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DATES/TIMES THE TESTS WILL TAKE
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**The high school auditorium opens their
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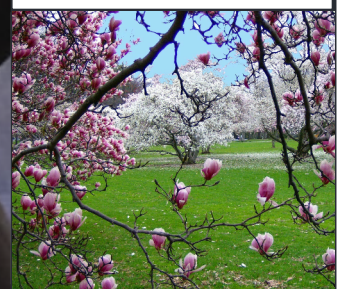
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**The Musical Cast and Crew Take
Us Down 42nd Street
Opening Tomorrow!**

**"It is a spectacle of song and dance to
bring you from PR to Broadway."
-Senior Jake Pazin**

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Student Life

42nd Street

An Explanation of the Spring Musical

SOPHIA KERNS STAFF WRITER

This year, Pine-Richland High School is performing the show "42nd Street." The cast and crew have been working for months to put on this show. But, it is a very classic piece that not many people are familiar with. If you don't know a show before you watch it, some of the scenes can get very confusing. Especially in this show, since some of the scenes are about the show within the show. Before you go and watch the show, here is a basic rundown of the show to get you prepared.

Before I begin, I would like to say that there are no spoilers for the show. I want to make sure that when you see the show you still enjoy the plot twists and surprises that are thrown at you. This show takes place in 1933, during the Great Depression. People did not have a lot of money back then, so when you hear people excited to be making \$12 or find a dime, you will understand it. For most of the show, it takes place on a stage as the chorus works to put on their show. But, when the scene changes, the huge sets will move to clearly show you that there has been a scene change.

Julian Marsh, a famous Broadway show director, is putting on the show, "Pretty Lady," that is written by Bert and Maggie. The opening number shows the audition for the show, and the featured dancers showing off their tap. It is important to know that this show is very tap heavy, and a lot of the show's dances are tap dances. For the lead role in "Pretty Lady," the writers have chosen famous actress Dorothy Brock to play the part. Unfortunately, she has not had a good show in many years, but they still believe that they can make this show a hit.

Peggy Sawyer, a new young actress, arrives late to the audition. But, she ends up meeting the chorus and eventually Julian puts her in the ensemble. How will Peggy do in the ensemble? Does she have what it takes? How will the chorus handle the chaos that comes at the end of Act 1? Find out by coming to see the show. The show dates are March 7th at 7:30, March 8th at 7:30, March 14th at 7:30, and March 15th at 2:00 and 7:00. Tickets are \$15 and \$12 for balcony general admission. Hope to see you there.



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Ryan's Radar

Debunking Tornado Myths:

What You Need to Know About the Weather

RYAN LUBINSKY FREELANCE WRITER

Every day I constantly analyze and look deeply into synoptic & mesoscale weather patterns, and am constantly researching the weather, specifically focused on severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. Recently, I have been putting out a lot of severe thunderstorm awareness and tornadoes because the reality is that we do get tornadoes, as they are not uncommon in Pennsylvania at all.

I really want people to understand that hills do not influence tornadoes at all. In fact, last year, the Pittsburgh area saw 19 tornadoes. It's insane. I know, right? As much as I wish this was not a myth, it is. Some examples are the Mount Washington Pittsburgh, PA tornado in 1998, and the fact that a tornado went up and down Yellowstone (a 10,000 foot mountain). We only average six tornadoes a year in the Pittsburgh area and 16 in Pennsylvania.

The people I rely on the most is our local National Weather Service forecast office. They are the ones that issue those watches/warnings/advisories that you see come up on your phone. Every single weather person/meteorologist relies on them in some way, as they are what supply data to the weather apps to your phone. What got me into weather was severe thunderstorms. I love them. Lightning/heavy rain and flooding doesn't make a storm severe, but I love the wind that thunderstorms produce from rain-cooled downdrafts. It really is fascinating and I love it so much. I enjoy helping people out daily with my weather forecasts. I strive to get a PhD in meteorology, so I can specifically study severe storms. Thunderstorms are the most dangerous and violent weather phenomena that our planet hosts (hurricanes are made of thunderstorms as well). I hope that I can save lives because that is why I do this. I care about everyone in my town. My passion for meteorology will never end and I am constantly learning new stuff about it.

Stay safe this severe weather season!

Student Life

Finding the Right Job

Work and School

GIANNA UNGOR STAFF WRITER

Finding a balance between work and school can be challenging. But it is entirely possible to manage both successfully. Many students, including me, find themselves juggling part-time and full-time jobs. It sure is a commitment that can be overwhelming at times.

When I first was looking for a job I didn't care about when they needed me and hours. But as I went through the hiring process it became clear that I need to consider those aspects.

I spent all last summer going through several application process in order to find a job that fits my life. That's when I came across my now job at Wagner's SuperMarket. At this point I didn't have much hope because of the previous jobs. But after sitting there and being interviewed I knew that this job was perfect.



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As we went through the interview they were more flexible with the hours and days. They actually understood the importance of balancing school and work. For example, most places I went to wanted me to stay at least until ten at night. But at Wagner's they closed at eight, which gives me time to do my school work and not fall behind in school.

Another part that stood out to me was you gave them when they were available and those were the days they would put you on. So if the following week I had a big test and couldn't work I didn't have to say I was available. For a lot of people they don't have that choice and their school comes second most of the time.

I make sure to schedule the times I work on days that I'm not busy and behind on school work. During school I make sure to use my time wisely to complete these needed assignments.

Balancing School and Work as a High School Student

What is it Really Like?

BAILEY RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

Have you ever wondered what it's like to balance school and work as a high school student? For those of you who have a job, you know what it is really like. While it's not the most difficult thing in the world, it does get challenging sometimes, and sometimes even overwhelming. A typical day in the life of a student who is also working is getting up at around 6ish and getting on the bus by 7. Then going to school till 2:30 and not getting home until 3pm. Then getting ready

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for work after school, getting changed, and eating something small before walking out the door at 3:45, and getting to work at 4.

Now, since I am only 14, it's a little easier for me because I can only work till 7pm on school days, but the second someone reaches 16, it gets harder because you are expected to work more hours, and can work past 7 on school nights, sometimes even till closing, which may not be until 11pm on some nights depending on the workplace.

I enjoy working because it does have a lot of benefits, and I feel like I'm setting myself up for a good future by starting to work at a younger age. It teaches me the value of hard work, and making money is always a bonus. It also gives me a sense of independence and another thing to do to keep me occupied.

The cons though? Sometimes after coming home from work, I am exhausted and have no motivation to do any of my schoolwork. This can cause me to get lazy, and push off getting assignments done. Another thing is that then I am left with leaving all my assignments to do the next day during study hall, which isn't a good thing to do, and I would never recommend that.

Another thing that students have to realize before getting a job while also being a student is being aware of how much time you really have to devote to other things. You need to have complete transparency with yourself, and the company you are working for. It can be a lot to balance schoolwork, homework, a job, a social life, and sometimes even sports and extracurriculars.

You need to be cognizant of the fact that it is so easy to get burnt out quickly, and piling a bunch of things into your schedule is not going to help you to take a minute to breathe and relax.

I believe that everyone is capable of time managing themselves, and their activities. Many workplaces understand that you have other things to do in your life too as a teenager, and work with you to create a schedule that is right for you. You don't immediately have to jump to try and find a job, but keeping it in the back of your mind isn't going to hurt you.

The pros and cons of the situation shouldn't hold you back from what you believe is the best for you. Find a job that you enjoy working at, and make a few extra bucks for yourself. Try new things out, and maybe next time you're at a panera, pick up an application form.

Student Life



Photo of Elmer and his wife, photo by Kate Iams

PR Alumni Spotlight

A Look Into My Grandpa's High School Experience

KATE IAMS STAFF WRITER

What is your name?

My name is Elmer.

What high school did you attend?

I attended Pine-Richland.

What years were you in high school? 1962-1966

What grade was your favorite?

My senior year because I knew a lot of my teachers, and our football team won every game. My friend group was a lot bigger. That year was the farthest I have ever thrown the javelin, during my senior year.

Was your high school the same building as it is today?

No, my high school was what is now Richland Elementary. So it is smaller than it is now. There were a lot less people, and the football field was much smaller.

Did you do any sports in high school?

Yes, I did track and my event was javelin. I couldn't run very well, so that is what my coaches told me to do.

Who was PR's biggest rival at the time?

Mars was our biggest rival. This was back when they were in our conference, their football team and basketball team were very competitive.

Describe your high school self in one word: Cool

Would you say you were more of an introvert or an extrovert?

Extrovert, because I was always involved in activities and was outgoing. I was in a Spanish club, but since I would go to my dad's house every other weekend I didn't have that much time to be in clubs.

What is the funniest high school memory?

Me and my friends would always all meet up in my friend's backyard to play baseball games. We would set it up like a real baseball field. If the balls would go into the neighbor's garden, we knew we would never get that ball back. The neighbor would take all of our baseball balls that flew into her garden. She probably had a pile of all of the ones she had collected over those years.

If you could give high school students advice now what would you tell them?

Study hard and pick a good school. Don't feel like you have to graduate and jump right into a job. I was the first in my family to go to college, and I got a further education. Without going to college, I wouldn't have met your Grandma.



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Sophomores Sarah Puthenpurayil, Caitlin Baculik and Anya Wickard lead their team Cure Coalition in the 2025 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Student Visionaries of the Year program.

Sports

Does Pittsburgh deserve an NBA team?

Would Pro Basketball work in the Steel City?

DAVIS NATALI STAFF WRITER

Pittsburgh is often hailed as one of the best sports cities in America, thanks largely to the success of the city's three major sports teams: the Steelers, Penguins, and Pirates. However, one professional league is missing: the NBA and its teams have built a loyal fanbase across the country; their brands are some of the most recognizable in the sports world and pop culture. You would think a popular and well-established league like the NBA would have thought of a team in Pittsburgh, but surprisingly, the NBA has never set up shop in the city.

Pittsburgh did experiment with Professional Basketball once, when the Pittsburgh Pipers of the ABA played for a single year, from 1967 to 1968, before moving to Minnesota. The most common reason given for Pittsburgh's lack of an NBA franchise is that the city is not a big enough basketball market, and compared to other cities, Pittsburgh does not have the resources or following to house a team. But expansion is on the league's mind. The NBA is considering new franchises, and they hope to add two new teams in the 2027–28 season. But the chances of one of the two teams coming to the Steel City is unlikely; the NBA is looking to target Las Vegas and Seattle.



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Despite the slim odds, I believe Pittsburgh would be an ideal city for an NBA team, but this town would be great for basketball. The fans would love another team to cheer on. They are very passionate about their sports, so adding another team to this already sports-crazy city would be very successful.

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2025 Pine-Richland Varsity
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PROM NEWS: Pine-Richland High School Prom will be held Saturday, May 10th at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. This year's Prom theme is Hollywood Night. Tickets will be on sale April 3 through April 9, in the Pine-Richland High School front Lobby before school. Tickets will be 110 dollars per person. Permission slips can be picked up outside of Room 100 and have also been emailed to all students. 10 per table and seating will be determined at time of ticket purchase. Any questions, please email Mrs. Brough and Mrs. McCarthy

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March Collection

Who is Saint Patrick?

Read About the Man Who Is Celebrated In March

AVA BARSON STAFF WRITER

If you were to approach a stranger in the street and ask them to think of the color they associate with the month of March, what would they say? Most likely green right because March is the month that contains the holiday known as Saint Patrick's day. But who is Saint Patrick and why does he get a day of celebration?

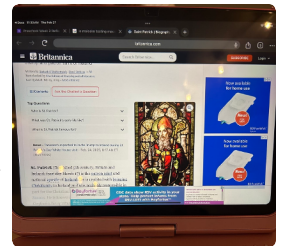
It all began in the 5th century in Ireland. Saint Patrick was known as a missionary who traveled to Ireland in hopes to spread Christianity. But how did he get there?

When he was 16 years old, he lived in Britain with his father. One day while they were at home, Irish raiders came and took Patrick. They took him into slavery where he ended up in Ireland. He was later able to escape from slavery and return back to Britain. He had a dream of his return home and he wrote about it, naming it Confessio.

This dream entailed that he was given a letter that had, "The Voice of the Irish," written on it. The letter basically called out to him telling him he needed to be with the Irish people to help them. This dream had prompted him to start his life as a missionary and travel to spread the voice of God.

He spent most of his lifetime completing his duties as a missionary before retiring in Ireland, the village known as Saul. He later died on March 17th, thus explaining why we celebrate him on this day every year.

Believe it or not some people have developed claims about Saint Patrick. Some people believe that he raised the dead including 33 people. The legend that we are all aware of today is the shamrock. He explained this as being the Holy Trinity, because of the three leaves. Today, this symbol remains in St. Patrick's day history, as it is associated with the gracious holiday.



Spring Is Coming

Here's What You Have To Look Forward To

ISABELLE HOPPE STAFF WRITER

Winter is far too long in Pittsburgh and by January the cold weather has us all thinking about Spring. Unfortunately for us, it always seems Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, telling us there is 6 more weeks of winter. The best way to get through the dreary months of January to March is to think about everything there is to look forward to in Spring, so here are some things you can keep in mind when you feel like this season is never ending.



First and foremost we have spring break in April this year and even if you don't plan on going anywhere, no school for a week is a vacation within itself. You can finally relax and recharge before we come back and finish out our last leg of the school year. So when you're struggling to find motivation to do your work in the midst of March, remember that break is just around the corner.

Prom is also something that upperclassmen get to enjoy in the Spring. Preparation can begin even months before, so in March you can think about your plans for your groups and outfits. This may seem very premature to some, but this can be a fun distraction from your day to day tasks.

Outdoor sports are beginning to start back up again which is very exciting for many students. We have some great spring sports programs like track, lacrosse, and baseball. The weather is starting to change and even if you don't play a spring sport, you know that this means warm weather and sun is on its way. Hang in there Pine-Richland, there are some bright days ahead.



Serialized Novel

Chapter 3

The Cloak

By: Sophia Kerns and Kate Rickard

Julius lay awake, unable to sleep. His mind raced, filled with unanswered questions. Who was this mysterious person? What was their plan? Most pressing of all, where had they gone after disappearing into the tunnels?

The kingdom was riddled with tunnels, but only nine were still commonly used. Of these, three led directly into the castle. Yet, it seemed unlikely the intruder had chosen any of these routes. The King's Tunnel, leading to the Throne Room, would have caused an immediate uproar. The Garden Tunnel, opening into the courtyard, was closely monitored by patrolling guards who would have quickly spotted any outsider. That left the Hallway Tunnel. It wasn't heavily guarded, but Julius had been standing near it while speaking with Henry. Surely he would have noticed if someone had tried to pass through.

Six more prominent tunnels snaked through the kingdom: the West Tunnel, East Tunnel, South Tunnel, Central Tunnel, Forest Tunnel, and River Tunnel. Dozens of older, lesser-used tunnels also existed, but these had fallen into disrepair over the years, making them less reliable for travel.

Restlessness gnawed at Julius until he couldn't stay in bed any longer. Turning over, he reached to wake Henry, intending to let him know he'd be walking the castle halls. But Henry wasn't there. Normally, they informed each other if one had night patrol duties, but perhaps Henry had forgotten.

The barracks were shrouded in darkness; the lamps had been extinguished hours ago, and there were no windows to let in the moonlight. The room was cramped, with ten beds squeezed into a space just large enough for a narrow pathway leading to the door. Julius sat up slowly, careful not to disturb the others. His feet touched the old wooden floor, and he moved with deliberate precision, each step placed to avoid the creaking boards. Still, one betrayed him, groaning softly under his weight. He froze, holding his breath, but no one stirred. He reached the door, opened it silently, and slipped out. The pale glow of moonlight greeted him, illuminating the corridor and easing his steps. He closed the door behind him, ensuring it made no sound, then moved swiftly up the stairs. His destination was clear: the Hallway Tunnel. He had to be sure.

Julius's footsteps echoed softly as he descended into the tunnel's entrance. The air grew cooler, and the faint scent of damp earth lingered. He strained his ears, listening for any sign of movement, but the silence persisted. Shadows danced along the walls, cast by the dim torches placed sporadically along the stone corridor.

As he rounded a bend, a figure emerged from the darkness. Stiffening, Julius instinctively clenched his fists and steadied his stance, but the tension melted when the torchlight revealed Henry.

Surprised, Julius took a step back. "Henry? What are you doing down here?"

Also startled, Henry quickly composed himself. "Just uh... couldn't sleep. After your encounter with the hooded figure, I thought I might try and come to the tunnels and see if I could find something to help you." Henry's eyes darted around quickly, tracing the wall's many cracks and coves. "No luck."

"I appreciate it anyways," Julius thanked.

Henry nodded at his words. "I'll just... head back then I guess." Henry brushed past Julius and retreated to the labyrinth's deep shadows.

"Good idea. Get some rest," Julius called after him, the slight echo repeating his words back.

Julius hesitated for a moment, unsure whether to continue or not. Deciding to press on, he moved deeper into the tunnel. A few steps later, something caught his eye. A dark shape lay crumpled near the wall. He crouched down, heart pounding, and picked it up. It was a cloak – long, heavy, and strikingly familiar. Was this the same one the hooded figure had been wearing earlier? It seemed possible, but Julius couldn't be sure.

He stood there for a long moment, turning the cloak over in his hands. The discovery only deepened the mystery. If this cloak belonged to the intruder, why was it left here? And still he wondered, *where had they gone?* Mentally checking where he was, Julius noted the cloak was left closest to the Central tunnel, the exit by the town square.

Shaking his head, Julius tucked the cloak under his arm and began making his way back toward the castle. Perhaps it was just a discarded garment, nothing more. Still, he resolved to further investigate what he'd found in the morning. For now, his questions would have to wait.

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