

Meimeteas and McSweeney Named 2020 Regeneron STS Scholars

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On Wednesday January 8, Nasia Meimeteas and Sara McSweeney, two Harrison High School seniors, had the honor of being named 2020 Regeneron Science Talent Search (STS) Scholars. Nasia and Sara were part of a group of nearly 2000 applicants nationally who applied to Regeneron STS. The Regeneron Science and Talent Search is the nation's oldest and most prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors. Their work was selected among 1,993 applications from 659 high schools in 49 states, Washington, DC, Puerto Rico, Guam and eight countries. Only 300 people had the honor of becoming an STS Scholar.

Scholars were chosen based on their exceptional research skills, commitment to academics, innovative thinking and promise as scientists. Sara and Nasia conducted their research over the past three years as part of the high school's Science Research Program. Students in the Science Research Program have the opportunity to invite experts to become mentors, who typically possess PhDs in the field of the student's interest.

To be considered for the Regeneron competition, students conduct an original research project, where data is collected and analyzed. In addition, the students complete and submit a comprehensive application which explains the reasoning behind their study, academic background and interest in science.

All applicants had to write a 20-page research paper about original research along with supplemental essays, and had to include transcripts, recommendations, and standardized test scores in their application.

As part of being named an STS Scholar, Nasia and Sara each earned \$2,000 dollars for themselves and \$2,000 for Harrison High School. As for what they will do with the money, both winners have indicated the sums will be applied toward their ongoing education.

Science Research teacher Ms. Allison Blunt helped both students in their journey to attaining this prestigious honor.

"I am so proud of both Nasia and Sara for their impressive, original, and impactful work in different respective fields of science," she said. "The Science Research program we have at Harrison is a commitment, but an incredibly rewarding one at the same time. I am really proud of all the students in our program who are so dedicated and interested in inquiring about topics they are passionate about. We had seven papers submitted to the Regen-



Two of a rarified 300 Science Scholars. Seniors Nasia Meimeteas and Sara McSweeney are living testament to the success of Harrison's Science Research program. They were both named 2020 Regeneron STS Scholars for their hard work on their respective research projects.

Courtesy of Angelina Fuca

eron STS this year and they were all high-quality papers. Over the entire course of Harrison Science Research, we have had a total of 16 papers submitted to the Regeneron STS program. Of those 16, four papers have won. This serves to illustrate the success Harrison projects have had."

In a joint statement, Nasia and Sara expressed their gratitude:

"We would like to thank Ms. Blunt and Mr. Gunnell for their continued support of us throughout the process of our three years in Science Research. We would also like to thank our mentors who assisted us when we fully utilized our available resources and reached the point where we wanted to consult experts in the field. We certainly did not expect to be named STS Scholars, but we are honored to

be part of the top 300 students."

Sara McSweeney's project highlighted her passion for climate change and how our world's environment is changing. She became interested in the world food supply and what happens with the preponderance of droughts in more recent times. Her project titled, "Increasing the Desiccation Tolerance of Eragrostis tef through Exogenous Application of Absciscic Acid to Ensure Food Security" tackled the issue of food security through working with a hormone called abscisic acid that allows plants to survive drought better. Sara reached out to plant biologist Professor Jill Farrant at the University of Capetown in South Africa and was able to secure an internship in Capetown over the summer where she worked with the plant Eragrostis tef to deal with the issue of

droughts through hormones.

Nasia Meimeteas chose a project in which she exhibited her interest in women's issues titled, "Predicting the Relationship between Marriage and Discussion of Women's Issues in Congressional Representatives: A Multiplicative Interaction Model Approach." Researching during the #MeToo movement intrigued Nasia and made her want to answer the question of how marriage influenced views of gender equality. Nasia defined women's issues as the discussion of sexual harassment, sexual assault, pay inequality, the recognition of women, human trafficking, women's health issues, gender disparities in profession, and international women's issues. She was able to use 167,784 tweets from 408 representatives in the 115th Congress which were coded for discussing women's issues and then developed into a multiplicative interaction model. Nasia was supported through the research process by Professor Christopher Stout at Oregon State University.

"Harrison Science Research has been an amazing program and experience for me," Nasia said. "At first, I couldn't pick a topic because I was focused on personal views and not data. My advice for anyone with a similar issue would be to get as much experience as possible and realize that you will always hit bumps - we just have to deal with what is thrown our way."

Looking forward, Nasia and Sara are going to continue their awesome work in different science fields. Nasia will be attending Duke University in the fall to be a global health major with a focus on women's healthcare. Sara has recently decided to attend Imperial College London, where she is planning on being an environmental biology major. Sara explained how her work in Harrison in science research has allowed her to find a career and what she wants to do with her life.

While neither of them were named as one of the 40 STS finalists, both Nasia and Sara have expressed desires to have their professional work published in a journal in the future. Nasia and Sara will also be competing at many upcoming science competitions like NYSEF and WESEF. What is for certain is that Nasia and Sara have made all of Harrison really proud. As they continue their careers in STEM, the entire Harrison community is looking forward to seeing what impressive work they accomplish next.

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Snow Days: Behind The Decision

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Perhaps no issue is more controversial the day before an impending winter storm than the possibility of a snow day. Discussion of the weather is constant among both students and teachers and both the weather app and Snow Day Calculator are frequently consulted.

Despite extensive speculation by the student body, not much is actually known about the real process or the factors that impact the decision of the school administration.

Interviews with students about what the most important factor might be in considering whether to call a snow day revealed responses ranging from the “amount of snow” all the way to “if the teachers could commute safely.”

Even the Assistant Principals are unsure of the exact process followed by the Superintendent on days when inclement weather is expected. This is because the decision to call a snow day ultimately falls to just one individual, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Louis Wool.

For Dr. Wool, this task requires the consideration of many factors and the consultation of a variety of sources.

The Superintendent also noted that it involved “me not getting a lot of sleep.”

Dr. Wool begins the process at 3:30 a.m. by analyzing multiple hourly weather reports and by viewing 157 different security camera angles of each of the schools in the district. At 4:30 a.m., an employee of the district in contact with Dr. Wool drives throughout Harrison in order to assess the conditions or the roads

firsthand. The town also plays an important role in informing Dr. Wool of any dangerously snowy or icy conditions and if the roads have been plowed or salted. The final step Dr. Wool takes



The hardest part of the job revealed. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Louis Wool, explains the process behind the calling of a snow day.
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is communicating with 36 other superintendents in Southern Westchester. Then, between 4:45 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., automated voice messages and texts are sent, a notification is put online, and the local newspaper is notified.

Dr. Wool was also quick to address the widespread perception that Harrison is the district with the fewest snow days.

“It’s a reputation but it’s inaccurate,” he stated. “Mamaroneck, Harrison, sometimes

Port Chester, and Rye Neck are pretty lock-step.”

Although he strongly asserted that Harrison was no more frugal with cancellation than any other district, he did concede that Harrison was unique in certain ways that could impact the likelihood of a snow day. Harrison, unlike Rye, Mamaroneck, and Rye Neck, leases and operates the buses themselves. This makes the school less likely to tolerate icy and snowy conditions.

“It’s real simple,” Dr. Wool stated. “If the roads aren’t clear, I’m not putting you out there.”

Another common point of contention regarding our snow day policy is the late timing of the announcement. Many students would love to know the night before a possible snow day whether school is cancelled, instead of waking up early to find out the same news. However, Dr. Wool has larger concerns than the convenience of such students.

He noted that the “wildly unpredictable” nature of the weather means that even the most accurate of forecasts could be absolutely wrong. As such, Dr. Wool pointed out examples of schools that many students consider to have more lenient snow day policies, sometimes have to reverse snow day calls that were made too early. He worries that calling snow days early based on unreliable weather forecasts could lead to families having to frequently pay for unnecessary child care or families making arrangements for work in preparation for a

snow day that never comes. “Everyone thinks about how this affects ‘me,’ but when I’m thinking about 3600 kids or all those families, each one of them has differ-

“If the roads aren’t clear, I’m not putting you out there.”

ent circumstances,” Dr. Wool said. Without hesitation, Dr. Wool ended the interview by stating that, “It’s the hardest part of my job because it’s so difficult to factor all the variables.”

Perhaps next time rumors of a possible snow day begin to circulate, we should redirect our thinking to appreciate how many variables go into making that decision on those winter days when school might be cancelled.

Explaining an IB Education

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The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a two year educational program primarily aimed at 16-19 year old students. It provides an internationally accepted qualification for entry into higher education and is recognized by many universities across the globe, some of which provide commensurate college credit. According to IB’s official website, “International Baccalaureate® (IB) programmes aim to do more than other curricula by developing inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who are motivated to succeed. We strive to develop students who will build a better world through intercultural understanding and respect.”

Essentially, the point of IB is to create critical thinkers rather than just people who can regurgitate facts, something that the American education system has been criticized for doing. Harrison High School, quite famously, has an IB program that students are encouraged to take.

According to Principal Beukema and IB coordinator Dr. Tyler, the first group of coordinated IB students

were in 2012, but the full course was integrated into the high school in 2013.

When it comes to what IB adds to our education as Harrison students, Dr. Tyler mentioned the academic skill sets needed for an IB student: an integration of cross curricula, a focus on integration, and a reflective assessment of one’s own strengths and weaknesses.

“Definitely what’s important about IB is that it pushes students to think more globally about their views and ideas, how it affects their community and the world, and that fosters international mindedness,” Principal Beukema said. “It’s also about who you are as a human being.”

This draws an important distinction between the IB and AP (Advanced Placement) programs.

“AP is definitely a more isolated curriculum where the focus isn’t on the individual student but instead on the attainment of knowledge,” said Dr. Tyler. “The company that runs AP is actually starting to become aware of this, and they are reengineering their program to make it more like

IB.”

The IB Diploma candidates must pass their subject examinations, along with meeting the following criteria: the extended essay (4,000 words on a topic the candidates will research), a class called Theory of Knowledge (TOK) must be taken, candidates must be engaged with creativity, activity, service (CAS) to prove they are active in



their school and community, and this includes a project. In Harrison, CAS

projects have led to groups such as Harrison Youth Activists, while other candidates may count one of their extracurriculars as a part of this requirement.

Paige Pezzela is a Harrison senior who is an IB Diploma candidate. “I like the IB Diploma because it gave me the opportunity to write a research paper on any topic I wanted and to have organized a service project,” she said. “It really is a lot of work, but if you pursue topics that interest you, it’s a great learning experience.”

On the other hand, Jenna Viola is a senior who dropped the diploma, due to the fact that, in her own words, “It was really difficult to keep up with all of the work, and it made me begin seeing things only through the lens of my diploma and the CAS project rather than actually enjoying it.”

“I don’t know if there’s a blanket statement on who should or should not take the diploma - that’s not how we work,” said Dr. Tyler. “We see where the student

is and what their goals are, and meet the best pathway. The focus here is on the students and matching their interests and strengths, not to jam them into any specific pathway.”

The way it works according to the members of the administration, including Director of Guidance Mrs. Malczewski, a student picks classes first and then decides on whether or not the IB diploma is best for them.

“Usually, by the time they’ve picked their IB classes, they’ve already met requirements for SLs (standard levels) and HLs (higher levels),” she said. “We wouldn’t want kids going in without knowing why and then getting a schedule they’re not really clear about.”

Ms. Beukema said, “Whether you take the diploma or not, it’s not IB or no IB - 98% of students take IB classes; we are an IB school. I think one of the benefits of being a Harrison student or faculty is that we focus so much on individuality and creating a personal pathway, and IB offers that, and I really hope our students see that.”

Model Congress Wins Big in D.C. and San Francisco

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On November 21 to 24, 2019, the Harrison High School Model Congress team was in Washington D.C. for the Princeton Model Congress (PMC). PMC is one of the few conferences hosted by top colleges and universities around the country, where young, politically-interested high school students can go to debate Mock Congressional legislation.

Being in Washington D.C. enhanced the Model Congress experience. Not only did Harrison students have the chance to act like legislators, they were able to see the heart of our political process in our nation's capital. Upon arriving in D.C. on Thursday, Harrison students went to tour the Capitol, where many important pieces of legislation are debated. One surprise for the Model Congress team was running into Texas Senator Ted Cruz. Harrison students were also led by Speaker Nancy Pelosi's chamber, but amidst ongoing impeachment hearings, she was too busy to be seen.

During the conference, Harrison High School students participated in committees ranging from Judiciary to Science, Space, and Technology. Some delegates even participated in special committees like the Presidential Cabinet. At the closing ceremony for the conference, awards were given to students and Harrison won two Best Delegates and five Honorable Mentions. The awards were as follows: Jack Kelly and David Griff (Best Delegates) - Remy Rabin, Roya Azar, Christian Spadini, Graham Napack and Aidan Lefkowitz (Honorable Mentions).

On January 16 to 20, 2020, Harrison Model Congress also participated in Harvard Model Congress San Francisco (HMCSF). This trip was a more selective trip, as only seven members went. Harrison walked away from the conference with four Best Delegates and one Honorable Mention which distinguished

Harrison as one of the best schools in attendance. Ben Lovinger, Joshua Gomez-Cruz, David Griff, and Jack Kelly won Best Delegates while Roya Azar won Honorable Mention.

Harvard Model Congress has a unique structure to their conferences in which delegates are assigned politicians to personify.

They then debate topics named by Harvard student briefings. Collaboratively, students at the conference must work with other students, act as their politicians, and try to create on-the-spot legislation to address the problems highlighted in their briefings. Harvard has conferences in five different locations worldwide, and HMCSF was an internationally-minded conference, with students attending from countries like Spain and Greece. This international aspect of the conference allowed Harrison to see people from around the world and to improve upon their International Mindedness.

In their time in San Francisco, Harrison students were able to make new friends, try new foods, enjoy seeing major San Francisco landmarks, and bond as a team. San Francisco is a really special location and Harrison students thoroughly enjoyed their time in such a unique city.

With such success at both conferences and particularly HMCSF, it is interesting to see what is next for Harrison Model Congress and adviser Ms. Merritt. In recent years, Harrison's Model Congress has undergone a transition period where the club is evolving. Harrison's small trips to fascinating locations have been both rigorous and successful thus far. It begs the question of what amazing conferences Harrison will attend next. In the meantime, Harrison can bask in what students have accomplished at these conferences, which bodes well for future successes at others to come.



The San Francisco Treat. Five Model Congress students came away with awards from the Harvard Model Congress San Francisco. Pictured here are honorees (left to right) Ben Lovinger, Roya Azar, David Griff, Jack Kelly, and Joshua Gomez-Cruz.

Courtesy of Ms. Natasha Merritt

Lollapasnooza Celebrates Needed Rest

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It is a well-known fact that despite overwhelming evidence that adolescents of high school age need 8-10 hours of sleep, many students, unfortunately, get much less sleep than that.

This hasn't gone unnoticed by Harrison High School teachers and faculty. Conversations of later start times for the Harrison school system have been discussed in previous issues as one possible remedy. Yet sleep deprivation remains a big issue. Sleep deprivation has a litany of negative effects, including hindering students' ability to learn and perform in the classroom. The recommended amount of sleep for teens aged 14-17 is 8-10 hours per night.

Ms. Kate Zanot collects data in her Health curriculum, and last year found that only 5.7% of her students reported getting 8-10 hours of sleep on school nights. The majority of these students recorded were sophomores. The sleep deficit likely intensifies for many students as they face the demands of junior and senior years.

Spearheaded as a component of a larger push to promote self-care by veteran health teacher Ms. Kate Zanot and new guidance counselor Mr. Daniel Logue, the first annual "Lollapasnooza Festival" took place at Harrison High School on Thursday, February 6. Teachers and students alike were asked to wear pajamas to school on that day to show solidarity for the cause, and to raise awareness of this ongoing issue.

In order to supplement the "Lollapasnooza," a number of teachers taught special lessons that emphasized the importance of sleep and how it positively impacts academic performance. Additionally, posters around Harrison High School and the television screens in the Student Union advertised the school event in

the days prior, using the catchy phrase "8 is Great, but 10 is Zen."

For example, Ms. Zanot asked every student in her health classes to contrast basic feelings and performance on nights with 8+ hours

of sleep versus nights with less than optimal sleep. Also, Chemistry teacher Ms. Cain taught a special lesson about the "Science of Sleep," using a TED talk by sleep scientist Matthew Walker to supplement the lesson. Ms. Cain

touched upon the impact of sleep on levels of major body hormones such as serotonin and melatonin. In a similar vein, Biology teacher Ms. Reichenberger hosted short class discussions about how chronic sleep deprivation can inhibit the physical development of teenagers.

The "Lollapasnooza Festival" was received with mixed reviews by the student body, but was embraced by most of the Harrison High School faculty.

"The name didn't work for the intended purpose because the target audience really doesn't know what Lollapalooza is," said a group of anonymous sophomores. "Also, they just told us to get more sleep but asked us on a day when we didn't even have school the next day. Counter to suggestions, the homework load wasn't changed at all."

While the event wasn't embraced by all students, Ms. Zanot is optimistic about the new "Lollapasnooza Festival" becoming an annual event. Ms. Zanot said that she and Mr. Logue feel that "...this was a success and a step in the right direction. In the future, I can envision more self-care initiatives focusing on sleep, but also mental health, stress management, and more."

Along those same lines, Mr. Logue agreed that the "Lollapasnooza Festival" had an auspicious debut in the high school.

"The community participation and response indicates it did extend Mrs. Zanot's reach and created a wonderful foundation for school-wide self-care initiatives moving forward," he said.

Ms. Zanot's additional motivation for the creation of the "Lollapasnooza Festival" was to let students know that "we teachers care about their health above anything else."



The Teachers Represent for Lollapasnooza. The Teachers' Circle saw plenty of pajamas on the day of the Festival. Pictured here (left to right) are: Ms. Traub, Mr. Radoslovich, Ms. DeGrazia, Ms. Bies, and Ms. Murden. Many teachers purposefully coordinated lessons about getting more sleep on that self-care Thursday.

Courtesy of Ms. Kate Zanot

Is *TikTok* A National Security Threat?

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On the first of November, according to *The National Review's* Zachary Evans, the U.S. Government opened a national security review of a Chinese company's acquisition of the American company that became *TikTok*, the hugely popular short-form video app. How is it that an app for sharing comedic videos, skits, and karaoke has attracted the attention of The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), the guardian of national security regarding acquisitions of U.S. companies?

TikTok, which was launched in 2017, is wildly popular with teenagers around the world. It has been downloaded 1.5 trillion times globally and 122 million times in the U.S., according to a report by Jamie Condliffe of *The New York Times*. Over the past 12 months, *TikTok's* app has been downloaded more than 750 million times, more than *Facebook*, *Instagram*, *YouTube* and *Snapchat*. The app is owned by a Chinese company, *ByteDance*, founded in 2012, and that is the reason behind all the fear and angst.

According to *The New York*

Times' Paul Mozur, Beijing-based *ByteDance* acquired the Shanghai-based *Musical.ly* in 2017 for around \$1 billion. *Musical.ly* had an office in Santa Monica, California and already enjoyed a strong following in the U.S., with 60 million monthly active users globally. After the acquisition, which is the basis for the CFIUS review, *ByteDance* eliminated *Musical.ly* and created *TikTok* in its place. At this point, *ByteDance*, which owns a number of news and entertainment apps, had plans to raise funds from investors that would raise the company's value to \$75 billion, making it one of the most valuable tech startups.

As of late, a bipartisan group of U.S. Senators have expressed alarm over *TikTok's* growing influence on U.S. teenagers and the app's presence in the U.S. market. In January, Neil Vigdor of *The New York Times* reported that the Pentagon issued an unequivocal warning that military personnel should delete *TikTok* from all smartphones. Since then, a number of U.S. military branches have banned the popular Chinese-owned social media app on government-is-



sued smartphones. Some have even strongly discouraged members of the armed forces from keeping *TikTok* on their personal electronic devices too.

Has the fact that the app is owned by a Chinese tech company stopped anyone at HHS from using the app?

"*TikTok* is a fun app," says senior Cecelia Gilmore. "The app's ownership has no effect on my use. This is because, although it's scary to think about the consequences the purchase could have, our generation doesn't stop doing anything until we see true consequences. There has not been anything negative made

public yet so I see no reason to stop using the app."

Anne Marie Tucci, another senior, had similar thoughts.

"I do not really think that much about it," she said. "*TikTok* is a fun app for me to use, so why would I stop?"

Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) warned in a letter to the Acting Director of National Intelligence that *TikTok*, despite its claims of independence, was still bound by China's authoritarian regime, and could be influenced into cooperating with intelligence work controlled by the Chinese Communist Party. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) has also labeled the company a "tool" of the Chinese Communist Party, according to Zoe Schiffer of *The Verge*.

The National Review reports that *TikTok's* Chinese connections and growing popularity in the U.S. have drawn new concern in Washington after news reports had highlighted that there were few signs of the Hong Kong protests on the app and that *TikTok* moderators were instructed to censor videos that fea-

tured a number of political themes. *TikTok*, which is assembling a high-powered lobbying team in Washington, strongly denies that its 'moderation' policy ferrets out negative contributions concerning China. This moderation policy refers to *TikTok* removing videos which they deem

violate their community guidelines. *TikTok's* U.S. general manager Vanessa Pappas argues that while the app has had kinks to work out due to its rapid growth in the U.S., its U.S. 'moderators' screened content for the U.S. market and had not taken orders from Beijing. Pappas has also claimed that her bosses in Beijing have assured her of full transparency of their actions and have attempted cooperation on controversial decisions such as content moderation. *The Washington Post's* reporters Drew Harwell and Tony Romm however, report that real direction and decisions come from the parent company in Beijing.

ByteDance did not seek CFIUS approval for the 2017 acquisition of *Musical.ly*, but CFIUS has broad authority that allows it to intervene even if a merger has been completed. Front and center in the CFIUS review is the issue of the company's place in the Chinese censorship system. CFIUS is not required by law to give a complete explanation of the rationale behind its decisions. However, should it be determined that the basis for whatever action is taken against *TikTok* is based on its subservience to the Chinese censors, CFIUS would have advanced into a vast new realm of national security criteria, with huge potential implications for platform-based data and transactions in many areas. As one legal expert on the CFIUS process has noted, according to *The Verge*, "This is a new space for CFIUS regulations that will bring a lot more social media companies under scrutiny."

Thus a decision, once it arrives, is not to be taken lightly.



By watching your favorites, are you helping a foreign entity? *TikTok* favorites Charli D'Amelio, Mark Anastasio, and Addison Rae might inadvertently be part of a plan for Chinese control over international smartphones. The U.S. military branches already have banned the app.

Courtesy of Emily Scremin

She's #1 (in Lincoln-Douglas Debate)

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As always, the Harrison High School Debate Team has had an amazing and successful season. Senior Ava Zinman, however, deserves special recognition for her extremely impressive achievements in debate. She has recently been ranked the #1 Lincoln-Douglas debater in the entire country by the National Speech & Debate Association.

The Lincoln-Douglas category of debate is modeled after the series of seven debates in 1858 between the Republican Party Candidate, Abraham Lincoln, and the Democratic Party Candidate, Senator Stephen Douglas. Ava explained that at the tournaments in which she participates, there are six preliminary rounds where she debates others who have similar records as her in previous debate tournaments. After the six debates, a bracket is created and then elimination rounds begin, one after the other, until there is a champion. The debates include five speeches where the negative side gives two and the affirmative gives three and there is a cross-examination wherein each side gets to ask

the other side questions.

For these tournaments, there is one topic assigned that gets debated at every tournament. Every two months the topic is changed. The current topic is nuclear weapons and whether states should have them or not. Ava was assigned to debate that states shouldn't have nuclear weapons, but she said that sometimes the debate moves off of this topic and onto more of a debate about whether she should be debating this topic or not.

It certainly isn't easy to become such a highly ranked debater, and Ava has worked incredibly hard to reach so much success. Ava explained that debate is a huge time commitment. She attends two-and-a-half hour debate practices every day after school, spends time working on assignments, and does individual research on her debate topics at home. There also are debate tournaments almost every weekend.

"Although I do spend a lot of time focused on debate, debate has made me a quicker and more critical thinker," she explained. "I am able to

complete my school work efficiently and I credit debate with these skills. I think that being able to complete my schoolwork quickly makes up for all of the time I spend focused on de-

bate."

In addition to making her more efficient with her schoolwork, Ava said that debate really helped her with research skills that are currently beneficial to her in school and will continue to be in her future beyond school. She also said that she really enjoys being involved in debate.

"I enjoyed spending summers at debate camp where I was able to meet a lot of new people and work on my skills," Ava said. "This summer, I will spend time working and teaching at debate camp. One amazing thing about debate is that I have made a lot of friends from all over the country after attending so many tournaments. Sometimes I have to debate some of my friends, which

can be a little awkward but fun at the same time."

When asked about her future plans involving debate, Ava said, "I haven't yet decided if I will continue debate next year in college but I am definitely thinking about it."

Ava has been ranked the #1 Lincoln-Douglas debater in the country by accumulating the most points from all of her tournaments over her time debating. Some of her accomplishments this year include winning Princeton University's National Championship, the Byram Hills' Tournament, and the Apple Valley Round Robin in Minnesota. Ava had a preliminary record of 7-0 at Bronx Science's National Championship. She also was the top speaker at Greenhill's National Championship in Texas and has been in the elimination rounds of many tournaments this season. Ava Zinman continues to amaze the Harrison community with her impressive debate accomplishments. We are eager to hear more about her continued successes as the debate season wraps up its academic year.



When you're #1, you win big swag. Top Lincoln-Douglas debater Ava Zinman shows off her Marc Wallenstein Trophy, awarded to the best speaker in the Greenhill National Championship.

Courtesy of Mr. Chetan Hertzog

Explaining the Outbreak of the Chinese Novel Coronavirus

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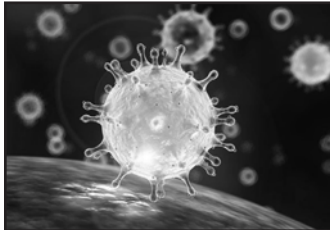
The first month of 2020 has proven to be a firestorm of apocalypse-themed headlines and events. From the killing of Iranian General Qasem Soleimani stoking fears of an impending third World War, to much of Australia being on fire due to a variety of factors, to extreme seismic activity around the world, the world has been in disarray for most of this new decade.

Piling onto these distressing occurrences is the rise and spread of the pandemic Novel Coronavirus. While the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* report that there are many types of coronavirus, the public and media have taken to simply calling this new strain of the disease "coronavirus," or the "Wuhan Coronavirus." While infamous

diseases such as SARS and MERS were also coronaviruses, most strains are nonlethal and merely cause the common cold, according to the CDC.

The Novel Coronavirus was originally found on December 12 in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, according to *Business Insider*. Reported by *CNN* to be supposedly transmitted to humans from bats at a market that sold illicit live animals for consumption, the disease has infected thousands across China and the world.

In a video from Hong Kong broadcaster *I-Cable* that was obtained by *CNN*, a crude marketplace full of animals not commonly known for consumption are crammed into small metal cages, shown in unsani-



The New Coronavirus Strain.
Courtesy of 3D4Medical

tary and questionable conditions.

Ever since being recognized and spreading around China, both domestic and international companies and governments alike have all taken varying actions in order to stop the spread of the Novel Coronavirus. It is important to note that the Lunar New Year on January 25 exacerbated

the spread of the new Novel Coronavirus. Each Lunar New Year some 300-400 million Chinese travel home to celebrate which helped spread the virus. Government-ordered closing of major public gathering places, such as movie theaters and public transit have turned Wuhan and many other cities, including cosmopolitan Shanghai into "ghost towns," an American who only wanted to be identified as "Mike" told *WEAU*.

International action has also been flooding the news cycle. Delta, American Airlines, and United have all terminated flights involving China until April 30, according to *USA Today*. The United States State Department has also updated their travel warning level for China. While originally at a Level 2: Exercise In-

creased Caution, the State Department has increased the warning to a Level 4: Do Not Travel, due to the Novel Coronavirus. The Level 4 designation has only been reserved for failed states and countries rife with terrorism and dictatorship, such as Yemen, North Korea, and Somalia.

The fears of the coronavirus have also sparked paranoia and racism regarding visibly Asian people. This sentiment has sadly been shared around the United States and the world. On Thursday, January 30, a Chinese man collapsed and died in Sydney's Chinatown, and received no help from bystanders, presumably due to ill-founded fears that he may have had the Novel Coronavirus.

Weinstein and the Emotions that Follow Him

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Could you be impartial in passing judgment on Harvey Weinstein?

Junior Scarlett Kerridge states, "I would lie to the lawyers about being unbiased and then convict him. How can you possibly be unbiased in a case like this?"

This was the very real dilemma many faced when called upon as potential jurors in the highly publicized trial of producer Harvey Weinstein, whose alleged sexual acts against women caused his brutal downfall, and the beginning of the #MeToo movement.

The intense publicity surrounding the Hollywood producer's trial, and its symbolism as the first airing in court of a case that gave rise to the #MeToo movement, has highlighted the difficulty of empaneling an untainted jury.

The judge and lawyers tried to find jurors who can focus narrowly on the allegations against Weinstein and set aside their feelings about how their verdict will affect the future of women's rights.

"This trial is not a referendum on the #MeToo movement; It is not a referendum on sexual harassment," Judge James Burke told jurors, according to Patrick Ryan and Maria Puente at *USA Today*. The sole issue to decide, he said, was whether Weinstein "committed certain acts

which constitute a particular crime."

By late Thursday afternoon, four men and three women were seated on the jury.

The progress came only after a two-week saga filled with celebrity news conferences, protests against pervasive sexual harassment, and a busy sideshow of reporters and camera crews.

Many of the initial group of over 300 potential jurors openly said they couldn't be impartial about Weinstein.

He shuffled into the 15th-floor courtroom Thursday wearing a black suit, and hunching over a silver walker for the proceedings.

"I couldn't be impartial," juror candidate Xorje Olivares told the court, saying Weinstein was trying to "win sympathy points despite countless allegations," according to Helier Cheung at *BBC News*.

Mr. Olivares was dismissed.

"It's important for these people to speak the truth," sophomore Maki Hesse stated. "I think it's really brave of them to have their opinions heard."

Mr. Olivares later spoke about the experience: "It was so palpable. Right off the bat, I already knew people felt a certain way."

Weinstein has pleaded not guilty to two



Weinstein and his walker.
Courtesy of Brendan McDermid/Reuters

counts of rape, one count of criminal sexual act and two counts of predatory sexual assault, which is a felony that includes committed sex crimes against multiple people.

He is on trial for allegations from two women. One says he forcibly performed oral sex on her in 2006 and another says he raped her in 2013.

"It is so crucial to the American justice system that jurors remain impartial," junior Joshua Gomez-Cruz said. "For every person and every crime, there cannot be bias."

"This is the first high-profile trial that amasses complaints that emerged in the #Me-

Too era—these are actually the complaints that helped catapult a movement," said Deborah Tuerkheimer, a professor at Northwestern University's School of Law and a former prosecutor, according to Deanna Paul at *The Wall Street Journal*.

Tuerkheimer's comments provide the reasoning behind the difficulties with the jury.

It's not just a well-known man on trial for unspeakable crimes. He and his actions are forever associated with a huge social movement.

Exposure to harmful pretrial reporting on Weinstein and his alleged abuse, alone, doesn't disqualify prospective jurors from service. The legal issue arises if he has already lost the presumption of innocence that is afforded the accused in a criminal courtroom.

Assistant District Attorney Meghan Hast told prospective jurors that the prosecution's case would rely not on video footage or scientific evidence of a crime, but testimony about what happened on a given day.

According to *The New York Times*, after the trial and a long deliberation, this jury convicted Mr. Weinstein of felony sex crime and rape, but acquitted him of the most serious charges against him, predatory sexual assault.

Electoral College Coming Under Scrutiny

Madison Schiro

Co-Managing Editor

The Supreme Court agreed in January to hear a case regarding a key element of the system America uses to elect its president: the Electoral College.

The big issue: are the electors who cast the actual Electoral College ballots for president and vice president required to follow the results of the popular vote in their states? Or are they free to vote as they wish?

"The process is fine the way it is," Joshua-Gomez Cruz, junior, stated. "This has almost always been a part of American history, and has rarely let this country down."

A decision that they are free agents could give a single elector, or a small group of them, the power to decide the outcome of a presidential election if the popular vote results in or is close to an apparent Electoral College tie.

"It's not hard to imagine how a single 'faithless elector,' voting differently than his or her state did, could swing a close presidential

election," said Mark Murray, *NBC News* senior political editor.

America does not choose its president by direct popular vote. Instead, when voters go to the polls in November, they actually vote for a slate of electors chosen by the political parties of the presidential candidates. Those electors then meet in December, after the November election, to cast their ballots, which are counted before a joint session of Congress in January.

Many states have laws requiring electors to obey the results of the popular vote in their states and cast their ballots accordingly, and the issue of "faithless electors" has not generally been a problem in American history.

This particular problem arose during the 2016 presidential election, where many electors did not vote for Hillary Clinton, who won the popular vote.

For example, instead of voting for Clinton, who won the popular vote in Colorado, Michael

Baca cast his vote for John Kasich, the former Republican governor of Ohio.

In Washington state, where Clinton also won the popular vote, three of the state's 12 electors voted for Colin Powell, the former Secretary of State.

These two states do have rules in place to prevent this from occurring, or softening the blow, but the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver reached the conclusion that electors can vote for any legitimate candidate.

Jena Griswold, Colorado's Secretary of State, praised the Supreme Court's decision to hear the case.

"Unelected and unaccountable presidential electors should not be allowed to decide the presidential election without regard to voters' choices and state law," Griswold said.

According to Pete Williams at *NBC News*, the court determined that states are free to choose their electors however they want, and

can even require electors to pledge their loyalty to their political parties.

But once electors are chosen and report in December to cast their votes as members of the electoral college, they are fulfilling a federal function, and a state's authority has ended.

The lawyers representing Colorado and the electors from both states urged the Supreme Court to resolve the question now, instead of waiting for a crisis that could come during elections happening soon in the future.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1952 that states do not violate the Constitution when they require electors to pledge that they will abide by the popular vote. But justices have never said whether it is constitutional to enforce those pledges. The court will hear the issue in the spring and decide the case by late June.

Not Hitler's Pope At All

Luke Wong
Co-News Editor

On Monday, January 27, to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, the office of Permanent Observer of the Holy See at the United Nations empaneled a symposium of Catholic and Jewish scholars and researchers to present on a controversial theme, the role of the Catholic Church and specifically of Pope Pius XII, during the Holocaust. Pius XII and the Catholic Church have been accused of at best turning a blind eye to the mass murder in the name of self-preservation and at worst being directly complicit in the Holocaust itself.

In a three-hour discussion, these scholars provided detailed presentations and arguments stressing the depth of the Pope's antipathy towards the Nazi regime and actions taken by him and the Church to protect European Jews. Gary Krupp, the Jewish founder of the Pave the Way Foundation which seeks to promote peace between major religions, opened discussions by recounting how he had become involved in researching a book that drew on interviews done in the 1970s with General Karl Wolff who was Reichsfuehrer Heinrich Himmler's deputy. These interviews shed light on a cunning Nazi plot to send provocateurs to attack the Holy See, whereupon German soldiers would stage a rescue but the Pope would be killed in the operation. Horrified German commanders eventually persuaded Hitler not to go forward.

In further research, Krupp found to his surprise that despite Pope Pius' poor contemporary reputation that the opposite was true during his pontificate and immediately after his death. In fact, Pius and the church were widely praised at the time by prominent Jews like Albert Einstein and the chief rabbis of Rome, Egypt, Denmark, and other countries. Upon Pius' death in 1958, Israeli Foreign Minister (and later Prime Minister) Golda Meir sent the following message: "...When fearful martyrdom came to our people in the decade of Nazi terror the voice of the Pope was raised for its victims...We mourn a great servant of peace."

Eugenio Pacelli, in fact, was quite the opposite of a Nazi sympathizer even before his elevation to the Bishop of Rome. Dr. Michael Hesemann, professor of history and author of *The Pope and the Holocaust*, recounted a young Pacelli's close friendship with a Jew, his

denunciation of Nazism as early as the 1920s, calling Hitler a 'fundamentally wicked person' and considering Nazism a greater evil than communism. In fact, Pius XII offered to finance the evacuation of as many as two hundred thousand Jews, but countries willing to take in such substantial numbers could not be found.

Perhaps the most fascinating presentation of the day was given by Dr. Ronald Rychlak, professor of Law at the University of Mississippi, who detailed a spectacularly successful Soviet smear campaign called Seat 12 which commenced shortly after the Pope's death in 1958. This effectively introduced doubt into the intentions and actions of Pius XII during World War II. According to Rychlak, after World War II, the atheistic Soviet government found itself with dominion over deeply Christian nations in Central and Eastern Europe. In order to advance their communist doctrine, Soviet leaders looked to undermine the Church. The best way, of course, would be to associate it with the Nazis.

They couldn't smear Pius XII who was still alive and not under their control but among

the prominent prelates the Soviets besmirched was the Croatian Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac – an outspoken anti-Nazi – who was convicted in a show trial of being a Nazi collaborator. Pius XII was the Pope who elevated Stepinac to Cardinal. Stepanic, for whom the high school in White Plains is named, died in prison, likely slowly poisoned by his captors.

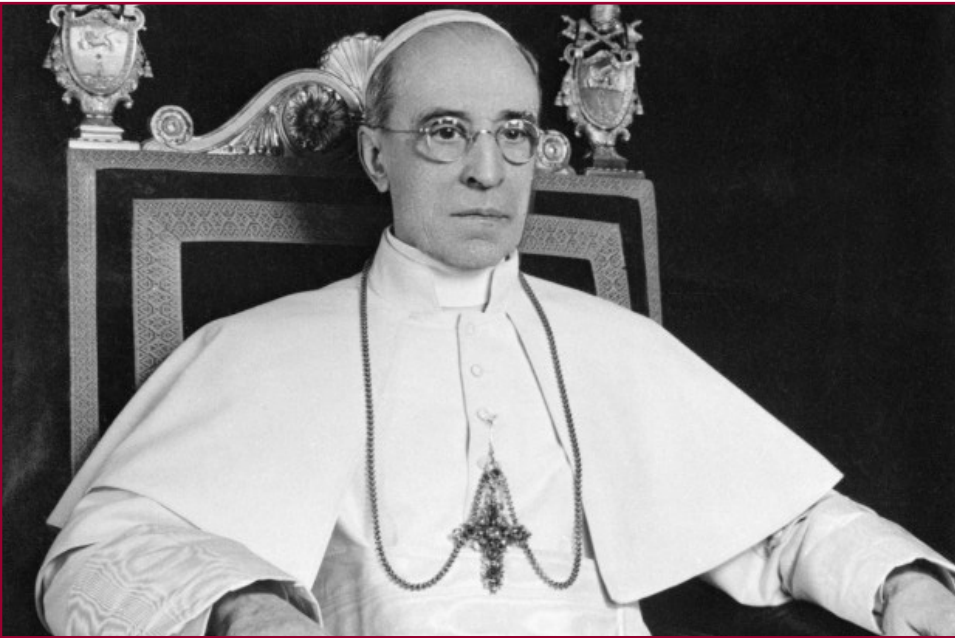
Rychlak recounted that a few years after Pius died a little known German playwright named Rolf Hochhuth wrote a play called 'The Deputy' which was prima facie 'fiction' but cast a callous wartime pope who was clearly meant to be Pius. Translated into English, it played prominently in the West End and on Broadway to rapturous reviews. Its influence initiated a vicious erosion of Pius' reputation. The proof that 'The Deputy' was, in fact, insidious libel produced by Soviet intelligence to undermine the Catholic Church was finally uncovered many years later in the testimony of Romanian Lieutenant-General Ion Pacepa.

Pacepa, who defected in 1978, was the highest-ranking Soviet bloc officer to ever defect. Pacepa recounted how he was person-

ally involved in writing the play and getting it produced in the West using Soviet intelligence assets including, ironically, Ramparts, an influential Catholic magazine that had fallen under the control of the KGB. Moreover, Pacepa laid bare in his book *Red Horizons* how Soviet intelligence fed material to the Italian writer Carlo Falconi who wrote *The Silence of Pius XII*. Material from this book was later widely used by British author John Cornwell who produced the scandalously titled *Hitler's Pope* in 1999. When confronted later with exculpatory evidence, Cornwell partially recanted his thesis though he still insisted that the Pope could have done more.

Mark Riebling, author of *Church of Spies*, filled in more of the Pius story by detailing how the Pope was involved, primarily as an intermediary between the Allies and anti-Hitler Germans, in three plots to assassinate Hitler including the most famous one, Operation Valkyrie. His closest advisors also secretly met with the intrepid German cleric Dietrich Bonhoeffer in the Tomb of St. Peter to discuss how to remove Hitler. Bonhoeffer, a vocal opponent of the Nazis who refused to be silenced, was executed weeks before Germany surrendered.

While some continue to criticize Pius XII for not openly condemning Hitler and Nazi Germany, perhaps due in large part to the Soviet propaganda machine, the evidence that Pope Pius XII worked tirelessly against Hitler and saved Jews, including several thousand Roman Jews in October 1943, is compelling. Vatican Archivist Dr. Johan Ickx who presumably had access to documents not yet available to the general public presented a meticulous accounting of Roman Jews present in the city on October 16, 1943 (according to impeccably detailed German records), the date of the infamous raid where 1300 Jews were arrested. Ickx credits the church for getting 20% of those arrested released. According to Ickx, written testimonies confirm that it was on the basis of "the order of the Pope to give shelter in the monasteries to those persecuted" that 4200 Jews were hidden in convents and monasteries around the Holy City and saved. The entire presentation can be viewed on the UN's website.



Victim of Russian propaganda? Pope Pius XII has had a reputation of being a Nazi sympathizer. New information shows that may not be the case.

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The Problem With Plantation Weddings

Madison Schiro
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"I have always wanted a plantation wedding," newlywed Chandler Willis Helms told *Buzzfeed News*.

"I've always dreamed of getting married at Boone Hall, just because of the location and the history," he said. "Everything about Boone Hall is beautiful."

Helms got married at Boone Hall Plantation, a thriving wedding venue, hosting an average of 130 weddings a year.

Woman Getting Married, a website detailing the cost of weddings at different venues, estimates that a wedding there can run an average of \$25,000.

This wedding venue, however, was built on the backs of black slaves, who harvested cotton and pecans and produced brick on its grounds. This heritage is currently documented on the plantation's grounds, in exhibits at nine of the original property's slave cabins.

Today it's a working farm and a popular tourist attraction in South Carolina, fielding about 200,000 visitors annually, said Willie McRae, whose family has owned the property since 1955.

Although plantation weddings are certainly not a new trend - Helms got married more than a year ago, and celebrity couple Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds were married there, the concept has recently been the subject of much controversy and discussion.

At the beginning of the month, *Color of Change* successfully pressured *Pinterest*, *The Knot*, *Zola*, and other wedding planning websites to stop promoting and romanticizing plantations as wedding venues.

Alexandra Helms, the bride, said she was disappointed to hear the news because, to her, these plantations are acknowledgments of the country's past. She believes the criticism against plantation weddings largely comes from social media and people who don't live in the South.

"Because of the world we live in now, it's all about race and everyone wants to put ev-

eryone in a different category," she said. "I think it's a shame because everyone's so accepting, and social media is dividing people because people get so offended by everything."

Not everyone shares Mrs. Helms' views, however.

Patricia J. Williams from *The Nation* reported her conflicted feelings, "Aesthetically, the antebellum plantations of the Old South are undeniably beautiful... but they're built on human degradation, and

so they live on as icons of romance premised on the fragile privilege of racial innocence, historical oblivion, and educational denialism."

She continued, "American schools do not teach our own history. We write much of it out of the grand narrative, gussying up the bad bits, playing down the sorrow... we stumble in circles, so close to one another and yet so far apart, locked out of the homes and neighborhoods that we forget we built together."

Rena Nakashima, senior, stated, "I understand how uncomfortable people are. The implications that come with having a plantation wedding are serious."

The situation is also made more difficult by the lack of comprehensive records in Boone Hall, as is the case for many plantations.

Boone Hall



Beautiful, but at what cost? Is it a good idea to have your special day at a place tainted by its past history with slavery? Here is Boone Hall Plantation and Gardens near Chaeleston, South Carolina.

Courtesy of Boone Hall



opinions & editorials

Keep The Portal Open

Staff Editorial

The end of a quarter usually means an increase in anxiety. Last minute work and tests often cause a lot of stress. A dependence on the PowerSchool Portal increases as students make sure none of their work is missing and that their grades are correct. Accordingly, the most popular time of the school year for the portal is toward the end of each quarter. In an apt reflection of how grades motivate them, students become almost addicted to seeing their grades then, checking constantly and being notified of even the slightest changes to their grade point averages.

Because students were reacting to the constant alerts they received every time a teacher entered another grade into the system, teachers requested that the portal be shut down for a set period of time at the end of each quarter until all such grades were finalized by teachers. Assistant Principal Mr. Mastrotta confirmed that this was the case. In response to that request this past year, the school's administration agreed to this change. PowerSchool Portal now is shut down for a limited time at the end of each quarter to allow teachers a relatively peaceful environment during which finalized student grades can be entered.

Prior to this limited closed period, with the portal notifying students of even the slightest changes, it was not unusual for teachers to get emails almost instantaneously as grades were being keyed in.

Sure, there are pros and cons to any such decision. Now, if errors occur, the correction process might take a little longer. But for teachers, this still remains a big positive. This system of closing the portal has continued moving forward as the de facto process of how grading is conducted currently at the high school.

However, many high schoolers disagree with this way of having grades released. They feel this is unfair, as they are not able to see any of their quarterly grades as the last entries are being added. This "blackout" only increases student anxiety. One made this analogy: how would faculty and administration members like it if their banks closed their online account portals and did not allow them to see their balances at the end of the month as the bank processed everything? Most likely, it would result in utter chaos.

This is how many teens feel about being kept in the dark. Students work hard for their grades and believe that they should be allowed to see what they've earned. If there is access to the portal all quarter, they should retain that access even when final assignments are being entered into the portal.

The mystery of the closed portal is no fun. Many students become even more frazzled as a result of this temporary denial of information, arguably far more so than if the portal itself was open.

Several of our staffers remained stressed and worried the entire week, wondering where their grades would wind up, predicting scenarios in their heads, and bothering teachers in an effort to learn more.

Why not let those who get overly anxious seeing grades being put in find their own simple solutions?

They could turn their notifications off, or delete the application for that tense period of time.

For seniors applying to colleges, the closing of the portal has been extremely difficult. When quarter one and quarter two grades can have a major impact on college decisions, the blackout becomes extra exasperating. Since colleges set deadlines for when they expect the grades, errors could be problematic. When occasional errors are made, this leads to delays.

With an open portal, students sometimes spot the errors as grades are entered and can alert teachers about these errors. The current system does not allow this to occur. To eager seniors, the after-the-fact process of grade change corrections often seems long and inefficient.

So, has this new procedure really achieved the desired effects?

Many students are not pleased with the current system. Not seeing their grades until they are finalized has not helped ease stress. If anything, it has ramped it up more.

Therefore, students want transparency throughout. As such, we plead with the administration and faculty to reconsider, so that the portal may be kept open even during grading moving forward.

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Schoolwork Overwhelming Student-Athletes

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Student-Athletes have enough struggle competing in their sport, but their life becomes even tougher when stressing out about school work as well.

Going straight from the field to studying hard at night leaves no time for sleep, causing student-athletes to suffer. According to *NationWide Children*, on average, high school students receive around seven and a half hours of sleep each night. Even though the suggested amount is around nine hours, a student-athlete gets even less than both! The same study concluded that on average, a student-athlete sleeps less than seven hours each night, which harms the body's physical state. According

to the *National Institute of Health*, hormones are produced when humans rest; without these hormones people frequently experience weight gain. However, this extra weight is detrimental for an athlete and it results in a lower level of play.

"The soccer season is very tough for me mainly because I don't get enough sleep at night," student athlete Jack Ryan said. "I just can't find enough time when I come home to do all my homework and get to bed at a reasonable time. I hear my health teacher telling me that a good sleep schedule is crucial for a high school student, but I just can't do it because of the soccer team."

Because independent time is so

rare during the season, student-athletes have to manage their alone time in a way that is comfortable for them. Most people need leisure time to unwind and release all their stress, but for student-athletes that is very hard to find.

"When I am not in lacrosse season, I have enough time after school to look at my phone and talk with my friends which just clears my mind and puts me in a good mood," Graham Napack said. "But during lacrosse season, I just feel a little more depressed because I have no personal time. I come home, do my homework, and sleep. That cycle allows me to finish my homework, but it makes me frustrated and

stressed out."

These distressed kids are des-

"These distressed kids are desperate for a solution."

perate for a solution. Many students believe the problem originates from the magnitude of schoolwork, specifically the overwhelming amount

of work for different classes. Most students and staff think that school should create an organized schedule for work from different classes.

"I totally agree," proclaimed history teacher Ms. Milne. "That is the exact reason why I assign work to be done by Friday for each week. This gives my students more time to do all their work, not just my class. By doing so, I hope this makes the lives of my students less stressful."

Hopefully this encourages the school to incorporate an organized homework system because work, especially for ones that are involved in extracurricular activities, often is too overwhelming.

Do Schools Need Snow Days?

Tori Fernandez
Staff Writer

Recently, some schools have been changing their policies regarding snow days. According to *Edutopia*, a school in Maine is replacing all snow days with "remote school days" where students will complete work at home using internet-connected devices. Students in the U.S. already spend much less time at school than people in other countries, so should snow days be a day off or would it be better to continue to do work from home?

Researchers have started to learn more about the effects of additional time spent learning. A researcher from *EducationNext*.com said, "This new body of evidence suggests that extending time in school would in fact likely raise student achievement."

When schools get time off for snow days, it can cause students

to fall behind and might even cause their grades to drop. Snow days might be fun at the moment, but being behind on work can lead to further problems.

Tom Berger from *Edutopia* explains that having online work during snow days will be better for students in the long run, especially in colder regions of the U.S. where winter storms and dangerous conditions lead to the use of more snow days. For example, Berger noted that "some Oregon schools lost 14 days of school time and there was a poor showing in reading, writing, and math on state-mandated tests the following spring."

By giving online work remotely, schools can counter this inconvenience in a way that will allow students to keep up with lessons they might have had

during missed school days.

"Having surprising days off of school for snow is fun, but if it extends for more than a day it is harder to catch up on work," said Isabel Paris.

But not everyone is excited by this idea. Sophomore Maya Schnier said, "I love having snow days; it is like an extra day to catch up on sleep." Even *Edutopia*'s Tom Berger acknowledged that having students do schoolwork at home during snow days might solve some problems, but not the parents' need to arrange childcare or take the day off themselves to oversee their children.

While we have been very lucky this year thus far, some years this can be

a real issue. With the rigor of our classes and of the IB program, perhaps online work on snow

days might be something the administration should look into for the future.



The Snow Day of the Future? Some schools already are pioneering the idea of teaching remotely on designated snow days. We've had a mild year thus far, but it might be a viable idea for the future.
Courtesy of Google

The Necessary Rise of Teenage Activism

Mia Altamuro
Staff Writer

On April 20, 2018, students in Harrison High School participated in a nationwide student effort to protest gun violence called 'Enough! National School Walkout.' This student march was organized in response to several mass shootings in American schools, most notably in Parkland, Florida and took place on the anniversary of the Columbine School Massacre. Students wore orange to this event, joining similar occurrences at over 2,600 schools



Marching about the mass shooting in Parkland. It has now been two years. How much activism have you participated in since then?
Courtesy of Orlando Weekly

across the country. These gun violence protests also led to the March For Our Lives, also organized by students. This soon led to the rise of student activists' such as Emma Gonzales.

Harrison students at this event sported signs such as 'Enough is Enough!' and chanted 'Hey Hey NRA, how many politicians have you paid today?' Additionally, a poem about gun violence in schools was read out loud by Harrison graduate Anne-Marie Dillon, and signs were made honoring victims of both the Parkland and Columbine school shootings.

What was interesting about these protests is that they were led almost completely by teenagers, the very people affected the most by violence in schools. In our time, we have seen the rise of many teenage activists such as Malala Yousafzai, who faced the Taliban in efforts advocating girls' education and Greta Thunberg, who is fighting against climate change. Even teenage celebrities, such as Milly Bobby Brown from *Stranger Things*, have become young activists. Milly became the youngest ever UNICEF ambassador to promote children's rights on World Children's Day in 2018.

As for why we need to turn to younger

leaders, the answer can clearly be found in the purported failure of adults to act on important issues facing the next generation. Greta Thunberg herself said to the United Nations in her climate change speech, "You are failing us. But the young people are starting to understand your betrayal. The eyes of all future generations are upon you. And if you choose to fail us, I say: We will never forgive you."

Youth activists face a slew of criticism, mostly from older crowds, often for being 'too young' to understand or participate. Greta Thunberg has faced public mockery from adults, and Emma Gonzales has had to deal with harassment from gun supporters in her daily life. Emma Gonzales tweeted in response to such criticisms: "They hate us for smiling, they hate us for crying, they hate us for speaking, they hate us for being alive-they hate us. What's important to remember is that their argument against us is so weak and futile that they have to resort to attacking the people delivering the message."

Clearly, the younger generation is becoming increasingly concerned about the state of the world and Harrison High School must follow. Already, there are organizations in Harri-

son High School which do champion various causes; Harrison Youth Activists, Harrison Youth Advisory Council, Relay for Life, Friends of Rachel, and the Gay-Straight Alliance. Harrison High School activism usually includes bake sales and wearing various colored ribbons in solidarity with various causes. Mental health awareness, for example, urged us to wear black, and diabetes, blue. It is common to see students and teachers in the hallway passing around such supportive ribbons, and for students to pin them to their backpacks.

"I think that it's good to show people that they're not alone," Ana Abreu, a Harrison junior said, "but then there should also be actions to go along with that. You can't just wear colors to 'spread awareness.'"

This school year, three days before world leaders met at the United Nations to discuss climate change, student-led walkouts occurred across the country. However, Harrison High School students did not take part in such an event. It will be interesting to see what changes will come about as this young generation enters the voting demographic, and also runs for office.

Update the Constitution

Aidan Lefkowitz
Opinions Editor

Our Founding Fathers wanted to create a balance of power so that a tyranny would never form. They also didn't foresee a two-party political system when they wrote the Constitution. It was Washington himself who pleaded against political parties. Our Founding Fathers gave the President the role of Commander-in-Chief of the military.

Yet, a President cannot go to war without Congressional approval in order to prevent an overstep of power. It's simple checks and balances. But here is my question to Washington: How do you get Congress to pass a measure to assassinate the army leader of the largest state sponsor of terror within the two minute time window of opportunity available in which to kill him?

Your only choice would be to make an executive decision and act

decisively without telling Congress, because otherwise this leader may find out and hide before a vote can be passed.

While not in favor of killing Qasam Soleimani, this reporter is not against it either. Our President deemed there to be a serious threat to our nation and executed his role as head of the EXECUTIVE branch, as Commander-in-Chief. Perhaps George Washington didn't foresee flying drones and satellites orbiting space, helping government leaders find the exact location of people. The Founders probably would view such cameras as a violation of the fourth amendment, an overstepping of power, endangering the privacy of American citizens.

There is a set of moral values that the government should follow to not make one branch of govern-



Document in need of a rewrite. The U.S. Constitution' has become outdated. Courtesy of iStock

ment too powerful or let the government invade every aspect of human life. However, we cannot protect our country while preserving the balance of power, while preventing the media from doing their job and sharing every story.

Previous attempts to curtail

presidential military power have been worthless. Whether or not the President tells Congress within forty-hours of military action, as demanded by the War Powers Act, Congress will still find out. The media was on the Qasam Soleimani story within the day he was targeted. At that point, whether Congress agreed with the President's chosen actions or not, the man was effectively dead and a reaction was out of the American people's hands.

The President's power doesn't have to be increased. However, his armed service capabilities must be more clearly outlined in the Constitution to ensure that a balance of power is maintained while also maintaining oft-necessary secrecy. This

wouldn't be the first time a President has gone to war without Congressional approval. Under the Obama Administration, the President led a series of attacks against ISIS which brought the United States deeper into the conflict. If our Congressional representatives were unable to work out a budget deal to reopen the government for over two months, how can one expect them to come to decisions on assassinations in two minutes?

To say the Constitution is an outdated document that doesn't apply today is wrong, but it needs to be updated so that more roles of each branch of government must be more clearly defined to keep pace with modern times. The effect of media being able to reach enemies before legislation can be passed must also be considered.

Political Divide Trumps American Pride

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"The Administration has conducted tonight's strikes in Iraq targeting high-level Iranian military officials and killing Iranian Quds Force Commander Qasem Soleimani without an Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) against Iran. Further, this action was taken without the consultation of the Congress."

– Statement from Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) after the U.S. killed Iran Revolutionary Guards Commander Soleimani on January 3, 2020.

If there was any remaining doubt about the toxic political landscape in the U.S, the grudging Democratic reaction to the death of ISIS chieftain Abu Bakar al-Baghdadi in October, and the response to the U.S. attack on Soleimani put that question to rest by demonstrating that, for all intents and purposes, there can no support for President Trump even as he effectively erased a mass murderer guilty of crimes against humanity and the driving architect of decades of deadly attacks on American and allied soldiers in the Middle East and civilians in Syria. Just days before, he had previ-

ously orchestrated an attack on the U.S. embassy in Baghdad.

On October 26, 2019, American Special Forces raided the secret compound of al-Baghdadi, following months of intelligence gathering and planning. While al-Baghdadi was not specifically killed by American Special Forces, CNN reported that they cornered him and he detonated a suicide vest killing himself and his children,.

While the death of one of most brutal murderous terrorists in recent memory should have been universally celebrated, it quickly turned into a partisan issue with the media and Democrats using the operation to continue their crusade against President Donald Trump.

House and Senate Democrats were quick to point out issues with the execution of the attack. House Speaker Pelosi was rankled by the fact that "the Russians were briefed on the raid but not the House," according to *The Guardian*. Additionally, House Intelligence Committee Adam Schiff (D-CA), who led the

Trump impeachment effort, claimed that not notifying Congress of the raid was "...a mistake," as reported by *The New York Post*.

President Trump fired back at these criticisms by claiming that "Washington is a leaking machine," alluding to the many unauthorized disclosures surrounding major controversies including Mueller's Russia investigation and the whistleblower and Ukraine.

With regard to the Soleimani operation, the positive outcome was largely ignored with the focus on recklessness of the order and once again the failure to notify Congress. It was conveniently overlooked that Congress was not notified about the 2011 strike on Osama bin Laden which still received universal acclaim in Congress. On CNN's "State of the Union," House Intelligence Committee Chief Schiff said: "I haven't seen intelligence that taking out Soleimani was going to either stop the plotting that was going on or decrease other risks to the United States." He also added that the decision was "reck-

less," according to The Hill. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) allowed that "no one will shed a tear" for Soleimani's death but the lack of advance consultation and transparency with Congress can lead to "hasty and ill-considered decisions," as reported by *The Washington Times*.

It should be noted that these concerns about recklessness and war dwindled to nothing after Iran only managed a face-saving retaliatory 'attack' on US forces designed to ensure there would be no American casualties.

The polarization that has overtaken American society was on clear display when *The Washington Post*, an unabashed enemy of Trump, entitled al-Baghdadi's obituary as "Abu Bakr a-Baghdadi, Austere Religious Scholar at the helm of Islamic State, dies at 48," as reported by *USA Today*. This absurd headline, which was lampooned relentlessly, shows the American left was more concerned with the sensibilities of those who supported a terrorist chieftain

rather than concede a basic victory to President Trump.

The New York Times was also pilloried for its announcement of Soleimani's death: "Qassim Suleimani, master of Iran's intrigue and force, dies at 62." *The Times'* obituary included a passage that would have fit better in a hagiography: "But in Iran, many saw him as a larger-than-life hero, particularly within security circles. Anecdotes about his asceticism and quiet charisma joined to create an image of a warrior-philosopher who became the backbone of a nation's defense against a host of enemies."

In President George W. Bush's second term, particularly after the Iraqi uprising and the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Left suffered from what many called "Bush Derangement Syndrome" where their hatred for the President prevented any objective discussion.

Trump Derangement Syndrome appears to be much worse, with no reconciliation possible.

2020 Election: What's Happening

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February started off with a series of impactful political events: the Iowa caucuses, Donald Trump's State of the Union address, the ending of the Impeachment trial, and the New Hampshire Primary. Each of these events will have profound implications on the 2020 Presidential Election.

Starting with the Iowa caucuses, it is important to contextualize the historical significance of Iowa for Democratic candidates. Iowa Democrats have successfully chosen the Democratic nominee for the last 20 years and pundits speculate this could be the case again in 2020. Not only does the winner of Iowa often go on to win the Democratic nomination, Iowa Democrats are also famous for launching Obama's Presidential run to the White House. Many of the leading Democratic candidates like Elizabeth Warren, Joe

Biden, Bernie Sanders, Amy Klobuchar, and Pete Buttigieg spent lots of time going to all of Iowa's 99 counties in order to garner support.

What is unique about the Iowa contest is the fact that it is a caucus system; there are many valid arguments claiming this system is undemocratic, but the nature of a caucus was shown to greatly influence the Democratic contest. Frontrunner for the nomination, Joe Biden, came in fourth in the Iowa caucuses, a major blow to his campaign. A plausible explanation for this is how caucuses require lots of passionate supporters with savvy organization skills. Joe Biden lacked the organization other campaigns like Pete Buttigieg's had, and Biden's tactical argument of electibility isn't one that made people in Iowa passionate or inspired.

The day after the result-less Iowa caucus, President Trump gave

his annual State of the Union Address. The purpose of the speech is to inform the House and Senate of important issues Americans are facing and offer ideas on how to solve them, such as suggestions for new laws and policies.

Giving the speech on the eve of his acquittal in the impeachment trial, the President delivered a boastful address that emphasized the success of the U.S. economy, and warned against Democrats' promises to rework the current healthcare system. Throughout his speech, Trump made a number of claims about the triumphal work of his administration. While truthfully stating how unemployment rates for African Americans, Asian Americans, and Hispanic Americans have decreased, certain information, such as the U.S. being the top oil and natural gas producer, and the creation of

millions of new jobs, were also true during the Obama Administration. Other claims, such as protecting patients with pre-existing conditions, and the cost of prescription drugs going down, are false.

The night also included reuniting military families and controversially awarding the Presidential Medal of Freedom - the highest civilian honor - to conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh, who has cancer.

Partisanship was also in full show when the president noticeably refused to shake Speaker of the House Democrat Nancy Pelosi's hand, and videos of Speaker Pelosi ripping up her copy of his speech at the end of the night went viral.

During the Senate's impeachment trial, Trump was acquitted by an almost totally partisan vote. Mitt Romney, Senator from Utah, made history by being the first ever Sen-

ator to vote to remove a President of his own party. Romney argued he had to do it for his morals and his faith, but has subsequently been criticized by other Republicans. This is significant for the 2020 election. Expect to see Republicans who critique Trump to be attacked due to Trump's strong support with Republicans.

What is very worrying to most is that unlike past impeachments, Trump has shown no remorse for his actions. Even Senators who voted 'not guilty' for Trump have shown they believe what the President did was wrong, but not impeachable. Some thought this might make Trump tone down his rhetoric and tweets, but he has not. Donald Trump believes he is the best President in U.S history and as such, whatever decisions he makes in the election, he will expect full support from all Republicans.

Fun Activities at HHS (Senior Teacher





Day, Winter Wonderland, and more)



ARTS & entertainment

There's A New Donut in Town!

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There is a new dessert spot that just opened up in Mamaroneck called *Duck Donuts* that offers something different than other donut shops. Here the donuts are made fresh and are customized according to your desires! This franchise has a solid reputation for its delicious donuts, but the menu goes beyond that. Not only are there donuts, there are also many other tasty treats such as sundaes, a variety of different types of coffee (cold or hot), tea, bottled drinks, and breakfast sandwiches. You can also order these tasty treats online on their website. Their coffee is also supposed to be superb, especially when enjoyed alongside the donuts.

Duck Donuts offers a variety of donuts to choose from, such as traditional donuts and even personalized ones (you can customize your donuts to your own tastes). You get your choice of toppings, drizzles, and frosting.. The sundaes are donuts topped with ice cream with any type of sauce and toppings on any type of donut. The donut sandwiches are regular breakfast sandwiches with a personal twist. They can contain eggs, cheese, and a choice of bacon or sausage between two donuts. The donuts can also have bacon on top. The franchise *Duck Donuts* emphasizes creativity and personalization.

"I went to *Duck Donuts* about a week after it opened and it was really nice inside and I only tried the strawberry donut but I thought it was very delicious, said sophomore Kelly Coppola. "There were also a lot of other types of donuts that I can't wait to try another time. I think the franchise will do very well at the new Mamaroneck Centre location and will be very successful."

Duck Donuts has 225 franchise storefronts in 26 states, including New York, Ohio, Michigan, Texas, Georgia, Florida, and North Carolina. With many stores and the originality of their donut creations, they have become very



Courtesy of Angelina Fuca

popular and loved. *Duck Donuts* was established in the Outer Banks of North Carolina in 2006 by Russ DiGilio and his family. The DiGilio family realized that there were no great baked goods to be found there. They soon changed that.

This is also a franchise that gives back to the commu-

nity. Not only do they provide delicious desserts, but *Duck Donuts* also gives back to children with cancer. On their website, they state, "Since becoming a sponsor in 2017, *Duck Donuts* is proud to announce it has raised more than \$140,000 throughout all locations during its annual campaign supporting Gabe's Chemo Duck Program." Gabe's Chemo Duck Program has been able to provide more than 3,500 chemotherapies to children undergoing cancer therapies.

The new location at 805 Mamaroneck Avenue is open 7 am to 7 pm on Tuesday through Saturday. On Sunday and Monday, the hours are only from 9 am to 3 pm. The prices of the donuts are not extremely expensive. A build-your-own customized single donut costs \$2.25.

A build-your-own half-dozen is \$11.95; a build-your-own dozen is \$22.50 and there are also signature assortments available for purchase. There are three breakfast sandwiches: an egg and cheese for \$3.75, a bacon egg and cheese and a sausage egg and cheese for \$4.75 which are all between two donuts.

On *Yelp*, a website that allows customers to review and grade restaurants, the new *Duck Donuts* has a five-star review. Felix J. stated, "Came here for the grand opening and as I arrived about 20-25 people were waiting in front of me. Their donuts were extremely soft and have many options. I would recommend coming here if you're in the area."

Duck Donuts is now open and ready for your business. Come see and taste firsthand what their fine reputation is all about - and perhaps bring some back for your friends!

FOMO is Real, So Learn How to Deal

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Have you ever not been included in a plan and then saw on social media how much fun your friends and others are having? This inspires FOMO: the Fear Of Missing Out. Thanks to the influence of social media, it occurs quite often. According to *Mashable*, 56% of social media users are affected by FOMO. That's more than half.

It could be because you are home on the weekend while everyone else is having fun or maybe others go away during breaks with family and friends, while

you're sitting at home suffering through a "staycation." Try not to let FOMO get the best of you - but it's easier said than done.

In a world dominated by social media, this greatly affects teenagers' lives in a negative way. While social media allows people to access more helpful opportunities and provides access and communication positives, it also has its downside. It's almost a shield for some people.

"It's easier to keep your guard up when you're texting, so less is at stake," according to an

article in *Child Mind*. "You aren't hearing or seeing the effect that your words are having on the other person. Because the conversation isn't happening in real time, each party can take more time to consider a response."

Some have gotten so used to texting that they find it uncomfortable to interact with others in real life. Yet FOMO alone can be a mood changer. Seeing just one picture of friends having a great time without you can ruin your day.

"I have never personally

been affected by FOMO because I'm okay with not being invited to every single plan" says sophomore Josh Naar. "I don't think my friends are purposely trying to leave me out. But I understand how hard it may feel for people left out intentionally."

He continued, "Social media is a great thing but I'm also aware that it is hurting how people interact in person."

Social media has taken its toll on this generation and teens must be vigilant about it.. If you see cyberbullying, try to prevent

it from happening; if you accidentally leave someone out, try to invite them or at least to publicize to others that they were inadvertently left out.

Social media can hurt friendships, relationships, and more. FOMO is real, but it is not the end of the world. It can be overcome.

Consider others and their feelings, whether online or off. It's everyone's job who has social media to make sure they use it maturely and responsibly.

HEY HUSKIES!

What is your New Year's resolution?

Compiled by Samantha Marano



"To maintain good grades this whole year."
Casey Curow,
Freshman



"To make honors the next three quarters."
Thomas Ventriglio,
Sophomore



"To start the college process and prepare for the SAT and ACT."
Alison Kenny,
Junior



"To go to the gym more."
Christopher Demirjian,
Senior

Disney's Fourth Ace

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Disney looks to have had a trio of major hits in 2019 starting with *Avengers: Endgame*, followed recently by the oddly woke but nevertheless box office smash *Frozen 2* and then completing the Star Wars saga with *The Rise of Skywalker*. But it's fourth 'ace' may be the one that has the most staying power and makes 2019 a milestone year.

Disney+, its streaming offering, has made a big splash in the video-streaming industry blasting the doors off in its opening week and posing perhaps existential threat to other established players like *Netflix* and *Hulu*.

Disney announced its new streaming service on April 11, 2019 at its annual shareholders meeting in Burbank, California, as reported by *Variety*. The streaming service, called *Disney+*, would cost \$6.99 a month at launch for its single-tier system, designed to undercut the industry's main player *Netflix*, whose three-tier subscription system ranged from \$8.99 to \$14.99 per month.

Since *Disney* controls a Templar's treasure of content from its ownership of entertainment juggernauts like *Pixar* and

Marvel, consumers were optimistic that the service would have beloved shows like *The Suite Life of Zack and Cody*, *That's So Raven*, and *The Wizards of Waverly Place*, among others. All of these shows were previously on *Netflix* in the early 2010s, but were pulled off, as complex licensing agreements expired. Finally it seemed that *Disney* was going to monetize the tens-of-thousands of hours of highly sought-after content that was sitting idly in its digital closet.

Avid consumers immediately gushed over the promise of *Disney+*. Sophomore Ianluka Juarez at Harrison High School said that he was "...able to get access to all of my old favorite shows, like *Phineas and Ferb*, as well as amazing movies like *Avengers: Endgame*. It's like *Netflix*, only with more focused stuff." Juarez's comments reflect the sentiment held by many. Harrison High School alum Caroline Wong also raved about the platform's nostalgic appeal: "I love it. I get to watch all of the old shows I grew up with."

Although *Disney* has ensured that much of its native content and content from subsidiaries like *Marvel* and *Pixar*

have migrated to *Disney+*, there are still a number of *Disney* titles still stuck on *Netflix*, presumably due to previous licensing agreements. For example, *Avengers: Infinity War* won't stream on *Disney +* until June 25, 2020, and *The Incredibles 2* later in the summer.

Disney+ did get off to a rocky start on launch day. On November 12 the site *DownDetector.com* reported that there were over 7,000 outages regarding access to *Disney+*. It didn't appear to be a positive signal at the time. While figures for December are not available, *The*

Verge reported that *Disney+* had over 10 million new subscribers on launch day, with over three million downloads of its app on available platforms. It took *Netflix* months to get to the 10 million subscriber mark.

Similar to streaming services of *Netflix*, and *AppleTV*, *Disney+* has its own share of original content tailored to the platform, along with special licensing deals meant to entice new potential subscribers. The most conspicuous of this new line of content available at launch is *The Mandalorian*. This Star Wars spinoff occurs between the events of *The Return of the Jedi* and *The Force Awakens*. The show follows the eponymous bounty hunter in the galaxy far, far away. The show has been an immediate hit featuring "The Child" - a baby of the same race as fabled Yoda. His extremely cute poses and overall performance has caused him to become a quasi-meme throughout many social media and aggregation platforms, such as *Reddit* and *Instagram*.



Lots of choices for a reasonable price. The new streaming subscription service, *Disney+*, is a major boon for its parent company.

Courtesy of Disney

Netflix and Nickelodeon Team Up

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Two major companies, *Netflix* and *Nickelodeon*, are angry due to the tremendous success of the recent *Disney+* streaming service launch, but they don't plan to sit around doing nothing about it. Instead, just days after the *Disney+* launch, *Netflix* announced a multi-year partnership with *Nickelodeon*.



A weather-proof theme park. New Jersey's *Nickelodeon Universe* operates indoors, rain or shine.

Courtesy of NJ.com

Disney+ is a subscription on-demand streaming service. Almost all *Disney* movies, shows, and documentaries are on *Disney+*. But *Disney* also owns a lot of other companies too. As a result, *Pixar*, *Star Wars*, *Marvel*, and *National Geographic* can all be found on *Disney+*. Still, fans have noticed that certain things cannot yet be found on the on-demand streaming service. This is because *Disney* still has contracts with other companies where a show or movie is available and until those contracts are over, they cannot be aired on *Disney+*.

Netflix, in reaction, released a statement saying that their new partnership with *Nickelodeon* will produce original animated films and television series based on existing *Nickelodeon* characters and all new ideas. *Netflix* vice president of original animation, Melissa Cobb, said in the press release that "*Nickelodeon* has generated scores of characters that kids love,

and we look forward to telling wholly original stories that re-imagine and expand on the worlds they inhabit."

Stephen Hillenburg was the creator of the much beloved *Nickelodeon* cartoon series *Spongebob Squarepants*. Hillenburg died November 26, 2018, from ALS. Six months after the passing of Hillenburg, *Nickelodeon* has given a green light to the production of a spin-off titled *Kamp Koral*. The series of 13 episodes is said to be a prequel to the original cartoon and will focus around the activities of a 10-year old SpongeBob. Not much news about the *Kamp Koral* spin-off has been confirmed but after *Netflix* and *Nickelodeon* announced their multi-year partnership, *The New York Times* reported there was talk about a spin-off with Squidward having his own show. The partnership does involve a music-based project and center stage in that is Squidward. However, Hillenburg's dying wish was to have no spin-off based on his cartoon *Spongebob Squarepants*.

Junior Olivia DeBald said, "I think it's a tough competition between the major

companies, but I'd always pick *Netflix* and *Nickelodeon* over *Disney+* because of the options available. I kinda grew out of the *Disney* movies and prefer more genres which *Netflix* offers now along with *Nickelodeon*."

In addition, just a few weeks before the *Disney+* streaming service was launched, *Nickelodeon* opened an indoor theme park. In late October at the American Dream Mall in East Rutherford, New Jersey, *Nickelodeon Universe* was opened in an area encompassing 8.5 acres. The park features more than 35 rides, roller coasters, and attractions. *Nickelodeon*'s characters are at the park to meet visitors.

An indoor theme park is something *Disney* does not currently have. If it rains, you can't go on the rides at *Disney World* or *Disneyland*, but rain or shine you can go on the rides at *Nickelodeon Universe*.

Disney's competition with *Netflix* and *Nickelodeon* is heating up. *Netflix* and *Nickelodeon*'s multi-year partnership is an attempt to beat *Disney* at its own game. Stay tuned to see how this all works out.

Chicago Rapper Juice WRLD Dies at Age 21

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Rapper and singer Juice WRLD has died in Chicago, the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office said on Sunday December 8.

According to *AP News* he was pronounced dead at a hospital around 3:15 a.m. and taken to the Cook County medical examiner's office several hours later, said office spokeswoman Natalia Derevyanny, who said an autopsy would be scheduled.

Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said in a statement to *The Chicago Tribune* that "there were no signs of foul play and all individuals aboard the aircraft are cooperating with

CPD and have given all of their information. We are awaiting the Cook County medical examiner's report on the cause and manner of death."

The rapper, whose real name was Jarad Higgins, was named top new artist at the 2019 *Billboard Music Awards* in May. He lived in the Chicago suburb of Homewood, where he stood out as a musician early on.

"I talk about a lot of issues I go through and some of my fans go through, and try to create a fellowship where people can relate to each other," Juice WRLD said. "I'm not worried about anyone getting the wrong idea or stereo-

typing what I'm doing. My music is straightforward because I want to give people me and let them know they're not alone in going through the things that they go through."

"I always loved his music because it would be inspiring to me," said Harrison junior Diego Gonzales.

Juice WRLD, who turned 21 only days prior, was only two years out of high school.

Like a good number of young hip-hop performers, Juice WRLD blended rapping and singing on his songs, sometimes mumbling words and focusing more on melody. His hit "Lucid Dreams,"

which heavily samples Sting's 1993 song "Shape of My Heart," was a six-times platinum success and reached No. 2 on the all-genre Hot 100 chart. It reached No. 1 on *Billboard*'s Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs and Hot Rap Songs charts.

"I was very impressed by what he put on top of my version," Sting told *The Associated Press* this year. "It's a really good song."

A confident lyricist known for freestyle raps that could last more than an hour, Juice WRLD partnered with teenage producer Nick Mira, using melancholy synthesizer lines and thudding bass for his 2018 studio debut,

"Goodbye & Good Riddance." The album's standout track, "Lucid Dreams," peaked at No. 2 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 and was listed as the most-played *SoundCloud* song of 2018 at the Grammy Awards.

In March, Juice WRLD's follow-up album, "Death Race for Love," topped the *Billboard* 200 and then he was named top new artist at the *Billboard Music Awards* in May 2019.

He will be remembered by his family, friends, and millions of fans worldwide, many of whom can be found here at Harrison High School,

The Secret World Of Cheer

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There is a small junior college located in Corsicana, Texas called Navarro. It is the home of an amazing cheer team. No one knew they would impact the world in this way, but they have.

Cheer is one of Netflix's latest original documentary series starring Navarro's competitive cheer team. Monica Aldama, the head coach of the team, has 14 championships under her belt since the year 2000. She and her team have managed to open people's minds up to what cheerleading is and what the sport consists of -- and yes, it is a sport.

The best thing about this documentary is that it goes against all stereotypes. None of these cheerleaders had their life handed to them. They weren't the popular kids in school, it wasn't an all-girls team, they didn't have tons of money, they weren't all perfect and they had real emotions. That's what really makes people happy about the series. The term or title "cheerleader" has now often turned into an insult. Most people react with disbelief or concern in

finding out one is a cheerleader. Some people view cheerleading as a joke and dismiss it easily, even if it is the most dangerous contact sport in the world. The six-part series goes into the lives of cheerleaders to which most athletes around the world can relate.

Along with live performances, hours of practice, and blood sweat and tears, *Cheer* expresses the pros and cons of being a competitive cheerleader. Unlike most cheer documentaries and shows, they focus on a real-life college school team performing, instead of some professional All-Star team. Cheerleaders in the show such as Gabi, Morgan, Lexie, Jerry, La'Darius, Sherbs and other teammates open up about working on the team and even discuss their lives before this cheer-family has been created.

Take La'Darius and Jerry, two of the multiple boys participating in the Navarro cheer program. Le'Darius, a young gay black man that was



Not what you might expect. The Netflix documentary series *Cheer* goes inside the world of competitive cheer competitions, focusing on the colorful squad from Navarro, a small junior college in Texas.

Courtesy of The Daily Beast

never accepted by his family or his neighborhood, found peace and love in cheerleading and felt as if he is truly himself on the team. Jerry also found hope in cheerleading after he lost his mom to cancer at a young age. One of their teammates, Morgan, was even living alone in a trailer after being abandoned by her father.

Although this new documentary may have taken the hearts of viewers around the world by storm, there are plenty of controversies surrounding the new series. People have been calling the documentary "fake" or "too polished" due to all the preparation the team had to do for the show.

"The members of this show are talented and disciplined enough that watchlike movements find members flying through the air in ways that don't seem like they should be possible," says *IndieWire* writer Steve Greene.

While people are a little too focused on the production style of the series, the show goes more into how to succeed as a team and what it takes to reach your goals.

Twenty-five year old Harrison grad Ali Lepino says, "Because I was a cheerleader in the past, it was really a mind trip to go back and remember what it was like to be part of a team. I don't think people realized that the show was created to go so in-depth into cheer and what it means to be part of a cheer-family."

This show has affected people on more than the personal level. Of course, there are some viewers that don't see why *Cheer* is getting all this hype, but millions of satisfied viewers understand the important messages it conveys. Check it out for yourself on Netflix.

You Returns With Second Season, More Buzz

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A popular show on Netflix launched its second season at the



Sexy killer guy, literally. Actor Penn Badgley plays the irresistible stalker Joe Goldberg for a second season with a new love interest, or is it merely another obsession?

Courtesy Tyler Golden of Netflix

end of December, and has since extended its popularity further, as it seems this is the show that everyone is discussing. The TV show, a psychological thriller called *You*, was created by Blake Neely from a book by Caroline Kepnes. The *Netflix* Original Series had its first season revolve around a storyline of a man named Joe Goldberg who develops a crush on a lady named Guinevere Beck and decides he will go to any length to be with her.

Spoiler alert: what happens is what starts out as a small, little crush on the woman writer then develops into something dangerous and stalkerish. He

began by watching her and looking after her every move, making sure she was safe in every way, even if it meant killing those whom he perceived might be in danger of hurting her. Joe Goldberg decided that he was doing the right thing, that killing and harming these people was good for Beck, and that he would do anything for love. Joe believes that everything he does is justified, and many of the fans of the show believe it too. Even though he's a stalker and a murderer, he does have a handsome charm.

"Joe was just doing it for the love of his life; he protected her from danger," said freshman Diana Saavedra Castelan. "He might be a creep, but he's doing it for good intentions. Also, he's really cute."

Not everyone is in agreement, though. For some, such behaviors

are beyond unacceptable.

"He is insane, beyond insane," said sophomore Allison Gisi. "Although he is doing it for Beck, it is no excuse to murder others."

The buzz about the show is extraordinary. There are websites dedicated to showing why Joe Goldberg's actions should not be justified, the primary reasons being that he is a stalker, he has two personalities, he is a murderer, he never loved Beck (it was just infatuation), and he is charmingly wicked.

Still, some believe he is secretly a good person with good intentions. For instance, in Season One, he saves a little boy from his abusive father and in Season Two, he saves an underage girl from being sexually assaulted and raped by a famous adult comedian. He also killed his father by accident at a young age

to protect his mom from his abusive dad. To some, Joe is not all bad. He seems to care for a lot of people and lets those go who he thinks deserve to live; he tries to save and protect those he loves.

In Season Two, Joe falls in love with someone different, and as ironic as it might seem, the name of his new found love is Love. Familiarly, he does anything to be with her, and swears that Beck wasn't true love, that she was just infatuation.

The psychological drama is not for everyone -- it deals with a lot of mature subject matter and might not be suitable viewing for all high schoolers. Still, there seems to be no end to the many discussions going on around the show and whether this handsome charmer is actually a good person or just a murdering stalker.

Your TV Might Be Spying On You

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Watching television and relaxing after a long day of school is fun, right? Not anymore. On Cyber Monday, December 2, there was a sudden outbreak of people reporting that their Smart TVs were spying on them.

This has gotten the attention of the FBI and they are now warning against using Smart TVs because of the easily-hacked cameras and microphones they contain.

The FBI expressed the following information: "At the lower end of the risk spectrum, they (spying hackers) can change channels, play with the volume, and show your kids inappropriate videos." The FBI warning went on to state: "In a worst-case scenario, they can turn on your bedroom TV's camera and microphone

and silently cyberstalk you,' according to a recent *CNN* article.

It's alarming that people are being silently stalked through their TVs. This is a complete invasion of privacy.

While there are so many advantages to advanced technology, more people are seizing upon the ability to hack into and stalk such appliances, eager to take away people's privacy. It seems that along with the new technology comes more issues people are having with them.

"As internet-enabled devices

"This is a complete invasion of privacy."

become increasingly common in people's homes, so have new security concerns around the technology," reported Sarah Min in her *CBSNews* article. "Earlier this year, an Illinois couple said a hacker spoke to their baby through their Nest security camera. Other organizations have reported seeing a spike in their electricity bills last year after hackers used their smart fridges to mine *Bitcoin*."

Devices that are meant to protect small children are not even safe anymore. Any kind of electronic device seems to be hackable now. It looks like any product can become

a risk.

CNN's Josh Campbell said, "In order to guard against possible intrusion, the FBI recommends that smart TV owners educate themselves on their device's security settings (available from a simple Google search) to change default network passwords set by manufacturers, and to better understand how to enable and disable microphones and cameras."

People who purchase, or have purchased, smart TVs have to now follow an entire procedure to avoid being stalked by others online. Is it really worth it to buy a smart TV while knowing that being spied on is a real possibility? Is this a risk worth taking?

"These kinds of attacks aren't common, but they're not impossible

either, though the FBI did not include any statistics in its warning," Taylor Telford states in her *Washington Post* article. She also said that "A 2018 *Consumer Reports* investigation found that millions of popular smart TVs have hosts of security vulnerabilities that a relatively unskilled hacker could take advantage of."

"It can be really dangerous and have a really bad impact on our society in many ways, and can harm people mentally," said Harrison student Spiridoula Gkini.

In the meantime, let's try to keep society safe by safeguarding against such stalkers. Be careful when using smart devices, and change their default settings. Be smarter than they are!

90-Second Interviews



“90 Second Interviews” is a feature where-in we sit down with two staff members and see how many questions they can answer in 90 seconds. This issue we turn to two outside the realm of the core subjects: Computer Design teacher Mr. Morris and IB Theatre teacher Ms. Haberli.

Interviews coordinated by Luke Wong and Emma Berkowitz.

Mr. Morris



Where did you grow up? Pottstown, Pennsylvania.
How long have you been at HHS? 13 years.
Favorite holiday? Thanksgiving.
Favorite book? Either *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien or *The Crying of Lot 49* by Thomas Pynchon
Favorite show? *Brain Dead*.
Guilty pleasure? Swedish Fish.
Biggest Pet Peeve? Being tailgated.
Favorite subject in high school? English.
What is your secret talent? Making websites.
Favorite ice cream flavor? Vanilla bean.
What would your theme song be? No idea!
Favorite decade and why? 1980s: the hair and the music.
What three things would you take to a desert island? A knife, fishing rod, and flint.
What superpower do you wish you had? The ability to control time.
First job? Teaching English at a private middle school in the city.
Celebrity crush? Rachel Maddow.
Best vacation? Peru, Sand dunes, Macchu Pichu.
Who could you claim as a role model? Gandalf.
Least favorite aspect of being a teacher? Grading!
What is your catch phrase? Don't have one.
Unbreakable habit? Coffee & Espresso.
Biggest fear? Fear of claustrophobic situations.
Favorite habit outside of school? Making websites!
Coffee or tea? Pure espresso!
Dream job other than teaching? Professional surfer.
Closest faculty friend? Mr. C!

Ms. Haberli



Where did you grow up? Somers, New York.
How long have you been at HHS? Since 2008.
Favorite holiday? Thanksgiving.
Favorite book? *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky.
Favorite show? I don't watch TV.
Guilty pleasure? Chocolate.
Biggest Pet Peeve? Procrastinators.
Favorite subject in high school? English.
What is your secret talent? Cooking
Favorite ice cream flavor? Neopolitan.
What would your theme song be? “Another Op'nin', Another Show.”
Favorite decade and why? 1980s: the fluorescent socks and the music.
What three things would you take to a desert island? Complete works of William Shakespeare, empty notebooks, and a box of pens.
What superpower do you wish you had? Turning myself invisible.
First job? Babysitting.
Celebrity crush? I don't have one.
Best vacation? Traveling around Norway last summer.
Who could you claim as a role model? Julie Taymor.
Least favorite aspect of being a teacher? Waking up early.
What is your catch phrase? “I'm not even joking.”
Unbreakable habit? My morning cup of coffee.
Biggest fear? Fire.
Favorite habit outside of school? Seeing theatre.
Coffee or tea? Both-- coffee with a dash of almond milk or herbal tea with honey.
Dream job other than teaching? Writing full-time.
Closest faculty friend? Ms. Voss.

SPORTS

Young Wrestlers Have Impressive Season
As Tyler Joseph Continues His Winning Ways

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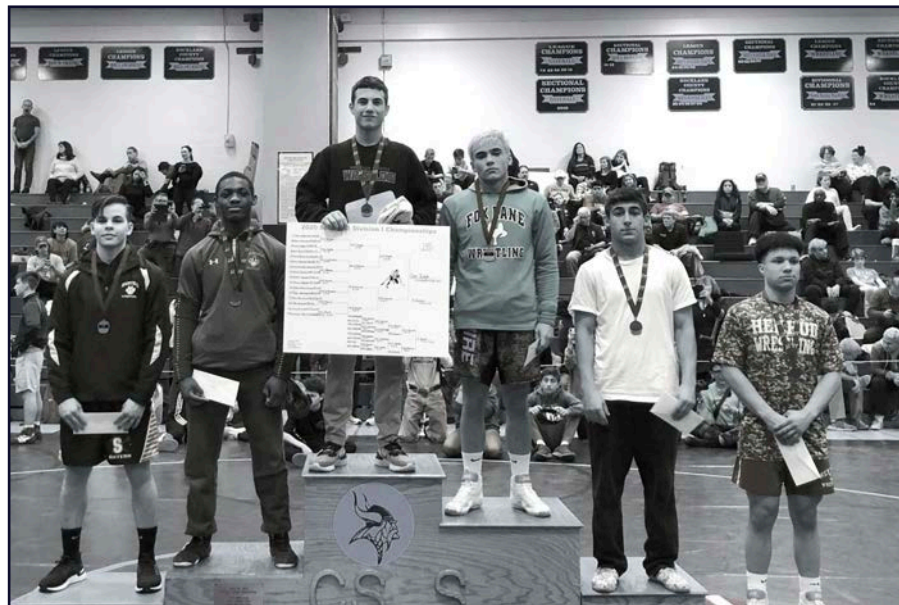
The Harrison Husky Wrestling Team had a tough start to the season with an upset at the Section Duals Tournament against Clarkstown North. Harrison tied Clarkstown North 42-42, but lost on tiebreaker criteria due to two forfeits. The Huskies had pins by Mark Catania, Tyler Joseph, Giancarlo Zabniak, Lightning Roggero, and Filipe Couto.

Unfortunately, the team did not fare better against Lakeland-Panas. The Huskies fought back from a 27-6 deficit, but fell short 45-42 again because of forfeits at lower weights.

Next, the boys headed to the Patriot Tournament. With only one senior competing, and six wrestlers in their first varsity tournament, the team showed a lot of heart. Zabniak, Joseph and Will Roggero were winners in the first round of pool wrestling at the tournament. They all went on to secure wins in the second and third rounds with contributions from Catania and Couto as round two winners and Crozier and Couto in round three.

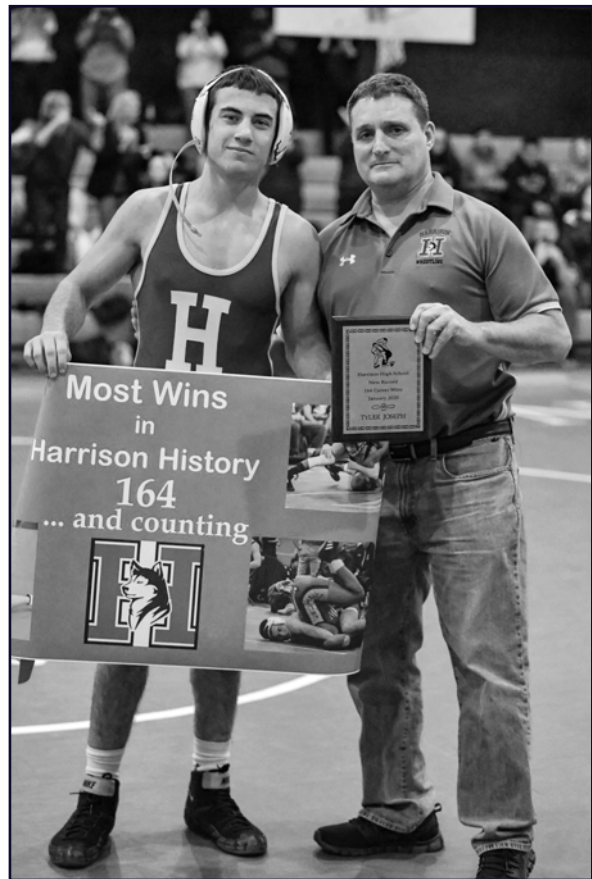
At that point, junior Tyler Joseph said, "I am pretty happy with my season so far. I've had a lot of successes, including winning a couple of big local tournaments. And of course I am really excited about breaking the school record for career wins. But I haven't achieved my goals yet, which are to win sections and place at states."

The Huskies were next off to SUNY Purchase for the Carlucci Duals in late December, a week-and-a-half long competition that is becoming a strong wrestling tradition. Harrison lost to Edgemont 48-36, but they came back and beat Irvington 51-24. David Cross, Tyler Joseph, and both Roggero brothers all went 2-0. Luis Ferreira added his name to the winning effort by picking up his first varsity win. Tyler Joseph went 7-0 at the Carlucci Duals, placing him second place on the All-Time Harrison Win List with 158, trailing only Mark Arcara. The Huskies lost 67-15 to Fox Lane, 70-15 to Monroe-Woodbury and 51-27 to Tappan Zee.



Sectional Champ at 145. Tyler Joseph gets one part of his desired dream, finishing as top man at 145 in this year's Sectionals. This was particularly sweet after a fifth place finish last year.

Courtesy of Mike Smith/Harrison Wrestling



Most wins in Harrison History. At the time, Tyler Joseph won his 164th contest, surpassing Mark Arcara's school record. From then on, every victory is a new school record for this most impressive junior.

Courtesy of Harrison Wrestling



Well earned hug from Coach. After winning his Sectional title, Coach Nicita offers a congratulatory hug to Tyler Joseph.

Courtesy of Mike Smith/Harrison Wrestling

Harrison finished the tournament with a team record of 2-5.

The team had a short break for the holidays but was right back at it on January 3 at the Shoreline Classic. Joseph won by pin in the first period to advance to quarters at Shoreline. He then won 4-2 and advanced to the finals where he defeated MacArthur's Thomas Szilgvi with a 5-0 win to claim the title of Shoreline Champion and finally tied Arcara's Harrison All-Time Win List. Lightning Roggero also had a great day with a win by fall in the first round, but then lost to the top seed, and was eliminated in the consolidation bracket after a 7-2 loss.

The Huskies still had many matches to go. Next up was a Pin Cancer Fundraiser, in which all proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital to help battle children's cancer. Despite forfeiting four weights they battled Clarkstown South to the last match, falling 48-42. Luis Ferreira, David Cross, Lightning Roggero, David Crozier and Filipe Couto won by pin as did Tyler Joseph, who finally tied the Harrison Win Record of 163. While the team went on to lose to Brewster by 54-24, Tyler Joseph logged his record-setting 164th career win with a pin over Brewster's James Ramirez. Also on the positive side, the team raised close to \$2,000 for St. Jude's Hospital to combat pediatric cancer.

After a loss to Tappan Zee (58-18), the team rebounded with a win against East Ramapo (48-27). This busy week was followed by the Westchester County Championships at Lincoln High School, where Tyler Joseph won the 145-lb County Title with an 11-2 victory and Lightning Roggero finished sixth in the 152-lb. Class.

The last week of January into February was one of the busiest of the season. The Huskies tied against Sleepy Hollow (36-36, but lost on criteria), then lost to Port Chester (57-29). However, the team rebounded back for the Scarsdale Tournament. The Huskies finished 3-1 in their pool with wins over Scarsdale, Stepinac, and Rye, and one loss to Brewster.

Overall the Huskies finished fourth at the Bernie Miller Duals in Rye. Filipe Couto (220) won Most Outstanding Sophomore and Tyler Joseph (145) won Most Outstanding Junior. Both went 5-0. After going 8-0 for the week, pinning each of his opponents in the first period, Tyler Joseph added to his prizes when he won the *Journal News Wrestler of the Week*

almost unanimously, garnering 95% of the reader votes.

Tyler Joseph, Lightning Roggero, and David Crozier all qualified for the Section One Wrestling Championships. Division 1, Section 1 Championships began competitions on Saturday, February 15. David Crozier lost by pin and was eliminated, but vowed to be back next year. Lightning Roggero sustained an injury in the first period, but battled through the whole match before losing. He finished up the way he wrestled for four years, showing tremendous heart, toughness and determination. He represented the school with honor for four years. Tyler Joseph advanced from the quarters to the semis to the finals.

On Sunday, February 16, Tyler Joseph became the 145-lb. Class Section One Champion with an 8-2 decision over Fox Lane's Robert Geirum in the finals. He will compete in the State Championships in two weeks, as he continues to chase his dream.

Although the team faced some setbacks this year with three losses due to lower weight forfeitures, and an overall record of 7-12-2, the future for this young exciting team looks very promising.



And the winner of the Sectional finals is Tyler Joseph. With an 8-2 decision, Tyler Joseph was triumphant over second place challenger Fox Lane's Robert Geirum.

Courtesy of Mike Smith/Harrison Wrestling

Indoor League Champs Set Many New T&F Records

Darin Iraj

Sports Editor

The Harrison Boys' and Girls' Varsity Winter Track and Field teams, led by Head Coach Dominic Zanot, looked to quickly maintain momentum from last year. This was done by working hard during the Summer off-season, starting Summer speed and strength training ahead of the 2019-2020 Indoor Season that began on November 11.

Day One of the Indoor Season started with Ashia Kapio, senior and 100m Hurdle/Pentathlon school record holder, in the gym demonstrating weight strengthening techniques for her teammates. The Track and Field teams attended the Armory Track & Field Camp to get some further training.

The meet season officially began with the New York Section 1 Kick-Off at The Armory. The Huskies Boys started the season with first place medal-winning finishes in the 4x200 Relay (Evan Weber, Justin Montanez, Aiden Dela Rosa, and Peter Fischer - who ran the fastest 200m split of the meet), High Jump (Tristan An), and 55m Dash (Evan Weber). The boys also had third place finishes in the 4x400 Relay (Brendan Lucey, Kamal Rahman, Adil Rahman, Justin Montanez); fourth place finishers in the Triple Jump (Antonio Ribiero), 55m Dash (Aidan Dela Rosa), 55 Hurdles (Peter Fischer); fifth place finishers in Long Jump (James Choi) and Weight Throw (Rafael Damian); and a sixth place finisher in Shot Put

As of December 17, Junior Peter Fischer was in the New York Top 10 ranking list as #8 in the 300m and the Boys' at #8 in the 4x200 Relay. At that time, freshman Katrina Torelli was in the New York State Girls' Top 10 as #10 in the 1000m.

The Huskies next set out to compete in the Coach Saint Invitational and improve on their team and individual successes and records on December 20. The Huskies had great results, with Evan Weber taking fourth in Mens

55m Dash), Aiden Dela Rosa (first in 300m Dash), Antonio Ribiero (first in Triple Jump and third in 4x200), Adil Rahman (first in 4x400), Tristan An

(second in High Jump and Triple Jump), Brendan Lucey (second in 600m Run and first in 4x400), Julian Glover (second in Pole Vault), David Ueda (third in Triple Jump and 4x200), Rafael Damian (third in Place Shot Put), Justin Montanez (third in 300m Dash), and Luke Simmons (third in 4x200).

The Boys' and Girls' Teams both finished the season strong, claiming the respective titles of 2019-2020 Indoor League Champs while setting new records. The Boys' 4 x 200 relay with the team of Aiden De La Rosa, Evan Weber, Justin Montanez, and Peter Fischer is currently the number one performing team in the Section. In addition, three new school records were set: Evan Weber completed the 55m Dash in 6.62 seconds, Katrina Totrelli did the 1000m Run with a record time of 3:04.05 and Hope Hessler broke her own record from 2019 with a 33'3.25 weight throw.

The teams then moved on to the Westchester

HARRISON TRACK & FIELD

SCHOOL RECORD ALERT

Evan Weber, 55m Dash: 6.62

BREAKS THE PREVIOUS RECORD SET BY ZAID AI DOORI & BEN KONIGSBERG

Katrina Torelli, 1000m Run: 3:04.05

BREAKS THE PREVIOUS RECORD HELD BY ERICA PLANAMENTO IN 2002

Hope Hessler, Weight Throw: 33'3.25

BREAKS HER OWN RECORD SET IN 2019

Sign o' the times. All season long school records were falling to new individual times and distances. Congrats to the new record holders!
Courtesy of Harrison Track & Field



Way out ahead. Peter Fischer shows those he leaves in his wake how to handle a hurdle on his way to another impressive victory.

Courtesy of EDL Photography



Ashia becomes League Champion. By beating out her competition, Ashia Kapio is on her way to becoming league champ here in the 55 mm Hurdle event.

Courtesy of EDL Photography

(Rafael Damian). Highlights from the New York Section 1 Kick-Off for the Husky Girls included a second place finisher in Novice Pole Vault (Tamaki Hieda); a third place finisher in 55 Hurdles (Ashia Kapio); a fifth place finisher in 4x200 Relay (Mikayla Tucci, Kyangchat Kapio, Madison Stagg, Ashia Kapio); and sixth place finishes in 55 Hurdles (Nina Burghouts), 600m Run (Katrina Torelli) and 4x800 Relay (Caroline Gilmore, Peyton Gartener, Himari Takano, Katrina Torelli). The hard off-season work paid off with these impressive performances at the kickoff event.

The next event, the Section 1 Frosh/Soph, took place on December 12 at Rockland Community College. Harrison athletes had another strong event with the Girls' Team taking first place finishes in 1000m (Caroline Gilmore) and Long Jump (Taylor Hermann); a second place finish in Triple Jump (Meghan McGurk); and a third place finish in 600m (Alexandra Stilo). The Boys' Team had event winners in Long Jump (Luke Simmons) and Triple Jump (Yusuke Hieda).

The team next competed on December 14 in the Jim Mitchell Invitational at the Armory. The Huskies had Second Place performances in Boys' Long Jump (Evan Weber), Girls' Triple Jump (Ashia Kapio), Girls' 1000m Run (Katrina Torelli), Boys' 4x2000 Relay (Evan Weber, Justin Montanez, Aiden Dela Rosa, Peter Fischer); plus third place performances in Boys' Shot Put (Rafael Damian) and Girls' 55 Hurdles (Ashia Kapio); fourth place in Boys' 55 Hurdles (Peter Fischer); and sixth place in Boys 3000m Dash (Peter Fischer). There were some notable performances of meeting rigorous NYS Standards by Peter Fischer in the 300m Dash and the Boys 4x200 Relay team of Evan Weber, Justin Montanez, Aiden Dela Rosa, Peter Fischer. There were also Harrison HS Track & Field All-time performances delivered by Ashia Kapio (55H, #2), Peter Fischer (300m, #2), Katrina Torelli (1000m, #2), Evan Weber (55m, #3), Ashia Kapio (TJ, #3), and Boys 4x200 (#3).

55m Dash and fifth in the 4x200 Relay (Arthur Adelman Brants Eli Aloni, Christopher Canno, Kevin Cortez). A Harrison High School record was also set by Ashia Kapio in Triple Jump of 34-10.5.

Harrison athletes Hope Hassler (Weight Throw), Rafael Damian (Shot Put), Peter Fischer (300m), Ashia Kapio (Long Jump), Tristan An (High Jump and Shuttle Hurdle Relay), and Evan Weber (Long Jump) were invited to compete on December 27/28 at the Marine Corps Holiday Classic. Each



Form into speed. Justin Montanez shows the kind of intense concentration that translates into winning speeds. Athletes from all sports gather together and compete in Track & Field.

Courtesy of EDL Photography

of these Huskies were medalists at this invitation-only event.

The Huskies started the new decade at the Don Dendy Invitational. Medalists were Ashia Kapio (first in - Long Jump, Triple Jump and 4x400), Katrina Torelli (first in 1500m and 4x400, and second in 3000m), Alexandra Stilo (first at 4x400), Tamaki Hieda (second at Pole Vault), Caroline Murabito (second at 55m Hurdles), Mikayla Tucci (third at 55m Dash) and Meghan McGurk (third at Triple Jump).

The Boys also had many medalists - Peter Fischer (first in 55 Hurdles and 4x400, and second in 55m Dash), Evan Weber (first in Long Jump and 4x400, and third in

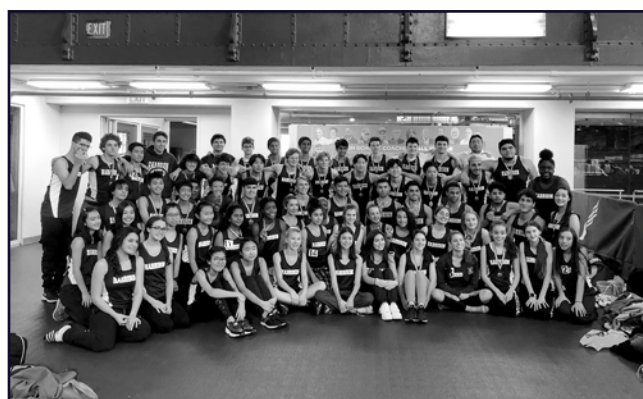


Dashing towards victory. Harrison stars Mikayla Tucci and Lucy Alcobá give their best in heading to the finish line at the recent competition at The Armory.

Courtesy of EDL Photography

County Championships, where the Boys' Team finished as Runner Up and the Girls' Team came in third place. The three event champions to take home Gold Medals were Evan Weber (55m Dash), Peter Fischer (300m Dash) and the 4x200m Relay team of Aiden De La Rosa, Evan Weber, Justin Montanez and Peter Fischer. The relay team of Caroline Gilmore, Peyton Gartner, Ally Stilo and Katrina Torelli won bronze.

"The team's success was due to our positive outlook," said senior Ashia Kapio. She valued Coach Zanot's encouragement. Throughout the season, they were reminded to "Never let today ruin your opportunity for success tomorrow." Ashia also emphasized how the "team becoming family and improving in our events together" turned into a major component of the team's ultimate success.



We are the champions. Harrison's Track and Field Teams, both boys and girl, gather together for a photo opportunity to celebrate their being named Indoor League Champs. The team is like one very large, very talented family.

Courtesy of Harrison Track & Field

Commitment Corner with Vincent Corso

Jimmy Horvath

Staff Writer

Being a high school athlete isn't easy. The task of managing school, sports, and social life is like a full time job. However, being an athlete who is trying to commit to a college is an entirely different situation. On top of the regular stresses in life, these collegiate hopefuls have additional stress from the commitment process, a demanding system that creates anxiety for many.

For those who don't follow sports, the commitment process is complicated, as many regulations and terms may be unfamiliar. Most athletes gain exposure through showcases, which are events where college coaches attend to observe players and their skills. It is simply a place where players show off their talents to college coaches. There are many complicated rules for committing, but first, one must verbally commit to play for a college. This simply means that the athlete and school have agreed the athlete will play their sport at the school. An athlete can choose to withdraw their verbal commitment from the school, and likewise, the school can choose to remove their commitment to the player at any time.

The official commitment comes when the athlete signs their National Letter of Intent in their senior year of high school. This is the document confirming their commitment.

One special student-athlete here at Harrison that has announced his verbal commitment is none other than senior baseball player, Vincent Corso. Vincent has announced his commitment to the University of Richmond, located in Richmond, Virginia. They play Division I baseball in the Atlantic-10 Conference. Richmond has not won this conference since 2003, but Vincent hopes to bring his winning spirit to a team that went 28-25-1 last year and 32-24 in 2018. TheHusky Herald recently interviewed Vincent about his experiences along the way.

Husky Herald (HH): Vincent, congratulations on your commitment to the University of Richmond to further your baseball and academic careers. Throughout your journey, there must have been some influential people who have helped you become the athlete and person you are today. Whom would you like to thank and acknowledge?

Vincent Corso (VC): Thanks, really appreciate it. First off, I have to thank my dad. He's definitely been one of the most influential people in my life and on this journey of college recruiting. From a very young age, he encouraged me ev-

ery day to reach my full potential on and off the field, as he was my coach. I would also love to thank my mother. I wouldn't be the person or athlete I am without her. I'd also like to thank the various coaches and teammates I've had throughout my career.

HH: How did you get introduced to baseball, and when and where did you start playing?

VC: I was introduced to the sport by my dad at a pretty young age. He played baseball when he was a kid, so he naturally taught me how to play. I started to love it at five years old, when my dad and I watched the Yankees on television. My true love for the game came from practicing all the time in the backyard. When you're a little kid, there's nothing else like having a catch with your dad.

HH: When did the dream of becoming a collegiate baseball player first occur to you?

VC: The dream was always there. I always wanted to play baseball in college. It became a reality when I made my varsity team as a sophomore with my friend Jimmy Horvath. That was when it first occurred to me.

HH: What position(s) do you play currently, and what position will you play in college? Also, why is it your favorite?

VC: Currently for the high school I pitch and play third base, but my favorite place to be is on the mound, pitching. In college, I will just be a pitcher. I love, and have always loved to pitch. When my team needs a win, the ball is in my hands and I have control. I dictate how the game goes. There's a lot of adversity and pressure involved with pitching, but it's fun to overcome. I love the pressure. I feel as if the most dangerous athlete in any sport is a pitcher in a groove or "in their zone." People ask me what this feels like, and the sensation really feels as if I'm in my own world. I feel dominant on the mound, as it is one place in baseball and life in general that I can accomplish anything.

HH: What do you do outside of school besides baseball?

VC: I consider myself internally motivated, so I work out often. In the winter, I play basketball for the Harrison Recreation League on the "Goons." It helps me improve skills like quickness and is just a great way to have fun. I also enjoy spending time with my family, especially my brother Brandon.

HH: How did the recruiting process work for you?

VC: It was a mixture of stress and excitement for my family and me. When



colleges first started to call, it was super exciting to talk to coaches. Towards the end of the process was where the most stress came because colleges started to give deadlines to narrow down my decisions. The schools that made me offers first were mainly located in the Northeast: Sacred Heart, Siena, Fordham, and Villanova. My mom loved Fordham because of its location (close to her) and because it's a great academic school. Villanova couldn't offer me any scholarship in my freshman year. Kansas called me towards the end of the process, so I got in touch with their coaches because, well, it's Kansas. I was a bit hesitant with Kansas because it is far for me and I'm not the biggest fan of flying. Richmond was the last school that reached out to me after seeing me play at their camp. I went down for a visit and my process ended when I verbally committed there on August 12.

HH: In the fall of 2020, you will be attending the University. Other than getting an offer, what made you choose Richmond?

VC: Richmond obviously has a great baseball program, but I chose Richmond because it had the intangibles I was looking for: a great academic school, great baseball program, and a great location. I wanted to go to school in the South and most of my other schools were up north. Richmond was also a good size in terms of number of students. Not too big, but also not too small. On the academic side, I am getting a great education at a place where I can also play baseball. When I had my meeting with Coach Woodson, he flat out told me I wouldn't be accepted to Richmond without the help of the baseball program in admissions. He told me that I am using baseball to help get into a higher academic school, which I view as a win-win. If baseball doesn't work out, I am still getting a great education so I can get a great job in the future.

HH: What are you looking forward to about being a "Spider" and wearing the blue and red?

VC: I'm really excited to play at the collegiate level. The game gets faster as an athlete moves up from high school to college, but I'm excited to embrace a new challenge. I like to prove that I belong anywhere I go, much like I did on the varsity team as a sophomore. I want to show I deserve to be a collegiate pitcher. I'm also very stoked to learn more information about baseball from the Richmond coaches. I want to improve on and off the field.

HH: What about Harrison will you miss the most?

VC: Harrison will always have a special place in my heart. I think playing for Harrison, especially winning the Harrison vs. Rye game is what I'll really miss. I love the Harrison community and it means a lot to me to live here. Who knows what will happen in the future, but if I were to continue my career past the collegiate level, I would love to give back to the community in any way I can. I'll come back and visit friends and family because I'll miss them badly.

HH: What's the best advice you have received?

VC: The best advice is to be yourself and to never let the game become bigger than you. Staying focused and composed is very important in any part of baseball, especially on the mound. If your team needs a win, then simply go get a win, no matter how big the game is. Also, another great piece of advice comes from an old coach I had when I was younger: if the game isn't going as planned, focus on the next pitch.

HH: Finally, what advice would you give to other high school baseball players and athletes in general who are trying to play at the next level?

VC: I would tell other athletes to work hard. When you work hard in anything, there's always a reward. If you really want something, you have to work hard to achieve it. Also, always love the process as much as you love the end goal. You can't just want the prize; you also have to want the long and tough process that goes along with it. I believe you can always accomplish anything if you work hard and want the process too.

Most articles about athletes here at Harrison end with quotes from teammates and friends commending the athlete. Fortunately, this reporter can speak from both perspectives. On the field, Vincent Corso is a tremendous leader. His infectious confidence and team spirit create a positive atmosphere, one in which teammates look up to him. Vin is simply a winner, which is why the University of Richmond is so lucky to have this incredible young man. Off the field, Vincent is a caring friend who always supports others. He keeps his family and friends close because he has a grasp of the things in his present life that will be important to him in the future, which demonstrates his maturity, especially for a 17-year-old phenom who constantly lives with the pressure of his current life.

Vin, the entire Husky Family knows you will succeed in the future, and we wish you the very best of luck. But remember: once a Husky, always a Husky!



No arachnophobia here - maybe for future opposing batters though. Senior Vin Corso sitting next to his inspiration - his dad - before signing his letter of intent to become a spider.

Courtesy of EDL Photography

Rye Town/Harrison Titans Have Streaky Season

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Co-Managing Editor

The Rye Town/Harrison Titans Hockey Team skated on November 11 for their first practice of the season. The team was looking forward to yet another promising year after ending last season with an outstanding record of 17 wins against only three losses.

The Titans Team brings together talented players from Harrison, Rye Neck, Port Chester, and Blind Brook to compete in Section One of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. Rich Myers returns as Head Coach for the third year, along with Assistant Coach Jamie Funigiello.

The team graduated seven key starting seniors including goalie Nico Barry and now looked to the returning underclassmen to fill their spots. Eric Melhman is the captain, and Jonah Schultz, Joey Harrison, and Charlie Tanico are assistant captains for this year. Junior forwards Joey Harrison and Jonah Schultz were recognized by Lohud going into the new season as “names to know.”

Joey Harrison said, “I look forward to being able to start a new year with a whole new group of kids and getting to know them better and becoming more than just teammates with them. By the end of the year, I’ll be able to call them family. Winning is also a huge thing I’m looking forward to, and I believe we have the right group of kids this year. We have a chance to go far.”



Captain and the assistants. The Titans were led by seniors Charlie Tanico and Eric Mehlman (captain) and juniors Jonah Schultz and Joey Harrison.

Courtesy of EDL Photography

After a busy week of preseason, the Titans were ready for their first scrimmage against Pelham. The team played Scarsdale on November 25 and faced a tough loss after a long game. The first home game of the season was on December 9 was another loss, this one against Horace Greeley, 4-2.

The Titans felt confident, considering how they had their opening game against Mahopac on November 27 and won 8-4. Charlie Tanico won Player of the Game for the Titans. Tanico had three goals, Schultz had three goals and one assist, Harrison had two assists, Rosson had one goal and one assist, Melly had two assists, and Galluzzo and Cavs had one assist each.

On November 29, the Titans continued their positive start, defeating Brewster with a score of 6-2. Schultz had two goals, Harrison had five assists, Rosson had one goal, Melly had one goal and one assist, Tanico with one goal, and Heinberg with one assist. Schultz won Player of the Game for the Titans.

Yet it was a rough turn for the turn for the Titans in December, when they went winless.

Heading into January, the team had a 2-6 record when they were set to face defending champs Mamaroneck at home. Mamaroneck was a major upset for the Titans last year with a nail-biting game that ended with a one goal loss of 4-3. This time around it was not as close; it was a 6-1 loss, followed by another loss to Scarsdale.

The Titans finally got things turned around when they faced the Brewster/Yorktown/Somers/North Salem team at home on January 13. They rebounded with a 7-0 win, featuring Joey Harrison with a three-goal, one-assist effort, Jonah Schultz with a goal and an assist, and Eric Mehlman with two assists.

While the players have been busy during this streaky season, they have also taken the time to give back to the community. On Monday, November 18, the Titan players worked and taught skills to Junior Rangers at Ebersole Ice Rink. The Titans played for “Chip” in the Coach Mathews Thanksgiving Tournament on



Another shot, another goal. Joey Harrison was a regular scoring machine for the Rye Town/Harrison Titans this year, and this shot was no exception.

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December 5, where they faced a tough loss to Horace Greeley for the championship.

In December, the team collected art and sports supplies for St. Vincent’s Hospital’s Adolescent Therapy Programs. Then in January, the team hosted the First Responders Appreciation Night that included a 50/50 raffle, chuck-a-puck, and a special ceremonial puck drop by Detective Matt Kittelstad and a K-9 Justice dog. The Titans lost 6-1 to Scarsdale but were proud to have drawn a large crowd of spectators to honor the first responders of our local communities.

On January 25, the Titans defeated White Plains 3-1 to take home the Mayor’s Cup. Joey Harrison scored two goals, including his hundredth career point. Jonah Schultz contributed a goal and Ben Galluzzo had an assist. Ben Stephenson had a stellar performance in goal and was named “Player of the Game.”

They followed this up with a great victory over Mahopac 6-5 the following Monday. Joey Harrison had a hat trick and two assists, Jonah Schultz had two goals and three assists, while

Ben Galluzzo and Charlie Tanico both had an assist each. Ben Stephenson had an incredible 26 saves in net.

On February 7, for Senior Night, the Titans defeated the Rivertowns by a score of 7-5. Joey Harrison unleashed a torrid hot hand and became a scoring machine, with five goals and an assist. Charlie Tanico contributed a goal and an assist, while Mehlman added three assists, and Pizzutello had an assist as well. Ben Stephenson continued his fine net work, having 20 saves to seal the victory.

While this season saw a number of streaks, the team was able to finish the season with a winning run, beating opponents in the final three games of the season (over Rye Country Day, Rivertowns, and the Eastchester/Tuckahoe/Bronxville team). The team’s final record was 8-12.

The Titans have been on an upward trend for the past two years and with such a new group of talented players, the team hopes to continue their winning ways for seasons to come.

Varsity Bowling Teams Strike Big This Season

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The Harrison Varsity Bowling Team is back on the alleys of Bowlerland and is working hard to once again capture the title as a top five team in the league. The Husky Bowling Team held strongly onto first place at the start of last season, but after suffering some setbacks ended in fourth place. The energy can be felt by this team as players are looking forward to another year of great chemistry and fun.

Junior Lia Aslanian said, “My favorite aspect of the bowling team is that all of us teammates work together, and have good sportsmanship towards the other team we are playing. We all have a really good bond with one another, which I admire.”

Coach Phil Digiioia returned as coach of the boy’s team for the ninth season, and Coach Jon-Erik Zappala returned for his sixth year as the girl’s team coach. Under the leadership of senior captains Kaitlin Bilotta, Ava Franco, and senior Michael “Mikey Strikes” Gentile, the team has been strengthening the skills of each individual bowler. Gentile says that one goal for the team this year is “to keep focus and tune out everything else while up. That way each player can make their mark in bowling.”

After graduating many skilled players, including top Section One

competitor Robert Kalten, the team recruited some promising young talent such as eighth grader, George Roggiero. At a young age, George had already bowled a competitive high score of 190 and will be a great asset to the team. The top competitors for the boys’ team are returning seniors Anthony Vallaro and Michael Gentile, and junior Nick Colotti.

The team opened their season with a hard match against Rye Neck High School. The girls’ Husky team won three straight games, with respective scores of 560, 515, 496 and a total of 1571 pins. The Panthers trailed not too far behind scoring 433, 418, 465, to finish with a total of 1316. Returning from some time off from the bowling team, junior Isabella Cipriano made a big comeback and was the high scorer for the first two games. Cipriano averaged 108 points per game. Bilotta finished the match, bowling only two rounds with a score totaling 224. The girls came out winning the match 7-0.

One alley down, the Husky boys did not fare as well as they had hoped for their season opener. The boys lost their first game, came back to win the second, but they could not knock down enough pins to have a victory in the third game. The boys lost by a close score of 5-2, knocking down 1875 pins. The start of the match was slow, as most of the team



Mikey Strikes again. Senior Michael Gentile will be heading to Sectionals.

Courtesy of Harrison Bowling

bowled in the low 100s. Gentile was quick on his feet and was able to force one strike after another to hit down 141 pins. The second game looked better as Roggiero had an outstanding day with a high score of 187, Colotti following with 160, and Gentile cinching 148.

Next, the teams were up against Port Chester. Both teams won all three games and took home the wood to finish 7-0 each. This was not an easy match for the girls, who won the first game by a close margin of 523-488. Caitlin Bilotta and Isabella Cipriano tied with 105 for the teams’ highest score. Ava Franco added another 104 pins. By the start of the fifth round, the Harrison girls’ team was down by 43 points. However, the Husky girls quickly picked

up their game and by the seventh frame tied it back up. The match was a tight one but the Huskies finally won game two by a one pin lead, 454-453. In game three, Harrison fell short to Port Chester, until the very last bowler in the last round. The Harrison team was down but junior Anna Wolverton bowled a spare and then seven additional pins to give Harrison the win. The final score for game three was 488-483, for an overall victory of 1465-1424.

The boys’ team also triumphed with a 7-0 win that came much easier to them since Michael Gentile had an exceptional day. In game one, Gentile bowled one strike after another to hit a record 226, two points away from his personal best. Colotti had six spares in a row and had the second highest score of 148, helping his team beat Port Chester 769-548. Game Two was another success for Harrison and Gentile, who had a spare in round one and then seven strikes in a row, scored 227. The Harrison Boys won game three 600-511 and the overall match 2105-600.

The boys’ team finished the year with a 7-0 loss against Mamaroneck, a 5-2 loss to New Rochelle, and faced a 7-0 upset to Yonkers playing shorthanded. The girls’ team lost 5-2 to Mamaroneck, then 7-0 against New Rochelle, but won 7-0

over Yonkers.

After a quick break, the Huskies were back at the lanes to take on Scarsdale as the boys’ team captured a quick lead and won 7-0. The girls team fought hard but lost 7-0. Next the Huskies faced the first place team of White Plains. The girls and boys team each won one game but ultimately came up short in matching 5-2 losses.

The Huskies came right back the following week for a rematch against defending champions Mamaroneck. The boys were defeated 7-0, but the girls countered with a 7-0 victory. Caitlin Bilotta threw down a record high of 175. Against Port Chester, both teams came away with wins, the boys 7-0, and the girls 5-2. Michael Gentile had a high game of 185, while Larissa Iraj had a career high game of 159. In a contest against Yonkers, the girls won 7-0, while the boys lost 5-2, even though Nick Colotti had a career high game of 193. On Seniors Night, the boys won against Scarsdale in a close contest, 4-3.

With some big wins under their belt so early in the season, the Harrison Bowling Team remained as a top five team this season. Senior Michael Gentile, who at one point had seven consecutive strikes bowled, was named to compete in the boys’ individual Sectionals.

Deep Boys' Hoop Squad Has High Hopes For Sectionals

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The Harrison Boys' Basketball Team has had a strong season with a 15-5 record. This team is again coached by Gary Chiarella, who has really prepared these boys well to face tough competition. This year, the team consists of six juniors and six seniors, all of whom were fighting hard to maintain their latest winning streak.

The Huskies started the season off with an away non-conference game against Hendrick Hudson. They pulled through and won this game by a close score of 51-47.

The Huskies then had a great win over Ramapo during the Harry Jefferson Showcase at White Plains High School. Captain Josh Cooper was the player of the game with 21 points and four assists. Stellar performances were also seen by

season off with a record of 3-0. Senior Anthony Gjakaj was the player of the game, pulling down 10 rebounds for the Huskies.

Harrison High School hosted the Harrison Holiday Tournament featuring teams from White Plains, Scarsdale, Rye, and Harrison. The Huskies faced the tough Rye team in the first round of the tournament. Rye came out strong and was able to maintain their lead over the Huskies the entire game, winning 73-50.

Despite a loss to their rival and the team's first loss of the season, the Huskies immediately bounced back with a big win of 73-50 over Scarsdale in the tournament's consolation game. Senior Marco Angarano received the All-Tournament award.

Junior Will DeLuca said, "I think

won player of the game, scoring a total of 15 points and eight rebounds, and the Huskies won the Slam Dunk Challenge against Eastchester. This win progressed their record to 6-1.

Harrison faced a tough loss against Byram Hills, although this was still a great game for Josh Cooper, who scored 18 points. The Huskies lost to Rye 63-53, with Wasserman scoring 12 points this game. They were able to regain their momentum against Eastchester, winning by a convincing amount, 62-41. Mullahy had 15 points and five rebounds this game, and Wasserman had 11 points to lead the Huskies.

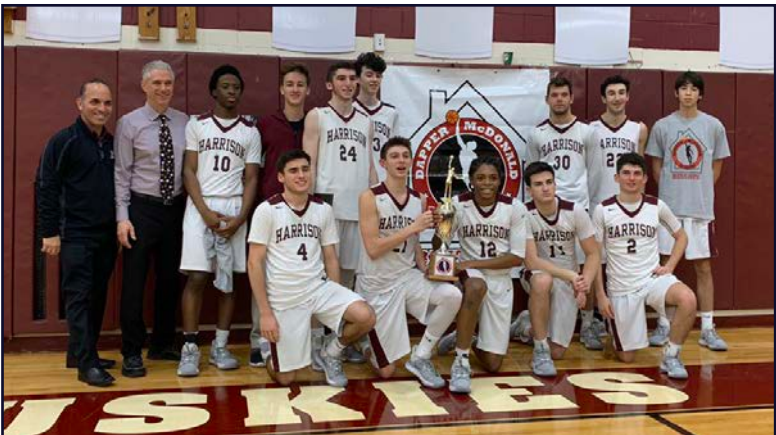
On January 24, the boys beat Mahopac 60-51. This was a big game for Wasserman who had 23 points, Cooper who added seven points, rebounds, and assists, and Mullahy with 14 points and five rebounds. Reilly also contributed 12 points in this winning effort.

The Huskies defeated Pelham 65-49 and Byram Hills 74-65. They then won against Woodlands in the first round of the Dapper McDonald Tournament. Mullahy scored 18 points and Plotkin had 15 points to lead the Huskies in this game.

On February 9, the team took



Logan for the score. Logan Wasserman goes up against two Eastchester defenders en route to another basket in a tight league win 56-53.
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Dapper McDonald Tournament Champs. Victories over Woodlands and Fox Lane garnered the Huskies another tournament win. Here the proud team poses with the trophy.
Courtesy of Harrison Basketball

Michael Plotkin with 17 points and eight rebounds and Reece Mullahy, who contributed 13 points.

After this game, Cooper said, "Coming in, I knew this team was different than past years' teams. We're deep and have a bunch of really skilled players. We're off to a great start and have been playing pretty well. I've loved playing with all my teammates, especially the seniors with whom I've been playing since fifth and sixth grade. We have to keep improving and we all know we can make some noise come playoff time. I hope that Harrison students come out and support the team in the next few weeks."

The Huskies had a great team effort in their home opener against Brewster, winning 65-42, to start the

that our biggest strength is how deep our team is. The players on the bench have just as much of an impact on the game as the ones on the court, and we are always confident with whomever is out on the court."

Harrison remained on the home court for their next game against Riverside and continued their strong offensive scoring prowess with a 65-48 win.

The Huskies continued working hard over the holiday break to extend their momentum and success from the early part of the season. The team at that point was tied for first place in the conference standings and was looking to win it all.

On December 20, the team had a league win over Eastchester by a tight score of 56-53. Anthony Gjakaj



Finding the open man. This year's lineup is all about teamwork and great ball distribution. In the game against Eastchester, Anthony Gjakaj passes the ball to a waiting Logan Wasserman for the open shot, as Mike Plotkin looks on.
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Michael Gentile knocking down the pins. See Page 17.
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Tyler Joseph pinning his Fox Lane opponent to win Sectionals. See Page 16.
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