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School News



Boys Varsity Soccer

By Gavin Snyder

Last Saturday the team played in the regional final against South Kortright at Wright Soccer Complex. At the beginning of the first half, it looked to be a good game between the two battling teams. This did not hold for long as Hamilton was able to score two goals within the first half.

The second half was the same with another two goals being added by the knights to sweep the Rams four to zero being the final score. Goals were by Gavin Hames, Levi Neuenschwander, Colin Olsen, and Dylan George. Assists were by Luke Langel having two, and Gavin Snyder and Gavin Hames trailed with one each. Also, Cooper Roy had four saves to conclude the shutout, each one not being an easy task.

The boys play TODAY at 3:15 at Middletown High School in the State semifinal against Naples, DON'T MISS IT.

Before the game, I interviewed Gavin Hames about his thoughts on the State final four.

What do you believe has led your team this far? The team worked so well together and played harder teams in the regular season to prepare us for sectionals and states.

What is the play going to be against Naples? To give 110% every minute on the field.

What are you looking forward to most in this last stretch of the season? It's more of the thought and being able to say that our team went to states.

Photo Credit: Hamilton Athletics

Agriscience Happenings

By Eve McCorkle

Recently, in the Agriscience class, the students entered a "Mac 'n Cheese Challenge." They are excited to be able to participate in this challenge.

So here is what the challenge entails.



The Mac 'n Cheese challenge requires the students to come up with their favorite or most desired mac' n cheese recipe. They will transfer this information onto a

recipe card and submit it. The students then have to make marketing materials for their recipe, such as a slogan and advertisement.

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A key part of this challenge is to make sure that their recipe can contain as many dairy products as possible. In other words, the more the better. The students will start making their recipes on Thursday, November 14th, 2024.

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Local News

Weekly Weather Outlook

By Cheyanne Bennett

This week looks to be pretty cool overall, with some sun and rain but mostly clouds. Given that it's a pretty chilly week, this would be a great week to hang out in front of a heater or fireplace.

Monday, November 11th, 2024: Rain early then cloudy with a high of 54 degrees and a low of 34 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday, November 12th, 2024: Cloudy with a high of 39 degrees and a low of 22 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph. Also, there were a bit of snow flurries in the morning!



Wednesday, November 13th, 2024: Mostly sunny with a high of 46 degrees and a low of 26 degrees with light and variable winds.

Thursday, November 14th, 2024: Cloudy with a high of 44 degrees and a low of 29 degrees with winds at 5 to 10 mph.

Friday, November 15th, 2024: Sunny with a high of 49 degrees and a low of 31 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday, November 16th, 2024: Cloudy with a high of 45 degrees and a low of 33 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday, November 17th, 2024: Cloudy with a high of 51 degrees and a low of 39 degrees with winds at 5 to 10 mph.

Overall, this week looks to be mostly cloudy. I hope you all had a great week!

Photo credit-The Weather Channel

US News

Does Trump Have Presidential Immunity?

By Michael Hayden

This past May, Donald Trump was convicted of 34 felony counts related to his falsification of business records in order to make hush money payments to Stormy Daniels. Now that he is the President-elect of the United States, questions have arisen in his sentencing as to whether or not he should receive presidential immunity.

The existence of presidential immunity and under what circumstances it is applicable have long been contested. It was first established in an 1867 Supreme Court decision that the judicial system could not dictate how and when the president carries out their official duties. During the Watergate investigation, it was determined that the president was entirely immune to civil prosecution for any acts committed as part of their official duties. These decisions are generally interpreted to mean that the president cannot be prosecuted unless first impeached.

This Tuesday, Trump's lawyers, as part of his sentencing hearing, argued that since he is now the President-elect, he has presidential immunity, and the charges must be dropped.

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Justice Juan Merchan has given the prosecution until next Tuesday, November 19, to prepare a counterargument. Never before has someone already convicted of a crime been elected as president, so there is no precedent as to whether an already convicted president can be sentenced without being impeached. Because of this, the prosecution has few avenues to contest the argument other than the fact that Trump has not yet been sworn in.

California Fires

By Maren Ettrich

Lately, there has been an outbreak of wildfires in California. California has the most number of wildfires out of any US state. California is known for its wildfires and how



devastating these fires are. Just this year there have been more than 7,500 wildfires, which have left hundreds of people

dead. The wildfires this year have also destroyed over 1,700 structures all across the state. This damage has cost the state of California billions of dollars. Last year in 2023, there were over 7,300 wildfires that left many killed.

The number of wildfires has been rising each year, which means that the death number has also been rising in not just humans but wildlife as well. These wildfires have also been costing the state and the US more and more money each year. In this article, I will be answering questions like why do these wildfires start and what is the state and the US doing to stop them from becoming more of a problem.

The reason why these wildfires start is as a result of being very dry. When these wildfires start because of the air being so dry it causes the temp to rise. This makes the air even drier. Which fuels the fire and helps it spread. There also are many forests in California and the wood from the trees also help the fires grow. But the biggest

reason out of all is how many fossil fuels people use in this state. Which is one of the highest numbers of fossil fuels used in any state of America. Once these fires get started they are very hard to stop and control. This leads to fires killing hundreds of people and wildlife.

This problem has been an issue that the state of California has been trying to control for many years. Before humans took over the state the number of wildfires was very small and did not do as much damage as now. Since the fires are hard to stop in California, not many of the California ideas have not worked. But one of the few plans that has word is removing dead trees. This will help give the fires less fuel and help them die out faster. Another idea that worked was cleaning up trash and not letting it become fuel that the fire can use to become bigger.

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Things You May Have Missed This Week

By Dorothy Disha

America has been socially active this week, welcoming a brand-new president, brand-new movies, and brand-new babies? Here is what you may have missed.

- Following Trump's win as president, the most googled searches this week are "Are tariffs bad?" and "Can I change my vote?". To answer those questions, no you cannot change your vote and tariffs are taxes made on goods, typically meant to increase the price of typical goods, making them MORE expensive.
- A new Star Wars Trilogy was announced to be in production by "Lucasfilm".
- *Wicked* and *Moana 2* are being shown in theaters in late November.



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- Chris Pratt and Katherine Schwarzenegger are welcoming a new baby boy. On Monday, the couple announced they're "overjoyed" to share that they've welcomed a son named Ford Fitzgerald Schwarzenegger Pratt to their growing brood.
- Yale introduces a new class on Beyoncé's political and cultural impact, days after the "Thank you Beyoncé" meme.
- "Outer Banks" season 4 has fans outraged after killing off a fan-favorite character.
- The 2025 Grammy Nominations list is out, mainly featuring young female artists like Sabrina Carpenter, Chappell Roan, Olivia Rodrigo, and more this year.

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Global News

Ukraine Fighting 50,000 Troops

By: Pyper McEwan



There have been 50,000 troops deployed by the Russian government. The commander-in-Chief of Ukraine's armed forces has set up a meeting about the troops coming their way. The Russians sent several waves of troops on Monday, but none of the troops were successful. While they keep sending troops over the Ukraine forces keep destroying Russian vehicles, and equipment. Ukraine had sent over soldiers to Russia's Kursk region, this act took Russia by surprise.

Ukraine troops quickly advanced into Russia territory, they had taken over a large amount of Russian territory. Russia has sent 10,000 troops to Ukraine to gain back their territory. This has been going on for a while now

and is still going, let's wish the best for everyone, and hope this war ends soon enough.

Photo cred: CNN

Opinion

Movie Review

By Gavin Rutledge



This weekend I went to watch "Here" directed by Robert Zemeckis. The movie had a 36% on Rotten Tomatoes, and a 58% for the audience score. The film is about different families growing older and how differently they live their lives, and overall how fast life goes. This film had no flow and a lack of emotion. There was a lack of emotion because of how slow the film was. Yes there were sad moments in the film but there wasn't enough flow for the emotion to be felt by the viewers.

The film used AI and CGI to give the older actors a younger look. This defeats the whole purpose and art of movies, AI can not recreate the emotion that human actors can express during films. Lots of people love Tom Hanks and



say that every movie he is in is great, but this movie proves otherwise. The use of AI in the movie backfired majorly and resulted in a boring, slow film. I rate this movie a 1.5/5. It was boring, slow, had no flow, and overall was a bad film.

Album Review

By Dom Mensche

Album Review is an overview of albums released by popular artists, and they are rated by

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professional music analyst Dominick “Metro” Mensche

This week's review will be on the album *Birds in the Trap Sing McKnight* by Travis Scott, aka “Cactus Jack”.



Birds in the Trap is a release from Travis Scott, continuing Travis’ line of psychedelic and trap style beats, with that melodic flow that streamers know and love. The album is often viewed as a

‘Morning’ album in that it is best listened to on the way to work or getting ready for school in the morning. This is because of the way the orchestrated beats connect with Scott’s flow when he sings to make smooth, and silky sounding tracks.

In the album we see many hits that blew up over time. With tracks like “beibs in the trap” blowing up on the social media app Tiktok, and other tracks like “sdp interlude” having that levitating psychedelic feel to them. Notably the track “goosebumps” exploded on the charts, becoming 32nd on the Hot 100 charts.

Personally, this is my 4th favorite Travis Scott album as it has songs that can be played in any scenario. Whether it’s driving to school, or getting hyped before a sports game, Cactus Jack never disappoints.

Photo credit: Koimoi

Colgate Review -

Chobani Cafe

By Rhiannon Murray

As many HCS students, Chloe and myself take a class up at Colgate. The class we take is Intro into Sociology 101, we recommend the class if you love to spend countless hours

reading and stressing about looking good for the hot football players (according to Chloe). On Fridays we are blessed enough to have an extra study hall before class, allowing us to stop and get something for lunch. Last Friday Chloe convinced me to go to the Chobani Cafe, inside the library. Our order consisted of a buffalo chicken wrap, a strawberry banana smoothie, Fritos, and a cherry coke. Of course we had to share our food so we could get an accurate rating.

Buffalo chicken wrap : 4/10 - the wrap was quite mid. It ran us for about \$9 and was not worth it. It was an orange wrap (we aren’t quite sure what flavor that is), carrots, bleu cheese, shredded-ish chicken (this was tossed in buffalo sauce), and lettuce. Overall the wrap was dry and needed wayyyyy more buffalo sauce.

Strawberry banana smoothie : 6/10 for taste, 2/10 for delivery - the smoothie itself was alright, for the price tag of \$6. It wasn’t very icy and way too watery for our liking. Our biggest complaint was how the smoothie was delivered. It came from this extremely high-tech machine which took our money and began to blend. The animations were cool and it told us step by step what was happening. All of a sudden we could see our smoothie... start to overflow and spill everywhere. When the machine told us we could grab it, the blender blade was still blending inside the smoothie. Long story short it was a mess for something that wasn’t even that good.

Fritos : 10/10 - these definitely brought up our overall review, even though they came from a vending machine. Not a whole lot to say because everyone knows how fritos taste.

Cherry Coke : 9/10 - again not a whole lot to say because the bottle came from a vending machine that we paid \$1.75 for. This perfectly quenched our dry



mouths from the wrap.

Overall for as much as Chloe wanted to enjoy this experience, I personally will not be returning. However for a quick rating it was worth it.

Sports

Boys Soccer Team Bleaches Their Hair

By: Dylan George

Before undergoing a hard sectional final match, the boy's varsity soccer team agreed that they would all bleach their hair if victorious. After winning the final 3-2 against Faith Heritage, we started getting very nervous about what they were about to embark on as a result of winning. Captain Gavin Snyder hosted the bleaching ceremony at his Church in Madison—every



player who planned on bleaching needed to buy their bleach, which was an enormous task.

After a long planning period, the boys were prepared to bleach, and their nerves were amping up. Gavin Snyder decided to start everyone off, and Bryce Wright followed after him. The first reactions were hilarious; most people's hair was bright yellow because we had yet to put toner in. After some much-needed toner, the player's hair started to look better, and there were a variety of shades of blonde hair in the end.

The following day, the team displayed their hair to the HCS community, and the staff and students had mixed reactions. Here are some of the responses from the HCS teachers:

Mrs. Moren: “For some people, it worked very well; for others, it did not. When you get a dye job, get a haircut afterwards.”

Mrs. Amir: “Good for you, guys!”

Mrs. Kowalski: “I love it. Many people pull it off better than I thought they would.”

Mr. Rose: “I'm for anything that will help these guys perform to win states.”

With a bright, known hair color, the boys are looking out for the State Championship this weekend in Middletown—the face-off against Naples on Friday afternoon in the state semifinal.

Photo Credit: Dylan George

Dak Prescott Injury

By Ezra Stahlberg

In week 9 of this NFL season, the Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott, 3-time pro bowler and Walter Payton Man of the Year winner suffered a season-ending injury. During the third quarter, Dak Prescott stepped into an awkward throw and pulled his hamstring. He is scheduled to undergo a season-ending surgery for



his hamstring injury. This makes the future of the Cowboys very unclear to fans and the team. They have backup quarterback Trey

Lance who was drafted third overall by the 49ers in 2021 and is looking likely to make an appearance as a starter. Trey Lance's career has certainly come across as a slow start he was projected to be the face of the 49ers franchise but after suffering an ankle injury in 2022 and many years of underperforming the 49ers traded him to the Cowboys as a backup. The Cowboys

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currently going through a recession from last year are struggling and this is an even further step back to their season starting a poor 3-6. In week 10 the Cowboys lost 34 to 6 falling to the Eagles although Cooper Rush started the game Trey Lance stepped into the game to take snaps at the end of the game as QB. The future of the Cowboys season is unsure as of now but the team needs to turn it around soon or else playoff looks may be out of the picture.

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