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Pine-Richland Rampage

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Rams Run Wild

Pine-Richland Wins Season Opener

DAVIS NATALI STAFF WRITER

Pine-Richland tipped off the 2024-25 basketball season with a 68-49 win over Obama Academy. The Eagles came out swinging, giving the Rams a battle as Pine-Richland held just a two-point lead at halftime. But the Rams would regroup and pull away, outscoring the Eagles 36-19 in the second half. Junior Grant Spacciapoli led the team with 23 points. Alex Kastner came in a close second with 20 points of his own. Pine-Richland lit the stat sheet up shooting 44% from the field and 39% from three. The Rams also dominated in rebounds and assists.

Pine-Richland is looking to bounce back from a disappointing 7-17 record last year. With six returning seniors and an arsenal of young talent, the Rams look to make a deep postseason run.



Alex Kastner, photo provided by Davis Natali



Dear Readers,
We're thrilled to bring you this exciting issue of the Rampage! We hope these pages inspire, inform, and spark new conversations. Enjoy the read, and thank you for being a part of our community!

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



PR Donates to Stuff-A-Bus!

PR contributed 5 buses worth of toys to a record total of 82 buses at this year's Stuff-A-Bus event.

All photos from Instagram @pr_schools

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A Look into the Life of High Schooler Sara Irwin

KATE IAMS STAFF WRITER

What grade are you in? I am a Senior.

What is something you are excited for this school year? I'm excited for Powderpuff, especially since it's our senior year.

What is a class that you enjoy? Anatomy, because I want to go into the medical field once I leave high school.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? Italy or Greece, because I want to see a European beach, and experience how different those places are from where we live.

What is your favorite restaurant, and why? I really like Alla Famiglia; their food is amazing, and it's a cool environment to be in. It is located up on Mount Washington.

Would you rather read a story, or watch a movie about a book? Watch the movies, because it is just more enjoyable for me. I also like watching movies with my friends, so it's more fun!

What sports do you play, and when did you start playing? I play lacrosse, and I started playing in fifth grade.

Are you involved in any school clubs? I am an officer of NHS, and am apart of Ski Club, Spire, and Student Government.

What's your favorite thing to do in your free time? I enjoying baking, and I usually hand out some of my cookies or baked goods to my friends at school.

What is your favorite school club you are in, and why? I love ski club, because I get to ski with my friends. It is an unique experience that is unlike any of the other clubs here. It is also a great way to learn or get more experience with skiing.

What's your favorite food? I always love to eat and make chocolate chip cookies.

Do you have any pets? Yes, I have one dog named Chip.

Do you like breakfast, lunch, or dinner the best? Lunch, because I like getting to eat and talk with all my friends at school.

What's your favorite animal? My favorite animal is a dog; they are so cute!

What's the best part about being a part of a sport? The best part is getting to spend so much time with all your teammates and bonding.



Senior Sara Irwin photo provided by Sara Irwin

Friday, December 13

Festive Flannels Friday!

Pair your holiday flannel with a holiday tee!

Monday, December 16

Merry Monday Morning!

Wear your favorite (school-appropriate) Holiday pajamas!

Tuesday, December 17

Smooth as Velvet;

Mad for Plaid!

Wear some winter velvet or plaid!

Wednesday, December 18

Team Red vs. Team Green

Dress in either Red or Green... who will win?

Thursday, December 19

Sweater Weather!

Break out your favorite Holiday Sweater!

Friday, December 20

Holidays Around the World!

Dress up to represent a holiday from around the world!

Student Life



Freshman Amelia Joupfi photo provided by Amelia Joupfi

Rampage Student Spotlight

Get to Know Amelia Joupfi

BREE ARTHUR STAFF WRITER

Meet Amelia Joupfi, a new freshman at the high school. Her favorite class this year is Biology, because she loves her teacher. She looks up to her older sister Sophia and she is really inspired by her. Sophia graduated from PR in 2022. Amelia is a member of the high school swim team and she is also a part of the PRA club team. She also dances for LDI DanceWorks. She has been dancing since she was 7 years old.

When she isn't at school, at swim practice or dancing, she loves to go shopping and listen to music. Her favorite store is Aerie "because it has literally everything." Her favorite song is Everything Everywhere by Noah Kahan. She loves to wear her hair curled and loves her low top Nike blazers with the purple logo. She also loves her Nike blazers because they are unique and because she said she never would have found them without her.

When asked to describe her perfect day she said she would wake up late and then order her favorite drink from Starbucks: a Pink Drink with light ice. She would then go to the beach to tan, and finish the day off by going shopping. If she has free time, she likes to color and hang out with friends.

In the future, she would love to go to Europe, especially Greece; it is her dream vacation spot. She wants to go there on her senior trip. When she grows up she wants to be an architectural engineer, because she finds the career interesting.

Interview: Shubham Tewari

Christmas Edition

GIANNA UNGOR STAFF WRITER

What is your favorite part about Christmas?

"My favorite part about Christmas is receiving gifts and giving gifts to friends and family"

What is the best Christmas song? Why?

"All I want for Christmas is you. Just a good song, good rhythm, good lyrics, relatable."

What is the best gift you've ever gotten for Christmas?

"When I was a kid I think I received a big lego set that I was really happy with."

To you, what makes Christmas festive?

"I think just like all the decorations."

When does your family set up decorations?

"My family sets up decorations a week before Christmas."

What does your family do for Christmas Day and Christmas Eve?

"On Christmas Eve we usually don't do anything other than sending invites to our friends and family. Plus set everything up for the party. For Christmas day my family and I hosted a Christmas party where we eat, play games, and hangout."



Senior Shubham Tewari photo provided by Shubham Tewari

Do you do anything special with your friends around the holiday?

"We usually gather at someone's house and play games, enjoy it and open gifts afterwards."

Do you do any winter activities?

"I haven't skied in a while. But usually skiing."

Where do you go to ski?

"Seven Springs."

What is your favorite Christmas food? Why?

"My favorite Christmas food is a candy cane. I don't know why; I just like a long-lasting flavor."

Attention Seniors!!

Submit your senior photo along with your post graduate plans and college decisions to @prhs2025seniors on Instagram.

Student Life

Touring Takeaways

Our Butler Eagle Field Trip

GRACE LOGUE AND VIENNA RESTELLI STAFF WRITERS

On November 26th, Pine-Richland Journalism and Yearbook students had the opportunity to tour The Butler Eagle Newspaper.

The ride there was around 30 minutes on our bus, and when we got there, we were greeted by two women at the front desks, and then further introduced to our tour guide Donna Sybert. Thus with the aroma of freshly printed newspapers, the tour began.

We started our tour by visiting the Jimmy Bashline Circus (also known as The Jay Bee Circus) on the first floor. Our tour guide said that the 2,620 piece miniature circus took the owner 20 years to hand-carve, demonstrating his passion. Everyone was given a clown nose and booklet of the Jay Bee Circus to match the joyous theme of the first part of our tour.

After that, we saw where and how newspapers were made for The Butler Eagle. This included the machinery that is used to produce the newspapers' coloring in cyan, magenta, yellow, and black inks. We toured key places in the building, such as the conference room upstairs where the Wise family, the founders of The Butler Eagle, had their meetings. We also toured the hallways where previous newspapers were displayed, including the very first Butler Eagle. We learned the history of how the Butler Eagle was founded, which all began with the Wise Family. Levi Wise and his wife, Sarah Jayne Cromwell Wise, were the ones to begin their Newspaper revolution.

During our tour, we met a few of the editors and learned from two different perspectives -- a photo editor and a journalist. With two separate groups of five, we were happily introduced to the optimistic journalist, Paula Grubbs, an Eagle Community Editor who was experiencing her final day before retirement and was working on her last article of her career.

Once returning to the first room, we were given water and small snacks before once again splitting up in groups of five to hear from an ad editor for the newspaper and a podcaster.

For lunch we ate pizza from Domino's as we watched a video, as we learned more about the history of The Butler Eagle.

To end our experience visiting and touring, we participated in a press conference: we asked questions to solve a case and created a headline for a story. The content was based on "Little Red Riding Hood's" grandmother who went missing and the only suspect was Mr. Brad Wolf. His crime? Trespassing. Our group was able to question the two witnesses, along with the officer, and we used the information to create a headline and brief summary. This was a fun experience as everyone was immersed in their



Candid of the Mock Trial photo provided by @pr_schools

Mr. Majors' Honors English 9 students participated in a mock trial based on the plot of John Knowles "A Separate Peace." They played attorneys, jurors, and witnesses in order to call a verdict on Gene Forrester. Mr. Caric, the PRHS mock trial coach, presided over the trial as judge.

roles. We were put in a realistic situation where we only had a certain amount of time to create our headline; that's because journalists have to get their news out as soon as possible. After everyone shared their headlines, we all got a Butler Eagle pencil.

The tour was a truly unique experience for the Journalism and Yearbook students. We learned about all the work that goes into creating and producing newspapers. It was a great learning experience and we left with a greater appreciation for those who help keep the newspaper industry alive.



*Students at Butler Eagle Field Trip:
Photo by Journalism & Yearbook teacher
Mrs. Harshman*

The new 2025–26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form is out now. Submitting the FAFSA form is the first step to getting federal student grants, scholarships, work-study opportunities, and student loans.

Sports



Photo by @pr_schools

Congratulations to senior Ben Dudkowski who was named Bocce Player of the Month in November! He recognized by he Special Olympics Pennsylvania's Three Rivers Region.

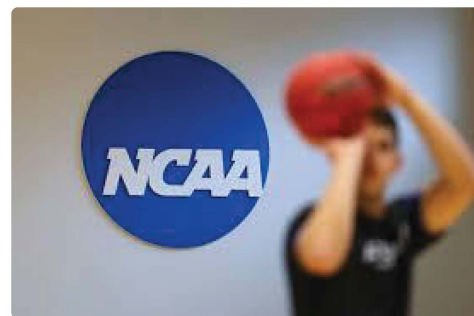


Selling Shirts December 6-20th during periods 5,6,7 for \$20

NCAA Selection Show Controversy *Are Teams Selected Unfairly?*

ISABELLE HOPPE STAFF WRITER

If you worked all year long to have a winning record and multiple top 25 wins just to find out you're not making the cut for the playoffs, would you be mad? This was Arizona's sad reality on December 3. On the night of the volleyball selection show, 64 teams are selected by a committee to compete in the NCAA tournament for a chance to win a national championship. When picking teams, the committee takes into consideration a team's conference, strength of schedule, RPI, notable wins, etc. 31 teams get automatic bids and are seeded accordingly, meaning there is a #1 overall seed and then 3 other teams get 1 seeds going into the tournament. That is only about half the teams that make it out of regular play; the other 33 receive at large bids given from the committee after considering who they think is deserving. Some teams however, end up feeling left out because the system isn't based on records: it's based on opinions. This



was the case for Arizona when they didn't make it out of the regular season. No one really understands why this was the case because on paper they have attributes of a playoff team. This is also not the first time this has happened in college sports. Last year in NCAA football Alabama was selected to go to playoffs instead of Florida State who had a perfect 15-0 record. As you can imagine, this created big waves in the media because Alabama had a 12-2 record. As a fan this could be disappointing, but imagine being a player in your last year of eligibility. You earned your spot, and you are replaced by someone else. Arizona was very unlikely to make a deep run in the tournament, but the principle of the questionable decision stands strong.

**December
20th VS.
North
Allegheny
@7:30**

Kyle Pomerleau, a 2014 graduate of PRHS, continues to serve as a model of resiliency for current students and the PR community.

In the fall of his senior year, Kyle was diagnosed with glioblastoma, a rare form of brain and spinal cord cancer. Throughout his treatment, true to his optimistic nature, he remained positive and continued to attend school on a regular basis. As a tribute to Kyle's life the December 20th basketball game is in memory of Kyle. Orange was his favorite color, as it represents happiness and enthusiasm.

Winter Collection

A Magical Time and Holiday Spirit

Christmas Cheer

ERIN ZHENG STAFF WRITER

I love Christmas a lot myself, but it can be pretty chaotic. My mom's birthday is on that day, and on top of that, it's also my parents' anniversary. I always enjoyed unwrapping presents and sometimes posting about them. It's hands down my favorite holiday because it brings so much joy and excitement. So, let's dive deeper into what Christmas means to me.

Let me just start by saying I LOVE CHRISTMAS. It's probably my favorite holiday because it's just so much fun. I love getting out the Christmas tree and decorating it. This year, we got a fabulous new Christmas tree, and while those artificial pine needles can be a bit prickly, it's all part of the fun! We decorated it with a dazzling array of ornaments—beautiful blue ones, cheerful pink, shiny gold and silver, vibrant red, and even adorable little Santa suits and snow boots. The built-in LED lights twinkle like stars, and our special tree topper projects festive lights on the ceiling, creating a magical atmosphere! Hanging the stocking on our built-in fireplace is always super cool, but whenever we turn it on, my dog always goes crazy. I always get super excited about picking out the perfect gift for all my family members. I simply adore Christmas parties. The first year when I moved into my house in PR was when C19 started. My family members from NA came over around 7, and we cooked up a feast. We celebrated long into the night, surrounded by laughter and love. My cousins, siblings, and I all went into my basement(after the food of course), and played lots of fun games. We played games like Mafia, Uno, holiday Charades, etc. Now let's move on to Christmas decor.

Now, about the Christmas decor—I just can't get enough! I'm super into DIY projects lately, and I thought, "Why not spread some extra cheer?" I made some adorable 3D Christmas trees and have plans to tackle 3D



Erin's Christmas tree



Decorations from Erin's House

snowflakes next. Celebrating the holidays with my family is always super memorable, and it really makes me feel all warm and cozy on the inside. Seeing the joy and happiness on my siblings'/parents' faces whenever they open my gifts for them always lights me up with joy, and makes my heart swell with happiness. I always put a lot of thought and effort into picking out presents, so I always psych myself out on Christmas Eve night, thinking "Oh no, what if Emily doesn't like her gift, and if Ryan would like his". But everything turns out just right. Being surrounded by loved ones during the holidays is the ultimate gift, and I am endlessly grateful for the joy we share. After all, "The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other." Here's to the magic of Christmas!

Holiday Pretzel Recipe

You will need:

- 1 bag waffle or holiday-shaped pretzels
- 1 bag holiday M&M's plain or peanut butter chocolate candies
- 1 12-oz bag Hershey's Milk Chocolate Kisses

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 170 degrees.
2. Open the bags of pretzels and remove all the unbroken pretzels.
3. Place them on waxed paper-lined cookie sheets in a single layer.
4. Unwrap Hershey's Kisses, place one on each pretzel, repeat for an entire cookie sheet.
5. Place cookie sheet in the preheated oven and "bake" for six minutes.
6. Immediately upon removing from the oven, place one M-&-M on top of semi-melted Hershey's Kiss.
7. Place the entire cookie sheet in the refrigerator until cookies are set.



Winter Collection

Top Grossing Christmas Movies of All Time

Take a Look at These Awesome Christmas Movies From Any Time Period

HANNAHJAYNE SHANNON STAFF WRITER

Do you like to watch Christmas movies when it's cold and snowy outside? Have you ever wondered what Christmas movies made the most money over the years? Well, this article might just be the one for you.

Every Christmas people watch all different kinds of Christmas movies. There are many different movies out there for this fun holiday, and most of them are really well done. Let's get into some of the highest grossing Christmas movies of all time.

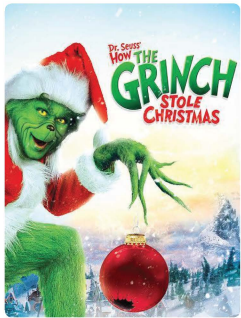
1. Home Alone (1990)

Home Alone is a movie about a kid who gets left home alone while his family goes on a trip for the holidays. While he's home alone a lot of things happen to him and he has to figure out how to deal with them. This movie is good for families to watch together and it's a comedy so it is very funny. You can watch this movie on Disney+. The total domestic gross overall is \$285,761,243. On opening weekend alone it got \$17,081,997. The production budget for this movie was \$18 million.



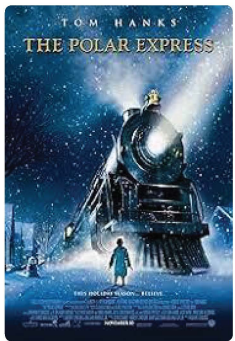
2. How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000)

How the Grinch Stole Christmas is a movie about someone who hated Christmas and wanted to steal Christmas from all the people in a town called Whoville. He meets someone that changes his mind on his evil plan. This movie is a family/comedy movie so it is a great movie to watch with your loved ones. You can watch this movie on Hulu with a premium subscription. The domestic total gross on this movie was \$260,044,825. On opening weekend it got \$55,082,330 which is a lot for just opening weekend. The production budget for this movie was \$123 million.



3. The Polar Express (2004)

The Polar Express is about a young boy who grows sceptical about Santa Claus. He sees a train outside of his window and gets on. To his surprise this train takes him to the north pole where he gets to visit Santa and his elves. This movie is a family/adventure so it is enjoyable for many people to watch. You can watch this movie on Hulu or Max. The total domestic gross on this movie was \$185,538,031. On opening weekend it received \$23,323,463. The production budget for this was \$165 million.



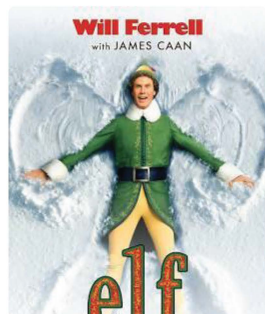
4. Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992)

Home Alone 2 is about a kid who gets on the wrong airplane at the airport and ends up going to New York while the rest of his family flies to Florida. Now he is alone again and he has to deal with the challenges that come across. This movie is a family/comedy and is fun to watch with friends or family. You can watch this movie on Disney+. The total domestic gross was \$173,585,516. On opening weekend it grossed \$31,126,882. The production budget was \$28 million.



5. Elf (2003)

Elf is a movie about a human who is accidentally taken to the North Pole and raised with the elves. He believes he is an elf, but when he finds out he has a dad in NYC he rushes out to find him. His dad does not believe him but after a dna test he finds out its true and they begin to form a true relationship with each other. This movie is a family/comedy and is a great movie to watch with the people around you. You can watch this movie on Hulu or Max. The total domestic gross of this film was \$173,398,518. On opening weekend this movie received \$31,113,501. The production budget for this was \$33 million.



Overall, these movies are really great and they received a lot of attention in the movie theater. If you need some good movies to watch, these are the ones for you.

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HERSTORY DONATION

HELP A WOMAN IN NEED!

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER
18TH



We are excited to bring a community together to support the local women's shelter before the holidays. We will be making blankets and donations for the women and children at the shelter.

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Mrs Mitchell's Room
Room 216

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For More Information : [google classroom: cs7ogg7](https://classroom.google.com/join/c57ogg7)

HerStory is organizing a donation drive to help the Women's Center and Shelter provide survivors of domestic violence and their children with necessities they so often must leave behind. Drop offs are in Mrs. Mitchell's Room, 216, from now until the 18th

To order your high school yearbook before prices increases again go to yearbookforever.com and bring a cash or check to room 221. The current price is \$65, but if you wait to order it will increase up to \$80.

\$40,000 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship is open! High school seniors who showcase leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship are eligible to apply for a \$10,000 renewable scholarship-up to \$40,000 total per recipient. Deadline: January 3, 2025. Candidates can access eligibility requirements, insights from past recipients, and a link to applications online at their website.

Seniors, you have the option to include a handwritten senior quote with a positive message that showcases a positive legacy, words to live by, words of wisdom or advice for your fellow students. Choose inspirational words from an author, singer, movie/tv show, other inspirational source, or put together your own words of wisdom. You are NOT required to submit a senior quote. However, if you do choose to submit a quote, it will appear on a separate section of the yearbook (NOT underneath your senior picture as has been done in the past)