracy is not the issue. The issue is a failure of production companies to adapt to changing models, as well as thinning profits due to increased production costs.

One of the main arguments for the implementation of the aforementioned acts is due to a loss of revenues by on-line pirates. When online pirates gain access to content such as the movie *The Avengers* or *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*, they release the content before its official premiere date. Users will be able to simply Google these movie

titles and find a plethora of links leading to their free and easily available download sites. In turn, people who download this

content no longer need to go to the movie theatre and buy a ticket. Instead, they can watch the movie for free in the comfort of their home. The examples used previously were chosen for a reason: both of those movies were released ahead of time. Internet users had easy access to the movie for free whenever they pleased. A logical conclusion based on the Hollywood or RIAA perspective would suggest that these movies would flop upon release. Rather, the exact opposite happened with *Wolverine*, making \$85,058,003 in its opening weekend. *The Avengers* made over 200 million dollars, setting the record for sales all-time for any opening weekend.

While there are counter-examples to the point made previously, the standard holds true. While fewer tickets are sold due to the increased cost of tickets, movies are drawing in more

also is not related to piracy. DVDs are not as successful in terms of revenue generated due to the increased cost of Blu-Ray discs, and legal internet downloads. It is merely the case of production companies failing to adapt to a changing model. If it costs over 200 million dollars to make a movie and 100 million to market it, the amount of money that will be actual profit has been thinned considerably.

Furthermore, these companies also have to deal with increasingly vitriolic critics, and competitive and escalating prices for acting work.

It is natural to believe that the movie business will never end. People enjoy movies too much. However as a paradigm shift occurs, it is vital for companies to adapt. It is an instinctive reaction to blame users of illegal content as they do not put anything back into the system that they

impact, but realistically the loss of profits comes from a variety of sources.

There is no real panacea

for the problem. Even looking at the case of illegal downloads for games like *Call of Duty* in which



*Courtesy of Salon*

records of torrents are posted after each successive game release, the actual tangible revenue generated for the company has gone up as well. Even senior Kevin Song who claims to illegally download "thousands of songs, movies, TV shows," claims to support the industry.

"I still go to the movies and support my favorite artists," he said.

Matt Stagg offered similar sentiments, stating, "When an artist I really support like Hoodie Allen releases content for a price, I will pay for it."

Realistically the answer to this problem lies in the fact that, if producers slash their budgets and still manage to produce good content, the profit margins of the 1990s will soon return.



*Courtesy of Musicians4Freedom*

money than ever. The reason these production companies are complaining is because DVDs are selling fewer copies, but this



In "Hayley's Comment" junior Hayley Kronthal provides her take on an issue impacting students at Harrison High School. In this installment, Hayley shares her thoughts on the IB program, grading, and more.

There is no doubt that our school provides a great academic environment; however, there are some changes that students from all grade levels feel could make the school a better place to learn.

Let's start with the implementation of the new International Baccalaureate diploma program. Many of the first year's IB students, after having experienced the IB curriculum and all its glory, have a few suggestions. Some feel strongly that guidance counselors should not push the entire IB diploma program upon their students because it is an extremely rigorous course load that perhaps only a few select students should be taking. Some are of the mind that there should be a placement test in order to qualify for the IB program. With no barriers to enter the program, it doesn't seem as competitive as it might be. Further, many colleges may ask what the standard requirements are in order to be eligible for the IB diploma.

Another topic of interest is grade inflation/deflation. Some students feel that teachers give grades according to the author and not the content. Some students suggest that, once a quarter, students write essays without their names on the papers to ensure that the grading system isn't biased.

During the recent AP exam weeks, the school turned off the period bells. Various students think that we should keep the bells off the entire school year because it is peaceful and less jarring. Teachers say they like it because the bell doesn't cut them off mid-sentence. Should we go with this no-bell policy

forevermore?

Some of the teachers are rejoicing over the current state of silence. Many think that announcements should be less frequent and the school should be more selective in who is called down to the office or guidance. The main office should better utilize the in-classroom phone systems so as not to interrupt classes.

Additionally, some students think that teachers should have office hours during the day or after school in addition to extra help hours. Extra help is great because you get to interact with other students and help each other, but sometimes it might prove more beneficial and productive to meet with a teacher for 20 minutes one to one. Moreover, some feel that Debate and Model Congress should be offered as classes. Both teams travel around the country and compete competitively. With having them as classes, it would help increase their respective competitiveness and overall success.

Finally, many schools around Westchester are giving their senior students an opportunity called "senior options." In essence, second semester seniors do not come back to school, but instead get internships. Many of our seniors think that this would be an excellent alternative to coming to school. They say that they are "checked out" anyway and put little effort into schoolwork. With "senior options," they can pick a topic that interests them and start to experience the reality of the working world.

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**The Husky Herald  
wishes everyone  
a happy and healthy  
summer break.**

# Extreme Makeover: *Bathroom Edition*

Stephanie Irvine

Staff Writer

Students at Harrison High School seem to be asking the same question: are the bathrooms ever going to be renovated? All of the bathrooms in the school appear outdated, and just plain old. They feature colored tiles which are faded and cracked, and cheap sinks that spew out water that is either ice cold or boiling hot. Cracks in the walls are filled with strange colors, suggestive of accumulated dirt, or worse still, mold. Additionally, many of the bathroom locks are less than reliable, making

it very likely that someone could walk in on you. "The bathroom is not visually appealing" said junior Vinnie Nicita. "There are a lot of things that are broken."

The girls' bathrooms, in particular, are sometimes vandalized with quotes, rude remarks, and even curse words, many of which are written in permanent marker. This is very frustrating, because nobody wants to read about someone else while going to the bathroom. In addition, a lot of drama occurs because of things written on the bathroom walls. Since wall scrawls are anonymous, it's no surprise they lead to accusations.

"The vandalism all over the bathroom walls looks messy, and most of the things written on the walls are negative," said junior Sarah Berman. "It is annoying to read things about other people on the bathroom walls, and it is extremely embarrassing for the people who are written about because many people will see it."

Bathrooms should not be a place for students to gossip and talk trash about others. Many students have gotten hurt or upset as a result of something they saw written about

themselves in the bathroom. Although it is inevitable that students will disobey rules prohibiting vandalism, the school does assure that custodians and security monitor the bathrooms on a regular basis.

"We take vandalism seriously," said Assistant Principal Mr. Mastrotta. "Photos are taken and repairs are made as soon as we can manage. We ask that all students and faculty report any vandalism to the Assistant Principal's office immediately."

"I really find it unnecessary for

people to spill their feelings all over the bathroom walls and toilet paper" said junior Amy Carton. "The bathroom should not be a gossip center or an art museum."

Admittedly, there are some students who view the bathroom scrawls as a positive thing, due to the few positive comments written there. These students claim the positive quotes written in the bathrooms have raised their spirits during a bad day. Although there are only a few uplifting scrawls, many appreciate that a person would take the time to write them.

"Sometimes it is nice to know that there are people who care about you and are willing to help you through a tough time," said sophomore Eli Barich. "On the flip side, vandalism is vandalism, and it does not make the bathroom look appealing."

In general, the majority of people that attend Harrison High School believe that the bathrooms should be redone. The overall unpleasant appearance of the bathrooms, the vandalism, the cracked tiles, and the malfunctioning sinks are simply unacceptable. The bathrooms need to be renovated in order to meet the needs of the students.



Enter, if you dare.  
*Courtesy of Christie Suozzo*

# The Relationship Conundrum

Stephanie Irvine

Staff Writer

Is having a boyfriend or girlfriend in high school a good thing, or a bad thing? Many high school students have mixed opinions about this topic. While some students believe that having a boyfriend or a girlfriend in high school is the best thing that could ever happen to them, others are completely against it, and would never put themselves in that sort of situation. Many students here at Harrison High School are in relationships that are "successful." In other words, the students in the relationship are happy together, have fun together, and feel they can tell each other anything. Other students are in less successful relationships. These couples seem to never stop fighting. It's easier to spot the successful couples. In the hallways, they are the ones constantly smiling, holding hands, and kissing. Some students think these public displays of affection are cute, while others cringe at the very sight of it.

Having a boyfriend or a girlfriend can be beneficial in many ways. The support system that is given in a relationship is unlike any other. Being able to trust someone completely alleviates a lot of problems that are occurring in life. Also, a boyfriend or girlfriend can make a great studying partner. Spending time with each other and studying at the same time is a great way to try to impress your significant other and boost up your grades at the same time. In addition, a boyfriend or girlfriend will know how to make you feel better. For example, if a significant other is stressing about college or a family problem, the other person will know exactly what to say or do in order to make them feel better. Relationships in high school can help a person get through a lot of stress, especially because every teenager goes through a lot of stress and emotional stress.

"I love having a boyfriend," said current junior Talya Evans. "He is always there for me whenever I have a problem, and he can always make me feel



*Courtesy of Christie Suozzo*  
better when I am sad."

On the flip side, many people believe that having a boyfriend or girlfriend in high school is a road they would never take. There is always a risk of losing a friendship when someone enters a relationship. This is because a friend may feel like they are being replaced or being put second. Also, many people feel that a relationship itself is stressful. This is because a relationship in general takes a lot of work. The stress of fighting or arguing is very hurtful and can sometimes even escalate into a breakup. Entering college while in a relationship is also very difficult. In other words, being far away from a significant other while meeting new people everyday can be very "eye-opening" for many people. It is very common for high school sweethearts to break up once entering college, which most of the time does not end well. Also, many people do not want to be "tied down" to one person. In other words, they want to have multiple "girlfriends or boyfriends" at once. Having a boyfriend or girlfriend can create stress and unnecessary drama for a person.

"I would not want to have a girlfriend in high school," said current sophomore Jordan Ruff. "I am too focused on school, and having a girlfriend would be too distracting."

Students will always have different opinions about whether or not to have a significant other in high school. The best way to decide if someone should go into a relationship is to weigh the pros and cons, and proceed accordingly.



## A day in the life of a teen vegan

Angela Troia

Arts Editor

In spite of standing at a mere 4'11 and three quarters, senior Zoe Stein knows no limits as to what and who she can fight. For years she neglected confrontations with pro-wrestlers, grizzly bears, and even the average jock in hopes of saving her small figure from being pulverized. But about three years ago, Zoe made the decision to stand up against something bigger and scarier than a pro-wrestler: animal cruelty. Through her crusade against animal cruelty, Zoe has become one of the food world's wonders, a vegan.

When you first sit down to eat a meal with Zoe, you immediately are overwhelmed by her asking what seems to be a hundred questions about how the food was prepared and what encompasses it. What appears to be pure pickiness is actually what the vegan-world renders 'food awareness,' a critical principle to veganism. Due to the narrow dietary choices available to vegans, becoming aware of what food is becomes vital to achieving the vegan lifestyle. Vegans, in addition to being vegetarian, do not use other animal products and by-products such as eggs, dairy products, leather, fur, silk, wool, cosmetics, and soaps derived from animal products.

"A common misconception is that being a vegan means converting to the diet plan of a rabbit," says Stein. "What most people don't understand is that I eat what the rest of the world eats—just an adapted version. People looked

shocked when I say I have cereal for breakfast or a burger for dinner. They don't understand that I indulge in regular foods that are just without animal products."

to find inexpensive alternatives.

The task of finding the perfect food to combat the vegan diet can be challenging as a teen, an age in which your daily diet is

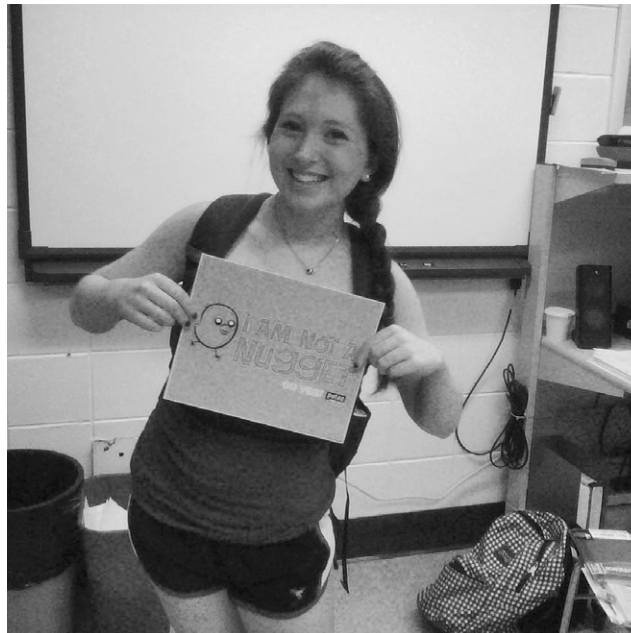
With a fridge filled with tofu, vegetables, and tons of almond milk, Zoe chooses to forego school lunches in favor of home-packed meals which satisfy her dietary restrictions.

"I have options for food at school, I just think they're gross," she says, "so I usually just bring my own lunch or go out with friends."

Making the switch to being a vegan comes with challenges, but in the end those challenges are for a worthwhile cause, that of animals. Zoe has always been that kid that will see an animal on the street and try to take it home. Her overwhelming love and passion for animals has led her to become a member of the PETA Youth Advisory Board. As a member of the PETA family, Zoe works to spread the word about how animals are treated in industrial settings.

"I remember one day we were at the pool and Zoe discovered a bird that was struggling to fly," relates senior and friend Alexa Nardulli. "She dropped everything and took the bird to the vet, even while wearing a soaking wet bathing suit. I sometimes wonder if Zoe loves animals more than I do."

Zoe's passion has driven her to do something that most people couldn't even imagine. She has given up meat products in every sense, and by doing that has changed her world entirely. Zoe Stein for the first time is standing up against something larger and yes, she is winning.



Zoe Stein is vegan, and proud!

Courtesy of Emma Adler

Zoe's commitment to saving animals isn't without difficulty. In a meat-loving nation like America, it is easier and less expensive for an individual to get their hands on a piece of meat than it is for them to find non-meat alternatives. However, there has been a recent surge in the amount of non-meat products on the market due to a growing consumer interest in vegetarian choices. With more products on the market, vegans are more able

still under the jurisdiction of your parents.

"I know I'm very lucky to have parents who support my decision to be vegan," says Stein. "Making the switch was not hard at all. I had to take the initiative and ask my mom to take me grocery shopping in order to find foods I liked. Since making the switch, my brother and sister have become pescatarians and my mother is now dairy-free. It's great!"

# The Children's Hour Delivers Timely Message

Izzy Sheck

News Editor

Rumors can be a dangerous thing, and can cause a lot of problems. These problems might seem minor, but when a rumor is twisted enough, it can lead to misconceptions that threaten a person's life. Harrison High School seniors Emma Adler and Jose Porretti directed *The Children's Hour*, in which a story made up by a seemingly innocent child ends up ruining the lives of several people. *The Children's Hour* tells of two teach-

having an affair.

Although the play was originally produced on Broadway in 1934, the message of being careful about what you say still applies today. What is different about the play today is the way that the audience reacts to it. Society's opinion on homosexuality has changed quite a bit since the 1930s, so even though it was not recommended for children under 14 to attend the play, the audience was much more accepting

of the theme of the play, and even appreciated the more serious tone. In the past, Harrison's performers have chosen musicals and more uplifting plays to showcase at school, which is why *The Children's Hour* was an exciting departure from productions in the past.

One of the things that directors Emma and Jose had to deal with was making antiquated dialogue understandable to a modern audience. Because *The Children's*

*Hour* is a relatively old play, it contains outdated phrases like "T.L." (meaning a compliment) and "the devil knows" which can perplex twenty-first century theatergoers. The directors were conscious of this potential difficulty, and

encouraged the actors to deal with these phrases by making what they meant apparent from the way they said them. The liberties that the directors took were well liked, as the play received excellent reviews from friends and faculty who attended.

Also impressive was how the actors were able to make the play come alive, in spite of a limited set. *The Children's Hour* set featured no backdrop, and little furniture. But the performances of the students on stage were powerful enough to make up for these drawbacks. Watching the play, this reporter found herself completely absorbed in the story, and deeply invested in the fates of the characters.

According to freshman Marielle Sheck, who was the assistant director of the play, *The Children's Hour* was "a play that recognized the dangers that come when you speak before you think." Marielle went on to comment, "The play definitely sends the message that you should be careful of what you say because every word has a consequence, even if we don't realize it."

The play was organized in only a few months, and many of the cast and crew members were not only involved in the production, but also in many other activities at the school including sports and clubs. The commitment that they put in caused several late night rehearsals in the HPAC, in addition to rehearsals every day after school. Their long hours definitely paid off, and performances by Adriana



Backstage fun at *The Children's Hour*.

Courtesy of Emma Adler

Nocco, Jackie Ledesma, Andi Rella, Mikie Sakanaka and Roma Scarano were praised. Overall, *The Children's Hour* was a huge success, and was an exciting experience for everyone.

Members of the Harrison community who were able to see the play were happy to share their thoughts on the production. Senior Jacob Temkin, who has appeared in Harrison High School drama productions in the past, shared, "Overall, I was extremely impressed with the quality of the production. When high schools do dramas, it's easy for them to come off as melodramatic, and poorly acted. But *The Children's Hour* struck a good balance between drama, and realism. The actors playing the main characters clearly have a lot of talent."

Audience members were not the only ones who enjoyed *The Children's Hour*. Sophomore Sarah Crozier, who played Rosalie in *The Children's Hour*, shared "I am so happy I was able to be a part of this production! The material was challenging, but once we all memorized our lines, and understood the story, we were able to really dig deep into our characters. I think I grew a lot as an actor as a result of playing Rosalie. And I really enjoyed getting to know all of the other students who took part in the production!"



Preparing for performance!

Courtesy of Emma Adler

ers, played by Mikie Sakanaka and Andi Rella, whose lives are ruined by a scandal. An angry and vengeful student, played by Roma Scarano, maliciously spreads a rumor throughout the school that the two women are

# Your Tri-State To-Do List!

Sara Purinton

Staff Writer

As students at Harrison High School move into the last few weeks of classes, they're taking out the swimsuits and

Hudson Blues Festival July 11-12 at the World Financial Center. Want a comedy show and rock concert in one? Join OK Go

opportunity to see many of the beautiful species of flowers and other plants that grow in the New York region and beyond. Or take a quick drive to the Harriman-Bear Mountain State Park, where the trails meet up with the 2000-mile long Appalachian Trail to ensure for some fun and challenging hikes, all of which are under an hour from Harrison. In Purchase, the PepsiCo Headquarters is the home of the Donald M. Kendall Sculpture Gardens, where artists such as Alexander Calder, Joan Miró, Alberto Giacometti, Henry Moore, George Segal, Jean

New Jersey, the Atlantic City Aquarium, or the Atlantic City Historical Museum, all the while being right on the beach! This city has a little bit of everything, and trains operate direct express transportation to and from NYC. Another easy getaway is to East Hampton, under two and a half hours away. This scenic place attracts tourists from all over, offering beautiful beaches and interesting little shops and boutiques. Take a walk down the road to see celebrity homes from the likes of Martha Stewart and Steven Spielberg, or take a swim



Kick back at Coopers Beach!

*Courtesy of coopersbeach.net*

putting away the books! Summer is almost here, and many students are thinking about their vacation plans and summer jobs. For those that don't already have plans though, take a look at some of these fun and inexpensive activities to do right here in New York.

From May through August, New York City will play host to tons of free concerts for every type of listener. Stop in on June 15 to listen to Justin Bieber at Rockefeller Center, or join Das Racist on June 19 at Brooklyn's Red Hook Park to listen to the two best known for their "Combination Pizza Hut and Taco Bell" song. Bucket Flush, Skum City, and other punk bands will be playing on Governor's Island June 24, and for those blues enthusiasts, catch the Lowdown

and Eugene Mariam and his "Pretty Good Friends" on the Williamsburg Waterfront July 19. Come see Amadou & Mariam and Theophilus London August 4 in Central Park to hear a great performance by singers who have collaborated with artists such as Santigold and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs.



Blooms galore at the Botanical Gardens!

*Courtesy of NYCGO*



Make the trek to the Bronx Zoo!

*Courtesy of centralpark.biz*

For those looking to get a little bit of nature, visit the world renowned New York Botanical Garden, where guests have the

Dubuffet and Auguste Rodin all exhibit masterpieces. Walk around Arnaldo Pomodoro's "Triad," three massive modern totem poles, or visit the beautiful ponds around the sculpture garden's interior.

Looking for a quick trip out of state? Visit New Jersey's Atlantic City, still less than three hours' drive from Harrison, and located on Jersey Shore's Absecon Island. Visit the tallest lighthouse in

at Cooper's Beach. For those that don't have a car, the Hamptons Jitney or Hampton Luxury Liner offer direct transportation from the city.

This summer don't just waste away the days, get out and do something! New York is bustling with interesting and unusual places to go and events to attend. If unsure, a quick surf on the internet has tons of other suggestions of easy and affordable activities, such as visiting the Bronx Zoo, or taking a boat ride around Manhattan in one of the Circle Line Sightseeing cruises. A train ticket from Harrison to NYC is under ten dollars and, once there, even just walking around and people watching can be a great pastime during the hot summer months ahead.

# Why so Siri-ous?

Peri Mendelsohn

Staff Writer

Those who own and/or have heard about the iPhone 4s are surely aware of the supposedly clever and productive robotic friend named Siri installed in the phone. In fact, the only major difference between the iPhone 4 and the 4s is the installation of this interactive device. One might question how effective Siri is and if she truly lives up to all the hype. This reporter was hesitant to use Siri for the first time because of bad experiences with voice-recognition applications on phones in the past.

At the release of the iPhone 4s this past October, consumers were extremely excited to befriend Siri and find out her true capabilities for themselves. Many were pleasantly surprised by Siri's clever ability to search for information and respond appropriately to human dialogue. However, others have found Siri to be rather disappointing compared to what she is made out to be on current commercials featuring Zoey Deschanel and Samuel L. Jackson.

For one, Siri is pretty incompetent. When given an IQ test, Siri scored extremely low in comprehension, letter-number, and similarities. She scored ones in all three sections, which indicates that she has difficulty connecting ideas and providing adequate answers. While Siri certainly has a relatively easy time pulling up calendar dates, guiding users to specific applications, and having a wide vocabulary range, Siri's ability to connect ideas and thus provide appropriate answers is minimal. Also, Siri's voice recognizing abilities are spotty. When asking how to arrive at a specific location, Siri often misinterprets the location and guides the user the wrong way.

Junior Sarah Berman agrees that Siri is not nearly as "smart" as she was promised to be.

"Siri doesn't know anything," she lamented. "She always asks to search the web

to answer my questions. She doesn't actually know anything by herself."

Similarly, when Mr. Glauber probed Siri on certain philosophical questions, such as "What is the meaning of life?" Siri responded differently each time. If she is not dismissing the question by saying, "Ha-ha," she gives a completely out-of-scope answer. She once responded, "Try to be nice to people, avoid



Siri, tell me a joke!

Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

eating fat, read a good book every now and then, get some walking in, and try to live together in peace and harmony with people of all creeds and nations."

Like many consumers, Frank Fazio claims that the feature did not work nearly as well as promised in advertisements. Siri's incompetence has enraged him enough to sue Apple for false advertising in the Northern District of California. Fazio claims Siri would misunderstand his commands, give false directions, and delegate inappropriate answers to simple questions. The suit states that it is unfair for Apple to charge more for the iPhone 4s when the only difference between the two phones is Siri, and the buyer feels that Siri was not worth the extra money.

The suit alleges that Apple is in violation of the Consumers Legal Remedy Act, which ultimately says that Apple misrepresented and concealed information in the marketing and advertising of the iPhone 4s. In addition, Siri dramatically increases user's data charges each month, consequently pushing users over their monthly data plan limits.

An Apple spokeswoman tried to combat the disappointment by arguing that Siri takes user commands and turns them into actions on the phone. She can search the web, set reminders, and check stock prices - all of which require the queries to be piped through Apple's servers and brought back to the phone. Sure enough, Siri is not

despised by ALL of her users. Junior Jake Bogart reflects on his experience with Siri: "I will not make any decisions without Siri for the rest of my life," he states. The results of the lawsuit are still waiting to be determined. Clearly, while a portion of users definitely enjoy Siri, an alarming amount of users have simply lost faith in her abilities. Perhaps if her standards were not set so high by the television advertisements, users would be more satisfied, and even impressed, by her technologically savvy presence. But instead, too many are left disappointed and regretful of the extra money spent on the iPhone 4s when Siri is the phone's only upgrade.

## The QWERTY Effect

Sarah Camillone

Staff Writer

The QWERTY layout on your keyboard may have more of an effect on how you write than you might think. According to theatlantic.com, studies have shown that words typed on the right side of your keyboard tend to feel more positive to people than left-sided words. This website also says, "There is about a 90 percent chance that the QWERTY inventor was right-handed, so it's possible that biases he carried, may have subconsciously placed more likable sounds on the right." It's true, the left side of the keyboard features more letter pairs that are tougher to type, and there are also more letters on the left side of the keyboard.

Wired.com discusses many experiments which attempted to find a connection between the QWERTY layout, and attitudes toward particular words. According to the website, "The effect was slight but significant: Right-sided words scored more positively than left-sided words."

This effect, of feeling more positively towards words that are easier to type, is called "fluency". Mhobooks.com defines fluency as "the difficulty of using an object [affecting] how positively or negatively people [view] it." The implications of the fluency effect are great. Because the left side of the QWERTY keyboard is more crowded than the right side, and features letter pairs that are more difficult to type, people who type often tend to view right side words more positively than left side words. This finding speaks to a basic truth: people tend to like things that are easy to do better than things that are hard.

Since the layout of our keyboards is something we often take for granted, it's unsurprising that most do not notice the disparities between the left and right sides. It's true, the QWERTY effect is not really a problem if you've gotten used to it, but it's interesting to think that your predilections for certain words may stem from their placement on the keyboard.



# Exposed: Makeup Label Fables

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Makeup labels tend to feature catchy phrases designed to lure the customer in. However, consumers shouldn't take this information at face value. Many makeup brands claim their products are "oil-free," "natural" or "long-wearing." According to Shine, a makeup blog presented by Yahoo, such labels do not tell the full story.

It turns out, nobody actually needs products to be "oil-free." Most people who are prone to getting breakouts think they have to buy "oil-free" products, because they incorrectly believe makeup containing oil will worsen their acne. This is the reason that many makeup companies advertise their products as oil-free: not because there is an advantage to oil-free makeup, but because consumers believe there is. Many dermatologists agree that emblazoning a label with "oil-free" is just a marketing

trick. And when companies don't use natural oils in their products, in order to call them "oil-free," they substitute synthetic oils that can actually be worse for your skin. When she learned of the situation, junior Casey Rinker had this to say: "I am very surprised to hear that not all products are oil-free when they claim they are. I think this is not right and very unfair to buyers, considering it could damage our skin."

"Oil-free" is not the only dubious label appearing on cosmetics. Just as products claiming to be "oil-free" aren't necessarily better for your skin, products sporting an SPF number don't necessarily provide the best protection. Many companies have added sunscreen to their cosmetics, so consumers can benefit from daily use of SPF. However, there are two different types of sunscreen, physical and chemical. Physical sunblock acts



*Courtesy of Christie Suozzo* as a barrier on skin which reflects UV rays. Chemical sunblock, in contrast, absorbs UV rays and creates skin damaging free radicals. It provides protection from the sun, but in doing so, may create other issues. Most makeup products offering sun protection contain chemical sunblock.

"Natural" is a third label commonly found on cosmetics. According to Tyler Hanson, founder of Mineral Hygienics, "FDA requirements say you only have to use 20 percent natural ingredients to say that a product is natural." The other 80 percent is up in the air. Thus, a product claiming to be "natural" may in

fact consist mostly of unnatural ingredients. If you truly want your makeup to be "natural," it is important to check that the product is also advertised as "USDA-certified organic."

The label of "fragrance-free" is also flawed. If all you care about is that the product doesn't have a strong smell, then "fragrance free" products will work for you. However, if you get reactions to or are allergic to fragrances, you may be in trouble. Laura Verallo de Bertotto, CEO of VMV Hypoallergenics states, "a lot of companies add masking fragrances to cover the scent of other ingredients and the FDA doesn't require that these masking fragrances be included on the ingredient list."

It is clear that makeup labels are far from infallible. The bottom line is, when shopping for makeup of any kind, be careful what you believe!

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## Thinking about inking

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Tattoos have become increasingly popular among teens and adults. Though the legal age to get a tattoo is 18, teens have found and continue to find ways to cheat the system. Tattoos, while frowned upon by a lot of people, can have personal significance and deeper meaning, and therefore should not be immediately deemed trashy and unprofessional.

Perhaps the biggest argument used by those against tattoos is that they are permanent. The decision that you make when you're a teenager will be with you for the rest of your life, and a lot of times, teens fail to recognize this aspect. People often get so caught up in the moment that they fail to consider what their lives will be like 10-20 years from now. Though tattoo removal procedures do exist, they cost a lot of money and can be extremely painful as well.

Many people also believe that tattoos take away from one's natural appearance and beauty,

and create a trashy appearance. This lack of class that tattoos are believed to create have become a big factor for those applying for jobs. Tattoos are hard to conceal, and many businesses are hesitant to hire people with large images and sayings covering their bodies. Companies simply don't want their employees to look unprofessional and, unfortunately, tattoos can give off this false impression. Granted, applying for a job should not keep you from getting a tattoo, but it is definitely something to consider.

Another possible negative of tattoos is that they can also cause infections not taken care of properly. The needles used in some tattoo parlors can be unsanitary and contain viruses like Hepatitis C or HIV. Be careful where you go to get your tattoo!

While there are many negative aspects of tattoos, there are benefits as well. Tattoos can be really awesome looking! You can get just about any drawing, symbol, or phrase put on your body in

a colorful display that is appealing to the eye. In addition, tattoos can be inspiring and meaningful. People often get tattoos in remembrance of loved ones who passed away, and some get inked with inspirational religious symbols and quotes.

While tattoos are not a very popular trend in Harrison, there are several students, this reporter included, who do have tattoos. One recent tattoo I got is behind my ear. It's a feather, and while there wasn't a particular reason as to why I got it, I became fascinated with the design when looking up sample images. I am all for tattoos, as long as they aren't an obnoxiously large "tramp stamp." I think that people should get tattoos that they know can be covered for job interviews and other formal events.

Junior Katie Fanelli enjoys tattoos as well. "I absolutely love tattoos and I completely support people getting them!" she said. "When I turn 18, I am getting a tattoo right away. There won't

be anything stopping me. It's freedom of choice. I think if you like it, do it."

Carina Hernandez has a different opinion. She shared, "I don't like tattoos; I don't understand why you would put a needle in your body and deface yourself," she said. "You are ruining your body. It doesn't look good on your wedding day either, and if you regret it, it hurts even more to take off."

"I don't like when people have tattoos all over their body," agrees Kamry Gray. "When people have so many of them, it is tacky. It also is harder to get a job, which isn't good. I want one though, a small tattoo."

People's opinions vary greatly on tattoos. Most people are on the same page with not wanting to see people with their bodies covered from head to toe in tattoos. When all is said and done and the ink is dry, tattoos remain a personal choice. If someone makes a poor choice, ultimately that's all on them.

# #WHATSHOULDWECALLME

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We all know of Tumblr as a popular blog on which to post and repost pictures. Some people use Tumblr to express their innermost thoughts. Others just post for fun. Recently, a new fad has cropped up on Tumblr. You've probably seen, or heard about #whatshouldwecallme blogs. On these blogs, "what should we call me" scenarios are accompanied by a humorous photo or moving image which pokes fun at the situation.

The first blog that came out was called #whatshouldwecallme. This blog was most likely created by a current law student, as it includes many posts about law school and life at law school. Although some of the jokes definitely went over the heads of non-lawyers to be, all who viewed the blog could appreciate its comic take on stressful or awkward situations. The blog quickly gained thousands of fans.

One among these fans was Harrison High School senior Lexi Rubenstein. She shared, "The blog #whatshouldwecallme is a hilarious website. You can find almost anything you do be-

ing made fun of on the website in possibly the funniest way."

Soon after this blog was created, imitators began creating more specific #whatshouldwe-

blog is track-oriented. It is called #whatshouldrunnerscallme. This blog features pages and pages of track-themed jokes. Created by an anonymous high school track

runner, the blog has won over many Harrison students. Junior and track team member Hannah Hochman explained how excited she was when she first came upon the blog: "I saw some-one post the link to the

blog on Facebook one day. I fell in love with the blog because I could relate to almost everything posted in it!"

Another popular #whatshouldwecallme blog, oriented toward camp-obsessed kids and counselors, is #whatshouldwecallcamp. Though relatively new, this blog

has already garnered a huge following.

Many popular #whatshouldwecallme blogs, such as the runners' one, have accrued large bases of dedicated fans. Devotees of the same blog can connect via Facebook, by liking the blog's page and posting the link to it when new posts appear. In addition to Facebook pages, many #whatshouldwecallme blogs have complementary Twitter accounts. For example, the #whatshouldrunnerscallme blog has a sister-Twitter called @trackkianation which tweets track jokes.

Fads come and go with astonishing speed these days, but for the moment, #whatshouldwecallme blogs appear to be at the top of the internet food chain. Among the students this reporter spoke to, the only complaint about #whatshouldwecallme blogs was that no one has created a Harrison-themed one yet.

"I really hope someone will one soon," commented sophomore Alex Psaros. "It would be just as enjoyable as following @HarrisonProbs!"

## DURING FINALS WEEK, WHEN SOMEONE ASKS ME HOW I AM



Courtesy of whatshouldwecallme.tumblr.com

callme blogs. There are college and high school blogs, which deal in funny inside jokes only students at the particular school can appreciate (sadly, Harrison has yet to jump on the bandwagon). There are lifestyle blogs, which feature jokes relating to specific activities or hobbies.

A recently created lifestyle

# Gifboom explodes!

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iPhone users fell in love with Instagram, a photo streaming app that lets you share pictures with friends, family, and other users around the world. The multimedia company behind Instagram recently unveiled their latest brainchild- another photography sharing app called Gifboom.

Like Instagram, Gifboom's focus is taking and sharing photos that include a variety of filters and effects. What makes Gifboom so special, however, is that rather than sharing one image at a time, the app creates a short stop motion video of a group of images. This movie then plays on repeat, showing the sequence of images in a film-like fashion.

Gifboom also allows for simultaneous sharing of pictures to social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter. And like Twitter, Gifboom allows regular everyday people to follow their favorite celebrities and athletes. This is just another way for people to connect in society, and I am sure there will be many, many more apps like these in the near future.

"I think Gifboom is so much fun!" says senior Alison Midollo. "I just love making little clips with friends and posting them. It is so different from posting a video, it is almost like one of those flip books, the thing I like the most about the app is that when you are editing the clips you can control the speed that it will move."

Gifboom also allows you to edit the coloring and speed of your images, and add text to the final product! The app also features crop and enhancing effects, allowing the clips to further come to life! While this app is just starting to gain attention, it will most likely rise in popularity, much like Instagram.

"I think my favorite part about Gifboom is that I get to follow Kendall and Kylie Jenner on another app!" says senior Elisa Santillia. "They are my favorite celebrities and I love knowing about their life. I get to follow them on Instagram, Twitter, on their TV show, and now Gifboom too. It is very exciting!"

"Instagram is pretty sick



Courtesy of gifboom.com

and so is Gifboom," said junior Sebastian Pellejero. "It would be better if I had an iPhone so I could use one, but I still like looking on other peoples' online and seeing their pictures. I think the app was a really good idea."

The new app is becoming more and more popular with it being promoted on other social networking sites and by celebrities. It is another app that connects us to our friends, family, and anyone else we want to follow. There will no doubt be more sites like that in the near future.

# Beastie Boy Adam Yauch dies

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The fourth of May was a sad day for Beastie boy fans around the world, as original member and singer Adam Yauch lost his battle to throat cancer. Yauch was best known for his lead vocals in the group, which was founded in 1985. Over the course of his career, Yauch and the Beastie Boys sold millions of platinum records and received immense recognition for their achievements. Yauch announced his illness on 2009, delaying not only the release of the band's album 'Hot Sauce Committee Part Two,' but also the tour scheduled to follow after.

Once diagnosed with cancer, Yauch took many precautions in attempts to beat the disease. Yauch began chewing gum on a regular basis and during his shows to keep his mouth moist

and comfortable, and then went on to become a Vegan after meeting with Tibetan doctors.

Almost a month before Yauch's death, the Beastie Boys were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, but Yauch was unable to attend the induction ceremony due to his declining conditions. At the ceremony, fellow band members Mike Diamond and Adam Horowitz shared with the audience a letter written by Yauch expressing his gratitude for all the support shown to him and the band throughout the years.

His death on May 4 gained international attention as popular icons shared their condolences and favorite memories of Yauch. Hit rapper Eminem issued a statement shortly after receiving the news about Yauch's passing,

tweeting, "He stood for integrity as an artist."

Ms. Fusco, a chorus teacher here at Harrison, had this to say about the musician. "Adam Yauch's death is saddening, due to the fact that he was a member of a group that was integral to the genre of hip hop."

Students around HHS were also upset with the death of Yauch. "It's upsetting that he's gone, because of him I got into that genre at a young age. It's crazy to think the Beastie Boys won't ever be truly back together again," said Freshman Adam Rappaport. Even though Yauch is no longer with the band, the Beastie Boy's legacy will continue. People will still listen to



Adam Yauch.

Courtesy of billboard.com

their music and the rest of the group will continue to perform. It's too early to tell if Yauch's position will be filled, but it seems unlikely. Replacing someone like Yauch is not easy, as he is one of the key figures in the growth of hip hop. His music transcended the industry and played a huge part in bringing the genre to where it is today, and he will always be remembered for that.

## Spying as art at Discovery Times Square

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Photos courtesy of Amy Carton

On Thursday May 17, Discovery Times Square hosted the premier of its latest exhibit, *Spy-The Secret World of Espionage*. The exhibit features interactive games and activities, never before seen declassified gadgets, and a journey through the history of espionage and its technology.

The premier took place at the Discovery Times Square museum in New York City and began with opening remarks from the exhibit's primary attorney, Brian Wainger. Following his speech, Brian introduced H. Keith Melton, an intelligence historian and specialist in espionage and technology. Melton's research has been compiled into a collection of over eight thousand gadgets and books, winning him international acclaim as an author and historian. Melton's collection is displayed at the exhibit, and features video clips and brief readings that explain the back-story to each artifact.

Also present at the premier were former CIA specialists and



The "Trotsky" display.

spies, along with former CIA technical operations officer Tony Mendez. Mendez has become most famous for his involvement in the Canadian Caper during the Iran hostage crisis, in which Mendez helped smuggle six American diplomats out of Iran. Mendez, an artists and CIA operative at the time, disguised the six diplomats as a Canadian film crew, supplying them each with false identification and the necessary media credentials. These events became the basis of the movie *Argo* that will be released in the fall of 2012, in which Ben Affleck stars as Mendez.

Following the opening re-

marks, we made our way to the exhibit's entrance, where we were shown a brief video detailing the life of espionage and preparing us for the journey about to begin.

Once inside the actual exhibit, we walked around independently, enjoying the artifacts on display and learning about the gadgets used. The artifacts included a poisoned needle hidden in a coin, a collapsible motor-bike used during World War II, a preserved rat

with a velcroed body that was used by Americans to exchange money and information with Moscow agents, and the ice ax that killed Trotsky.

The exhibit also includes interactive activities catered to

families and children. Visitors can create their own disguises for themselves in which they change their appearance and voice, as well as an interactive laser

maze. The exhibit will remain in Times Square for the summer and beginning of fall, and will then travel to over ten cities across the country. "I felt the opening went very well," said Brian Wainger. "There was an enthusiastic support and people seem to like the exhibition." As for Brian's hopes for the future of the exhibit, Brian commented, "I hope that people learn about

the real world of espionage, and the men and women who risk their lives to keep our country safe." He then added, "I also hope lots of people have fun learning about something that was, until recently, a secret."



Carton poses with Mendez.



In "The Sweet Life of Ben and Coby," food-loving sophomores Ben Adler and Coby Lefkowitz invite you to join them as they sample the best fare the tri-state area has to offer! In this debut installment, the duo provides food for thought regarding Rye's On the Way Café!

If you're looking for a quaint brunch spot on a Sunday morning, look no further than On the Way Café. Nestled amid the chaos of the Rye beach area, and recently opened under new man-

agement, this cozy restaurant is turning out some of the best breakfast items in Westchester County. Whether you possess a sweet tooth that can only be appeased by light and fluffy pancakes doused in syrup, or crave the savory satisfaction of perfect breakfast potatoes, this down to earth café has got you covered.



Courtesy of pc.westmore.news

Entering the café, the eater is greeted by calming pastel walls, and framed panoramas of Rye beach (a pleasant reminder of the beauty of the local neighborhood). The wait staff is made up the restaurant owners' own family and friends. This gives the café a homey atmosphere which makes the eater feel as if he is sitting at his own kitchen table. The menu is as friendly and reassuring as the staff. The best dishes are to be found in the brunch section, which features options ranging from beautifully crafted

French toast to refreshing salads served with fresh Tuscan bread. After eating at "On the Way Café", we selected three items we feel make this place worth the trip.

**The Pancakes (\$7.50):** Westchester Magazine made no mistake when it named these pancakes the best in Westchester in their 2012 ratings of local restaurants. Three light and cakey pancakes

arrive steaming hot, sprinkled with powdered sugar and served with fresh made whipped cream. The organic maple syrup only makes this dish better, soaking into the soft core of the pancake. The contrast of the crispy crust with the light interior makes for a truly wonderful pancake experience. No doubt, a must buy.

**The Breakfast Corner (\$8.00):** Situated in the corner of the menu is an option perfect for anybody. A platter comprised of any one meat, egg, vegetable, potato, and toast of your choice, this dish lets the eater choose exactly what their palate desires. Perfectly sized, the Breakfast Corner also gives the eater the pleasure of leaving full and

satisfied, but not overstuffed. At a fair price of \$8.00, this meal is a step up from the classic diner breakfast, but at a price comparable to lesser options.

**The Crumb Cake (\$4.00):** No trip to On the Way Café is complete without the sweet addition of their famous crumb cake. Though not as thick as other variations of this classic dessert, this unusually thin cake packs quite the punch of flavor. The soft yet dense cake lies deliciously under the crunchy top layer of crumb. After eating just one slice, you will be tempted to buy a full sheet (\$48.00) to bring back to the family.

Following careful analysis of this culinary gold mine, our final review is as follows:

Taste:   
 Value:   
 Ambience:



Now that's what I call pancakes!   
 Courtesy of Westchester Magazine

# I scream! You scream!

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 Food Editor

As summer approaches, so does extreme heat and humidity. And as the days grow hotter, ice cream becomes a true necessity. This article will present you with several close-by options that may just become your summer ice cream staples!



**Downtown Harrison**   
 Abby's Ice Cream: Serving up hard and soft ice cream on the corner of Webster and Crotona for a wallet-friendly price!   
 Carvel: With locations in town (Halstead Ave) and just on the border of Mamaroneck (also Halstead Ave), you're sure to get your fill of fudgy!   
 Lisa Marie's Ice Shop: Located on Halstead Ave, across the street from St. Gregory's Church, here you can find more than 20 flavors of homemade Italian ices and other dessert delights!

**Rye and Rye Brook**   
 Londford's: A crowd pleaser in the summer months, this homemade ice cream-serving parlor stays open late to satisfy nighttime cravings for the cold stuff.   
 Red Mango: Located in the Rye Ridge Shopping Center. Amazing frozen yogurt. Enough said.   
 Yogo Joy: Also located in Rye, this froyo joint is a personal second choice to Red Mango, but is great if you find yourself parched on Purchase Street!   
 Sunrise Pizza: A great place to go for a slice or a fresh salad, and also a treasure trove of Italian Ices! (Not to mention cannoli!)

**White Plains**   
 Frankly, White Plains is so big that there are too many to name, but personal favorites include Cold Stone Creamery, famous for its oversized cones, and Haagen-Dazs, which, despite having possibly the highest calorie count of any ice cream option, is always delicious. Always.



# 90-Second Interviews



"90 Second Interviews" is a new feature where we sit down with two teachers and see how many random questions they can answer in just ninety seconds. This issue we venture into the world of Harrison's own Art Department and interview teachers Ms. Lisa Monti and Mr. Dom Petrillo!

Monti



Petrillo

**Which animal would you be?** A hawk.  
**Favorite jelly bean flavor?** I like the lime green ones.  
**Dream vacation?** Italy - I've been there, but it's my dream vacation.  
**Middle name?** Ann.  
**Hot dog or hamburger?** Hot dog.  
**Unbreakable habit?** Always wanting more time.  
**First pet?** Dog, Corky.  
**Oldest stuffed animal?** A large ladybug that I named Turtley.  
**Favorite comfort food?** Ice cream - mint chocolate chip.  
**Favorite clothing store?** It's weird...I would either go to Bloomy's or the Gap.  
**Pet peeve?** Brushes that aren't cleaned properly.  
**Pool or beach?** Beach.  
**Sink or swim?** Swim.  
**Favorite movie?** Robin Hood - the original with Errol Flynn.  
**Magazine/newspaper of choice?** I prefer books.  
**Oil or sunscreen?** Sunscreen.  
**First car?** Honda Prelude - Black.  
**First love?** My husband Dean!  
**Summer plans?** Alright, there's a couple...going to Texas, hanging at the beach, gardening, and driving my child all over the place.  
**Coke or Pepsi?** Coke.  
**Favorite professional sports team?** It's not an easy answer...if pressed, The Yankees.  
**Favorite band?** There's so many -- today, Allman Brothers Band.  
**Summer jam?** I'll let you know when I have time to listen to the radio.  
**Favorite vegetable?** String beans! You can have them hot, or string bean salad!

**Which animal would you be?** A dragon.  
**Favorite jelly bean flavor?** I like caramel.  
**Dream vacation?** World Tour - Scotland, China, Caribbean, South Africa.  
**Middle name?** Salvatore Pietro.  
**Hot dog or hamburger?** Hamburger.  
**Unbreakable habit?** Thinking too fast.  
**First pet?** Goldfish with fancy tail, Harold.  
**Oldest stuffed animal?** My Santa Claus ornament. It's stuffed, you hang it on the tree. I've had it since I was one.  
**Favorite comfort food?** Dulce de Leche ice cream and sea salt potato chips.  
**Favorite clothing store?** I like consignment shops.  
**Pet peeve?** Lines! Waiting in general. I believe in the speed of light.  
**Pool or beach?** Beach.  
**Sink or swim?** Swim. I like snorkeling. I like floating.  
**Favorite movie?** The Never Ending Story.  
**Magazine/newspaper of choice?** Juxtapose.  
**Oil or sunscreen?** I don't use either.  
**First car?** Honda Civic.  
**First love?** Sarah.  
**Summer plans?** Going to Skidmore College through an Art Fellowship Award.  
**Coke or Pepsi?** I don't drink soda. I like coconut water.  
**Favorite professional sports team?** Yankees.  
**Favorite band?** My roommates are in a band, Higher Animals...and I like The Killers.  
**Summer jam?** Right now, it's "We Are Young" by Fun.  
**Favorite vegetable?** Artichokes from Dad's garden!

# SPORTS

## Senior Athletes Say Goodbye

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Sports are a big part of the high school experience for hundreds of thousands of students all over the country; they are a way to learn key lessons in the importance of teamwork, persistence, dedication, and hard work. This year at Harrison High School we have had an incredible batch of student athletes in the senior class. Their achievements will certainly be remembered and the Husky Herald was proud to provide this look back on these stellar careers.

**Jackie Fonseca (soccer):** "I know that soccer at college is going to be a totally new experience, but I'm nothing but excited for it. It's going to be tough and there will be times I don't even want to see a soccer ball, but it's something I love and I have been working literally my whole life for this next step. I cannot wait until August!"

**Charlie Drago (football):** "I'd have to say when the clock hit zero after beating Burnt Hills to go to the State Championship, I didn't contribute much in that game particularly, but as a team we got one step closer to our goal. It was the best feeling of my high school career knowing that we were going to play in Syracuse's Carrier Dome,

which only a few people can say they have done in their lives"

**Shawn Caparelli (basketball):** "My favorite memory

**Michael Goldman (basketball):** "I am going to miss most the honor of being a captain this year. Being able to be a role model on and off the court for

mates to a playoff win."

**Jenna Webb (softball):** "What I love most about being on the softball team is definitely making new friendships. These are friendships that I will always value, not only for the rest of my softball career, but in my life as well. On top of that, coming together as a team and succeeding as a whole was an aspect of this team that I really loved. I'm sad to be finishing my career, but I know everything I've learned from this sport will serve me well!"

**Jessica Segal (volleyball):** Over the course of my volleyball career at Harrison, I've learned the importance of teamwork and how hard work pays off. A memory that will always stand as my

favorite is winning the Section final game this year in my final season.

**Brandon Ellis (soccer):** "Each team I was a part of has allowed me to get to know and become close to different people I never talked to before. I was able to make a variety of



Webb, DiTursi, Segal.

Courtesy of Christie Suozzo

during the season was our last home game where everyone on the team was cheering and into the game. We all were rooting for each other and we were closer than ever. I'm going to miss all of the girls next year and the feeling of having a whole team as close as we have become."

my teammates meant a lot to me. Our big win over Byram Hills was an amazing feeling, it definitely brought the team together. Also, winning a playoff game in Section 1 this year was a goal I had set for myself throughout my high school career. Words can't describe the feeling of being a captain and leading my team-



**Dean Brancucci (hockey):** "Definitely I will miss the bond we had with each other, even though we had three schools combined into one. We still got along great, and after three years of rebuilding and playing strong teams, this year we became one of the strong teams. Beating Rye was awesome!"

friends through playing a sport each season. Playing soccer in particular directly showed me the positive results of working hard. I was able to see my own improvement, and my teammates' improvement throughout the season due to the hard work we all put into practice each and every day. This is something I will be able to apply to anything in life. I am now truly able to see the impact hard work and dedication has on something you are passionate about."

**Brian Lauro (basketball):** "The thing that I am going to miss most is playing basketball on an organized team with my friends and coaches that I got to build bonds with throughout the season."

**J.T. Nangle (swimming):** "For my college swimming career, I'll be able to not only take the physical advice given to me, but also the life advice I've received on how to approach practice, as well as life outside of the pool."



Sarmiento, Drago.

**Michael DiTursi (golf):** "Something I am going to miss most about the golf team is hanging out with all the guys. We have a ton of fun on and off the course."

**Alex Beckett (baseball):** "I have learned many lessons such as 'only the best play' and 'baseball is a game of failure' You get your good days and then you have your bad ones as well."

*Courtesy of Christie Suozzo* achieving team chemistry, but once you get an entire team committed to playing their specific part in order to become a whole, it can become a very successful and, best of all, fun season. I'm probably going to miss my coach Jay Rabinowitz the most and the members of the future Harrison lax team. He has achieved much, but promises to bring the program a far way toward ongoing success."



Lauro, Goldman, Nangle.

*Courtesy of Christie Suozzo*

**Nina Sarmiento (track):** "I'm going to have to prepare and train extra hard this summer to get back in shape from my injury. I've already started to get back into shape and build muscle and I'll have a workout schedule from my coach at BING that I will need to follow in the summer. Hopefully I'll be ready for D1 track!"

**Kevin Imperia (lacrosse):** "I've learned that the hardest thing is



# Get down and dirty, for a cause!

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Staff Writer

With summer just around the bend, everyone at Harrison High School is gearing up to enjoy the great weather and good times. For those who are looking way ahead though, going back to school can seem like torture after having had all the free time of vacation. A fun way to relieve some of the back-to-school stress could be competing in the 2012 Merrell Down & Dirty National Obstacle and Mud Run Series. This race consists of an intense, mud-filled obstacle course, where participants have to scramble over walls and crawl army-style through the course. Don't miss this great opportunity to join in on the biggest mud fight that New York's ever seen! The event will

be coming to New York's Pelham Bay Park at Orchard Beach on September 30. The first race will begin at 8:15 a.m. and more will follow until 11 a.m.

The obstacle course consists of a slippery mountain inflatable, marine hurdles, a cargo net climb, monkey cross, sand bag carry, and balance beam section, mud pit and water crossings, and many other wacky challenges. Everyone who competes has to follow all of the official rules, including not diving in the mud pit, and giving high fives to at least three volunteers! One competitor shared his advice on the Merrell Down & Dirty website: "I'll warm up with wind sprints across the interstate followed by eating some

Krispy Kreme. Then I'll head to the Mary Kay convention, where I will walk in and shout "Pink is a really ugly color ...Avon rules!" If I can make it out alive...I'll be ready."

For those that like to get competitive though, it's a real race! If you really want to train, the Merrell website even has a 10-week training program, so gear up to try and win one of the prizes for the top finishers.

This is also a great opportunity to just have some fun with friends, and raise money for charity in the process. Younger siblings can compete in the adventure kids course, so no one is left out. This event partners with a charity called Operation Gratitude

that works to send care packages to the men and women working in the U.S. military abroad. This charity has been able to send out over 100,000 care packages to troops all over the world, and every dollar raised helps. Hey IB diploma candidates – this is a fine idea for something that's an interesting form of action, and for those who don't want to compete, they can sign up as a free volunteers at the water stations or as pre-race set-up help. For more information and some great action shots of previous races, visit [www.downanddirtyudrun.com](http://www.downanddirtyudrun.com).

## Phelps to smoke competition?

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The 2012 Summer Olympics in London are coming up, and with the event comes the typical storm of hype. The most recent Summer Olympics, held in Beijing in 2008, was one of the biggest ever, with fiercely talented competitors like Michael Phelps setting records left and right. This year's event aspires to aim even higher.

The games, which will be held from July 27 through August 12, will feature an extremely wide variety of events: swimming, diving, water polo, table tennis, archery, weightlifting, you name it! London's bid for the Olympics began all the way back in 2005, when the city beat out New York, Moscow, Madrid, and Paris as candidates to host the games. The 2012 Summer Olympics in London will mark the third time the United Kingdom has hosted an Olympics. The home of Harry Potter and tea and crumpets previously hosted the event in 1948 and 1908.

Perhaps the most hyped element of the London Olympics is the return of Michael Phelps. Phelps, who currently holds the record for most gold medals won in a single Olympics, hav-

ing taken home eight in Beijing, is poised to shatter a host of records in 2012. His return has generated so much publicity due to his brief downslide a year or so after the Beijing Olympics. After a picture was released of Phelps inhaling from a bong while attending a college party in South Carolina, the swimming star's reputation suffered greatly.

Students at Harrison High School were among those who lost some respect for the athlete. "I think he's a masterful athlete, but that picture of him called his overall character into question," said sophomore Brandon Rodriguez.

"I used to love Phelps, but after the Olympics I realized he was a druggo and my opinion of him drastically changed," shared sophomore Daniel Son.

Following the photo's release, Phelps suffered a depressive phase. According to his coach, he missed weeks and weeks of practice, and voiced fears that his passion for swimming had faded. Thankfully, in good enough time, Phelps' drive returned.

Courtesy of [michaelphelps.net](http://michaelphelps.net)



Phelps, in action.

In preparation for the London Olympics, Phelps has been training harder than ever. His training routine is absolutely insane. As was widely reported during the Beijing games, he consumes a mindboggling twelve-thousand calories per day in order to sustain his body through his rigorous training regimen. This regimen begins early, with Phelps getting to the pool at around 6:30 a.m., six days a week. Each week, Phelps swims a total of 50 miles doing a variety of different strokes, such as sculling, where one moves one's arms back and forth in figure eight motions. Phelps also does a variety of strokes involving vertical and underwater kicking. An element of Phelps' London regimen different from the one he used for Beijing is its focus on weightlifting. Phelps weight lifts three times a week, doing exercises such as squats, dead lifts, and bench presses. Phelps has worked hard to remain in

fantastic shape, but one of his biggest advantages in the pool is indisputably his genetics. His arm span comes in at an incredible six feet, seven inches (three inches greater than his height). Phelps' arm span, coupled with his relatively short legs, give him an ideal swimmer's body.

Only time will tell just how well Phelps fares in the 2012 Olympics, but his coach is confident he will walk away with a few medals at least. That's saying a lot, considering the competition that has arisen for Phelps over the past four years, as well as the fact that Phelps has been off the grid for a while now. His last real outing in the world of competitive swimming was 2008. That's a considerable absence. Taking into account Phelps' time out of competition, as well as his issues a couple of years back, it would be very surprising if he could equal his past achievements. But whether or not he walks away a champion, Phelps, who has declared that after the London Olympics he is done with competitive swimming, will definitely be worth watching.



# Seniors Take Charge for Boys' Tennis Team

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Players on the boys' varsity tennis team were eager for spring to roll around, so they could finally get on the courts and play. Their eagerness and excitement is evident due to how well the team is doing this year. Seniors, sophomores, and the coach were enthusiastic to announce that they won ten matches and only lost two. With only one more match left against Rye, they are looking forward to their conference tournament.

Why is the team doing so well this year? According to the "comical and motivating" Coach, Sam Fishman, he is extremely pleased with the team this year.

"They reached their peak because they have been playing for years together," he said.

He says the team owes its success to the three senior captains: Andy Smithline, Brandon Ellis, and Michael Chen. The team is grateful for their help and leadership. Andy Smithline plays first singles, Brandon Ellis plays first doubles, and Michael Chen

plays third singles.

Sophomore Lucas Pettinato also praises the captains.

"The captains and seniors should be proud of how well they've been playing the entire year," he said. "Next year, losing the seniors, the team surely won't be the same and I'll be upset, but we will make changes to accommodate new players."

Perhaps the team's victories can be attributed to the team's dedication.

"We are hard workers and, as a result, we are doing really well," said senior Andy Smithline.

Maybe the success is also because of how close the team is. In some cases, team members have been playing together for four or five years. Most have been classmates for even longer, which makes them used to being together. A team that is both comfortable and relaxed while playing with each other is certain to achieve.

Joe Albanese added, "Whenever there is a close match,

the team comes together and supports each other."

However, the team will



Michael Chen leads the way.

*Courtesy of harrisoncsd.org*  
only perform well at a match if they receive proper training in their practices. How the team does at practices directly correlates to how they perform. Team members think the practices are helpful, fun, and provide a chance to improve on weaknesses. Practices also are an opportunity for teammates to help each other.

Senior Michael Chen de-

scribes a match against Byram Hills by saying the game was "tricky." He also recounts a difficult game against Horace Greeley.

"I was injured and it was tougher," he said, "but seniors Matt Weinreb and Joe Albanese pulled through and carried the team on their backs."

Joe Albanese remembered a match against Mamaroneck.

"The overall performance or skill level of our team was very close to our competitors," he recalled. "But it was our spirit and driving passion that drove us down the road to our victory."

Current varsity tennis players suggest that those on junior varsity or those looking to try out should practice and be in shape by the time next season rolls around.

With one more tennis match left, then a conference tournament, the varsity tennis season will sadly come to an end. Nevertheless, the players are ending their season on a good note with happy memories from this very successful season.

## Track Teams Boast Great Individual Performances

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After a successful winter season, the Harrison track team was confident going into the spring season. Starting off with a huge team of more than a hundred athletes, there was ample opportunity for new talent to arise.

After a series of dual meets, the team competed at The Fulton Invite. This was most special to the Harrison team, as it was a home meet held in honor of long time Harrison track coach Dennis Fulton. This meet was different due to its limited entries -- limiting one athlete per event from each team to compete for highly competitive events. The boys' team finished in fourth place; the girls' team finished in third. Some of the individuals who were named champions at the Fulton were Trey Wasilesky in the 1600m, Sebastian Cortes in the 400m hurdles, Ben Konigsberg in the 200m, Hannah Hochman in the 200m, the boys' 4x800 relay team, and Rula Samad in the triple jump.

Another exciting meet that

followed was The Penn Relays in Philadelphia, PA. The relays were taken down for a three-day meet at the University of Pennsylvania, where college and professional athletes were competing. The girls' 4x100, and 4x400 of Shawn and Olivia Caparelli, Rula Samad, Ashley Dellipaoli, Hannah Hochman, and Sam Shopovick, competed and set personal records in both relays. The boys' 4x100 and 4x400 of Jacob Seidman, Sebastian Cortes, Gio Valdes, Ben Kongisberg, Chris D'Antona, Trey Wasilesky, and Ryo Inkyo also competed at the meet.

The league championships were the next big meet, and both teams were very successful. The boys' team finished second overall, but the individual champions were Jacob Seidman in the pole vault, Ben Kongisberg in the 400m hurdles and the 100m, Coby Lefkowitz in the 110 hurdles, and the boys' 4x100 team. The girls' team finished first overall, and the individual champions were Shawn

Caparelli in the 200m and 100m hurdles, Rula Samad in the 400m hurdles and the triple jump, Ashley Dellipaoli in the 800m, Amanda Friedman in the long jump, Hannah Hochman in the 100m, and Michelle Aguirre in the Pentathlon.

At meets like the Somers Invitational, and the Loucks Games, the competition was fierce, but athletes continued to hit personal bests. At the Westchester County Championships, the teams were up against the best athletes in the county. Even with stiff competition from teams like New Rochelle and Mount Vernon, Harrison did well. The boys placed ninth overall, but had some outstanding individual performances from Ben Konigsberg, placing third in the 100m and second in the 400m hurdles, Coby Lefkowitz placing fourth in the 110 hurdles, Trey Wasilesky placing fourth in the 1600m, and the 4x100 squad placing fifth. The girls' team placed seventeenth overall, but individual successes included Shawn Caparelli, placing

fifth in the 200m, and the 4x100 second-place finish of Amanda Friedman, Olivia Caparelli, Hannah Hochman and Shawn Caparelli.

The next large team-scoring meet was the Section 1 Class B championship. The boys' team came in sixth overall, but individuals that medaled at the meet were Ben Konigsberg, placing first in the 100m, Coby Lefkowitz placing second in the 110 hurdles, Jacob Seidman placing third in the pole vault, and the 4x100 gaining third. The girls' team finished fifth overall, but individuals that medaled were Michelle Aguirre, placing third in the pentathlon, and Amanda Friedman, Olivia Caparelli, Hannah Hochman and Shawn Caparelli securing first in 4x100.

Looking forward, the remaining athletes are competing at the New York State qualifier meet on May 31-June 1. Any first or second place in these events with qualifying times will move the athletes onto the state championship.

# Girls' Lacrosse Back to Winning Ways

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Looking back on last year's winless season of girls' varsity lacrosse, this year's season seemed questionable. With a startling record last season due to being introduced into a higher level league, it certainly was a tough year for the girls. This season, though, everything changed. The team was brought down a league this season. As such, they were pumped to win as many games as possible. Coach Zappala, along with the new assistant coach Caitlin Rooney, were excited to see how the team played together and if they were going to have good chemistry for the upcoming season.

The season started off roughly with a few losses against Scarsdale and Ossining in early scrimmages. Zappala wanted to have the team play higher-ranked teams than Harrison to see how the girls would fare. Unfortunately, the season began with a lack of team chemistry. Coach Z noticed there were areas that needed improvement.

The season really got started when the team had their first league game against Keio Academy. The first half started out questionably, due to Keio's fast speed and aggressive checks. Once the second half came around, the lacrosse team pulled it together and Harrison began to pump up its offense, while the defense held Keio in check. This resulted in the team's first win, but there would be many more to follow. The girls were excited that they had won their first league game.

The next league game they played was at Croton, which the girls' lacrosse team won with a 10-goal lead. They were on fire and pumped because they knew they had potential to win leagues. All the bad memories of the pre-

vious season were behind them. The new season with a few new players allowed them to regroup and reorganize – it was a chance for a better attitude.

"I went into the season hoping it wouldn't be like last," said captain Alex Misisco, "including the fact that we went down a league this year. Once we started winning our league games, it got me excited because it showed that we are actually a good team and can work well together."



The Huskies looking to score.

*Courtesy of harrisoncsd.org*

Other contests followed, including an away game at White Plains. Although they were not in our league, the coaches thought it would be a good challenge. The game wasn't an easy one, but the score ended at a 12-12 tie. Harrison began the game strongly with two goals scored right off the bat. White Plains began to fight back aggressively with more goals. They were then in the lead, but Harrison was still in it to win it. Seniors Alex Misisco and Cassidy Cohen, along with sophomore Marissa Goldstein and junior Sarah Berman scored in the second half. White Plains just couldn't get past Harrison's defense, as Abby Burack and Erika Dattero headed up a defensive effort that, along with many others, stopped White Plains from scoring on the team's new goalie, Taylor Wolfe.

Wolfe decided to take on the goalie role for the team this



The undefeated league champs! year after playing on the field for many years. She used to play attack, but the challenge of being the varsity's new goalie intrigued her.

"I had a lot of fun this season playing goalie," said junior Taylor Wolfe. "At the beginning when I first started out at the position, I struggled a lot mentally just because I felt that if the ball went in the goal it was my fault. I began to practice a lot outside of our team's practices and soon my skills were enhanced and I was getting better. It was definitely a totally new experience, but I'm really happy I did it!"

The team continued to win league games after beating Briarcliff, who were at the top of the league. It was an away game and the conditions on their field were rough. The Harrison girls' team pulled through and was ahead of Briarcliff the entire game.

After beating Briarcliff and tying White Plains, everyone on the team had a good feeling about being the league champs of their section. The last game of the season, against Keio Academy, would determine if Harrison was the league champions. The team had played them once and beaten them, so they felt confident they could defeat them a second time. Once again Keio fought back hard with their very aggressive checks. The referees seemed to be oblivious to a lot of these hard checks, but in the

*Courtesy of Alex Misisco* end, it didn't matter. Harrison pulled through and became the undefeated league champs. Coach Zappala was ecstatic about this:

"The girls worked very hard this season for this title," he said. "We worked a lot on offensive rotations and on defense to mark their opponent girls. In the end everything paid off!"

The team then went on to play the first round of sectionals against Horace Greeley. The year before, Harrison played them and lost, but this time it was a very close contest. Everyone was unsure if it was possible to beat this team, but after a season of successes, Harrison's girls' lacrosse team was pumped and ready for anything. The two coaches believed that if the girls worked well together and had good chemistry, they could beat Greeley.

They knew it wasn't going to be easy and, in the end, it wasn't. The season ended up being done when the game ended. The lacrosse team had lost to Horace Greeley and they would not go onto the second round of sectionals.

While everyone was upset that the season had to end that way, the girls' varsity lacrosse team still had their title of being undefeated league champs. For many on the team, that success is what really mattered.

# Successful Softball Run Comes to An End

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"Just do it" is the saying and that's exactly what the Varsity Girls' Softball team did throughout this past season. Spring training in Florida proved to be a spectacular start to the season as the Huskies competitively defeated several teams from around the tri-state area. Kicking off with a few scrimmages, they were soon thrust into a whirlwind season with games two to three times a week. Their several wins quickly led them on a fast track to Sectionals with hope for the playoffs.

Ending their previous season with a record of 17-3, they strived for even better this time around, yet fell just a game short. After losing several seniors from last season, the team continued to show great success on account of senior Jenna Webb's outstanding hits to center field and beyond as well as the other seniors, Alijah Webb, Allyson Brabant and Alyx Scapperotti, prevailing on the field. First year varsity player Kendra Deschamps proved successful after several games as a competitive and talented first baseman.

Jenna Vaccaro and Christina DiCarlo pitched consecutive winning games and fast innings. The team's outfielders also proved to be strong, key team players. Still, with an outstand-

game, playing strongly through the last inning. Their victory thrust them into the fourth seed of the playoffs, just another step closer to the Championships.

"I feel excited to face

faced the fifth-seeded Tappan Zee Dutchies. The game remained scoreless for the first three innings, as Jenna Vaccaro matched a dominating performance by Tappan Zee's Paulina

Gutkin. Eventually, Tappan Zee broke through with a flurry of runs. While Harrison did get one run back in the bottom of the fifth,



Sweet smiles of success: the 2012 Varsity Girls' Softball Team.

Courtesy of harrisoncsd.org

ing season, they proved victorious over various other highly competitive Westchester teams. The Girls' Varsity Softball Team ended strongly with a record of 15-4, and an opportunity at the Championships later in May.

In their first playoff game on Friday, May 25, the team beat out the rain and won a close

some hard hitting teams and prepared for what is to come," said sophomore Kendra Deschamps. With one win already secured, the team headed into the next game against Tappan Zee with confidence, eager to continue their successful run.

On May 29, in the Class A quarterfinals game, the team

ultimately their successful season came to an unexpected end. With a finishing record of 16-5, the Girls' Varsity Softball Team has a lot to be proud of, and this season saw great hitting, fine pitching, and superb fielding that provided excitement and hope for the year to come.

## Golf Team Practice Makes Par-fect

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Harrison High School's boys' golf team has been unstoppable on the course so far this year! The team is faced with a unique situation that hardly any other team at the school has to deal with: there is nowhere on school grounds for them to practice. This might be a problem for a different sport, but fortunately for the golf team, there are endless beautiful golf courses to play in Westchester County. The home courses of the team are Westchester Country Club and Brae Burn Country Club, but the team has played at other fantastic courses in Rye, Rye Brook, and Mount Kisco.

Senior captain Mike DiTursi, and junior Kevin Daraio led the boy's team to a 6-5 record to begin the season. Practice is very important to the golf team, because if they do not keep

working on fine-tuning their swings, it is very easy to lose their touch and not be able to perform when it is time to play in matches. That is also why it is extremely beneficial for the golfers to practice shots that will be useful for them in competition. The team begins practice by playing a few warm up holes, and then they work on more specific shots that they can utilize during the matches. There are many different ways that people characterize success on the golf course, but according to sophomore Brett Saviano, a successful day on the course involves "shooting as low a score as you can, while still having fun with the people you are playing with."

One of the players on the team that was able to shoot low while enjoying himself on the course this past season was



The Golf team poses.

senior Mike DiTursi. DiTursi will continue playing golf next year at Rollins College in Florida. He played well enough during the regular season to qualify for the Section 1 Tournament, which took place at Mahopac Golf Club and Sleepy Hollow Country Club from May 22-23. DiTursi finished the tournament tied for fifteenth place, a disappointing three shots away from qualifying for the state championships. In addition to qualifying for the sectional tournament, the senior star also was named to the third

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team all conference for Section 1, League A.

Under the tutelage of Mr. Ciavarella, the golf program has improved exponentially. As the team is losing several seniors, the returning underclassmen must step up and maintain the winning environment that has developed over these past few years. This year was incredibly successful for the golf team, and with some additional practice, next year's team can swing for even greater results.



# Section 1 Class A Champs!

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As the Huskies ended the season with an astonishing 16-4 record, many knew that the team had the potential to make a deep run in the playoffs. With a 20-0 victory over Port Chester in their last game, the Huskies came into the playoffs with plenty of momentum, with many feeling optimistic about the post-season.

"We knew coming into the playoffs that we would be a threat," says junior Tyler Hart. "We ended the season strong and knew that we could match up against anyone."

The Huskies would match up against the Nanuet Golden Knights in their first playoff game. Despite committing two errors, the Huskies would prevail, winning 5-1. Senior Shang-Li Polera would finish the game 3-3, having a pair of doubles along with a home run. The Huskies would also gain support with another masterful pitching performance by ace Max Bruckner, who struck out ten in the complete game win.

In their next matchup against the Somers Tuskers, the Huskies would need to rely on some clutch hitting for the win. Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the third, junior Austin Pollack would put the Huskies ahead with one swing of the bat. After the go-ahead two-run homer by Pollack, the Huskies would not look back, winning 3-1. Once again, the Huskies would get strong pitching, this time from southpaw Michael Forgione, who

gave up just one run and struck out three.

Austin Pollack was ecstatic after his homer, saying, "To get a home run in any game is huge, but to hit a go ahead home run in the playoffs is just amazing. It was a great moment that I'll never forget."

Next up was Kennedy Catholic, and the Huskies would cruise to an 8-0 win. Offensively, the Huskies dominated with Shang-Li Polera hitting another home run, and Raffaele Macchia driving in two runs. Bruckner would again pitch for another win, striking out six in seven scoreless innings.

The Huskies have certainly succeeded expectations for this season, having an impressive 19-4 record. On the pitching staff, Max Bruckner and Michael Forgione have led the way. Bruckner, only allowing four earned runs to date, has posted a 0.62 earned run average, along with striking out 63 batters. Forgione has been a work horse, pitching 48 total innings and having a .186 batting average against him. In total, the Huskies' pitching staff has struck out 153 batters, all while having a combined 2.25 E.R.A.

Along with strong pitching, the Huskies have seen a ton of offensive production. The lineup has a combined .310 batting average and a .439 slugging percentage. Raffaele Macchia leads the team with 15 runs bat-

ted in, while Shang-Li Polera has a team leading three home runs.

Alex Beckett and Steven DeLeo have also provided a spark to the lineup, with Beckett batting .329 and DeLeo driving in 14 runs.

While the Huskies look to continue their run in the playoffs, the team has restored their place as a top team in the Section. As this year's seniors graduate, the current juniors will have the pressure of continuing Harrison's winning ways.

"It has been one great season for us," says junior Jack McCarthy. "While we do look ahead for next year and hope to continue winning, we need to make sure we get the job done this year, and that's to win it all."

The Huskies took on ninth-seeded Byram Hills at Dutchess Stadium on the last day of May.

The game became largely a pitcher's duel, with starter Mike Forgione providing some quality innings. Yet when two batters reached on errors in the top of the sixth, Luke Sassano came in and induced a ground

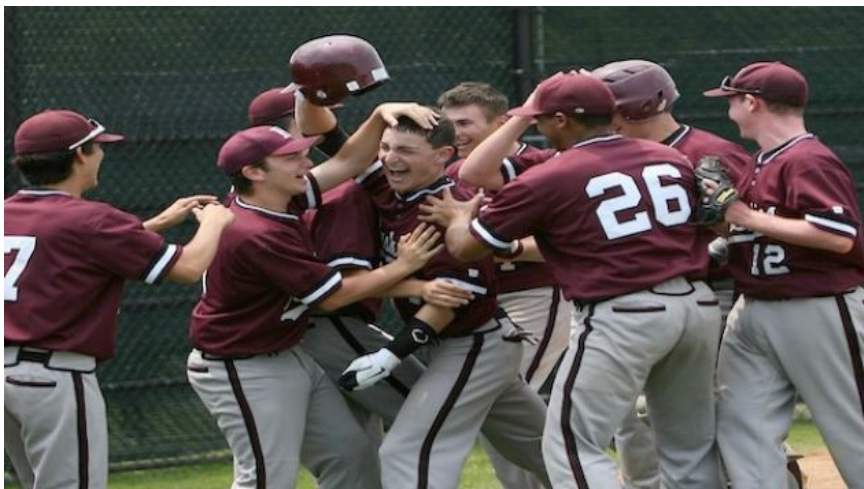
ball to Jack McCarthy, leading to a double play. Eventually



The ace takes the mound. *Courtesy of Max Bruckner*

workhorse ace Max Bruckner came in, replacing Sassano in the seventh. The game would stay knotted at two until the bottom of the tenth, when Tyler Hart doubled and Jake Zuckman walked. Byram Hills changed pitchers, but the change worked in Harrison's favor. Slosberg, the new pitcher, walked Shang-Li Polera and then Alex Beckett, giving the Huskies a hard-fought 3-2 extra innings victory and the Class A championship!

Bruckner pitched the final three and two-thirds innings for the win, refusing to come out, even though he had pitched the team to a victory just two days earlier. The Huskies now receive a bye, next heading into the regional final.



Teammates congratulate Austin on the long ball.

*Courtesy of Austin Pollack*