

# Issue 12 RAMPAGE

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**SENIORS!  
100 DAYS  
UNTIL  
GRADUATION!**

Seniors Jillie Uzelac and John-Paulo Folino were named winners in the Upper Division Scene for their performance from *The Taming of The Shrew* at the O'Reilly Theater on 2/24!

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**"Honestly I was freaking out in my  
head."**

**-Senior John-Paulo Folino**

Photo by @pr\_schools





# Student Life

## PR Student Spotlight

### *A Look into the Life of High School Student Skylar Jackson*

KATE IAMS STAFF WRITER

**What grade are you in?** I am a Senior.

**If you could go back in time to one moment in your life, what would it be?**

I would want to go back to my first ballet class, because it was the start of my dance career.

**What is the best vacation you have ever been on?** To Florida with my grandma, because we made a lot of great memories.

**What is one thing you want to do before you graduate?** I want to do well in Mr. Gray's Stats class, and end with a good overall grade.

**What is your favorite restaurant, and why?**

Chick-fil-a, because it is fast, convenient and awesome.

**Do you play any sports?**

I dance at LDI Studio and I have become friends with so many people because of it. I have dance practice about 4 times a week.

**Would you say you are an introvert or an extrovert?**

Extrovert, because I like to talk to people and enjoy being social. I also like meeting new people.

**What's your favorite show?**

Gilmore Girls, because it is just a relaxing and comforting show to watch.

**What advice would you give to freshmen?**

Live it up! Don't be afraid to put yourself out there and make memories. The more you say yes to things the more opportunities you will have to meet people.



Senior Skylar Jackson photo provided by Skylar Jackson

**Do you have any pets?**

I have a dog named Sadie, she is a Shih Tzu mix.

**What is something on your bucket list?**

I love to travel, and I have always wanted to travel to Italy, and eat good food.

**Congratulations to Sean Burk, Thomas DeVito, Tim Peng, Charlie Ozelski, and Heath Cwynar who were named National Merit Finalists!**



Left to right: Sean Burk, Thomas DeVito, Tim Peng, Charlie Ozelski, and Heath Cwynar, photo provided by pr\_schools on Instagram

# Student Life

## The Winter Formal '25

### *The Ups, the Downs, and the In-Betweens*

BAILEY RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

The winter formal was more than just a high school dance. I had a lot of fun at the dance and wanted to share my experience.

Before the dance started, I got ready by around 3:00 and started taking photos with my date before the dance around 3:30. Then we went out to eat at Cenci's Pizza around 4:00 and we were done eating by around 5:30.

Then we got to the dance at almost exactly 6pm, and there were a lot fewer people there than there were for Homecoming. I had anticipated a lot more people there, but I probably shouldn't have considered the fact



Freshmen Adalei Rees and Bailey Rodriguez, photo provided by Bailey Rodriguez

that earlier in the week they were talking about a possible cancellation.

I would say there were only about 200 people there, but in the end it was a really

fun dance. I liked the fact that there were less people because it gave me the opportunity to talk to more people too and see a lot more people I wouldn't have had the same opportunity to talk to for as long if there were more people.

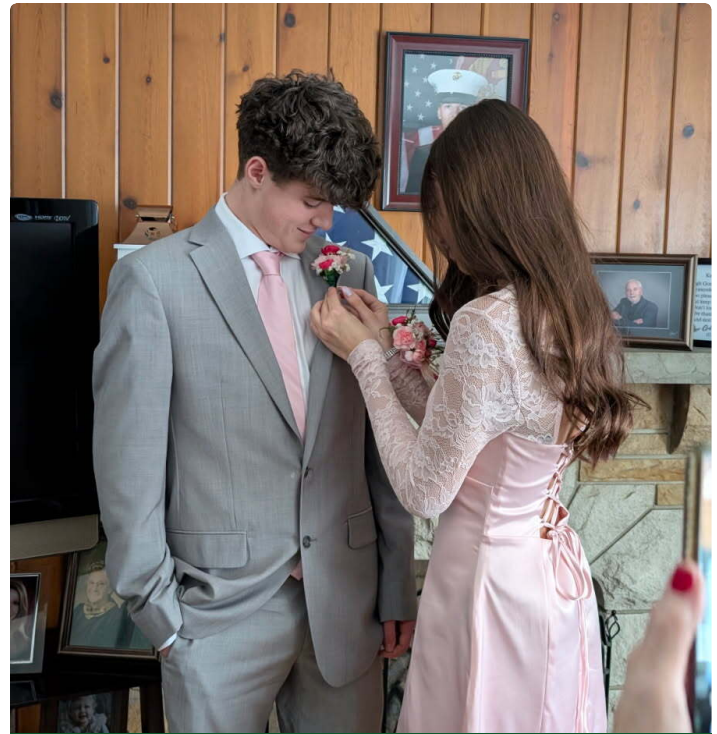
They provided water and small bags of chips for the students there, and there were balloon animals being made too. It was fun seeing people jump up and down to music with big balloon crowns on and balloon wings on their back.

The dance was held in the cafeteria but there were also some parts of the school open with tables to sit. Inside the cafeteria itself, it was pretty much pitch black except for where the water and snacks were, which had the lights on. Where people were dancing, it was really just a bunch of people standing around jumping in a circle up and down with flashing lights, and loud music blasting through the speakers.

It was nice to be in a room full of people being lively and jumping around, and even fun watching people take photos there. A lot of students brought digital cameras instead of using their phone cameras, which I really like, because I think it makes taking photos more fun and personal, and I also like the way they look.

The dance was 3 hours long, but I ended up leaving about 15 minutes earlier than the dance was supposed to end, simply just because I was tired and I was ready to leave by that time, even if I had had an amazing time at the dance itself.

The day after the dance I woke up to many texts from people, and notifications from posts that I was tagged in, and I enjoyed scrolling through the photos that other people posted and I found it really fun to look at how other people captured their night.



Freshmen Ashton Anderson and Bailey Rodriguez, photo provided by Bailey Rodriguez

**SPRING MUSICAL:** Pine-Richland High School presents 42nd Street! Based on the classic 1933 movie musical of the same name. Tickets are on sale now. Reserved tickets are 15 dollars and balcony general admission is 12 dollars. Show times are March 7 th at 7:30 pm, March 8 th at 7:30 pm, March 14 th at 7:30 pm and two shows on

March 15 th at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Visit the district musical website.



Photo from Google



# Student Life

## Stuck at Home

### *Keeping Up With School Work, Even When You're Sick*

SOPHIA KERNS STAFF WRITER

'Tis the season for the cold and flu to come around and take you out of school. Classrooms seem more barren and sickness is spreading like wildfire. We try the best we can to stay healthy, but sometimes we just get sick anyway. Getting to miss school might be a nice break for some students, but what about that test you missed? You're probably getting a lot of make-up work from the day(s) you missed. How do you keep up with it all, plus the assignments you had to work on during class when you get back? Here are some ways to stay on top of your work.

The best way to do it is just talk to your teachers. Most of them will be understanding, and let you turn in your work a few days late. Also, make sure to talk to them about any tests you might have missed. If you don't make those up, they go in as a zero.

Another great idea is to check google classroom. A lot of teachers create a weekly schedule, so if you take a look at it, maybe you can work on the assignments you missed while you are still sick. That way you are all caught up when you get back, and don't have any make-up work to worry about for some of your classes. If you do not understand part of the assignment, you can always email your teacher to ask for help or wait until the next day when you return to school.

Do not procrastinate and let them sit overnight. Just do the work you missed, and that will help a lot. You won't feel like you're drowning in make-up work if you just get it done as soon as you can. I understand a lot of students have super busy schedules, believe me, I do too. Try and cut out a little bit of extra time to spend on your homework. Trust me, it is a whole lot better to just get it out of the way.

Remember, you have as many days as you miss school to make up your assignments. Trust yourself, you got this. Do not get overwhelmed, I promise it is not as scary as it seems.



Photo provided by Sophia Kerns

**Members of Best Buddies and Unified Bocce participated in the Polar Plunge last weekend and raised over \$3,400 for the Special Olympics!**



Students at the Polar Plunge, photo from pr\_schools on Instagram



**Congratulations Mrs. Bruno who honored with Pittsburgh Public Theater's prestigious Rob Zeller's Award for Excellence in Arts Education!**



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### *A Look Into The Life*

KATE IAMS STAFF WRITER

#### What grade are you in?

I am a Senior.

#### Where are you planning to go to college, are you excited, nervous, or both?

I am committed to WVU, and I am excited! I already have 3 roommates.

#### What is a class that you have taken that you would recommend to other students?

Personal finance, because you learn real skills that you will need later in life.

#### What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

Enjoy every day, because it goes kinda fast.

#### What is your favorite restaurant, and why?

Cheesecake Factory, because their food is so good!

#### What's your favorite show?

Dance Moms or Krisly Knows Best. I like anything that is reality TV.

#### Do you have a favorite season, and if so why is it your favorite?

My favorite is summer, because I miss being tan, and traveling.

#### Do you have any pets?

Yes, I have one dog. His name is Rocky and he is a Cane Corso.

#### What is one of your favorite childhood memories?

We used to go to Dunkin Donuts every Sunday morning. Another memory is playing hide and seek outside with my neighbors.

#### What is the best vacation you have ever been on?

When we went to Hilton Head in 2023, I got to hang out with my friend Mary Novick.

#### Would you say you are an introvert or an extrovert?

I am more of an extrovert, because I like to talk to people, especially at football games.

#### What's a fun thing that you do in the summer?

Go on trips and relax at the beach.



Senior Sydney Kandor, photo provided by Sydney Kandor



PR's Inkwell Writing Club in action, photo provided by pr\_schools on Instagram

**The Pine-Richland Inkwell Writing Club hosts weekly student-led group writes along with peer editing. Meetings are held Tuesdays after school until 3:30 in room 221. Google Classroom Code: 64nhcsk**



# Entertainment

## Captain America: Brave New World Review

### *Take A Look Into My Opinions Of This New Movie*

HANNAHJAYNE SHANNON STAFF WRITER

On Monday, February 17th, I saw the new Captain America movie. In this new movie Captain America is played by Anthony Mackie. This is a synopsis of the movie from Google: "Sam finds himself in the middle of an international incident after meeting with President Thaddeus Ross. He must soon discover the reason behind a nefarious global plot before the true mastermind has the entire world seeing red." Now for my opinion on the movie.

I thought this movie was good. I think most people made it seem worse than how I thought it was. Out of all four Captain America movies I definitely think this is the worst movie but I do not think it should have gotten a 50% rating. I think the best Captain America movie was probably *The First Avenger*.

I think the plot should have given the audience a little bit more. The climax was too much at the end in my opinion. The movie was pretty decent up until the climax because it just did not feel like they built up to it enough throughout the movie. This movie also felt like an unannounced sequel to *The Incredible Hulk* movie.

Overall, I think this movie was good and people should go see it to see how they like it. It was interesting and the characters were some of the same that we know and love and some of the characters were brand new. I think everyone should watch this movie if they like Marvel because I know I would never want to miss a new MCU movie.



Photo from Google

## Movie Review

### *Paddington in Peru*

GIANNA UNGOR STAFF WRITER

On Valentine's Day my friend and I went to the movie theater to watch Paddington in Peru. My friend and I loved the other two movies that came out. When we got to the movies we got the Paddington bucket: it had Paddington on it with his raincoat and hat, and grabbed some candy. When the movie began it brought back memories of watching the other movies. Even though there was a different actor who played in this one, she did a brilliant job of covering that character.

Paddington in Peru is action packed and has lots of humor throughout the film. The movie starts off in Britain when Paddington the bear finally becomes an official citizen of Britain. Throughout this time he writes to his Aunt Lucy. Who lives in Peru in a retirement home for bears. One day, Paddington gets a letter informing Paddington that his aunt is acting strange and that she missed him dearly.

So the Brown family take a trip to Peru where they later find out she is missing. Then from that point moving forward the Browns, Paddington, and others go on the search for aunt Lucy. All during the movie you meet so many different characters and it really is neat how they all play a role in the story. There are many twists and turns that you couldn't see coming.

My favorite part of the whole entire movie was the end. Out of all the Paddington I think this one is my second favorite. Nothing beats the first ever one. I do recommend seeing Paddington in Peru. It is a very light-hearted movie.

The film has a great balance of mystery, action, and in the end it's all worth it. If you love bears and a good long adventure then Paddington in Peru is a must watch.



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# Entertainment

## The Hunger Games Best Books And Movies

### *A Favorable Read/Watch*

BAEDEN GAUTHIER STAFF WRITER

The Hunger Games. I'm sure we've all heard of it at this point in our lives. A trilogy and 2 prequels (one coming soon), and it could make you wonder why it is so popular? I mean isn't it just like any other young adult dystopian book? In short it's not... It's a really good series and I highly recommend you read at least one of the books. With that said, let's look at my ranking of the books and movies.

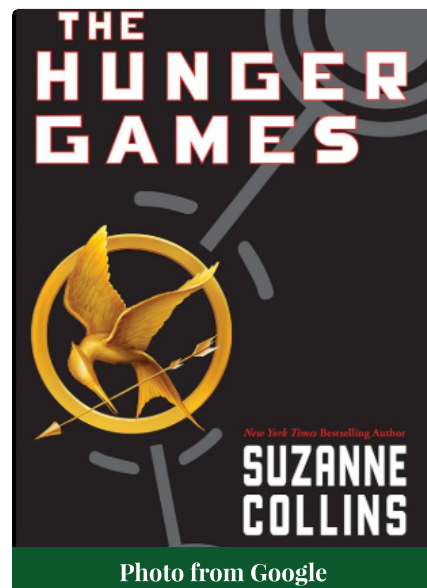
#### Book Ranking:

1. My favorite book in the series is actually not *Catching Fire*. Most people say it is the best one in the series but I disagree. My favorite is *The Ballad Of Songbirds And Snakes*. It has so many references and parallels to the first book. Both in the movie and the book. It was nice to learn about the victor before Haymitch Lucy Gray. And I love the fact how romance was slightly included but turned into a tragedy. It was also nice to learn about Snow's backstory. Overall with all the references and parallels to the 1st book. It was great.
2. *Catching Fire*... it was honestly way better than the 1st book by a landslide. I believe with all the new characters introduced and us getting not just the same two characters is incredible. It had a lot of plot twists and moments scary to think about. It was also really nice to learn about other victors and their trauma. But the amount of sad and unexpected deaths in this book are crazy.
3. *The Hunger Games* was still fantastic. We learned a lot about different cultures and the ways the capitol people do stuff and think compared to the citizens of districts. We also learned how other districts think compared to one another and how some districts are more favored than the others. I just wish there were more plot twists and suspenseful moments.
4. My least favorite Hunger Games book is no surprise. The book *Mockingjay* had too much war in it for me. It was a bit boring without the actual games in it and was kinda lacking in characters. Of course (like always) it had some sad deaths. And probably people would say the saddest death in the franchise.

#### Movie Ranking:

1. *Mockingjay part 1* was by far a huge improvement from the book, it had so many good things about it that I can list them all, but it doesn't throw too many details in your face like the *Mockingjay* book.
2. (spoilers ahead) *The Hunger Games* also had a huge improvement, the casting was great. And you could feel really attached to some characters more than you could in the book. I just don't like how they changed the death of Clove... I mean they had to make it less brutal. I also didn't like how they didn't add Cato running for Clove during that scene.
3. *The Ballad Of Songbirds And Snakes*... the amount of parallels, foreshadowing, and references to the first book/characters in the first book were actually insane. The way Lucy Gray did the Katniss bow and she went to pick some Katniss. There's just so many references to Katniss Everdeen. I just wish they showed more about Snow being a terrible person.
4. *Catching Fire* in my opinion was a huge downgrade from the book, it was really hard to sit through for me and just wasn't that good. The only thing I liked was seeing the characters from the book.
5. *Mockingjay part 2* was just terrible... I don't think I need any more words than that. It was just so boring. There wasn't really much going on. To me at least. The ending was good at least but that's about all I liked about this movie.

With the new book coming out on March 18th of this year. And the movie coming out in the following year. I may have to improve on this ranking soon. I am really excited and have high hopes for this book. With it being Haymitch's backstory, I would also like to learn more about Maysilee Donner, Katniss's mom, the other 2 district 12 tributes and the district 1 girl in the finale with Haymitch.





# Sports

## My Opinion on The UFC 313 Fight Card

### *Fight of the Year?*

CHASE FRYE STAFF WRITER

UFC 313 is coming up very soon on Saturday, March 8th at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. There are some very good fighters on this card, including the likes of Alex Pereira, Justin Gaethje, and more. Peirera is defending his light heavyweight championship against Magomed Ankalaev. This fight should be a good one, but I do not think that Ankalaev is on Pereiras' level in terms of striking. He could have a chance if he keeps the fight on the ground and tries to wrestle, but ultimately I think Pereira will do a good job of take-down defense and keep the fight on the feet, until he ultimately gets the knockout and remains the light heavyweight champion of the world.

Now moving on to personally my favorite fight so far this year: Justin Gaethje going up against Dan Hooker. These two fighters are notoriously known for putting on a show when it comes to high level fights, and this one is definitely that. People all around the world are hyping up this fight saying things like "this could be fight of the year" or "this will be a blood bath".

Either way I think people are right: these fighters are known for slugging it out until someones face down on the canvas, and I think that is what will happen here. My personal preference, would be for Justin

Gaethje to win this fight, but I don't know how easy that will be. Dan hooker is known to be able to take significant blows to the head, and love it. Some people think he is genuinely crazy and just craves the violence, those

people might just be right. During one of his last fights, he was being fixed up in between rounds when he started talking to his coach, barely able to open his eyes he said, "i love this". This fight definitely has fight of the year potential and i cannot wait to watch it live. This is a fight people may talk about for years to come.



## PR Cheer Team Goes To Nationals

### *Hear About An Athlete's Experience*

TAYLOR SERVAGNO STAFF WRITER

On February 5th the PR Cheer Team headed to Orlando, Florida for Nationals. They spent 6 days but Wednesday and Monday were travel days. I've asked Izzy Banjak some questions about her time in Florida and here's what she had to say. Her least favorite part about the whole trip was the traveling part, because of getting little sleep. Her favorite part was getting closer to her cheer team. She feels that going to Nationals and hanging out with her whole team you get closer. Also in her condo which was Coronado Springs, she rooms with three other people, and they get really close in that time. Her roommates were Harlo Miller, Danica Tuner, and Ellie Dishart. There are 18 people on her team, and they competed for the first time in the medium gameday D1 division. They competed one day and went to the parks the rest of the days. Before they go on to compete Izzy hugs certain people and she also has things written on the bottom of her cheer shoes. This wasn't Izzy's first time competing, she went the year before too. She's a base and tumbles but there isn't a lot of tumbling in a game day routine. The coaches that went to nationals with the team are Morgan Rutan, Alyssia Mazzanit, Nina Hindman and there was also a middle school competition coach that joined them named Cameron Fazio. Since they were in Orlando they went to Disney



Cheer team in Florida, Photo by Izzy Banjak

world. The parks that they went to were Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, Epcot, and went to Holiday studios twice which was Izzys favorite. While they were in Holiday Studios they met people from Colorado in the line of Tower of Terror and they got 3rd place in the small gameday division. They also met people from Mississippi and met their whole team because they stayed in the same condo. A part that Izzy enjoyed was having a break from the cold weather and being able to be somewhere warm. The PR Cheer had a great time in Nationals and hope to go again next year.

# Winter Collection

## Cold and Confused

### *Activities to do During the Winter Months*

AVA BARSON STAFF WRITER

As we venture our way through the remaining cold days, it can become difficult to find activities to partake in. Since it is cold out, some activities are out of our reach. But that doesn't mean they all are. Here are some ideas to get you up and out of boredom.

The first activity would be ice skating. Places like RMU and Lemieux have public skate times listed on their websites. It's usually around 14 dollars to attend if you need to rent skates and 10 if you already have your own skates. The skate times are typically two hours long. If you would like to go ice skating outside, there is a rink in North Park that you can go to with your friends. The rate for their skating is 5-6 dollars plus the 2-3 dollars for skate rentals. I would recommend planning in advance for skating because the indoor places do not always have a public skate every weekend. It's limited due to ice hours for hockey games and practices. Regardless, ice skating is an opportunity to embrace the cold.

Another idea would be the classic game night. You can choose between card games, board games, and video games. Some of the video games my friends and I enjoy are the JackBox Tv games. Also games that are on a Nintendo switch are typically good for multiple people to play. Or you could go for the classic Wii and play Just Dance.

Senior Luke Longmore said he likes to, "play video games on snow days with friends."

Some good card games would include 31 or War. My family and I played 31 on our ski trip when the slopes were closed. Speaking of the slopes, going skiing or snowboarding is another way to embrace the winter weather. There is a club here at PR called the Ski Club that anyone can join. At this time of the year it is possible that the club may be coming to an end but you can keep it in mind for next year. If you would like any further information about the Ski Club, feel free to talk to Mr. Perry in room 203. You could also take a trip up to Seven Springs or Holiday Valley for some time on the slopes.

When there is snow on the ground there is always the opportunity to make use of it.

"I like to make snowmen and drink coffee," sophomore Caity Verba said. Some of these activities do require some spending but if you are looking for something free, you could have a movie marathon. Whether you decide to do it with yourself or some friends, it's a great way to stay warm. Bring out the popcorn and the candy to relax during your free time.

Last option for discussion is cleaning. It may not be everyone's favorite but when you are stuck inside it is definitely an option. It may seem like it is not fun to clean but the feeling after doing so is rewarding. Same feeling goes for when you catch up on missing work or do all your homework before the weekend even begins. Doing anything that is proactive that will make you feel accomplished after is an option too.

Regardless of which activity you choose, being stuck in the cold doesn't limit the fun you could have. Enjoy the cold while it's around because spring will be here sooner than you know it.



Ava and her family at Holiday Valley,  
photo by Ava

**FBLA SUIT UP CLOSET CLEAN OUT:** PR-FBLA is hosting a work wear donation drive in partnership with "Dress for Success Pittsburgh" and "Heyward House Craig's Closet" to help provide business casual and business professional attire for students and young professionals in our local area. Specific Needs are gently used clothing and accessories for late teens into adulthood. The Deadline for donations is March 7th. There are pick-up and drop-off options right now! Contact Mike Tunder, Giuliana Contini, Doug Van Meter or Ms. Blaze for details.



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## St. Patrick's Day

### *World Wide Celebration*

TAYLOR SERVAGNO STAFF WRITER

As March approaches a very popular holiday St. Patrick's Day is coming up. It's annually celebrated on March 17th. This holiday is to celebrate the life and death of St. Patrick. A big thing people do on this holiday is wear the color green. The myth behind not wearing green is that the Leprechaun will come and pinch you and play tricks on you. Many cities around the world have St. Patrick's Day parades. At the parades there is music, dance floats and dancers there. Many people might not know this but St. Patrick's Day is also a religious holiday. People attend church services to honor St. Patrick. Many places like homes, public spots, and businesses are decorated with Irish-themed decorations. Places could host themed nights, just like parties and designate it around St. Patrick's Day. Little kids often set a trap to catch the Leprechaun, so then the leprechaun leaves some candy or a little surprise for them. Another myth with the Leprechaun is that you can't even blink if you catch it because when you see it, it will be gone in seconds. There are some common Irish foods that are commonly eaten on this day. Corned Beef and Cabbage, Colcannon, is just like mashed potatoes with either kale or cabbage in it. Lastly Bangers and Mash, its sausage served with mashed potatoes and it can have gravy on the side. St. Patrick's Day brings people together to celebrate Irish culture through many different ways and anyone can celebrate it.



## FREEBIE FRIDAY:

### This week's Freebie Friday

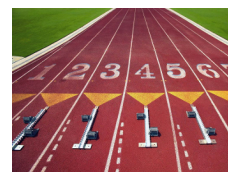
**homerooms are Mrs. Snow and Mrs. Herbst. Here is your question: "How much do tickets cost for this year's Spring Musical, 42 nd Street?" The first person to get to the TV studio with the correct answer from Mrs. Snow and Mrs. Herbst' homerooms, wins Freebie Friday.**

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## Spring Sports Updates

Tryouts for the spring tennis season will be conducted on Monday, March 3rd through Friday, March 7th from 2:45 pm to 6:00 pm at the high school tennis courts.



Winter track practices are taking place Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays after school at the high school. Outdoor practice begins on Monday, March 3rd.

# Serialized Novel

## Chapter 2

### Into the West Tunnel

By: Abby Fuller, Shome Rao, Natalie Stewart

Julius stormed down to the town square and watched as the hooded figure turned to leave, the mother and sick son already out of his sight.

Overcome with anger, Julius shouted, “Halt! By the name of the King, I demand you to reveal yourself at once!” The figure stopped in his tracks but didn’t turn around.

“I said halt, scum!” The man took a deep breath, still hiding under the security of his dark hood, before breaking out into a run.

“Hey!” Julius shouted out, consistent with his loud, rude, volume. He too dashed, aggressively running after the mysterious figure. A crowd had formed around the two men, caused by the scene Julius created through his anger. Said people were quickly shoved out of the way with surprised gasps. They were confused, naturally, but moved out of the way for the known-to-be disrespectful man.

Julius chased the hooded man through the medieval town, trying to keep up with his erratic turns and cuts in his pursuit. Breathing heavily and clutching the hilt of his sword, Julius continued his hunt as the man did not stop or falter at all, a staggering precision and agility in his every movement. As the two men charged through the town, several onlookers stayed out of sight, afraid of being entangled in the altercation. Finally, after running the man to a dead stop in an alleyway, Julius’ anger could not be held anymore.

“You...” he yelled, his raggedy breath holding his true voice back, “I said...reveal yourself...or I will be forced to attack!”

The man turned around, his hood still shadowing his entire face. Julius studied his features, trying to understand what the man looked like, but before he could do anything, the man reached for an unlit torch against the wall and pulled it down, the wall behind him sliding to reveal a dark and narrow tunnel.

Julius’ eyes opened wide as he saw the hooded man using one of the town’s secret passageways, which only the King and the royal guards were meant to know about. Julius froze in fear and confusion, his body stiff as a board, as the man took his leave through the tunnel. After narrowly escaping an angry and dangerous Julius, the man rested his still-hooded back on the stone wall behind him. He took a necessary moment to catch his breath. He couldn’t show signs of struggle or discomfort inside. He wasn’t sloppy.

He crouched down on the floor of the tunnel and pulled a brown leather bag out from behind a stone. After scanning the empty path ahead of him, the man quickly pulled off the black hooded cloak and stuffed it into the bag. Looking around one final time, the man, now noticeably blond and fair-skinned, stood up and made his way through the tunnel, taking the necessary directions to find a large wooden door with metal latches. He slowly and cautiously lifted the handle of the door, and he continued his way.

He found himself in another dark corridor that was barely lit by a few dim torches. He didn’t jump at the sound of seemingly invisible rats scurrying around, used to the mysteries of the hallway. The man continued to walk through the familiar maze before reaching his destination. After listening for footsteps and hearing none, he pushed open a secretly loose panel, rays of sunlight streaming in. King Arthur II prioritized windows in his castle. He quickly stepped down onto solid flooring before pushing the panel back into place and turning to leave, unnoticed.

“Brother! There you are!” Well, not quite unnoticed. The blond pivoted on his heel to face the man behind him, putting on a wide, toothy smile.

“Julius, if you keep saying that, people might *actually* think we’re brothers,” he replied with a laugh.

“Might as well be. Blood of the covenant—”

“Is thicker than the water of the womb,” he interrupted, finishing the phrase. His dark-haired counterpart just responded with a smile, moving to put his arm around the other man.

“You won’t be able to guess what travesty I witnessed today! Treason, even!” Julius shouted, feeling his anger start to return.

“Well, I’m sure the King would be overjoyed to hear about this. Every reign deserves a dash of treason, I suppose.”

“Shall I? I’m sure I can handle it myself, but there was something about this criminal. I can’t erase it from my mind,” Julius pondered.

“What about them?”

“The figure was calculated. He knew the knight routes. The west tunnel. If this is a former knight, King Arthur ought to know!” *I should’ve been more careful*, the formerly hidden man thought. He had made a stupid mistake to escape. *I need to fix this.*

“It must be a former knight then! But, Julius, you’ve always handled your affairs alone. I’m sure this isn’t as abnormal as you think.”

Julius considered his friend’s advice, “I’ll sleep on it. You have always given good counsel, Henry.”

“That I have.”



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Dear Readers,

As we wrap up this edition, we want to thank our writers, photographers, and readers for making this publication possible. Your curiosity, creativity, and commitment to sharing stories keep *The Rampage* thriving. We can't wait to bring you more news, perspectives, and features in the next issue—until then, keep reading and keep questioning!

Sincerely,

June McCune and Anna Karmanos  
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