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Senior Class Supports Harvest Street Mission *Clothing Drive Has Mass Success*

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From September 30th to October 11th, the senior class student government hosted a clothing drive organized by senior Bradan Lenz. Over the course of those two weeks, students from all grades donated bags and boxes overflowing with clothing and dropped them off in Room 51, contributing to an impressive estimated total of 4,500 items.

These donations went to Harvest Street Mission, a non-profit that provides support for the homeless and those living in low-income housing. Each Sunday, they offer a meal and distribute gently used clothing and other essential items. The organization relies solely on volunteers to carry out their weekly services. On Sunday, October 13th, 20 seniors drove PR's

donations downtown to Harvest Street Mission and helped out with distribution.

"It was touching to be able to give something that we find so insignificant to someone who views it as very significant," said senior Jake Pazin.

Senior Nedda Immen said, "It really opens your eyes to how much we have, and how important it is to acknowledge that."

"The people were so grateful in all of our interactions," said senior Annamaria Samuels.

"Sometimes all someone needs is someone to talk to."

To learn more about Harvest Street Mission and get involved, please find their website at: <https://www.harveststreetmission.org/>.



Boxes of clothing and essential item donations. Photo by Anna Karmanos



Seniors Nate Christy and Annamaria Samuels. Photo by Jake Pazin

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Dear Readers,
As we wrap up the fourth edition of this year's Rampage, we are saying goodbye to the first quarter of the 2024-2025 school year! This edition includes spotlights on students and teachers, along with helpful tips to help you prepare and thrive in quarter two. Time is flying by, so, sit back, take a break, and stay up to date with your Pine-Richland community.

Sincerely,
June McCune and Anna Karmanos
Editors-In-Chief



Senior students help out downtown with Harvest Street Mission. Photo by Jake Pazin

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Interview with Mr. Caric

The Man, the Myth, the Next Mr. Frizzle

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Meet Mr. Caric, one of the gifted and talented teachers for the GATE program at Pine-Richland. On October 16, I had the pleasure of interviewing him, and getting to know more about him than meets the eye.

I picked up that he's funny and humble. Just talking to him, I could tell you that he cares when he speaks, and he knows his words have weight, which was part of the reason that it was so important I interviewed him.

He moved here from Virginia after going to school at Slippery Rock University. One of the factors that goes into him being a teacher is his patience. I asked him why he decided to pick Pine-Richland out of all places and his response was that he was looking for somewhere that was, "fun, exciting, and had a lot to do, lots of extracurriculars, so I said how about Pine-Richland."

Not only that but he has a lot going on outside of school, and more than just being a dad, and a husband. He plays video games 8-10 hours per week, and his favorite video game of all time is Fallout 3, or Nights of the Old Republic. "Lot of Duty in my day too," he adds.

Besides being a videogamer, he loves hanging out with his 3 year old daughter, and partying with her. He has a little black lab/ pitbull mix named Poppy who is 2 years old. He is content at home where he lives with his wife, his daughter and their dog.

Another side note I would like to add in for my own thoughts on the interview, was that the way that he talks about his daughter is quite literally the sweetest thing ever, and it gives you a real takeaway on who he is as a person.

"Being a dad is my greatest accomplishment. Literally that's it. I will drop everything for that kid."

He then goes on to add, "My dad somehow manages to do everything and still be an amazing dad, so he's someone I really look up to and I hope if I'm *half* as good as dad as he is then I did okay."

He also talks about how huge it was whenever his daughter was born because "you're not a dad, and then you are, and your whole life is changed."

He's at his happiest when he's driving in the car with his family, with the music on, "talking, while drinking a bottle of Diet Pepsi."

"So, you're a Pepsi person," I say jokingly.

"Oh absolutely I'm a Pepsi person, always, none of that Coke baloney," he responds back.

He's an aspiring person, and he hopes to make it to Japan. This is because in college, he studied East-Asian history (little fun fact!) because his certification is in history.

"And truly all culture funnels its way through LA, but stems from something in Japanese culture first, and so they are always at the

forefront of something new. It's fascinating to me."

More little fun facts I learned from the interview: his biggest fear is heights. "I hate em', I absolutely hate em.' I don't even like being on the 2nd floor of the mall. Like, I won't even hold my kid on the 2nd floor of the mall. She'd be like 'daddy uppies,' and I'd be like 'Nope go see your mom because what if we fall off the edge?'"

Another fun fact is he is not only a morning person, but also a night owl, "which does terrible things for my sleep schedule." Not only that, but he listens to any music genre but country, which shocks me. Everyone makes preconceived notions about people, whether we mean to or not, but that one really threw me through a loop.

On the topic of preconceived, we judge people every second of every day, not necessarily in a bad way, just in trying to figure someone out. So how we see people may not be how others see themselves. I asked him what three words best described himself,

and he gave me, "patient, fun, and efficient. They're not the best words but I think they suit me best," he says.

Next moving onto free will, if you had a whole day where you could do anything what would you do? He would start the morning off with a Mcgriddle, and then go to see a movie (his favorites are any Star Wars movies.) After the movie, he would grab lunch at Burgatory, and grab a bacon cheeseburger with a pretzel

bun and spicy ketchup on it. Then, he would go play minigolf, and after go get a chili's 3 for all, with queso. Of course, he would end his day being with his family.

"It revolves around food," he states at the end of his answer, which makes me laugh because you really can't blame him for it.

As we approach the end of the interview, I ask the final question. "Is there anything you would like to add, either for just me, or for the readers to know?" And of course, I get quite the Mr. Caric answer.

"That I think Mrs. Frizzle is the best educator. Everything that I am, how I teach, who I am, is the kind of person Mrs. Frizzle is. In fact, I'm wearing space socks right now."



Mr. Caric:
Photo By Bailey Rodriguez

Student Life

Homework Help

Ways to Get Your Work Done Better and Faster

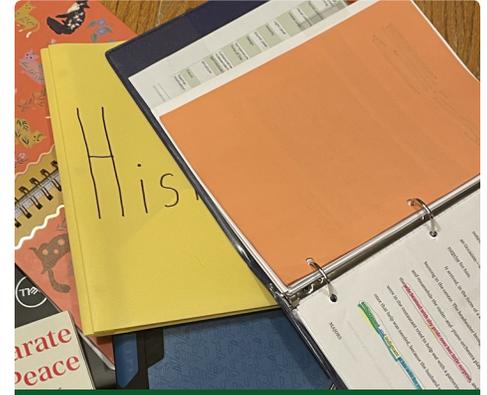
SOPHIA KERNS STAFF WRITER

When you get home from school or practice, the last thing you want to do is get started on your homework. You probably want to hang out with your friends or watch videos on your phone. But, when you don't start your homework you know you will probably be up super late, or be up super late anyways with the amount of homework you have. No one wants to be up until 11:00 at night. Here are some ways to cut back on the time it takes to get your homework done.

One important part of working is where you work. Distractions in your work environment can easily slow you down. Things like your TV or phone are some of the easiest distractions. That's why you should try to avoid working in places with televisions and make sure your phone is turned off or left in a separate room. Those are the obvious distractions, but there are others. Pets and family members can be distracting as well.

Finally, take breaks. I might sound like you're slowing down your process, but if you take breaks in between assignments or every 30 If you're working in the kitchen and a parent is cooking while a little sibling is running around with the dog, that isn't an effective workplace. Try moving up to your bedroom or just to a more quiet place.

Another way to have better focus on your homework is the place you work. Some people want to take their computer and sit on their bed to do their work, but that isn't a great spot. Laying in bed could make you more likely to want to fall asleep. Also, trying to write on your bed can make your writing sloppy and hard to read. When a teacher grades it or you are using it to study, you won't be able to read what you have written. Instead try working on a hard surface like a desk or table. That could help you get your work done quicker.



History Homework:
Photo by Sophia Kerns

minutes, you are able to take some time to clear your mind. This will help you get your homework done faster. Obviously, do whatever works for you. If you like to listen to music and you think that helps you work, keep doing that. These are just some helpful suggestions if you want to get into better work habits and get your work done quickly and accurately.

Sinking with Stress

Tips to Stay on Top of Things

AVA BARSON STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year when the books come out and the late nights begin. With all the homework students can be receiving comes loads of stress with it. Believe it or not, there are some ways to decrease the amount of stress you may be experiencing.

One place to start is to have a well organized place to do your work. Having this space will make you feel more confident in your work. It's always best to have your work space be a desk with personalizations on it rather than your bed. You need to be working at a place where distractions are stored away. Any electronics besides the laptop you may be using must be stored away to prevent the urge to want to use them. It is also recommended that you take

breaks if you are under a big workload. Do whatever increments you feel fit for your comfort level. But how will you know how much work you have to do without having a place to put it all down?

Having a planner handy while at school will help you organize your work and understand just how many tasks you have to complete. Planners are also helpful because you can use the calendar inside to plan when the test will be and what you will do each day in preparation. With this planner in hand you can also develop a habit and habits develop into routines.

How can you successfully get work done on top of personal activities without

having a specific routine? It's important to have a routine to have your mind used to the activities. Brad Brenner who has a PHD says, "Creating predictable scenarios through habits allows your mind to adjust, understand what to expect, and alleviate anxiety over the unknown," With a routine in hand, you can conquer anything.

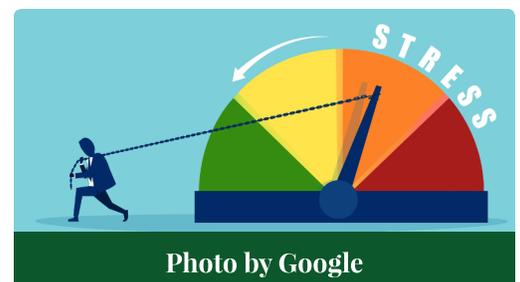


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may come your way and you will be able to successfully plan your day efficiently. Doing that creates less stress and room for more opportunity. In that routine it is also important to leave room for good sleep. How can you do that?

Getting good sleep is vital to not only stress management but the overall health of an individual. According to the CDC Healthy Schools page, "Teenagers aged 13–18 years should sleep 8–10 hours per 24 hours." That's a big number to keep up with but it is vital to your health. If you have a big test at the end of the week, don't wait till the last minute to stay up all night studying. On one hand, it's tough to gather a load of information in one night and on the other hand, the lack of sleep will affect your brain most likely making it harder for you to process information. For some people it may be possible, but regardless it is not healthy for their brain.

Combining all these efforts together could cause a great decrease in your stress levels and may even help with any mental health issues. If these tips don't work out for you feel free to look for more online and find the one that is perfect for you. Not everybody works the same so it is important to do what is best for you.

Journalist Donna Sybert Speaks to the PRHS Journalism Class

Learn About Her Job at The Butler Eagle

VIENNA RESTELLI STAFF WRITER

"I decided early on what I wanted to do and I was looking for a place to test that," said Butler Eagle journalist Donna Sybert.

Sybert knew she wanted a career in journalism since sixth grade. She loved storytelling, wanted to know everything that was going on, and preferred to be behind the scenes.

Sybert has covered a variety of stories, starting as a feature writer in the community section. One notable story she covered was about a woman who was in a severe car accident and eventually walked down her wedding aisle. Born in Springdale and raised in Butler County, Sybert attended Point Park University. She enjoys interviewing people

and has spoken with many interesting people.

"Right now I'm a managing editor. I make story assignments and work with young writers, getting them where they need to be," she explained.

Previously, she was a news editor and oversaw everything. She saw the power of the press to inform and influence people, which influenced her career choice.

Sybert emphasized the importance of rhythm and flow in writing. "I do my best writing on a subject where I have done my research well and want to share that information," she says.

She enjoys both entertainment and hard news stories and believes there is always a bar to reach and a way to improve. One impactful story she wrote was about a child with Down syndrome who had to undergo a heart operation. The story received a lot of feedback, with many readers saying it changed their preconceptions.

Now that she's a journalist, she listens to people more, likes to ask questions, and considers her "superpower" to be her ability to talk to and listen to people, easing their problems, no matter if she agrees with them or not.

After writing about the July 5th Trump rally, she was interviewed by people from all over, and copies of her article were being sold online for \$250 a piece.

Sybert describes her typical workday: she works the late shift, going through about 200 emails on a Monday. She calls people, reads stories thoroughly, discusses story development, and decides what goes in the paper. Her hours range from 10 a.m. until 8, 9, 10, or 11 p.m., depending on when she finishes.

Outside of her journalism career, Sybert enjoys tai chi, handcrafts, sewing, reading, and cooking.

"Right now I'm enjoying my managing editor role. I don't have much free time to write with my current responsibilities," she noted.

She started working at the Butler Eagle in 1982 and became managing editor in 2020, having previously been a news editor.

"My writing over time has gotten better and stronger as I learned," she said.

Sybert always kept asking how to improve her articles and is open to helping those excited about writing and wanting to do better.

Sybert concludes with saying how many areas there are in journalism to explore. She explains how it's a wide topic with roles like sports editors, entertainment editors, and more. This shows how diverse journalism is, offering many paths for those who love writing, like Sybert.



Journalism class after group interview with Donna Sybert: Photo By Journalism Teacher Mrs. Harshman

Student Life

The 2nd Quarter

What's to Expect for the Next Half of the Semester

SOPHIA KERNS STAFF WRITER

As the first quarter draws to a close, all your grades are being finalized and we move on to quarter two. This is an exciting time of the year with lots of events. Here is what you need to know as you start the 2nd quarter.

This quarter starts on October 28th and ends on January 10th. In total, the quarter is 42 days. It seems like it would be longer than 9 weeks, but quarter two has so many breaks. The first break is November 4th which is a half day, and November 5th which is a full day off. These are the Parent-Teacher Conference Days. Later in November, there is Thanksgiving Break. You get off on Thursday, November 28th through Monday December 2nd. Students return to school Tuesday, December 3rd. In December, you have one of the biggest breaks in the entire school year. Winter Break starts on December 23rd, 2024 and stretches to January 1st, 2025. Students will return to school on January 2nd, 2025.

When quarter 2 comes, the fall sports start to end and winter sports begin. Some fall sports are already finished, but if they haven't already then they will start to end sometime soon, before the weather gets too cold. Winter sports will start to pick up, and winter training starts as well. If you play a winter sport, make sure you know when your season begins so you don't miss your first practice. A lot of clubs also have their first meetings in quarter 2. Be aware of when they begin, and get into the club google classrooms so you don't miss a meeting.

Many tests happen in quarter 2 as well. At the end of quarter 2 and beginning of quarter 3, be prepared to take your midterms. Midterms will count for 10% of your overall grade, so don't slack on studying. Make sure you are prepared for these exams. This is the important information you need to know as we end quarter one, and start quarter two.



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the 2nd quarter
schedule at
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Personal Growth

Why Does it Matter?

GIANNA UNGOR STAFF WRITER

Personal growth is something that is limitless. It is the continuous development of skills, knowledge, and understanding yourself. Personal growth is an essential aspect of living a fulfilling and meaningful life. Here are many reasons why Personal Growth means so much.

Firstly, personal growth helps bring self-awareness. By engaging in self reflection and seeking to better understand our strengths, weaknesses, and values. With this we are able to make more informed decisions and set direct goals. The more self-awareness you have the easier it is to align our actions with our true desires. We are able to have a more satisfying life that allows us to meet all of our needs.

Secondly, personal growth helps

strengthen and deepen our relationships. As we get older we become better at communicating effectively, empathizing with others, and resolving conflicts. These improved skills help deepen and build more meaningful relationships with family, friends, and even strangers. Additionally, personal growth helps us be more aware of our boundaries and even create them. To help maintain a balanced and respectful relationship.

Thirdly, personal growth boosts resilience and adaptability. Life has so many challenges and uncertainties. The ability to navigate through them is so important for our well-being. By constantly developing our skills and learning from experiences, we become more adaptable and better prepared. Resilience helps overcome difficulties and also empowers us to take new opportunities. Which overall leads to growth.

Lastly, personal growth helps create a sense of purpose and fulfillment. When we pursue our passions and achieve our goals, we experience a greater sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. These feelings can be a powerful motivator, driving us to do more and want excellence in all parts of our lives.

Personal growth overall helps us become a better version of ourselves. Taking us far in life by creating a life that is more fulfilling than before.



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Fall Favorites Student Spotlight

Meet Sophomore Kaelyn Andersen

BREE ARTHUR STAFF WRITER

What is your favorite autumn color? “My favorite fall color is maroon.”
What is your favorite fall clothing item? “I like to wear cute, comfy sweaters and jeans.”
What is your favorite fall break vacation you have been on? “I went to Maine for a ski trip with my family, it was so much fun.”
What is your favorite past Halloween costume? “I am not sure, I have had a bunch of good ones.”
Halloween or Thanksgiving? “Halloween is much better.”
What is your favorite Ugg shoe color? “The classic Chestnut color.”
What is your favorite fall Starbucks drink? “Pumpkin spice lattes are my favorite fall order.”
What is your favorite fall activity? “I like going to haunted houses with my friends.”
What is your favorite Halloween movie? “Hocus Pocus is definitely my favorite.”
What is your favorite Thanksgiving food? “Pumpkin pie is the best Thanksgiving food.”



Kaelyn Andersen when she was a toddler; though not a recent picture, this picture is one of her favorites. Photo provided by Kaelyn Andersen

What is your favorite fall tradition? “Carving pumpkins with my brothers.”
Do you think Pumpkin Spice is the best fall flavor? “Yes, it is very nostalgic and it tastes so good.”
What is your favorite Halloween candy? “I love the Milky Way bars or Kit Kats.”
What is your favorite part about fall? “I like being able to wear comfortable clothes and seeing the trees change.”
What is your favorite fall candle scent? “I like apple cinnamon the best.”
Favorite Halloween song? “The Monster Mash is probably my favorite.”



Senior student government volunteers with other Harvest Street Mission volunteers, 10/13 ,
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT CLOTHING DRIVE, 10/13



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PR Students at the football game: All photos provided by Jake Pazin and Sienna Napolitano



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Sports

History in the Making

Ashton Jeanty Runs Through College Football Records

SHOME RAO STAFF WRITER

The Heisman, a legendary award given to college football athletes that exceed expectations and create a lasting impression on both coaches, fans, and other players. Every season, a single player achieves this award, and this year the answer is already clear. Boise State player Ashton Jeanty may be having the greatest season from a running back of all time.

In week 1 of the college football season, Jeanty ran for 267 yards and 6 touchdowns! This one game set the bar for him, but he had to ensure that it wasn't a fluke. The following week against national rank #7 Oregon, he ran for 192 yards and 3 touchdowns. Now completely establishing himself as a force of nature, Jeanty was ready to tear through the rest of the season.

Now 6 weeks into the season, we really see the true player that Ashton Jeanty is. Without even playing every minute in all 6 games, he has now run for 1,248 yards and 17 touchdowns! Averaging 9.9 yards per carry, he's on pace to break multiple records. On the back of Jeanty, Boise State has risen to national rank #15. At this rate, he could even qualify himself for the NFL draft as a junior.

With more games on the horizon, everyone knows that Jeanty is going to show up and show out every time. It's exciting to think



#2 Ashton Jeanty against Oregon: Photo By ESPN

about what else he can do to prove himself worthy of the heisman. There are many other players competing for the award, such as Colorado's Travis Hunter, but hopefully he can fully separate himself from these other athletes. And when asked about why he hasn't transferred to a stronger team, that could really compete for the national title, Jeanty responded with something everyone should think about.

"Money is great. Money is cool. But a legacy, an impact, that lasts forever."



**CONGRATULATIONS FIELD HOCKEY ON AN UNDEFEATED
REGULAR SEASON AND A SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP!**

PR Varsity Field Hockey Team, photo by @pinerichlandfieldhockey on Instagram

Sports

Penguins Make Final Roster

Who Should and Shouldn't Be There?

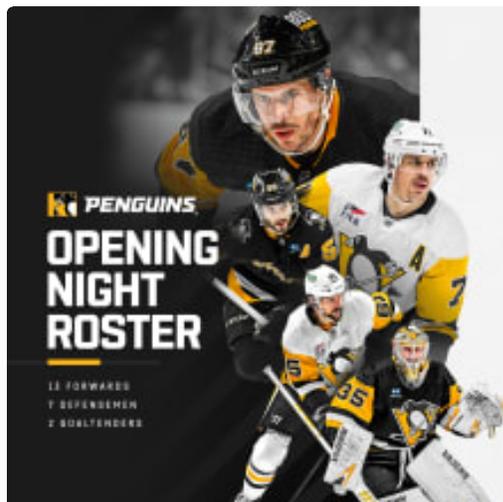
CHASE FRYE STAFF WRITER

The Pittsburgh Penguins have made some interesting roster moves and changes over the offseason, and some of those players are now on the main roster for this upcoming 2024-25 season. One of these players includes the young Rutger McGroarty, a 20 year old right winger from Lincoln, Nebraska who was originally drafted by the Winnipeg Jets before being traded to the penguins this offseason before ever debuting in his first NHL game. Rutger has officially been named on the penguins main roster ahead of the season opener at home against the New York Rangers. He faces a lot of pressure ahead of this game because of the trade the Penguins made which included now Jets forward Brayden Yager, who was at the time the Penguins top prospect. The fans have quickly adjusted to liking the young McGroarty, and are very optimistic about his success in the city of Pittsburgh.

The Penguins acquired another young player in Anthony Beauvillier, previously played for teams such as the Chicago Blackhawks, Nashville Predators, Vancouver Canucks, and the New York Islanders. Beauvillier has definitely had NHL experience, while mostly playing bottom 6 time on each of these teams, the Penguins look to him to carry a little more weight this season. Beauvillier has shown glimpses of success in the preseason games he was included in, putting up points and playing aggressively on the puck. There is no surprise that he is on the main roster, but whether he is here to stay or not is up for grabs as of right now based on his play.

Veteran defenseman Matt Grzelcyk was one of the biggest free agent add-ons to the penguins roster, as he is going to be a top line defenseman. He has had a pretty impressive resume in the NHL putting up

numbers for the Boston Bruins previously. He was signed to a 1-year, \$2,750,000 contract which raises questions on if he will be resigned after this season or not. Grzelcyk is 30 years old which isn't young, but still not old as he can still produce at a level that the penguins need him to. Adding him to the defensive core can also be a good move for mentoring reasons, with young defensemen Jack St. Ivany and Ryan Shea getting great mentorship from possible HOF defensemen Kris Letang and Erik Karlsson setting them up for success in the future. They can definitely learn and adapt the playing style of these defenseman and add it to their game to improve and become more solid this season, hopefully leading the way to a penguins playoff birth.



YOUR 2024-25 PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

FORWARDS		DEFENSE	
2	RUTGER MCGROARTY	3	JACK ST. IVANY
8	MICHAEL BUNTING	5	RYAN SHEA
10	DREW O'CONNOR	24	MATT GRZELCYK
15	KEVIN HAYES	27	RYAN GRAVES
18	JESSE PULJUJARVI	28	MARCUS PETERSSON
19	CODY GLASS	58	KRIS LETANG (A)
20	LARS ELLER	45	ERIK KARLSSON
48	VALTTERI PUUSTINEN		
55	NOEL ACCIARI	GOALIES	
67	RICKARD RAKELL	30	JOEL BLOMQUIST
71	EVGENI MALKIN (A)	35	TRISTAN JARRY
72	ANTHONY BEAUVILLIER		
87	SIDNEY CROSBY (C)		

12 FORWARDS
7 DEFENSEMEN
2 GOALTENDERS

Penguins 2024-2025 roster, Photo by Google

CONGRATS TO OUR PR CHEERLEADING TEAMS!

PR Cheer competed in their first competition of the 2024-2025 season on 10/20!

Photos by @pr_cheerleading on Instagram



Varsity Gameday: 3rd Place

Middle School Traditional: 2nd Place

Sports

Lions Roaring

How Penn State's 6-0 start keeps CFP hopes alive

DAVIS NATALI STAFF WRITER

Since the Nittany Lions walked off the field in a Peach Bowl loss to Ole Miss to close out 2023, Penn State moved its sites to 2024. The Nittany Lions would now compete in a newly expanded Big 10. With contenders like Oregon and USC joining the road to Indianapolis and the Big 10 championship would only prove more difficult for a team that has struggled against the upper tier of college football. But things are clicking halfway through the season. The Nittany Lions sit at 6-0 for the second straight year, but how did they get here? With tests like Ohio State looming, can the Nittany Lions stay undefeated?

Penn State revamped the offense with new offensive coordinator Andy Kotelnicki, who came from Kansas. With second-year quarterback Drew Allar under center and a two-headed monster at running back with junior Nick Singleton and sophomore Kaytron Allen. The Nittany Lions started the year at number 8 in the AP preseason poll, but a difficult road test at West Virginia would set the tone for the whole season. Penn State was dominant in Morgantown, running all over the Mountaineers behind Allar's 3 touchdowns to guide the Nittany Lions over WVU 34-12 to open the season. The Lions welcomed Bowling Green in the home opener. The Falcons would test Penn State the whole game, even having the lead at the break. But Penn State would rally in the second half to survive 34-27 over the Falcons. Penn State would breeze past Kent State next week 56-0. But a massive test to start Big 10 play as Penn State travels to Camp Randall Stadium to take on the Wisconsin Badgers. If they win, the Nittany Lions will be 7-0 when the Ohio State Buckeyes come to town. Ohio State has had Penn State's number over the last 8 years, but is this the year where the

Nittany Lions can make a statement? A win against the Buckeyes would all but send them to the Big 10 championship and a CFP birth. But with all of this on the line, can Penn State do it? 22nd-ranked Illinois came to Happy Valley. The Nittany Lions defense harassed the Illini all night, holding them to a single touchdown as Penn State won 21-7. UCLA made the long trip next week but stood no match as the Nittany Lions were in control all game rolling to a 27-11 win.

A rare trip out west followed the Nittany Lions. USC and Penn State would duel in a new Big 10 matchup. The Trojans would have all the fireworks early, jumping to a 20-6 lead at halftime. Allar was not having his best day; the junior threw 3 interceptions. But the Lions weathered the early storm and behind standout tight end Tyler Warren's 17 catches and 224 yards along with a score. Warren tightened the record for the most receptions by a tight end in FBS history. The Nittany Lions roared back, winning the game 33-30 in overtime to remain perfect.



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Senior Maren Iski earend a victory at the TriStar Track Coaches Association Championship Invitational on 10/17. Iski had a personal best time of 18:06!



Fall Collection

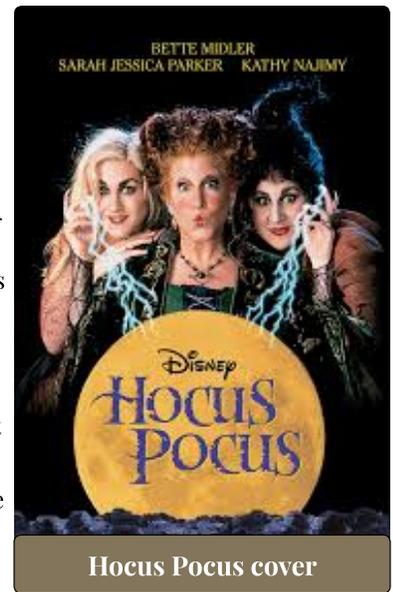
Hocus Pocus

One of the Best Halloween Movies

GIANNA UNGOR STAFF WRITER

During the month of October I watch plenty of spooky movies to get into the Halloween spirit. One of my favorites to watch of all time is *Hocus Pocus*. I've watched *Hocus Pocus* for the last couple years. It truly in my opinion is one of the best Halloween films. Released back on July 16, 1993, the movie has gotten an average rating of 4.5 stars. For me, I would say this movie is a five out of five. It is what I think Halloween is all about. Witches, Spells, trick or treating, costume parties. The movie is about a brother and sister who just recently moved to Salem. The brother, Max Dennison, explores an abandoned house with his sister, Dani, and friend Allison. As they go through this house Alison tells them the story about the three witches. Max ultimately dismisses the story and accidentally frees the coven of evil witches. *Hocus Pocus* is a beloved classic that has captured the hearts of many, including mine. It is the perfect mixture of humor, magic,

and nostalgia. From the very beginning of the movie it takes you to a world full of witches, spells, and Halloween. One of the many reasons I enjoy watching the film is because it is truly timeless. No matter how many times I watch it, the movie never loses its charm. The actors do a great job of conveying the spooky feeling. It's very unforgettable. *Hocus Pocus* has become a part of my Halloween traditions. The movie is lighthearted and just overall one of the best movies to watch to get into the Halloween spirit.



Hocus Pocus cover

The History of Pumpkin Patches and Jack-o'-Lanterns

From Indigenous Traditions to Modern-Day Fall Favorites

VIENNA RESTELLI STAFF WRITER

There are many different ways to enjoy the fall; one of the most popular is going to your local pumpkin patch. Pumpkins are a big part of the Halloween season, especially when you carve them into jack-o'-lanterns. While carving jack-o'-lanterns or visiting any of your local pumpkin patches, you've probably never taken their history into consideration. Pumpkin patches began with Indigenous people in North America, who grew and valued pumpkins for their nutritional value. Pumpkins played an important role in the agricultural way of life of the Native communities. When European settlers came to North America, farming techniques mixed, and the growth of pumpkins rose. Demand for pumpkins increased, and farms started growing them in specific areas, creating the pumpkin patches we know today. The patches started as simple farm fields and as time went on, evolved into a popular destination for families every fall. We often go to a pumpkin patch to choose pumpkins, go on hayrides, and participate in seasonal events. Pumpkin patches remain as a key part of fall and build up anticipation for Halloween.

According to an Irish legend, there's a reason why we carve jack-o'-lanterns. In the story, Stingy Jack tricked the devil on many occasions. His ways ended up catching up to him, and after he died, he was doomed to roam the earth with a turnip lantern that he had carved

for light. Before pumpkins were used for jack-o'-lanterns, the Irish used turnips. When Irish immigrants brought the tradition to America in the 19th century, they discovered that pumpkins were much better because of their size and availability.

From their Indigenous roots to the modern-day popularity of pumpkin patches and jack-o'-lanterns, they have become a key part of our fall traditions. Every time we carve jack-o'-lanterns and go to our local pumpkin patches, Shenot Farm & Market and Soergel Orchards, we can remember the stories and traditions that make up our Halloween season today.



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Haunted Houses

Spooky recommendations

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As the spooky season is coming around the corner, people want fun activities to do. A popular thing to do around Halloween time is go to haunted houses. There are multiple popular haunted houses in Pennsylvania that a lot of people like. One recommendation is “Cheeseman’s Fright Farm”, it’s one popular location. You ride out on a hayride and people jump on the hayride to scare you. There are about 100 actors around every corner to scare you. After the hayride you get to an indoor haunted house but there’s some parts that go outside. There’s a small corn maze with people jumping out at you and chasing you around. There is around 100 acres of land covered by the haunted house, the corn maze, and the hayride.

My second recommendation is “The Beacon Hotel”. At this location you ride out on a tractor with a lot of people and the actors can jump out and scare you, but they can never touch you unless you touch them. The tractor brings you to a huge corn maze, where people scare you while you find your way out. There are a lot of jump scares but they don’t really follow you or chase you.

After you escape the corn maze you ride back on the tractor to the entrance. Then you go into the haunted house, which lasts 5-10 minutes. There’s so many jump scares and the actors will talk to you or they can even



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follow you for a little bit of time.

My last recommendation is “Zombies of the Corn”. There’s something there for everyone, about six different attractions there. One popular thing to do there is the ZMaze. “A hard wall Rat maze filled with dead ends, trap doors and obstacles, many enter but not everyone comes out. Can you find the exit before the Zombies find you? Friendly startles ... good for all ages.”, said Zombies of the Corn. Funhouse 3D is a house with a lot of mirrors, and you have glasses on. There is a clown nearby to guide you. The other last popular attraction there is the Zombie Shoot. You have to fight the zombies with paintball guns, as if you’re on the hayride. After you ride you have the chance to walk through the Zombie Corn Compound. Overall there are many great haunted houses around the area that are really popular and fun in Pennsylvania for you and your friends to enjoy during the spooky season.



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FOOD DRIVE: FBLA, with the help of Inspired Hearts and Hands, is holding a food drive and donations are **due 11/4!** They are feeding local families and providing meals in a lovely, dignified manners. All students in Mrs. Blaze’s business classes will receive bonus points if they donate. Follow the PR FLBA Instagram for more information!

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Scan the QR code on your screen and select Pine-Richland in the 6A division to make a donation.

Opinion

Halloween or Thanksgiving?

A Debate Between Two Beloved Traditions

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This argument has been going on for decades but the choice still needs to be made. Would you readers prefer candy over turkey? Friends over family? Getting tricked or watching football? There are a lot of great points on each side, so let's go deeper into the two



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histories and then decide which holiday is better.

Founded in 1621, this holiday is no doubt super popular around this time of the year. There's pumpkin pie, turkey, mashed potato, and cranberries;

the list can go on and on. We can't forget watching football or playing corn hole either. I enjoy having mashed potatoes because that's my favorite part of the meal, but I'm not a big fan of pumpkin pie or apple pie. We have vanilla ice cream instead. I love how Thanksgiving is all about giving thanks for the things that you are grateful for. A lot of people take things for granted, and I just love how when it comes to thinking of what we're grateful for, it makes them realize "Wait a second..I'm really lucky to have clothes, food, and shelter. Some people might not have these things". I'm grateful for what I have

every day. I see starving people, and I realize how easy I have it in life as a child. The one thing I like about Thanksgiving is that as you get older, Halloween is just not that interesting for teens anymore.

However, you can never be too old for Thanksgiving. Now let's move on to a childhood favorite.

Founded in 1773, Halloween is a childhood hit. Dressing up, eating candy, haunted houses, etc. Dressing up as a princess or Spider man is always fun. Getting lots of candy and eating it until you have a stomach ache is part of the thrill of it. Going to Halloween parties is always THE bomb. You always get some candy, hang out with your friends, and play games. Halloween is one of those holidays that boosts your mental and physical health. Getting to experience and get your exercise is like hitting two birds with one stone. However, if Halloween parties are just not your vibe, fear not. Staying at home handing out candy is always super fun, and I love seeing little kids' reactions to what they have. However, if you want to relax, there's one more trick in store. Movies with your friends or families are always fun and you can watch comedy or horror movies. A favorite Halloween movie of mine is Halloween Town. I don't really like scary movies because they scare me a bit too much. Let's go on to see which holiday is better now.

The truth is there is no better holiday. Each holiday is special and unique in its own way and we are so lucky to get to enjoy both experiences. So the next time someone asks you which holiday you prefer, just smile and say that you love both.

5 Survive: A Review

Kick Back and Relax with This Best Seller

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If you like thriller books then you will love the article. Today I am talking about *5 Survive* by best selling author Holly Jackson. Holly Jackson loves to write a good thriller, and in 2022 she did it again with this one. This article will contain a summary of the book along with my own opinion of the book.

This book takes place on a road trip with six friends, Red Kenny, Maddy Lavoy, Oliver Lavoy, Reyna Flores-Serrano, Simon Yoo, and Arthur Moore. Everything is normal until they lose signal and take a wrong turn. They end up in the woods in the middle of nowhere with no GPS to get out. As they are trying to figure out how to get out of their sticky situation, they find out that all four of their tires had been shot out by someone unknown. As they are trying to find out how to get help they find out that someone is outside, and they want one of the six friends

dead. Now the six friends have to figure out who has the secret that the person outside wants, and they only have 8 hours.

I thought this book was really interesting and fun to read. I thought the book was a bit slow in the beginning but in the last one hundred pages it really started to get interesting and way easier to read. All the plot twists were so interesting and most of the time I never saw them coming. I thought this book was really well written, just like all of Holly Jackson's other books.

If you like to read and have the day off I bet you could knock out this story in a day because the whole story will draw you in and you will feel so involved in the story. You'll never see or expect the plot twists that are coming your way.



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Opinion

A Commentary on the Four Seasons

A Look into all that Nature has to Offer

KATE IAMS STAFF WRITER

I love living in an area that experiences the four seasons and all they have to offer. Each one brings something completely different, and I appreciate them all for their contrasting traits. It is truly such a blessing to be exposed to all the types of weather. Some people never get to see snow in their lifetime. Others may never see a tree's leaves change colors. Don't get me wrong I understand how people love to live where it's warm 24/7, but I personally think they're missing out on so much more.

Fall is here and I couldn't be more excited. It is a very unique season that is unlike any other. The outdoor temperatures start to shift towards cooler, and the air becomes crisper. The leaves are like nature's colorful canvas. As I walk outside, I look around and admire the fall foliage. Watching the leaves change is like watching a beautiful butterfly transform. Not to mention the holidays that come with the fall season, like Halloween and thanksgiving. There is so much that the fall months have to offer.

Once all the leaves have fallen and the trees are bare, winter comes barreling in, like a blizzard. As I try my best to adapt to the extremely cold temperatures, I can't help but notice how truly peaceful nature is. Although it is cold, wintertime is so much more than that to me. I love to ski and look forward to the skiing season basically all year long. There is something about being on the top of a mountain with your friends, and just being surrounded by the endless outdoors. I love looking outside, and seeing everything covered in a white blanket of snow. Plus Christmas is my favorite holiday, and as they say "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" Then after the holidays, and all the celebrations, you get to have

another one. New Year's Eve is the start of a new year, and I love the feeling of a fresh start. It gives me a chance to really recap all the amazing memories I had made that past year. As we transition through the new year, spring is flinging into the picture. The snow has melted, and the plants have started to revive themselves. The flowers blossom, the leaves return to their branches, and the temperature starts to become warm once again. There seems to be a pop of color everywhere I look. The animals return after a long hibernation, and the sun shimmers down on the dewy grass like glitter.

The temperature rises, and school is coming to a close. I can't wait for the summer ahead, full of great times, memories, and traveling. The plants and vegetation are lush, and the days become longer. The sun is much brighter and hotter, compared to the spring. It is such a great, and sunny season. That's why I love living somewhere that offers all four seasons, and so much more.



ATTENTION SENIORS! Please fill out the Diploma Name Verification google form sent to your school email. The deadline is December 2nd .

The Class of 2026 Student Government held a costume drive the week of 10/14 to 10/18. Here shows one car packed with bags ready to be donated. Photo by Elise Duckworth

Games

Pittsburgh Puzzle

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