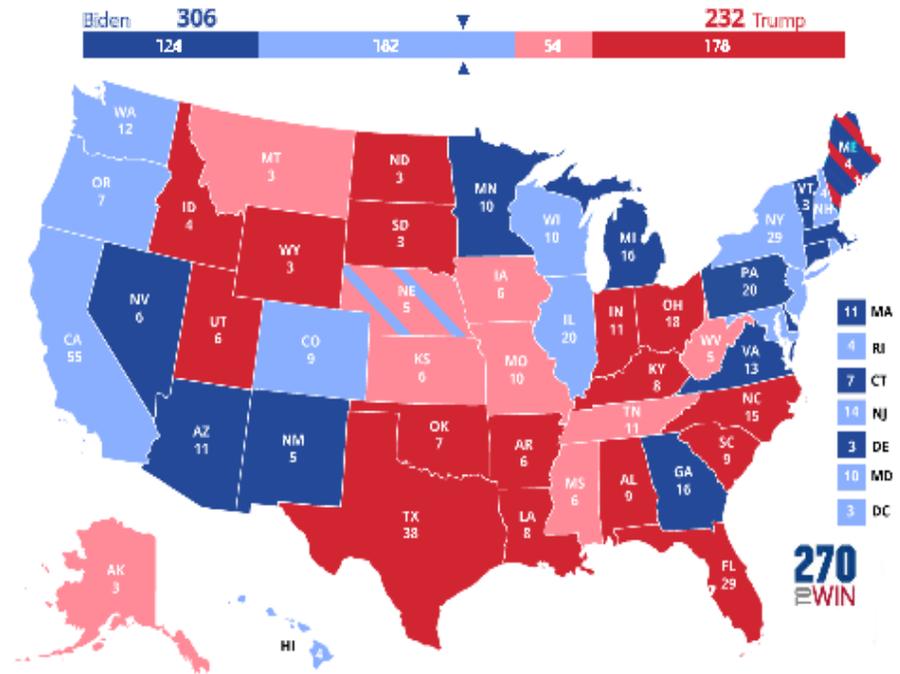


## JOE BIDEN ELECTED 46TH PRESIDENT



### 2020 Presidential Election Recap

by Nathan Khichi and Will Kramer

The 2020 Presidential Election, between President Donald Trump and President-Elect Joe Biden, was extremely contentious and divisive. There were many factors for this: COVID-19, the economy, racial tensions, and the environment. Also, after the election, there have been accusations of alleged voter fraud, all of which remain completely unproven.

COVID-19 was arguably one of the biggest issues in the election. As of now, this disease has killed over 250,000 and infected more than 11.6 million in the U.S. In addition, there are likely many more cases not accounted for due to the U.S. government not successfully distributing and manufacturing tests rapidly enough at the national level at the beginning of the pandemic. The reason for this is, many companies supplying the parts for the tests were not able to keep up with the sudden spike in demand. Trump declared a national emergency on March 1st after almost all of Europe, in particular Italy, had seen unprecedented infection rates and deaths.

How we handle this crisis going forward will dictate the future of our country and the whole world in the upcoming years. The end is in sight luckily, after both Pfizer and Moderna have found effective vaccines with limited side effects. The current plan is for Operation Warp Speed, organized by the Trump Administration, to buy Pfizer's vaccine and distribute it alongside Moderna's vaccine.

How the vaccine will be distributed is not widely known yet, but it is anticipated that high-risk groups and elderly people will be the first in line to receive the new vaccine. The U.S. has made it clear that this vaccine will be free to anyone who wants one. The collaboration between the government and the private sector is one of the greatest parts of America and what makes this country so powerful.

The economy is another important factor in this election and is also heavily affected by the ongoing pandemic. Over 100,000 small businesses have closed due to the decrease in demand. To combat this, this congress has passed many stimulus packages to support families and businesses struggling financially as a result of the pandemic. These stimulus packages have helped prevent a recession which many people were worried about at the start of the pandemic. The stock market has recovered well, but the economy continues to struggle as small businesses are being shut down all over again with the current second wave of the pandemic upon us.

Ever since George Floyd died in May there have been many protests in our nation centered around police brutality and systemic racism. These issues have created a further divide in our country and have sparked violence in many of our cities. Peaceful protests are a part of what makes this nation great, not riots. We must unite as a nation to come to a solution because

rioting and destroying our cities will only further divide us.

How we protect our environment and lower our carbon emissions is crucial to the survival of life on Earth. President-Elect Biden plans on transitioning from oil to renewable energy sources like windmills and solar. He also plans on re-joining the Paris Climate Accord which Trump withdrew from. Biden's plans seem ambitious, especially since the Senate will most likely maintain a Republican majority, but if Biden could pull it off it would be great for our planet.

Even after the election, there has been controversy over the reliability of mail-in ballots. Accusations of voter fraud have been brought up by the Trump administration and have been relentless despite a fair Biden victory. Biden has won both the popular vote and the electoral college. It is predicted that Biden will receive 306 electoral votes and Trump with 232 once this election is officially called.

There have also been questions about how the electoral college works and what its purpose is? The electoral college's purpose is to prevent big cities from deciding an election. The Democratic Party often wins the popular vote, but they can still lose the election. The reason for this is because many big cities vote blue. In 2016 Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by over 3 million votes but still lost the electoral college by 232 to Trump's 306. Electoral votes are given

to each state based on its population. Whoever wins a certain state takes the electoral college votes that the state has. On election night there is a race to 270 electoral votes and whoever reaches that number first wins the presidential election because there are 538 electoral votes available. Most states run on a winner take all basis with their electoral college votes except for Maine and Nebraska who use a congressional-district method to decide the winner. The congressional-district system works by having two electoral votes for the overall winner and one for the winner of each congressional district. The electoral college may seem complicated, but it has many benefits and it makes sure that everyone's vote matters, not just the big cities. The electoral college and mail-in ballots are the reason it took so long to call the winner of this election because it was so close in many important swing states like Pennsylvania and Michigan who can vote Democratic or Republican any given year.

This election may seem different from other years because it took place during a pandemic and at a time of great division from a political and social standpoint in our country. The system has worked and the United States has chosen Joe Biden to be the 46th president of the United States. This election proves once again, no matter what the circumstances, democracy will always prevail in the United States of America. God bless America!

## Update on Thanksgiving Food Drive 2020

by Sean Fialcowitz

As the trees grow bare and the air turns cold, it is time to be thankful for what we have and participate in the Thanksgiving Food Drive. The Thanksgiving Food Drive is a yearly event that we have done for 35 years to collect food and stock the shelves of Mendham NJ, an interfaith network of food pantries. The way things will work this year is that each deanery member will collect their assigned food items. Either you will bring in two family sized cereal boxes and four containers of shelf stable milk, or you will bring in two jars of peanut butter and four six packs of applesauce. Every student will then bring their food into their deanery room where it will be kept until M block. During M-block, the deans will bring the food to a van which will drive to the pantries to help people and families in need.

Even though Covid cases have forced us to postpone the drive, Dr. Hajduk and Mr. Ruebling assured us that "the drive will be postponed until Wednesday December 2." It is crucial to donate because, as Dr. Hajduk



Students, Faculty, and Family Volunteers Pose after Successful 2019 Drive

reminds us, "The drive this year goes to help many families who, though already in challenging economic situations, are even more in need due to the impact of COVID-19. Many of these families also have the challenge of their children attending school virtually, and thus not being able to benefit from meal programs offered through the school. The 'family pantry staples' we are collecting go directly to assist this need - they are food items that families, especially with school aged children, would benefit greatly from." Last year, we collected a total of 20,000 pounds of food! Can we beat this? We will find out December 17th when the Thanksgiving Food Drive transpires. Hope you had a great Thanksgiving!

## Dylan's Sage Advice of the Month

By Dylan Scarpati

SAGE™ does not disappoint this month! Extremely delicious 'Mangia! Mangia!™ Pasta' every day with warm marinara sauce. Chickens of all kinds ranging from Baked BBQ Chicken Thighs™ to the classic Chicken Tenders™!

Most people usually wait on line getting the Main Ingredient™, but there are so many other foods SAGE Dining Services™ has to offer. The Classic Cuts Deli™ has plenty of options to choose from. My personal recommendation is the Turkey Sandwich™ with spicy chipotle mayo that puts all sorts of sensations on your taste buds. If you are looking to eat healthy with a sandwich, the Roasted

Vegetable Ciabatta Sandwich is a fantastic choice.

When Delbarton students were asked what they liked the majority said the Popcorn Shrimp™. The day the Popcorn Shrimp™ came out had the lines of the cafe filled. They were done perfect with the right amount of crisp and size.

The re-release of the Cinnamon Sugar Churros™ had the students going crazy! They must've gotten sold out in about 30 minutes! You just can't go wrong with the SAGE-MADE™ Freshly Baked Cookies™. These were fresh out of the oven and had the ideal ratio of chocolate to cookie.

The NEW MENU™ was a success! There was nothing that flopped that the SAGE-TEAM™ had served. A roller coaster is what this past month's SAGE™ experience has been and there is no better way to describe it. I truly enjoy what SAGE has managed to do while working through COVID. Thanks for stopping by to read and have yourself a Merry Christmas!



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# SPORTS

## *Delbarton Football Goes 6-0; Finishes #2 In State*

By Chuck Minervino

The Delbarton Varsity Football team completed one of its greatest seasons ever with a 6-0 record and #2 state ranking, according to MaxPreps. Signature wins against Top Ten Don Bosco Prep and Seton Hall Prep were just a couple of the highlights of the season for the Delbarton program and Head Coach Mr. Bowers.

Delbarton quarterback Cole Freeman led an offense that averaged 32 points per game. Freeman threw for 12 touchdowns and 734 yards on the season and also ran for 320 yards and 1 TD. Senior Gary Lewis led the running backs in rushing yards with 274, while Junior running back Aidan Pantonis added 184 yards on 31

carries. A pair of juniors, Nick Petrillo and David Link led Delbarton in receiving yards and each scored a touchdown on the season. Middle School teachers, Offensive Coordinator Mr. Chiarolanzio, and Tight End Coach Mr. LaLiberte helped lead the Delbarton offense to a highly productive season.

Delbarton's defense had an equally dominant season, in part due to Middle School teachers, Defensive Coordinator Mr. Leotti, and Defensive Line Coach Mr. Flynn. The Delbarton defense only allowed an average of 10 points per game - possibly one of the most dominant defenses in Delbarton's history. Junior linebacker P.J Casale led the defense with 53 tackles, of which 34 were solo. Sophomore Matt Gemma had 6 sacks to lead the team.



*The 6-0 Green Wave squad finished first in the Super Football Conference.*

Delbarton's final two games against Bergen Catholic and St. Joseph of Montvale were set to be must-see games for the top spot in NJ. Unfortunately, they were canceled due to COVID. What a year to remember for the Delbarton football program.

## Premier League Update

By Sam Marshbeh

(ALL LEAGUE POSITIONS ARE AS OF DECEMBER 3, 2020)

1. Tottenham Hotspur
  2. Liverpool
  3. Chelsea
  4. Leicester City
  5. West Ham
  6. Southampton
  7. Wolves
  8. Everton
  9. Manchester United
  10. Aston Villa
  11. Manchester City
  12. Leeds United
  13. Newcastle
  14. Arsenal
  15. Crystal Palace
  16. Brighton
  17. Fulham
  18. West Bromwich Albion
  19. Burnley
  20. Sheffield United
- Key: Champions League Spot Europa League Spot Relegation Spot

Even with Covid-19, the English Premier League (EPL) has still been able to continue. The league started a little bit later than normal, but that was because there was a two-month break when Covid-19 took over the world. Now that the EPL has begun, people are ecstatic about the new season. Here, I will be going over a rundown of the league and some expectations of teams this season. But first, we need to view the league table! So check it out on the left hand side.

Now, let's go over some teams and what their season so far:  
**Chelsea:** First, we shall talk about Chelsea, my favorite team. Now their transfer window was absolutely phenomenal, with transfers being made left and right. The influx of cash that they spent, around \$300 million on players and around \$60 million on wages, probably came from the 2-year transfer ban that was given to Chelsea from FIFA for numerous reasons. Those reasons will not be stated here, since this is about the EPL and not only Chelsea. Even with all these signings, Frank Lampard's "Blue and White Army" has not been living up to expectations. They have a very young squad with not too much experience, but they do have experience from the likes of N'golo Kante and

César Azpilicueta. They are in 3rd place, so success might come in a season or two,  
**Liverpool:** The reigning champions of the EPL have not been failing to succeed, oh. Mhm, injury after injury has come to Liverpool, with the likes of Virgil Van Dijk, Jordan Henderson, Mohamad Salah, and Trent Alexander Arnold all getting injured or infected with Covid-19. Most of these injuries are long term, so let us see how the team will fare without them  
**Arsenal:** Arsenal have come out of last season with an FA Cup and an FA Community Shield under their belt, but have extremely failed to impress. You would expect players like Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Nicolas Pépé to raise this squad to top four, at best top ten. But no! They are currently in 14th place! They are below a team that has just come out of the Championship and hasn't been in the EPL for 13 years (Leeds United). Honestly, if they want to make it to the Champions League, then they really have to pick it up.  
**Leeds United:** Leeds have just come out of the EFL Championship, and they have not been doing bad. The coming of Leeds was met with a lot of hope and optimism from Leeds fans, and even fans that do not support Leeds! Many people might have hoped and expected them to do better, but they are doing what would be expected of a new team. It might take them a while to make it to top 5 with the team they have, but one slip up can change everything in the EPL.

# FALL CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS

By Gavin Guo

On Tuesday, November 9th, the Percussion, Jazz, Woodwind, Wind, and Brass ensembles came together and played great music for the fans (aka the parents).

After interviewing a few parents after the concert many of them said this, "Great Concert, Hope to see this during the next Concert." Every one of the musicians got to the auditorium at 6:00 pm and began practicing their instruments. Once reaching the time of 8:00 pm, the concert was going to begin. The Wind Ensemble was first to play, they

played many great pieces. After them, the Brass Ensemble play their share of the beautiful music. Then, the Jazz band played some amazing Jazz. The Percussion ensemble was next. The percussion ensemble, unlike the previous few ensembles, wasn't wind instruments or blowing instruments. After the Percussion Ensemble was done playing, the final ensemble which was the Wind ensemble played. Finally after the hard work of many great musicians, the concert was over.



## Poetry Spotlight!!!



This month's edition features two poems from Jack Tonzola, '25.

### "Time SAYS IT ALL"

Time says it all.  
The morning is unbalanced and cold.  
Noon is free to flee and agree.  
The afternoon is exhausting and hot.  
And the night is calm but loose.  
Time says it all.

My focus is all over the place and trying to balance itself.  
I am relaxed and balanced for the moment.  
I have grown disoriented and have already given into exhaustion.  
I am tired but awake.  
Time says it all.  
Lunch has defeated me, the unbalance  
has gotten the best.

I must not give in to exhaustion,  
but it is tempting.

My body is shutting down,  
preparing for tomorrow.  
And so is my brain,  
But in a way that is as unnecessary  
as a hornet in an attic.

Silence is a friend of my brain,  
one that will never leave.  
It is with silence that  
my brain can freely entertain me  
and take the floor.  
As swift and carless as switching channels on a TV screen.

As long as I am entertained by my brain,  
I will never sleep soundly.  
In a blink of an eye my father is entering my room.  
Quiet!

### "Leaf"

I'm not talking about any leaf,  
but the one I'm holding.

It could be dead, maybe it is.  
But it isn't as decomposed as it is.  
It has a purpose.  
An important purpose.  
One that is meant to be underestimated.

It is useless, expendable, any other leaf.  
That isn't an insult to the leaf.  
It is a compliment.  
An accomplishment.  
A heroic phrase.

When I throw it, it lands wherever  
It chooses, at first wherever it is chosen.

It isn't small.

It is large.  
Larger than me.  
Large enough to be stepped on.  
To be ignored.  
But it wants to be ignored.  
It doesn't want to be a distraction  
for my own good and it's own good.

When I rip it, it only only causes pain to the dead.  
While I rip it, I miss out on the matter at hand.  
No one wins.

So when I see this leaf, I leave it be,  
I don't touch it.

It's look says i all.

That is how large it is.

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*The paper is done, now go have some fun.*