



School News

Boys Soccer Sectional Final

By: Dylan George



This past Tuesday, the Boys' Varsity Soccer team faced off against a tough Faith Heritage team in the Sectional Final, a win-or-go-home scenario. The Knights battled hard throughout the game, winning the Sectional final with a score of 3-2. In the first half, Dylan George scored 5 minutes off a pass from Levi Neunschwander. Both teams were held scoreless for the remaining parts of the first half.

Gavin Hames broke the drought with a banger shot from 30 yards out, just going over the goalie's head, with Levi tallying his second assist of the evening. Weaving through the entire Faith Heritage team, Gavin Hames buried his second goal of the night off of an assist from Luke Langel. Faith Heritages, Henry Jackson scored two late goals in the second half to make it a one-goal game. But the Knights could hold their own on defense and take the victory 3-2. After the game, I interviewed starting goalie Cooper Roy and the Coaches.

How do you feel about winning your first sectional title?

Cooper: "Absolutely amazing. After playing on several sports teams throughout high school, it feels good that I got a medal on my last chance to win."

How do you feel about winning your first sectional title on the coaching staff of Hamilton Soccer?

Coach Snyder: "It's great. I was buzzing all night. And Coach Houck added he was thankful to win one finally."

Coach Houck: "The major reason I came to Hamilton was to win a sectional title finally, and I could not do that during my time at UV. So I'm finally thankful that we were able to win this year."

Coach Rose: "It's nice to get one as a head coach. I got a couple in the late 2000s as an assistant, but this was my first as a head coach, which was awesome."

The team will travel to Oneonta to play against South Kortright in the Regional game on Saturday, 11/9, at 11 a.m.

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Arsenic and Old Lace Experiences

By: Dorothy Disha

Arsenic and Old Lace completed their production last week. With two wonderful

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viewings and a cheerful audience, I decided to interview some cast members about their experiences. My first interview was with Noah Dennis-Harding (Freshman) and Ainsley Grawrock (Sophomore).



“How was the show? What are the audience’s reactions and actors’ performances like?”

Noah: “The show went really well, especially compared to previous productions, I think the actors came together towards the end. I think the audience enjoyed

it as well, especially on Saturday.”

“Will you miss being a part of the cast?”

Noah: “Yes, I found it very enjoyable. I prefer small casts, we all end up like a little family.”

“Favorite part of being in the cast?”

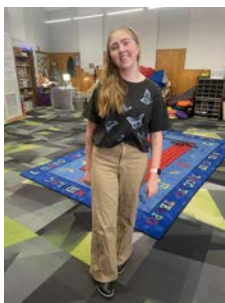
Noah: “Favorite part was probably talking with different people, and having different friends.”

“Will you miss your role?”

Noah: “Yes, I liked my role, I think it's my favorite in the past couple of years.” (*He played Officer O'Hara*)

“Rate your Arsenic and Old Lace Experience on a scale from 1-10.”

Noah: “Probably an 8 or 9, we had a couple of bumpy spots, but we came together in the end.”



“How was the show? What are the audience’s reactions and actors’ performances like?”

Ainsley: “I think it was overall a good show, Saturday’s audience was better though.”

“Will you miss being a part of the cast?”

Ainsley: “I will, but I'm grateful to move on.”

“Favorite part of being in the cast?”

Ainsley: “Since I was an understudy I loved playing different roles and helping the actors exercise their talents.”

“Will you miss your role?”

Ainsley: “My main role, Witherspoon, I won't miss the panic but I'll miss the opportunity to perform.”

“Rate your Arsenic and Old Lace Experience on a scale from 1-10.”

Ainsley: “6.5 It was very fun, but tiring, it made many last-minute changes but it was really a worthwhile production.”

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Electives Article #2

By Silas Campbell

This week's article will continue my discussion of electives offered at HCS. The next three electives that I chose are Horticulture, Natural Disasters, and Yearbook. I chose these because they each are rooted in a different field of study.

Yearbook is one of the electives offered at Hamilton Central School. I interviewed Mrs. Kowalski, the yearbook teacher! I asked Mrs. Kowalski the question, "Why did you choose to teach this elective?" Mrs. Kowalski said, "Because I love photography and because it combines art and writing and I love both of those!" I also asked Mrs. Kowalski, "What do your students learn about in this class? What is Photojournalism?" She replied, "It's a combination of Digital Photography And Journalism and we do more than just the Yearbook! As an example we do the Senior Slideshow and The Lobby TV!" Mrs. Kowalski likes her class and so do her students, like Gavin Rutledge!

I asked Gavin, "What do you enjoy most about this elective that you are in?" Gavin stated, "I took the class last year and it was fun, so I

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wanted to take it again! Mrs. Kowalski makes the work fun!" I also asked Gavin this question, "Why did you choose to take this elective for upperclassmen high school?" Gavin declared, "My favorite part is we have a lot of freedom in the class and it's not a big class. Everyone is pretty close! I'm excited about what our yearbook will turn out!" It was an interesting process to interview both Gavin Rutledge and Mrs. Kowalski about the yearbook class!

Natural Disasters is another elective class that is offered here at HCS! I interviewed Mrs. Vaillancourt for her Natural Disasters Elective Class. The first question I asked Mrs. Vaillancourt is, "Why did you teach this elective class?" Mrs. Vaillancourt said, "One of my professors and I are still friends and he approached me asking if I was interested in teaching a dual credit course. He and a couple colleagues of his created some courses to be taught at the high school and college level. This way the SUNY Brockport College Name would be more advertised in schools and also not every AP Class will give college credit even though you have to pay to take AP courses! The second question I asked Mrs. Vaillancourt was, "What do students learn about in Natural Disasters?" "We take an in-depth look into most Natural Disasters such as severe storms, earthquakes, asteroids, and wildfires! Most units have a lab and will have one or more case studies where we look at individual events that happened in the past. We also compare the effects of natural disasters in first-world countries vs. third-world countries. Lastly, we have an ongoing journal of real-time events that happened during the year."

I also interviewed Colin Olsen, a student in Natural Disasters! What do you enjoy most about this elective class? He said, "I like the water-table labs and field trips to natural lakes in New York State." I also asked Colin, "Why did you choose to take this elective in your senior year of high school?" He said, "Because I wanted to go on the field trip." Natural Disasters seems like a great fun elective!

The last elective for this article is Horticulture! I interviewed Mrs. Bossard to learn more about the class. Why did you choose to teach this elective? Mrs. Bossard teaches Horticulture because it's fun to teach her students all about the plant science industry and find fun and creative ways that are hands-on to teach kids all about plants! What's your favorite activity that you've done with your students so far this year in Horticulture? She really likes to teach flower arrangement of the month. "The flower arrangement club of the month is when people sign up to receive a different floral arrangement each month. Each month has a different theme and students get a chance to work with fresh flowers, be creative and get hands-on experience and make someone's day bright!"

I also interviewed Vivianna Linden, a horticulture student. What do you learn about in this class? "We learn about flowers and the art designs of flowers and the elements of design and how to make a beautiful bouquet!" I also asked Vivi, "What do you enjoy most about this elective that you are in?" Vivianna Linden said, "I enjoy this elective because I don't get to do this at home or in other classes at school. I like seeing the pretty pumpkins in the rooms around the school!!" I think that it would be really fun and that it's something that I never really done before vs. in other ag classes." Ag + Science = Agriscience/Horticulture! - The Study of Flowers!

All of these electives are available at HCS for our students in grades 9-12 for them to take as optional fun creative classes throughout the busy school days. Electives are classes you can choose to take in your daily high school schedule and some of them can count as college credit classes taken by the individual student right here!

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Freshman Class Bottle Drive

By Ezra Stahlberg

Over last weekend the freshman kicked off the first class fundraising with an incredibly successful bottle drive. This drive was incredibly successful bringing in tons of people to help donate and get rid of their cans and bottles to help the freshman class. I spoke with Luke Langel who is the freshman vice president on the fundraiser.



How many bottles did you collect? We collected over 2500 bottles, maybe 300 but I don't know for sure.

Who was your biggest donor? Don the bus driver. He brought Pepsi, Coke, the whole shebang, he probably brought 350 bottles.

Where'd you donate them?: Caz Cans, Mrs Freeth brought them over, like a legend.

How long did the bottle drive take?: We were there for two hours 10-12 so for only a 2 hour drive I think we did very well.

What was the most popular can brought in?: Either Coke bottles or sparkling water were both big contributors.

Luke Langel, the freshman Vice President, is optimistic about their start to their highschool fundraising and said it was a great way to kick off the year and a good start to their goal.

NHS Induction Ceremony

By Ezra Stahlberg



On Monday HCS had its National Honor Society induction ceremony. This ceremony is to commemorate all the students who qualified for National Honor Societies and to celebrate their success in their academics.

There were a total of 21 junior inductees and 1 senior inductee. This is a major accomplishment for our students and shows and commends their hard work throughout high school today. I decided to interview a few NHS inductees to see their favorite parts of the Ceremony.

What was your favorite part of the ceremony?

Dylan George: Mr Jones' speech because it was very touching and gave a good laugh to lighten the mood for the ceremony.

Michael Hayden: I thought Dr. Duclos' speech was very funny and interesting, he wrote a great speech.

Are you excited to be in NHS?

Michael Hayden: I'm excited and hoping to open a holiday craft fair, we had one at my middle school where people would bring in craft goods like jewelry, holiday cards, hot coco, and would set up more stands and the proceeds would go to charities in the area so I would hope to open one up here.

Dylan George: Yes I'm excited to help out around the communities and get new

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opportunities and it will help with college applications which is a plus.

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School Spotlights

Interviewing

Mrs. Kaltoukova

By Maren Ettrich



Mrs. Kaltoukova is a student teacher for the 8th grade, but before that she was helping teach in the 7th grade with Mrs. Freeth's class.

Question : What have you thought about HCS so far?

Mrs. Kaltoukova : I love the community and how close it is. I also like that everyone knows each other.

Question : What made you choose Colgate for your college?

Mrs. Kaltoukova : I was recruited for hockey. But I still had a choice in what college I picked and I picked Colgate because of hockey and what it had to offer.

Question : What is different from where you grew up compared to Hamilton?

Mrs. Kaltoukova : It is not much different from where I grew up. They both are some towns and close communities.

Question : What are your future plans after HCS?

Mrs. Kaltoukova: I plan to finish my teaching degree and then get my bachelor degree. I also want to continue in hockey.

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Senior Spotlight

By Gavin Snyder

Name - Rhiannon Murry



Dunkin' order - Large iced coffee with two pumps of liquid sugar, two cream, and three Carmel, it's the best, if you haven't tried it, TRY IT!!!

Favorite sport - My favorite sport to play is softball but to watch is football, all the others are boring to watch.

Best memory from softball - My best memory from softball has to be Ellie falling out of the back of the bus. Or the Crip club. Iykyk.

Biggest fear - My biggest fear is puking or the Amish or Amish puking, and most of all, PUKING!!!

Best holiday- It has to be Thanksgiving because of being around family and Christmas is right around the corner.

Advice for the youth - My advice I would give to the youth is to hang out with your friends and attend everything you can.

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Owl of the Week!

By: Rihana Dye



Instead of asking Mr. Snyder to share his wisdom every week with us, I've decided to pick a different person every week with a topic of the month! This week I've decided to choose the President of the NHS club here at HCS, Madison DeAngelas to share some wisdom on academic success.

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1. "Always do your homework."
2. "If you are struggling, get extra help before failing."
3. "Never procrastinate, if you don't have a lot of work, look into the future and try to get ahead with assignments and staying rather than letting them pile up."

Madison has a lot of academic success, while being the president of the NHS club, she kept her grades to the standard throughout her junior year and continued to do so for her senior year! Listen to Madison's wisdom if you choose to achieve academic excellence!

Local news

Weekly Weather Outlook

By Cheyanne Bennett



This week looks to be a mostly cloudy week with some rain and sun and mostly cool. This would be a great week to relax in the house and watch movies or

enjoy the nice weather because sooner than we know there will be snow.

Monday, October 4th, 2024: Mostly cloudy with rain showers with a high of 52 degrees and a low of 35 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday, October 5th, 2024: Partly cloudy with a high of 71 degrees and a low of 60 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday, October 6th, 2024: Rain showers with a high of 68 degrees and a low of 49 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday, October 7th, 2024: Mostly cloudy with a high of 52 degrees and a low of 37 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Friday, October 8th, 2024: Mostly sunny with a high of 57 degrees and a low of 34 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday, October 9th, 2024: Partly cloudy with a high of 57 degrees and a low of 34 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday, October 10th, 2024: Cloudy with rain showers with a high of 57 degrees and a low of 49 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Overall, this week looks to be cloudy with some rain showers. I hope you all had a great week!

Photo credit- The Weather Channel

US News

2024 Election Results

By Michael Hayden

As of the morning of November 6, Donald Trump has defeated Kamala Harris and is now the new President-elect of the United States. On Wednesday morning, when Trump's victory was declared, he had won 277 electoral votes - seven more than the 270 required for a win. Harris had 224 electoral votes, and the remaining 37 votes had not yet been decided. Among the five states still undecided at the time were battleground



states Michigan, Nevada, and Arizona, though Trump held the lead in all three. He had already won the other four swing states of Wisconsin, North Carolina, Georgia, and, most importantly, Pennsylvania.

Additionally, 3 Senate seats have flipped, giving a Republican Senate majority of 52 to 45,

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with 3 seats still to be called. The GOP is also projected to win the House majority, with 206 House seats already called to the Democrats' 191. 38 House seats are still to be determined. In short, America's government will be a lot more conservative for the next few years.

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Idaho Murders

By Maren Ettrich

In early November in a small town of Idaho there were 4 college students who were found stabbed and killed in their apartment. The first victim was Ethan Chapin (20), the second victim was Madison Mogen (21), the third was Xana Kernodle (20), and the final victim was Kaylee Goncalves (21). The teens' bodies were found the morning of November 13 2022. The killings were a total surprise to the college and the students because nothing like this had happened before. 2 of the 4 teens were from Idaho and they all were studying at the University of Idaho.



The apartment was a little off campus and the total number of bedrooms in the apartment was 6. The teens had 2 other roommates but they were not home at the time of the killing. The apartment was in the town of Moscow Idaho with 25,000 people who lived there. Noe recently the murder who killed these teens is facing court for the first time in 2 years. In this article I will be talking about this trial and what it means for the families of these victims and the case itself.

The murderer's name is Bryan Koberger, who lived only a few hours away from the teens' apartment. For 6 weeks the case went cold. But then the evidence leads cops and investors to Bryan's parent house which is where he was arrested and charged for the murders. The trial will start in August of 2025 and will probably

continue until November 2025. Bryan has remained in jail since he was caught in December of 2022. Which is where he will remain until he is sentenced. Bryan has been charged with 4 counts of murder in the killings of the teens. But Bryan still pleaded not guilty until he was officially charged with the murders. Now it comes to a matter of his sentence. The most possible outcome for Bryan is that he will face lifetime in prison without any parole.

The next question people have been wondering is what does this mean for the case and the teens who were murdered. Well, ever since the murder happened many people have honored their memory around the camps where they were killed. They also honored their memory by the apartment where the murders took place. What this could mean is that the person who is responsible for the 4 teens murder finally gets his sentence and will be in prison for life. This will hopefully provide some kind of closure for the families of these victims.

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The History of Veterans Day

By James Hanmer

The day that we try to recognize the soldiers who fought for our country and for our freedom. This all started after the fight of World War One, when they ceased the fighting seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the allied nations. All this happened on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, which is November 11, 1918. This is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars".

This date in history continues to be observed on November 11th, no matter what the day of the week is. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day not only keeps in mind the historic significance of that date but helps bring attention to celebrate and honor

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America's veterans for their patriotism, love for the country, willingness to serve and sacrifice for the good of the country. So on this date try and celebrate the ones who fought for the country.

Global News

Israel Bombs Polio Vax Site

By Cheyanne Bennett



Photo credit-Reuters

On November 4th, 2024 the Polio Vax Site was Bombed by Israel. Israel was continuing to try to

block the lifesaving humanitarian aid from coming into Northern Gaza. Many of the humanitarian organizations described this bombing as “apocalyptic” and warned people of starvation and death of the Palestinians. Rachael Cummings from the humanitarian aid group in central Gaza said “This situation is absolutely desperate”.

This was another deadly weekend in Gaza. Reports were made that about 50 children from the Jabaliya refugee camp had been killed in this Israeli attack on the Polio Vax Site in approximately 48 hours. Two of Gaza's residential buildings that were sheltering hundreds of displaced Palestinians have been leveled during this attack. UNICEF has demanded that Israel starts an immediate investigation after one of their vehicles that was getting driven by one of their staff members had gone under fire by an Israeli quadcopter that was flying above Jabaliya.

Indonesia Volcano Erupts

By: Pyper McEwan

On Monday November 4, 2024 a volcano erupted in eastern Indonesia, and this affected many people. The Eruption happened around

midnight killing 10 people. The volcano shot out thick brownish ash, shooting that up to about 6,500 feet into the air. The hot ashes hit a lot of towns and caught a lot of houses on fire. The ashes from the volcano traveled up to 3.7 miles away from the crater, hitting some towns nearby, this was causing a lot of volcano debris and forcing people to leave their homes.



There has been a search team searching for the lost people and rescuing those who are injured, there have been a lot of bodies under the houses that have collapsed. There have been bodies found, one body was a child. There have been a lot of people affected from this tragedy, let all hope that everyone else they are looking for gets found and things get better from here on out.

Photo cred: CNN

Israel and Gaza Somehow Get Worse

By: Dorothy Disha

Israel and Gaza 's ongoing battle has now unbelievably taken turns for the worst as it has



been reported that a recent Israeli raid has killed seven people, five of them being children.

However recent good news has sparked as the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that more than 100 patients including children will be transferred out of the Gaza Strip on Wednesday in a rare medical evacuation.

Rik Peperkorn, WHO representative for the Occupied Palestinian Territory, said the patients, including “children with trauma injuries and chronic diseases, would depart in a large convoy via the Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel. Under arrangements made by the WHO,

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the patients will then fly to the United Arab Emirates from Ramon Airport in southern Israel, and some will travel on to Romania.” he said. This deal is providing hope for some Palestinians, ensuring that their children will get a safe future.

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Entertainment

Animal Word Search!

By: Pyper McEwan

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experiences from the same thing. I recently decided to go watch Terrifier 3.

Some theaters worldwide require you to be 18 or older to watch the film. In an interview with the director of the film Damien Leone, he spoke about how a critic from Australia emailed him and said how she saw two people faint while watching the movie. I decided to bring Dominick Mensche who was not a fan of the movie, to say the least. The movie had a run-time of 2 hours and 5 minutes. This movie is less scary and just has more gore than anything. Overall I rate the movie an 8/10, there isn't much of a plot but it is pretty scary.

Photo credit: IGN

Halloween Review

By Gavin Rutledge

This year I had the opportunity to hand out candy to people, handing out candy is a lot

different than trick-or-treating. Lots of people have mixed opinions on Halloween, some hate it, and some love it. Halloween is my favorite



holiday, so I asked other people what they think of it.

Q: What do you think of Halloween?

A: "1.7/10 because I never grew up doing anything for it, it's rainy, wet, cold, and we're in school. But one good thing is that snowboarding is coming up" - Gavin Snyder

A: "3/10 because it's cold, there's annoying kids who don't have fun" - Dom Mensche

A: "8/10 because it's fun dressing up and seeing other people's costumes." - Dylan George

Opinion

Movie Review

By Gavin Rutledge

This week I decided to review movies being played in the Hamilton Movie Theater. Movies are something that brings people together and gives them different and unique



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Food Review

By: Dylan George

This week on food review, we took a trip to downtown Hamilton to dine at one of Hamilton's best Italian restaurants, Oliveris. Oliveris is known for having some of the best pizza, pasta dishes, and blue cheese in central New York. Gavin Rutledge, Dom Mensche, Gavin Snyder, and I reviewed some of the best dishes at Oliveris and rated them out of 10.



Gavin Rutledge: "I ordered two slices of cheese pizza, two cups of ranch, and a root beer. The ranch is the best in the world; the pizza is not soggy like the place across the road. Hands down best pizza in town." **Overall: 10/10**

Dom Mensche: "I ordered a buffalo chicken sub with ranch. This is one of my favorite sandwiches worldwide, especially when you diop the sub in the ranch. This is probably my favorite restaurant in Hamilton." **Overall: 9.0/10**

Gavin Snyder: "I ordered one of my favorite orders, the Vodka sauce piggies. The pasta is spectacular, and the sauce is so good, almost as good as the vodka riggies from the Waterville New York Pizzeria." **Overall: 7.2/10**

Dylan George: "I ordered a chicken parmesan sandwich with a sprite. The Chicken Parm sandwich was delicious and is my go-to order any time I visit Oliveris. I stole some Gavin Rutledge's pizza and thought it was alright, nothing crazy." **Overall: 7.4/10**

After visiting multiple of Hamilton's restaurants, we finally visited one of our favorites, Oliveris. The staff is very nice, and they get the

food out quickly, making for a fantastic experience with some great food.

Photo Credit: oliverispizza.com

Album Review

By Dom Mensche

Album Review is an overview of albums released by popular artists, and they are rated by professional music analyst Dominick "Metro" Mensche

This week's review will be on the album *Savage Mode 2* by "21 Savage" and Producer "Metro Boomin".



Savage Mode 2 is a release from 21 Savage and Metro Boomin, continuing the duo's reign in the world of trap music. Released in October 2020, the album is a sequel to their 2016 *Savage Mode*, and practically carried COVID, with 21 even mentioning COVID in his songs saying "We in quarantine". The album has been deemed collaboration of the year with 21 Savage showing off a wider range of styles, from his typical cold-blooded delivery to more melodic tracks that surprised streamers. Notably, songs like "Snitches & Rats" and "Rich N***a Sh*t" highlight 21's growth as a rapper and person, while tracks like "Runnin" remind fans why he remains a big name in modern trap-style music.

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Personally, this is my favorite 21 Savage album as it holds a personal place in my music mind. The songs are pure nostalgia of lockdown and it leaves a mark on my playlists as most of the songs on it are 21 Savage, among other artists.

Haunted House Review

By Rhiannon Murray

Over the past weekend we decided to take a little trip to New Hartford to attend a haunted house. We picked Crooked Descent Horror for its convenience and online reviews. The group that geared up for this spooky adventure included myself, Adey, Chloe, Lexie, Teddy, Gavin Hames, Bryce, and Dylan. As we arrived at probably one of the sketchiest buildings I've ever seen we tried to hype ourselves up to go inside.

First, Lexie decided she couldn't actually go through the haunted house, so she sat in the car the entire time. Next, Teddy and Bryce talked the guy into letting us in for half price!! The price was set at \$40 for two attractions, we only paid \$20! Then, unshockingly, Rhiannon and Chloe did not have cash... their previous cash spent on gas to get us there. After five minutes of being unable to work the ATM, the two of us got in for FREE. At this point we all were slightly sketched because they were losing money left and right (about \$180), not seeming to care. As we descended into the dark abyss with our THREE glow sticks (also to add these glow sticks were stolen, given back, stolen, lost... Gavin took mine. Overall a mess) to use between the seven of us, Chloe screamed... literally the guy who let us in... not even an actor. We knew we were 100% in for it.

After our about 20 minute wait in line we were shoved into a room... with a clown! The two attractions overall weren't terrible now that I am reflecting on them, however in the moment I wanted to cry! The first attraction was an insane asylum, the second being called the Forriben Family. The highlights included Adey being pushed onto the dentist table, Teddy taking an

egg from a man who previously had it in his mouth, Rhiannon being spit on by a guy hanging from the ceiling, and Chloe being chased down by BIG MAMA. Overall great experience for a group hangout and we can't wait for the next adventure.

Ratings :

Lexie : "0/10 I was too scared to even go inside. I chickened out and waited in the car!"

Teddy : "6/10 It was not that scary, the girls were being dramatic."



Rhiannon : "8/10 I loved it lowkey. I was the one who pushed for us to go and it was awesome."

Dylan : "7.3/10

It was funny to see everyone's reactions, Adey was shaking, Chloe screamed for no reason. Big Mama was my favorite because why the heck did it chase us out of the haunted house."

Adey : "7.5/10 I had to go first because I told the people my name. I felt targeted and I was done."

Gavin Hames : "7.5/10 It was a little creepy but it was super fun!"

Bryce : "7/10 You could tell they were fake actors, it was not that scary. However, it was a great group activity!!"

Chloe : "9/10 The jumpscare were good at the start, but as we went through it became less scary. It was so much fun but it was super tight at multiple points which made it kinda overwhelming."

Sports

Girls Varsity Soccer

By Eve McCorkle

On Friday, November 1st, 2024, the girls varsity soccer team traveled to Cortland for the Section III Class D Championship. The girls

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played Copenhagen, the number one seed. Both teams played a great game and did not let up. Our Knights dominated the majority of the

game.

In the first half the girls were playing great soccer, making some great plays and runs yet they just couldn't get a shot off. Our Knights were very determined to win this game. Hamilton put in all the effort that they had. Neither one of the teams would let each other score. Overall, a pretty matched-up game. To end the first half, the score was zero to zero. Hamilton did not give up, they came off for the half and they were still completely in the game.

In the second half of the game, the girls stepped right on the pitch and got down to business. They were playing an outstanding game and they never let up. All of a sudden a little ways into the second half our knights received a free kick a little outside of the eighteen. Abbey Hope stepped up to take the kick and Eve McCorkle had the first goal of the night to put them up one to zero! After this, the girls were pumped! They did not let up and kept Copenhagen at zero. Unfortunately, soon after Copenhagen scored a far shot to make the score one-to-one. The second half ended and it was now overtime.

In the first fifteen minutes, the girls played very well and held Copenhagen which showed how much of the better team they were. The next fifteen minutes of overtime the girls kept up their act. To end overtime the score was one to one. Both teams were named Section III Class D Co-Champions. Yet, they still needed someone to move onto Regionals. Both teams selected five players and they had to take penalty kicks to decide the winners. Hamilton started strong, scoring their



first one then Copenhagen followed right behind. In the end, Copenhagen moved on to Regionals.

Overall, our knights had quite an outstanding season, and they played amazingly in the Championship. Great Job girls and congrats on your season.

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Upcoming Regionals

By Dom Mensche



The Hamilton Emerald Knights had an electrifying win against Faith Heritage last night Tuesday, November 5th in the Section 3, Class D Soccer Finals.

With yet another section title under their belt, the boys move on to the Regional Finals, Saturday morning against South Kortright. The game will be in Oneonta at 11 AM sharp. Be sure to make an appearance and show support to our Knights.

Not much is known about South Kortright except that they play a fast paced, 1-3-2-4 Formation, which will challenge our locomotive Levi Neuenschwander and Speedy Gavin Hames up top. The Knight's defense and star goalie Cooper Roy will need to bring their A-Game to Stop their Forwards from penetrating to the net.

After interviewing Coaches Houck and Snyder, they had this to say:

Houck: *"I think we have a great chance as long as we play our style of soccer, and do the things that got us here in the first place."*

Snyder: *"I think you have to take every game seriously, because all of the teams who give up early and don't play out the full 80 minutes have*

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been eliminated. In the state tournaments, everyone has done impressive stuff to get there.”

Houck: *“To piggy-back off what Snyder said; every team that is there, isn’t there by mistake. These teams are still here for a reason.”*

Varsity Boys Soccer

By Gavin Snyder

Last Wednesday the boys played Belleville-Henderson in the sectional semi-finals. In the first half, Hamilton was able to score two goals and diminish any hope the Belleville team had of winning. In the second half, Hamilton was able to put the opposing team away by scoring two more goals, making the score four to zero with Hamilton winning. Goals were scored by Levi Neuenschwander, having three, and Sawyer Latella adding one. Assists were by Sawyer having two and Gavin Hames and Brayden having one each.

I interviewed Levi Neuenschwander. He scored three goals in the game and is still an 11th grader.

What were your thoughts going into the game?- My thoughts going into every game is to win every 50/50 ball, and don't get a red card.

What has been your plan going into every game?- My plan is to run fast and score goals

And lastly, what inspires you to play?- Mr Snyder inspires me to play.

This past Tuesday the boys played away at VVS High School against Faith Heritage in the final for the sectional title. This game is what you could call stressful.



The half started off hot with Levi Neuenschwander sending a cross to Dylan George to finish the header. Leading to the

first half ending Hamilton one and Faith zero. In the second half, it was goal after goal by Gavin Hames, Levi with there for the first one with the assist, and Luke Langel for the next. But faith wasn't done because they were able to put in two goals within twenty-five minutes. But that wasn't enough because Hamilton won three-two for the sectional final win. With Cooper having five saves on the night.

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Girls Varsity Volleyball

By Eve McCorkle

On Tuesday, November 5th, 2024 the varsity girls volleyball team traveled to Lafayette for the semi-finals. The girls looked ready and pumped for this game against Lafayette.



In the first set, the girls were doing amazing! They were playing some great offense and defense as well. Our knights just fell short twenty-one to twenty-five with Lafayette taking the first set. In the second set, our girls answered right back, winning the second set twenty-five to twenty.

Heading into the third set, Lafayette was on their game and they took the third set, twenty-five to seventeen. Once again, our girls shot right back winning the fourth twenty-five to thirteen. Things were looking pretty good for either team. The girls couldn't keep up with Lafayette and lost the fifth and final set fifteen to seven.



Polly Hansen-Rodriguez finished the game with one block, thirteen digs, and two assists. Jayden Schwarting finished the game with fifteen digs and two aces. Cameron Cleveland had a total

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of fifteen kills, four blocks, and eleven digs. Kaitlyn Baker had three kills, three digs, and one assist. Madison DeAngelis had a total of four kills, nineteen digs, and three aces. Also, Brooke Dunlay had a total of three digs and two aces. Alivya Packer had three kills, ten digs, and twenty-seven assists. Lastly, Zaida Ostrander ended the game with an assist.

Overall, the girls played a great game and gave it their all. Congratulations on your season this year girls!

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Penalty Kicks - Beneficial or Not?

By Rhiannon Murray

After the girls varsity tie on Friday, talk sparked about how penalty kicks are an unfair



way to decide the end of a soccer game. For those who don't know, after the 80 minutes of regulation a soccer game goes into

two 10 minute overtime periods. During these overtimes if one team scores, the game ends (golden goal). Most times the game ends in a tie and that's it, however during sectionals someone has to move on. This is when 5 athletes from each team take turns shooting one shot from the 12-yard line at the goalie.

My proposition, instead of penalty kicks, is similar to field hockey. I interviewed Ryan Verbsticky to get a better understanding of how field hockey overtime works. "Originally the game is played 11 v 11, with four 15 minute quarters. If the game goes into overtime, it becomes 7 v 7, for two 10 minute periods. If after those 20 minutes the game is still in a tie, there is a "shoot-off." One player starts at the 25 yard line going 1v1 against the goalie for 10 seconds. Each team, similar to soccer, selects 5 athletes to compete." I think that by removing players from

the field creates a more fair and fun way to end a game. My proposition for soccer is to remove one player from each team until one team scores. One person would be removed from each team every 5 minutes. This means it could get down to a 1v1 eventually. Similarly in indoor club soccer they start with 4v4 and every minute or so they remove someone until it becomes 1v1 and someone scores."

Many of the girls' post co-sectional title wins were very upset because of the PK's. I asked Junior Logan Langel for her opinion on penalty kicks. "Disclaimer - I am not well versed enough in soccer and soccer rules to really have an educated opinion. However, it's good to have something before PKs but the game has to be cut off eventually. I think that penalty kicks are a very interesting rule, which causes a lot of pressure which I am not a fan of. Overall I think that the rule won't change anytime soon but is something that should be looked at and maybe changed in the future.

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Varsity Girls Basketball!

By: Rihana Dye



It's November! That means even after the wonderful success that the girls soccer team had, basketball season is right around the corner! The girls had an amazing season last year with a record of 18-2, and then beating West Canada in the sectional final game! They, unfortunately, lost in the regional game but that was last year, this year even after losing their seniors, they will come back stronger than ever on November 18th ready to start the pre-season!

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Yankees Pick Up New Player

By James Hanmer



What a season for the New York Yankees for playing the LA Dodgers in the world series, even though they lost 4-1 in the score of five games.

All this means is that the Yankees need to try and find some newer people to join the team and just try and make the upcoming seasons better. Even though all their seasons right now were good, including getting into the World Series, the Yankees made a big move by adding the player Luke Weavers to the team for 2.5 million dollars. This is a perfect pick for the Yankees, because this player has been like a godsend to this team. Plus, he's more than just excelling at his first season as a relief pitcher.

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