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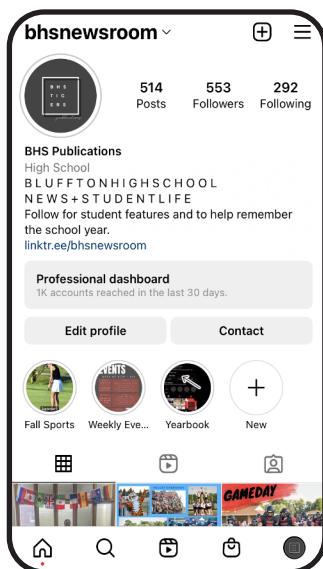
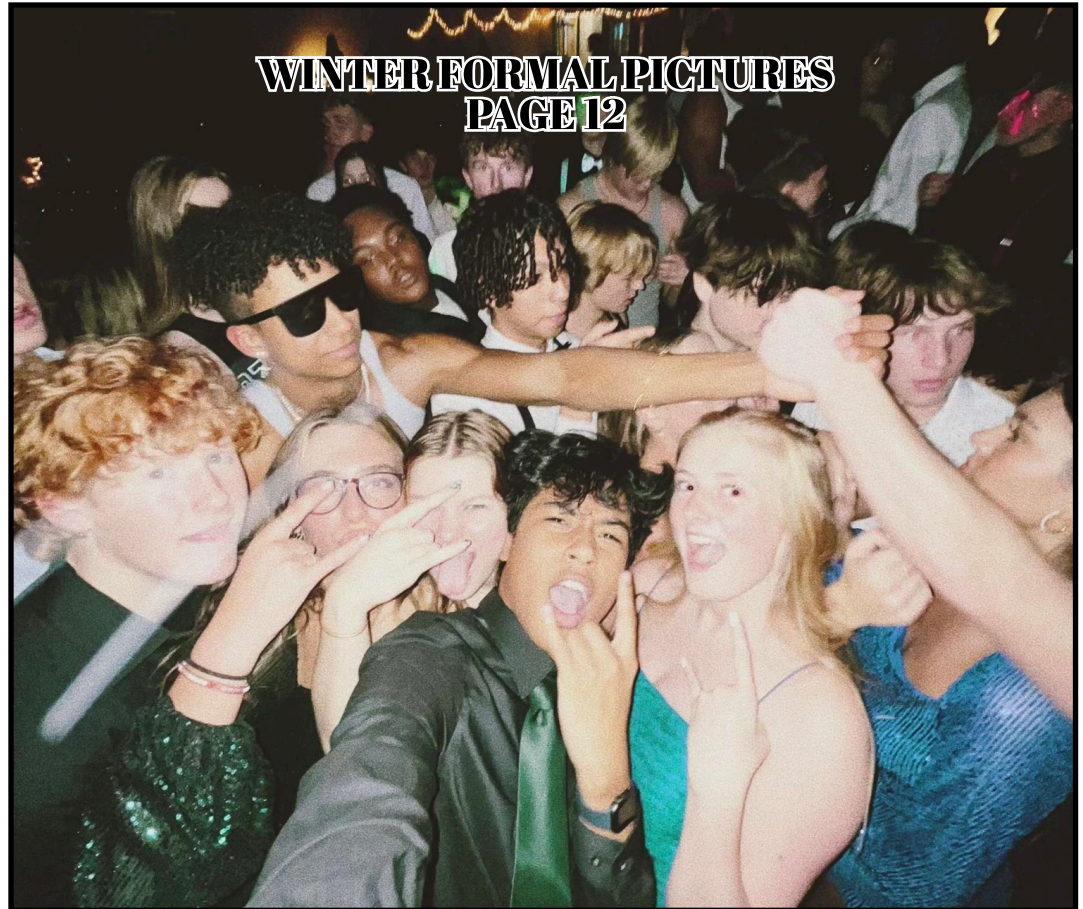
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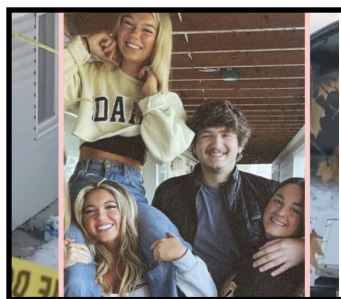
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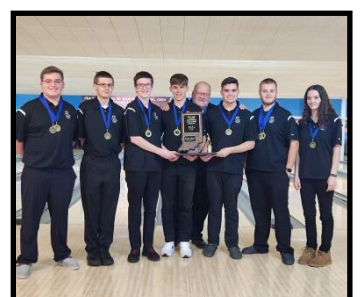
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## Actress Kirstie Alley Passes Away

By Annika Schulz

Kirstie Louise Alley was an American actress who died on the December the 5th, she was 71 years old. She died from colon cancer. Her breakout role was as Rebecca Howe in the NBC sitcom Cheers, for which she received an Emmy Award and a Golden Globe in 1991. From 1997 to 2000, she starred as the lead in the sitcom Veronica's Closet, earning additional Emmy and Golden Globe nominations. She also made her film debut in 1982 in Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan, in the role of the Vulcan Starfleet officer Lieutenant Saavik. Alley was married to Bob Alley for 7 years. Then she was married to actor Parker Stevenson till 2007. She also has two adopted children and is grandmother through her son. Through her whole career, she won a Golden Globe Award, two People's Choice Awards, and two Primetime Emmy Awards.

## Time to Strike

By Hannah Withers

Reporters and editors at The New York Times began a one-day strike on Thursday, December 8. The contract between The Times and The New York Times Guild expired in March 2021, and about 40 bargaining sessions have been held since. Negotiators have failed to come to an agreement on salaries, health and retirement benefits, and other issues.

More than 1,100 employees signed a pledge to strike for 24 hours. In a statement on Wednesday, December 7, the union accused The Times of bargaining in bad faith. In a note to the newsroom, Joe Kahn, the executive editor of The Times, said that he was disappointed with the union's decision.

Time journalists have rarely gone on strike. They did so for less than a day in 1981, and there was a brief walkout in 2017 to protest the elimination of the copy desk. No labor action has stopped

publication of The Times since a strike of pressmen and others in 1978, which lasted 88 days.

## Camel-flaunting Ugliness

By Amarah Robles

The World Cup is the largest sporting event in the world. This year, during the World Cup, a comical beauty contest took place. This beauty contest was made to bring cultural awareness to the visitors of the World Cup. They decided to make it original by making the eligible contestants camels.

The camels had to get dressed up in jewels and drapes to compete for the crown. The winner, Nazaa, was one of 15 camels entered in the contest. The all female camels had to of course look beautiful, compete to see who could produce the most milk, and a doctor was there to run tests to make sure none of the camels had received Botox to make them more pretty.

The overall winner, Nazaa, won 200,000 riyals. This is equivalent to 55,000 in American dollars. The camel that produced the most milk won 15,000 riyals.

## Jon Mali-bye-man

By Amarah Robles

The world is in a humorous discussion after finding out the shocking news of Jon Malipiemman. Jon Malipiemman was sold on eBay by his best friend and inventor. A 27-year-old man decided to sell his imaginary friend, Jon Malipiemman, on eBay after coming to the conclusion that he had "grown out of him." The 27-year-old raked in some serious money after receiving bids equivalent to \$2,325. He posted that he would send Jon folded up in a nice envelope along with a list of his likes and dislikes. He said that he was open to questions. The internet took advantage of that and started asking ridiculous questions. The questions varied from "Does he mind smokers?" to "Is he single?" The responses to the above question were hilarious. The internet was informed that Jon doesn't

mind smokers, as long as they are at a distance, and that he really enjoys inhaling campfire smoke. We were also informed that Jon is single and has a long history of being a player. He is now past the player stage and is ready to settle down in a nice relationship.

People cannot decide what is crazier in this situation. The fact that a man would backstab his best friend by selling him? Or that someone out there would actually pay \$2,325 for an oversized box full of nothing? Regardless of the waste of time this was for every party involved, it sure did give the rest of us a nice laugh.

## "Day X"

By Hannah Withers

On December 7, twenty-five people have been arrested in raids across Germany on suspicion of plotting to overthrow the government. The group of far-right and ex-military figures are said to have prepared for a "Day X" to storm the Reichstag parliament building and seize power.

A man named as Heinrich XIII, from an old aristocratic family, is alleged to have been central to their plans. According to federal prosecutors, he is one of two alleged ringleaders among those arrested across 11 German states. The plotters are said to include members of the extremist Reichsbürger movement, which has long been in sights of German police over violent attacks and racist and antisemitic conspiracy theories. They also refuse to recognise the modern German state.

## University of Idaho Murders

By Lauren Mann

On Nov. 13, something horrific happened at the University of Idaho that shocked the nation. Four college roommates were brutally stabbed to death in their beds in their off-campus home between the times of 3 a.m. and 4 a.m.. The victim's names were Ethan Chapin, Madison Mogen, Xana Kernodle, and Kaylee Goncalves. They were

survived by their two other roommates, Dylan Mortensen and Bethany Funke.

The night before the murders, Mogen and Goncalves went to a downtown bar called the Corner Club, while Chapin and Kernodle went to a party together at the Sigma Chi house on campus. The two surviving roommates went out also on that night, but their location has not been identified.

It is known that Mortensen and Funke arrived back to their off-campus home around 1 a.m., before the four other roommates. They went to bed shortly after they came home to their three-story house.

On Sunday, at 11:58 a.m. a 911 call was placed from one of the survivors phones to report her "unconscious" roommate. Officers then arrived not long after and found all four roommates dead on the second and third floors of the home. Police said the two other roommates must have slept through the killings. Mortensen and Funke slept on the first floor, the basement, Mogen and Goncalves slept on the second floor, and Chapin and Kernodle on the third floor.

It has been over a month since this tragedy happened, and the Moscow Police Department still does not have a lead on who would do this and why. According to a CNN article, Moscow Police Department Capt. Roger Lanier said, "We are still 100% committed to solving this crime," during a video interview last week. The surviving roommates and a suspicious man, who was around Mogen and Goncalves the night before their deaths, have all been interviewed and ruled out as suspects. We send our condolences to the victims and their families.

## Nonuplets Return Home

By Bailey Yates

In May 2021, nine babies were born at the same time, making them nonuplets. They have recently been awarded a Guinness World Record for the most children delivered in a single birth to



survive. The children of previous record holder "Otomom" are now thirteen years old.

The nonuplets are named Mohammed VI, Oumar, Elhadji, Bah, Kadidia, Fatouma, Hawa, Adama and Oumou. The five boys and four girls were born in Morocco under specialist care. They moved back to Mali, where their parents were originally from, just a couple days ago. They were born at 30 weeks and weighed between 1.1lb and 2.2lb. After arriving back in Mali, the father Abdelkader Arby thanked the Malian government for financially helping his family.

## The 2022 Game Awards

By Ayden Teeple

The 2022 Game Awards was filled with exciting new game reveals, several new trailers and many awards.

*Elden Ring* won game of the year. It beat *God of War Ragnarök*, *A Plague Tale: Requiem*, *Horizon Forbidden West*, *Stray*, and *Xenoblade Chronicles 3*. Other awards were: *Elden Ring* for best game direction, *God of War Ragnarök* for best narrative, *Elden Ring* for best art direction, *God of War Ragnarök* for best score and music, *God of War Ragnarök* for best audio design, *God of War Ragnarök* for best performance, *As Dusk Falls* for games for impact, *Final Fantasy XIV* for best ongoing game, *Stray* for best indie, *Stray* for best debut indie, *Final Fantasy XIV* for best community support, *Marvel Snap* for best mobile, *Moss: Book II* for best VR/AR, *Bayonetta 3* for best action, *God of War Ragnarök* for best action/adventure, *Elden Ring* for best role playing, *Multiversus* for best fighting, *Kirby and the Forgotten Land* for best family, *Mario + Rabbids Sparks of Hope* for best SIM/strategy, *Gran Turismo Sport* for best sports/racing, *Splatoon 3* for best multiplayer, *The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom* for most anticipated, Ludwig for best content creator of the year, *Arcane: League of Legends* for best adaptation, *God of War Ragnarök* for innovation in accessibility, *Valorant* for

best esports game, Jacob "Yay" Whiteaker for best esports athlete, Loud for best esports team, Matheus "bzkA" Tarasconi for best esports coach, and *League of Legends* World Championship for best esports event.

Though all these awards are enough to make the night memorable. The most rememberable part of the night was when a young guy snuck onto the stage along with the *Elden Ring* team after they won game of the year. He eventually snuck around to the microphone where he said "I think I want to thank everybody and say that... I think I want to nominate this award to my reformed orthodox rabbi Bill Clinton, thank you everybody." He was taken off stage and arrested shortly after.

The game awards had a good show year and I'm excited for all the games and entertainment in 2023.

## Texas Fed-Ex Driver Charged with Murder

By Lydia Athan

Tanner Lynn Horner is now charged with the murder and aggravated kidnapping of Athena Strand. After accidentally backing into Athena with his vehicle, Tanner panicked and put her in his van on Wednesday, November 30. Horner later strangled the 7-year-old.

Authorities stated that they noticed early on that Horner had been at the Strand's home at about the same time Athena had disappeared. Officials worked with Fed-Ex to identify and locate Horner. Athena's body was found Friday evening, two days after she had been reported missing.

Fed-Ex Ground drivers are subject to criminal history background checks during their application process, the Fed-Ex company said Saturday. Tanner Horner did not appear to have any past criminal history. FedEx released a statement about the incident saying: "Words cannot describe our shock and sorrow at the reports surrounding this tragic event."

Athena's mother states Horner was delivering the child's Christmas present, according to the report

## Indiana sues TikTok

By Karli Anderson

Did you know the state you live in is suing the most popular app used today: TikTok? TikTok is a short film app. It consist of dances, comedy, story times, get ready with me, and much more. Indiana is suing TikTok for alleged security issues and safety violations. Indiana is taking the lead in suing. TikTok has also drawn other states to consider the dangers of tiktok in their safety issues. Texas became the latest state to ban TikTok from being used on government devices due to cybersecurity concerns. Indiana has filed two lawsuits against Tik Tok more states that are concerned about the safety of TikTok are Maryland, Nebraska, South Carolina and South Dakota . there are many questions to is TikTok a real safety issue. Is it safe for my kids and overall what would happen if Tik Tok goes away. Over 1 billion people use TikTok daily how would it affect our lives if it goes away. That's something to think about.

## California University's Strikes

By Ameen Lababneh

The University of California Strikes Has Been going on for 5 weeks, but they have been 50 years in the making. There are many reasons why these strikes that are going on other than pay increases, such as workers are seeking for child-care subsidies, enhanced healthcare benefits for dependents, public transit passes, lower tuition costs for international scholars and better accessibility for workers with disabilities. Close to 50,000 of California's academic facility system has walked out last week, and it looks like it is one of the biggest strikes in California's history. These strikes led to many classes being canceled, and some of the students are worried about the impact of these cancelations on their grades and studies as the semester is coming to an end, and they

have continued going to classes that have not been canceled. On the other hand, some of the students decided to skip class and joined the picket line in solidarity with the strikers.

## Camille Herron 100-mile World Record Attempt Not Counted

By Lydia Athan

Camille Herron finished her 100-mile run with a time of 12 hours, 41 minutes, and 11 seconds. Herron is known as one of the most accomplished ultrarunners in the world. She beat the second-place finisher and first male athlete by nearly 30 minutes. During this race, Camille also beat her own world record, which she set in 2017, by more than a minute.

The USA Track & Field Committee decided not to ratify Herron's record time because the course was incorrectly measured. The course has since been measured twice and was 716 feet short.

Camille tells CNN Sport, "I definitely want it to count because I put my heart and soul into that performance."

## Misleading Mac-n-Cheese

By Darren Early

Just recently, a woman from Florida filed a lawsuit against Kraft for their "misleading" prep time of just 3 minutes. The woman argued that Kraft is refusing to take into account the time it takes to remove the seal and sauce, add water, put it in the microwave, and stir. She continues to say that Kraft's information is "false" and "misleading."

Kraft quickly addressed the situation, yet not how many expected. Many people expect major-name companies, such as Kraft, to make sure the customer is always right. The higher-ups of Kraft had a different mindset. Kraft responded by stating that the lawsuit was "frivolous". Kraft ended their statement by conforming that they will argue as best as they can.



## Christmas Cupcakes

By: Ali Mygrant

### Devils Food Cupcakes with Peppermint Frosting -

Combine In a Large Mixing Bowl:

1/2 cup Crisco Vegetable Shortening

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1/2 cup cocoa powder

2 eggs

1/2 cup milk

2 cups flour

2 tsps baking soda

1 tsp vanilla

1/2 tsp salt

Add 1 cup of boiling water to the mixture

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes.



For the Frosting beat 2 sticks of unsalted butter until light and fluffy. Slowly add in 3 cups of confectioners' sugar until incorporated. Mix in 2 tsp of peppermint extract and 1 1/2 cup milk until smooth.

Allow cupcakes to cool before frosting and topping with crushed candy canes!

## BPA Students Advance to State

By Griffin Linderwell

On December 3rd the Bluffton High School BPA (Business Professionals of America) club competed at Regionals. Mr. Atkins (The BPA supervisor) said, "Bluffton was very successful at Regionals and we moved everyone on to the State Leadership Conference! Soon the world will be ours!" The BPA students were led by Connor Collins who got First and Second in both of his individual events. All of the students came into Regionals with confidence which goes to show how they all made it to State. The list of people who are going to State are Maryn Schreiber, Ben Ramseyer, Samuel Baumgartner, Christian Castaneda, Tressa Renner, Tavin Frees, Levi Johns, Jude Baumgartner, Leah Brown, Sophia Schwartz, Logan Reifsteck, Connor Collins, Hutchenson Craighead, Brody Lewis, Ayden Teeple, Sierra Graham, Anthony Hartman, Griffin Linderwell, Amarah Robles, and Isabella Stout. These students will compete in Indianapolis around to Spring break, where they will hope to move on to Nationals. Coming up after Christmas Break the BPA club will be doing fundraisers to raise money for their trip so stay tuned to for the awesome activities they are planning. Finally, good luck to all the BPA students when they are at State.

## Feeling SAD?

By Izzi Curless

What is seasonal depression? Seasonal depression is the feeling of hopelessness that comes when it becomes dark and snowy. Some symptoms of seasonal depression or SAD are a feeling of hopelessness, feeling sluggish, and having issues with sleeping too little or too much. There are many types of seasonal depression, you could have it in the summer or the winter although having symptoms in the winter is more common. Some symptoms of winter SAD are sleeping too much, changes in appetite, and tiredness. Some symptoms of summer SAD are insomnia, weight loss, and anxiety. People with bipolar disorder are at a higher risk for seasonal depression. When should I contact my doctor? When you can't get motivated to do activities you typically would enjoy and are feeling extremely depressed you should contact a doctor.

## Avatar: Way of Water

By Ayden Teeple

In 2009 a movie title *Avatar* was released by a man named James Cameron. This movie pushed the boundaries of all CGI and 3D technology at the time. The movie took the highest grossing movie of all time, surpassing

Cameron's own movie *Titanic*, which had the record of highest grossing movie for 12 years. *Avatar* has held that title for over a decade now.

Due to the extreme popularity of *Avatar*, Cameron knew he had to make more. So this year in 2022, *Avatar: The Way of Water* has now released and many fans of the first *Avatar* have anticipated this movie for a while now. This film will explore more of the land of Pandora while Jake faces an ancient threat and while still dealing with the conflict with the humans. For this movie to break even the movie must become at least the 4th or 5th highest grossing movie of all time and must earn 2.05 - 2.08 billion dollars.

## Is Zendaya the Future Mrs. Holland?

By Lily Sheets

Do we hear wedding bells for one of America's most loved couples? In late November, Tom Holland and Zendaya were announced engaged on many websites all over the globe. It soon flooded many social media platforms. Within the first week of December, Zendaya's mom, Claire Stoermer cleared up the fog, and let everyone know through her Instagram story, it was not true.

Claire Stoermer says, "Clickbait typically refers to the practice of writing sensationalized or misleading headlines in order to attract clicks on a piece of content. It often relies on exaggerating claims or leaving out key information in order to encourage traffic. The term is generally used in a dismissive sense." As of right now, Tom Holland and Zendaya are not engaged, but everyone is excited to see what the future brings them.

## Across the Spider-Verse

By Darren Early

All the way back in 2018, the internet was taken by storm when a brand-new, animated *Spider-Man* movie was announced. *Spider-Man Into the Spider-Verse* broke the internet into a warzone as some *Spider-Man* fans were upset that the movie's main character was not Peter Parker and others were ecstatic at the inclusion of Miles Morales, a different version of the classic *Spider-Man*. The movie quickly became a hit and rose on the charts almost instantly, now seen as one of the best comic book based movies to date.

Now, in 2022, a sequel to for the first film was announced. Unlike the original film's announcement, *Spider-Man Across the Spider-Verse: Part 1* easily became one of the most anticipated films of 2023 for



many Marvel fans. In less than a week's release, just the trailer for the film alone reached twenty-nine million views on YouTube. As more teasers and trailers are released, all fans can do is wait until the release date all the way in June of 2023.

## Wednesday the Netflix series

By Ameen Lababneh

Wednesday is a Netflix series that was released on November 23, 2022, and although that the series only came out like a month ago, the series became pretty famous that it is now the 3rd most popular English language series of all time. The main character in the show is Wednesday Addams, which is played by Jenna Ortega.

Wednesday is an emotionless girl, and her defiant nature makes it hard for her to connect with students at her school and people in general. And we see in the series that she inherited her mother's psychic abilities, which help her to solve a murder mystery that happens close to where she lives. And from all the reviews that I've read about the series, it seems that it got a lot of good reviews.

## Practical Christmas Gifts for Parents

By Annika Schulz

Every year, we are asking ourselves the same question. What gift can I give my parents for Christmas? Things that they use every day could be an option. Perfume, pens, phone chargers, a unique bottle, towels to clean glasses or hand lotion against dry hands for example. Or something more artistic, especially if you have younger siblings, a personal gift card. Create a little paper which says that they could go out for dinner, and you are looking after your siblings. A funny gift could be, that you buy a little candy, put it into different sized boxes and wrap it into many layers. They would think they get a big gift, but would end up with just a little candy. A different idea is to print out a family picture and put it into a frame. This would cost you almost no money, and it would be



## Hollywood Walk of Fame Adds Stars

By Karli Anderson

Have you ever heard of the Hollywood walk of fame? Well, they're stars with stars names on them. here are some big names that received their stars this year. Octavia Spencer actress. has starred in. Hidden figures ( 2016 ) Ma (2019 ) The Shack ( 2017 ) and most recently Spirited ( 2022 ). 50 Cent has also received a star in the Hollywood walk of fame he was accompanied by a good friend of his Eminem ( rapper ).Anthony Anderson received his star. On August 14, he is known for his TV show blackish. Anthony Anderson wrote on Instagram. "Those dreams are made possible thru faith, hard work, patience and sacrifice! I want to thank everyone that's been a part of my journey thus far.

Tighten your seatbelts cause we are about to take a wild ride! Thank you to my family, friends and fans for this is just as much yours as it is mine! #justakidfromcompton #walkoffame #NWMI." Idina Menzel and Kristen Bell received their stars at the same time because they play Elsa and Anna in the movie frozen 1 and 2. they receive the stars November 19. Tyler Perry also received to star this year. he is known for his movies based on a character Medea. His most known movies are boo one and two, a Madea family funeral and Madea goes to jail.

## New Yearbook Website

If you are looking for a one-stop resource for all of your BHS Newsroom needs, then look no further than [blufftonyearbook.com](http://blufftonyearbook.com).

This new website takes visitors to a completely renovated LinkTree page. This page includes links to a variety of resources for both *The Retrospect* and *The Comet*.

Looking for a place to submit pictures from the latest event? Needing to submit your senior portrait? Wanting to purchase a yearbook?

All of this and so much more can be found at [blufftonyearbook.com](http://blufftonyearbook.com).

This link can also be found on all BHS Newsroom social media accounts.

Be sure to follow @BHSNewsroom for any other update regarding the yearbook and newspaper.

## Beyond Backpacks!

by Erica Hartman

January is about to become a lot more fun! Returning back to school from break is often tiring and boring, but with Beyond Backpacks, consider that invalid.

From Jan. 9 to Feb. 3, Beyond Club is putting on a necessities drive for kids in foster homes. Each week, a different item theme: backpacks, hygiene products, comfort items (e.g. stuffed animals and blankets), and clothing. Cannot donate these items? Good news, you can donate money, too!

You may be thinking, "how is this fun?" Well, for each item or dollar you donate, you get one ticket to be entered into a raffle for a gift from local businesses. So get out there and do some good while you have a little fun!

## Porcus

By Ayden Teeple

Introducing The Cool Guys' Productions' latest film! Full of darkness and danger this movie is, and it will send chills into your bones! We present to you Porcus. A local horror film about three friends who are hunted by a man with a pig head wielding a sythe. What starts off as a regular night swiftly becomes a night of terror!

A local boy had this to say about the movie: "The best horror movie ever!" "It was one of your best works," was a quote from Ayden Teeple's father. The move has not yet been rated



on rotten tomatoes, but I bet it would be certified fresh! If you wish to indulge yourself in the greatest 11 minutes and 18 seconds of your life, or wish to view some of The Cool Guys' Productions' other fine films, such as The Basts, The Godfather Trilogy, Afflicted, and A Soldier's Story, find Ayden Teeple and ask him about them or email him at [909812068@bhmsd.org](mailto:909812068@bhmsd.org).



**Home Alone****National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation****Elf****Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas****A Year Without A Santa Claus**

## *A top 10 List of the Best Christmas Movies Ever*

*by Lily Sheets and Amarah Robles*

Every year, people rant and rave about popular Christmas movies. In my opinion, the best Christmas movie is Home Alone. I constantly quote it's hilarious line all year round. In a close second place, I would rank National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. The movie is so relatable to having family members over during the holidays. Next up is Elf. What's there not to love about Will Ferrell? Fourth place is How The Grinch Stole Christmas. This iconic movie reminds us what Christmas is all about. Finally, A Year Without a Santa Claus because it's such a classic.

In my opinion, my favorite Christmas movie is The Nightmare Before Christmas. My second favorite Christmas movie is Charlie Brown Christmas. I love how Charlie Brown movies show what the holidays are actually about, being together with friends and family. My third favorite movie is Rudolph. It's a classic. My next favorite after that is The Polar Express. It's a little creepy, but it's a movie I would watch on the sofa, next to the warm fireplace, without a doubt. Finally, A Christmas Carol, everyone knows about how grumpy Scrooge becomes kind and generous on Christmas morning.

## *Best Christmas Song*

*by Erica Hartman*

Do you ever wonder what Bluffton High School students dub the best Christmas song? Well, we asked 91 students what their favorite Christmas song was out of 10 options. Here are the results in order of most to least amount of votes:

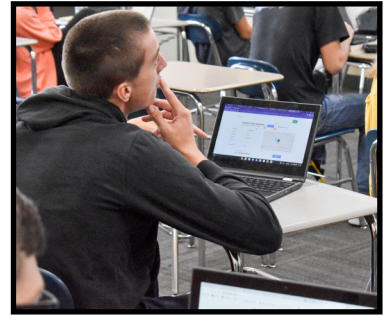
- "All I Want For Christmas Is You" by Mariah Carey
- "Last Christmas" by Wham!
- "Santa Tell Me" by Ariana Grande
- "Jingle Bell Rock" by Bobby Helms
- "It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas" by Micheal Bublé
- "Feliz Navidad" by José Feliciano
- "Blue Christmas" by Elvis Presley
- "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" by Brenda Lee
- "Happy Xmas (War Is Over)" by John Lennon and Yoko Ono
- "Wonderful Christmas Time" by Paul McCartney

It's safe to say that the famous Queen of Christmas Mariah Carey's All I Want For Christmas Is You not only is No. 1 in the national charts, but also No. 1 in Bluffton High School's chart, too.

**The Nightmare Before Christmas****Charlie Brown Christmas****Rudolph****The Polar Express****A Christmas Carol**



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*SEMESTER ONE RECAPPED IN PICTURES*



## Bop or Flop: Festive

By Darren Early

When someone thinks of Christmas music, what do you think of? I can almost guarantee that a majority of BHS students' minds ran to Mariah Carey's Christmas anthem, "All I Want for Christmas is You". TikTok memes, radio stations, and even grocery stores are featuring this song, adding to its sensation. The sound of the jingle bells beginning the song has become engrained into #W

everyone's heads that the second they think of Christmas they think of this song. Sniously.

I say this is a time for change. The Christmas anthem should change to something fun and exciting or classical and nostalgic. Personally, I believe we should change the number one Christmas song to something simple. What do you think?

## To Jersey, or Not to Jersey

By Canaan Troyer

The NFL is one of if the not the biggest sports organizations in the world. The teams and the logos for those teams are undeniably iconic. Fans buy almost anything with their favorite team's logo. This is where a large chunk of all the money the NFL brings in comes from. Merchandising has brought billions of dollars into the organization, and I believe that they could be doing better. When it comes to a team's uniform, one of the most important parts is the jersey. The jersey is the easiest way to quickly tell who is on who's team. Red jerseys for the red team, and blue jerseys for the blue team. A simple system that works effectively. However, the NFL has squandered an opportunity to capitalize on jerseys as well as they could.

When you look at any NFL team's jersey, you'll see the same few elements. You'll see a solid color, contrasting colors around the trim of the jersey, big blocky number, and some miscellaneous patches. The jerseys are simple and functional. But, simple and functional can only go so far. The NFL has many, many rules in place about what can and cannot be included within a football uniform. With quite a decent amount of those rules specifically outlining what can be done with the jersey worn by players. These rules are in place to help keep uniforms from being too similar or too confusing. They are also there so even though the teams have different jerseys there is some kind of uniformity to them. The rules are too stifling though and lead to an overall kind of boring jersey.

I believe that the issue that is brought up quite often is the issue of functionality over creativity. But, there is no reason you cannot have one without the other. When looking at sports teams from other sports you can see examples

of jersey's that broke from the solid color, white block text and it works well. The prime example being the NBA. Many teams within the league have experimented with more unique looking jerseys and they most of the time receive positive fan reception. There have been times where teams have unveiled jerseys and they were met with heavy criticism. These are outliers and really does not happen often and usually is warranted.

With more unique jerseys comes more profits. A fan is going to be more willing to spend money on something if it is worth purchasing. With jerseys that have some kind of artist's design, people are more willing to get something like that over something that's just text on a color. There is also more of a chance for non sports fans to purchase the merchandise because it is just neat to wear. All in all, the NFL should consider lessening their rules in regards to jerseys.

## Indie Music to Check Out: Beach Bunny

By Canaan Troyer

Beach Bunny is the brain-child of Lili Triflio. Starting as a solo project in 2015, Beach Bunny gained small notoriety. Lili made the band's music all by herself in her bedroom. She released 3 eps by herself before expanding into a four piece before their 4th ep titled "Prom Queen". The title track from the album became popular on tiktok allowing Beach Bunny to gain more fans. Although Beach Bunny has expanded to have 4 members, Lili has held most creative control. Their lyrics tend to focus on more feminine things. With Lili saying herself she likes to maintain a certain level of femininity in her songs. Beach Bunny's lyrics focus on topics like self confidence, unrealistic depictions of women in ads, unrealistic expectations that women tend to face, etc.

Their music is 2000s' pop rock inspired. Clean guitar and bright sounding drums power their music. Most of their songs have a fairly up-beat vibe to them even while tackling more serious topics.

A few songs by them to give a listen are: Prom Queen, Painkiller, and oxygen. They are some of their top songs and they show off the talent of the band. They are a good introduction to the discography of beach bunny as a whole.

## The Callisto Protocol is the scariest game of 2022

By Aldon Zoll

*The Callisto Protocol* is the scariest video game of 2022. It is the scariest game of the year, because of the grim creatures within the game.

Glen Shofield, the director of the game was also a co-creator of the successful horror series *Dead Space*. This

new released game will not be a sequel nor connected to *Dead Space*.

*The Callisto Protocol* is a one of a kind survival horror game. That has the player go through the game with struggling with fear of what is next. What will come out from the SHADOWS? A grim-horrific creature with human-like appearance and features. Only humans with something odd with them. They are feral creatures now. Creatures that have no conscious for wrong. Creatures that come from only nightmares that come to reality to haunt and hunt the player down. So real, but yet it's computer generated. To put the player through simulation of decisions and actions during fear and pure horror to survive.

According to the website, *Gematsu*, the game takes place on Jupiter's moon, Callisto in the year 2320 in a prison colony. The player plays as Jacob Lee, a cargo ship pilot who is mistakenly casted into the Black Iron prison. He is courageous to survive against the undead infected necromorphs. Each of the creatures that chase the player who tries to escape the prison are all different, as some are fallen prisoners and some are guards.

Gameplay transitions from one habitat in the light to another in the darkness and only evil lives in the darkness. Only bravery, determination, and the player's skill will save Lee and finish the game without fear. Without fear of those who walk the dead moon, Callisto.

## Retro arcade games are better than modern games

By Aldon Zoll

Games have been played for years, for years people have been gamers and have made memories perfecting their craft. Before the entertaining and fun memories could begin, it had to start with a change in entertainment.

Arcade games were the change that people across the world were waiting for. According to the website, *Wikipedia*, in 1972, the first successful arcade game was released and it was called *Pong*. It took the world by storm. Following the next arcade games to be released; *Pac-Man*, *Donkey Kong*, *Mario*, and many more.

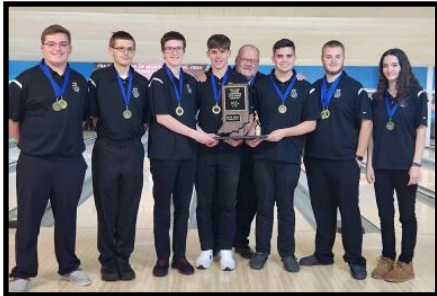
All of these games were played on an arcade machine. The arcade game on the machine needed coins to play. Compared to back then, modern games are bought at stores for an average price of \$30-\$50. Playing arcade games for an unlimited time for just 25 or 50 cents which is a good deal. But is it really worth it to play an arcade game for a couple of coins instead of buying and owning a copy of a game?



## Bluffton Bowling sweeps Conference

By Avery Hunt

The Bluffton Bowling team has been very successful in their season by being undefeated 10-0. Huntington North was their top competitor all season staying with 100 points of bluffton, but never passing them. Bluffton had a top score of 13,475. As of right now Bluffton is number one in the whole state. In singles conference Ethan and Avery Hunt are both champions for boys and girls singles.



## Girl's Swimming

Senior Olivia Priester takes part in the 200 IM. Priester took first place in this event.

## Boys Basketball Fights Hard

By Ben Maggard

While the record is not what the Tigers want it to be, it doesn't show the effort they have put forth so far this season. The Tigers are 1-5 with the win over the South Adams Starfires. In that game, the boys won 74-34. Leading scoring for the Tigers was Tucker Jenkins with 22 and Sam Baumgartner with 10.

This last weekend was full of positives despite a pair of losses. In the

first game of the weekend, the Tigers faced county rival Southern Wells. It was a close game, but the Tigers fell just short of success with a score of 66-61. Freshman Kaden Grau led the scoring with 23 points while Tucker followed with 19.

And on Saturday the boys were so close to winning, but it just didn't work out in the end. Tucker Jenkins forced the first overtime with a layup, and Sam Baumgartner cashed a three at the end of the first overtime to force a second. However, the Tigers just couldn't pull it out and lost at the end of the second overtime by a score of 68-69.

Both the junior varsity and "C" teams have started the season undefeated.

## NBA Update

By Jude Baumgartner

The NBA is almost 30 games into the 2022-23 season. Currently in the Eastern Conference the top three teams are the Celtics, Bucks, and Cavaliers. In the West there are the Pelicans, Grizzlies, and Nuggets.

The MVP candidate is a close race, as there are many players running for it. The top candidates are Luka Dončić, Jayson Tatum, and Giannis. For rookie of the year the leader is Paolo Banchero.

## Big Change in College Football Playoffs

By Jude Baumgartner

For years the college football playoffs has had four teams in it. But on Dec. 1, the College Football Playoff Committee changed it to 12 teams instead of four. This change will be set in the 2026 season. This change will give many more teams a chance to make the playoffs. It will also give schools a chance at the championship.

## Bluffton Tigers Girls Basketball

By Jude Baumgartner

The Bluffton girls basketball team has had a solid start to their season. They are currently 5-5.

They won on Dec. 3 against Southern Wells. They then lost on Dec. 6 in a hard fought game to Wabash by a score of 62-60. The girls team also lost on the 9th and 12th.

The Lady Tigers bounced back with a big ACAC win over Adams Central on Dec. 17.

The Bluffton girls JV team is 3-6.

## Brohm Leaves Purdue

By Lauren Mann

After six seasons as head coach for Purdue Football, Jeff Brohm is heading back home to coach at Louisville. Brohm's deal with Louisville is estimated to be for six years and around \$35 million. Brohm spent five seasons as an outstanding quarterback for the Cardinals. He appeared in 46 games, including 23 starts, while throwing for 5,451 yards and 38 touchdowns in his college career.

Brohm was offered the head coach position at Louisville four years ago, but turned it down in favor of staying at Purdue. The Boilermakers new head coach was announced last Tuesday, Ryan Walters.

Walters was a defensive coordinator at Illinois University for two years. "Together, with the staff that we are going to bring in, with the administration, with this university and with y'all's support, we are going to build this program the right way - through hard work, through integrity, and in an unmatched competitive edge to go chase and win championships. We are not shying away from any of that," Coach Walters said at a press conference at Purdue University.

In addition to Coach Walters, Drew Brees has been hired as interim assistant coach for the Boilermakers. Brees played for Purdue as a quarterback from 1997 to 2000. He then was drafted first pick in the second round to the Los Angeles Chargers in 2001. After four short years, he signed a free agent deal with the New Orleans Saints in 2005. Brees stayed with the Saints for fourteen years and retired from the NFL in 2020. As a Purdue fan myself, I'm excited and hopeful for a successful future for our football program.

## Boilermakers Roll

By Ben Maggard

With the arrival of December comes some surprises and some things that aren't as surprising. Houston was finally dethroned after being No. 1 for a while. The team to do this was Alabama by a score of 71-65. The team to replace the No. 1 Cougars are the Purdue Boilermakers. They have been on fire as of recently. With wins over Gonzaga and Duke the Boilermakers are looking to make a deep run in March. While some teams are performing well some are not. The preseason No. 1 UNC ballclub has under performed. With losses against tough opponents like Indiana, Alabama, and Virginia Tech the Tar Heels are not even ranked anymore.

## OBJ Looking For New Team

By Griffin Linderwell

Odell Beckham jr. (OBJ) made his visit to the Dallas Cowboys a couple of weeks ago. Odell is currently the biggest free agent in the NFL. He was looking for a team to join for the last couple weeks of the NFL season. Odell had torn his ACL in the SuperBowl last year when he was on the Rams. The Rams then dropped him. Odell now is almost fully recovered and was looking at joining the Cowboy, Bills, or his former team the Giants.

Although the Cowboys didn't sign Odell they were still looking for another Wide Receiver. So Odell gave them the reason to sign T.Y. Hilton. Hilton played with the Colts last season and has taken a break from football. Hilton Was a Star Wide Receiver back in the past years, but how good is he now. Hilton should be able to make some good plays while on the Cowboys.

Odell on the other hand is still young and very talented, he would be able to help a team incredibly. First he has to join a team. As of right now Odell is still unsigned, but he should sign with a team very soon. Which team will he decide to join?

## Messi, Mbappe Duel in World Cup Final

By Ben Maggard

With the World Cup coming to a close comes some great games. In the first semi-final game Argentina defeated Croatia 3-0. Lionel Messi scored once and Julian Alvarez scored twice. In the second semi-final game the French will face Morocco. Morocco was a surprise this year with wins over Portugal and Spain. France has played really well lead by Kylian Mbappe and wins over England and Poland.

The World Cup Final was one to remember. In the closing minutes it looked like Argentina was going to win. But thanks to Mbappe's historic hat trick, the match was forced to extra time.

In the penalty kicks Messi led Argentina to 4-2 and they were able to win their first time in 36 years.



## Now We're Playing with Power

By Ayden Teeple

This fall season Bluffton High School ran four games: *Valorant*, *Super Smash Bros*, *Ultimate*, *Fortnite*, and *Tetris*.

*Valorant*: where we just wrapped up the fall season tied for 1st place in our division, spring season begins Jan 5th.

*Super Smash Bros. Ultimate*: which also just wrapped up fall season and is currently in 3rd out of 12 schools for our division

*Fortnite*: There are 25 schools participating with no divisions this season and our cybertigers currently hold 3rd place and looking good for semi-state and state Competitions in the spring. We have two types of games for fortnite:

1. build division: Noah Brooks is our top player currently 12th out of 123 players. Jared Marcum is 16th, and Kennedy Corbat is 17th.

2. non-build division: Cameron Stroub is in 6th out of 119 players. Dakota Stinson is in 8th place, and Jared Marcum is 12th out of 119.

*Tetris*: there are also 25 schools with no division across the state and our team is holding a strong 2nd at the moment.

## Wrestling Wins Blackford Duals

By Gavin Thomas

Last weekend, the Bluffton wrestling team won the Blackford Super Dual after going 3-0 as a team. In the closest match of the day, Bluffton defeated Tri-Central 47-34. The Tigers also beat Wabash (66-9) and Blackford (72-6) to secure the team victory.

Leading the Tigers was Johnny Cruz with three falls. Also going undefeated on the day were Levi Johns, Aiden King, Cohen Rogness, Kaden Simpson, and

Levi Kahn.

On Dec. 9-10, BHS competed at Adams Central for the ACAC Team Dual. At this meet, Bluffton went 3-3 with Levi Johns and Johnny Cruz going undefeated.

Bluffton beat Heritage, Woodlan, and Southern Wells over the weekend.

## Bluffton Basketball Players Honored by Hall of Fames

By Jude Baumgartner

Recently, the 2001-02 Bluffton State runner-up boys' basketball was inducted into the Bluffton High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Members of the team were honored at halftime of the boys' varsity game on Saturday, Dec. 17 against Garrett. All but one of the players from that team were able to attend with Dan Pressler being the only one unable to make it.

Those in attendance included current BHMSD superintendent Brad Yates, BHMSD School Board member Trent White, and BHES guidance counselor Kole Meyer who were players on the team. BHS Athletic Director Steve Thompson and current assistant coach Mark Prible were assistant coaches.

The other members of the team included Kaine Kinsey, Bryan Steffen, David Ballinger, Wes Yoder, Spencer Harris, Nick Cochran, Drew Okey, Bill Leising, and Brian Shank. Then head coach Wayne Barker, assistant coach Kevin Leising, and manager Jordan Steffen were also in attendance.

To follow that up, Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame recently announced their 2023 Silver Anniversary teams to honor standout players from 25 years ago. Bluffton graduates Adam Ballinger and Abby (Salscheider) Ault have been announced for their respective teams. Both also played Big Ten basketball at Michigan State University.

## Top 10 College Football Bowl Games To Watch

By Lauren Mann

Another season of college football has finally wrapped up. Now, players and fans are getting ready for Bowl Games! Listed below are my top 10 Bowl Games to watch:

1. Dec. 22 - Armed Forces Bowl: Baylor vs. Air Force @ 7:30 p.m.
2. Dec. 27 - Guaranteed Rate Bowl: Oklahoma State vs. Wisconsin @ 10:15 p.m.
3. Dec. 28 - Texas Bowl: Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss @ 8 p.m.
4. Dec. 30 - Gator Bowl: No. 19 South Carolina vs. No. 21 Notre Dame @ 3:30 p.m.
5. Dec. 30 - Orange Bowl: No. 6 Tennessee vs. No. 7 Clemson @ 8 p.m.
6. Dec. 31 - Fiesta Bowl: No. 2 Michigan vs. No. 3 TCU @ 4 p.m.
7. Dec. 31 - Peach Bowl: No. 1 Georgia vs. No. 4 Ohio State @ 8 p.m.
8. Dec. 31 - Sugar Bowl: No. 5 Alabama vs. No. 9 Kansas State @ 12 p.m.
9. Jan. 2 - Citrus Bowl: No. 17 LSU vs. Purdue @ 1 p.m.
10. Jan. 2 - Rose Bowl Game: No. 8 Utah vs. No. 11 Penn State @ 5 p.m.



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# WINTER FORMAL 2022

By: Ameen Lababneh

After a night of fun, students submitted their own photos from Winter Formal to be included in this issue of *The Comet*. If you want to submit your pictures for this year's yearbook, visit [blufftonyearbook.com](http://blufftonyearbook.com). Any picture submitted will be considered, but not every picture will be used.

