



School News

What Has Been Happening in 6th Grade

By Maren Ettrich

In 6th grade, students learn about the world around them. They also learn how to give back to their community. One way they give back to the community is through their STEAM class. This class is led by Mrs. Chamberlain. This class teaches students to work with younger children and do team building. It also gives the younger students a person to look up to and respect. It benefits both in many ways. In this article, I will discuss what the 6th grade has been focusing on this week and last.

Last week, the 6th graders did a lot of activities that benefited their idea of the world, how things work, and why they work that way. One thing the 6th graders did was have a live auction during Mrs. Chamberlin's math class. This is a good way to get 6th graders to do math problems and also bet on the auction at the same time. Another thing the 6th graders did was they worked with younger kids and did an activity with special guests. This helps them learn how to work with someone younger and gives the younger kids a fun thing to do.

What is YOUR favorite pizza?

By Silas Campbell

The history of pizza is ancient. In ancient cultures, people made flatbread and put different toppings on it, and that was the forerunner of pizza. Today's pizza is made with dough and many toppings that are based on Italian history.

This week, I interviewed different people about their favorite pizza toppings. Can you tell me about your favorite pizza flavors? "If I had my favorite pizza toppings, I would choose sausage and onions. I really like sausage, and onions pair well with the sausage." (Dylan George). "I like pepperoni, sausage, and bell peppers. I just like the crunchiness of the bell



peppers and the flavors of the sausage and pepperoni." (Pablo Ballve). "I love ham and green pepper. I like ham, and I want to pretend to be healthy with green peppers. I also believe that pineapple SHOULD be on pizza!" (Mrs. Vaillancourt). "I like classic pepperoni. I just never liked it being too crazy, just something." (Cael Grawrock). "I like sausage and onions on my pizza. It just tastes good." (Dominic Daddio). "My favorite pizza topping is pineapple. It's my favorite fruit." (Alexis and Chloe LaFrance). "I don't eat pizza." (Dr. Helfant).

My own pizza topping and flavor preferences are extra cheese and sometimes pepperoni. I was excited to be able to interview several of my friends here at Hamilton Central School about what their favorite pizza flavors and

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toppings are. Most Americans Love Pizza, whether they like more traditional style toppings or more contemporary toppings. Here's hoping our next pizza is the best one yet!

Little Shop Of Horrors

By Gavin Rutledge

As many of us know, the HCS Masquers are putting on the musical Little Shop of Horrors on March 21st and March 22nd. Little Shop Of Horrors is about a florist named Seymour who discovers a talking plant that thrives on human blood. As Seymour gains fame and fortune by feeding the plant, it takes a dark turn when the plant's appetite becomes larger and demands bigger and more gruesome meals. Everyone should support the students who are in the musical since there is a lot of hard work and lots of hours that go into it.

Little Shop of Horrors Cast

Ronnette - Fatemah Rosbrook
Crystal - Ciara Sparber
Chiffon - Amelia Furlong
Mr. Mushnik - Thaddeus Treffeisen
Seymour Krelborn - Ryker Jones
Audrey Fulquard - Claire Filipowicz
Orin Scrivello - Cooper Roy
Voice of the Plant - Rowan Speck
The Plant puppeteers (Audrey II) - Logan Norris, Noah Dennis-Harding
God voice (prologue) - recorded special guest
Homeless Person 1 - Rowan Speck
Homeless Person 2 /Ensemble - Liliana Hagos
Customer 1 - Ingrida Morkevičius
Customer 2 - Maggie Jackson
DJ/Ensemble Food Seller 1: Owen Arquiett
Bernstein (Meek Shall Inherit): Andrew Holm
Skip Snip (Meek Shall Inherit): Thomas Roy
Mrs. Luce (Meek Shall Inherit): Vivi Linden
Patrick Martin/Library person: Max Mansfield
Ainsley Grawrock - Waitress
Cael Grawrock - Trench Coat Guy

Cora Loranty - Kid Playing Games 1
Griffin Brumbach-Thomsen - Street Sweeper
Iris Bagnall-Graham - Kid Playing Games 3
Lukas Morkevičius - Cop 1
Maddie Chouinard - Kid Playing Games 2
Natalie Kenyon - Grocery Lady 1
Ryan Verbitsky - Grocery Lady 2
Sarah Klingaman - Secretary
Sawyer Latella - Food Seller 2



Hamilton Green Mile

By: Dylan George

As most of you are probably aware, the Hamilton student section has the nickname the Hamilton Green Mile. Throughout both Fall and Winter sports, the Green Mile has come to almost every game to support our student-athletes.

One of the most important things associated with the Green Mile before every game is what to wear to follow the designated theme while we cheer on our athletes. Throughout the year, some of our best attendance has come with blackout, construction, and country themes. However, recently, we have introduced some new themes, including Frat, Swim/Suits, and most recently, Golf. Some people have mixed emotions about the themes, but the student section has been the best when everyone has followed the theme and cheered loudly. I interviewed a few members of the girls' and boys' basketball teams who get to experience the atmosphere the student section provides, as

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well as a typical member from the student section.

What is your favorite chant?

Luke Langel: "I am focused on the game when I am playing, so I do not pay attention to the chants all that often, but if I had to pick one, it would probably be the "defense" chant because it's a classic."

Cameron Cleveland: "My favorite chant is lock up because it's a quick, fast-paced chant that gets everyone involved."

Sawyer Latella: "My favorite chant would have to be defense because it's simple and the best go-to chant to get people hyped."

What has been the best theme we have done so far?

Luke Langel: "The best theme we have had so far is golf. We had many people participate, and it was fun because of the high stakes of a sectional semi-final game."

Cameron Cleveland: "The best theme we have done so far is the frat theme because it was tough, and everyone there participated."

Sawyer Latella: "The best theme we have done so far was the swim/suits because it was creative, and we all looked tough. But it did take much planning from the people who participated."



The girls' basketball team plays at 6:15 at SRC Arena at OCC, so if you're a student, be there and read the other lowdown, as we hope our girls' team will bring home back-to-back sectional titles. And make sure you follow the theme.

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Anthropology/Art Club Field Trip

By Ezra Stahberg

The anthropology and art clubs have combined to plan a trip for all upper-level students to NYC. A trip like this is a big plan and, of course, would take much fundraising. At



the beginning of the year, when this trip was announced, it seemed nearly impossible, but only a week into fundraising, the club had already reached 8,755 dollars out of its 10,000-dollar goal. This accomplishment is

significant for the club as it covers most of the trip's expenses and extra activities added to the trip.

How was this fundraising so successful? It was straightforward: The clubs contacted Brad Dunley, who works for a business called Vraise, a program that helps schools raise money for clubs, sports, and trips. Each kid set up an account with a goal of 500 dollars, and donations from the class website allowed the students to get the message out there quickly. In only a week, seven of the students in the class had reached their goal of 500, and 25 students had raised over 100 dollars.

The class plans to travel to NYC, tour art museums during the day, and explore



NYC's arts and culture. They would then get dinner in the city and head to a hotel outside. After the first day, they would return to the town to explore more museums, bring lunch and breakfast, and head home that night. This trip is an excellent opportunity for the art club and anthropology club students to experience the

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world's culture and art firsthand. This incredible trip will likely come to fruition through fundraising and student participation.

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Agriscience Happenings

By Eve McCorkle



This week in agriscience class, the students have been learning about various ways to make burgers. They have discovered many interesting facts about burgers that they didn't know before. Last

week, the class held a burger contest, bringing in judges to rate their creations! The winners of this competition were Eve McCorkle and Liz Jones with their "Cheesy Bacon Bombs." The group that won second place was Blaire Mizelle and Andrew Magnino, and third place was Jordan Mullenax and Josh Clark! Great job to everyone and your effort.

The students learned that you can have a beef burger, veggie burger, lab-made burger, and many others! To learn about these, they made posters to share with the class that had little facts about the burger they were talking about. Once they were finished making the posters, they went around the room and talked a little bit about what they learned. The next thing that they moved on to were some videos to learn more facts about how cows impact the world. They watched a video that told them some pretty interesting things about how cows use resources without taking them from us humans.

The students quickly finished up and looked up some facts about beef, chicken, lamb, pork, and turkey. For example, they found out



how much each type of meat costs per pound. Overall, the students are working hard and learning a lot about animals and the meat they provide to nourish us humans. Next week, the class might conduct a blind taste test of the four burgers that Mrs. Bossard taught them about. Be sure to check in next week to see what they will be doing throughout the week and their opinions on the burgers if they end up trying them!

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Youth Art Month!

By: Rihana Dye

The month of March is nationally celebrated as Youth Art Month (YAM). Youth Art Month also helps teachers and students advocate for art programs in public school education. For example, YAM raises awareness about the importance of art in education and showcases students' abilities through events and exhibitions. This also advocates for funding for resources for all art programs and encourages collaboration between schools, local events, and even community organizations.

YAM also highlights the success of students who benefited from arts education. With this being said, Mrs. Kowalski had set up a spirit week to help advocate the importance of art in our school. Mrs. Kowalski and Mrs. Waylon are doing a collaborative art mural with the entire school, grades K-12! The mural is going to be an abstract piece based on the artist Beatriz Milhazes! Keep checking the HCS art Instagram, which will keep you updated on events and happenings that they will be doing throughout the month!



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Along with this, I asked Mrs.Kowalski how she felt about Youth Art Month, and she said, "I love Youth Art Month because I spend the month showing student artwork and advocating for the arts in schools."

School Spotlights

Senior Spotlight

By: Rihana Dye

This week's senior is Liam Rogers! He currently does not have a job, but in his free time, he usually plays video games or searches for a job. Liam's favorite song is "Happy Face" by Treaty Oak Revival. Liam has attended HCS his entire life; his best school memory is in 3rd and 4th grade when he and his friends would go on the tire swing, and they'd go super fast. Mr. Jones' global class was Liam's favorite class throughout high school.



I asked Liam for some advice; I like to give it to our underclassmen here at HCS! Liam says, "Lock in and get your work done."

Owl of the Week!

By: Rihana Dye

To continue the same trend as last week and the week prior, I asked Mrs. Houck to help with this week's advice on how to handle/reduce stress. Mrs. Houck has been an elementary school counselor for 20 years. She spent 14 years working at Unadilla Valley Central School District before coming to Hamilton and working here as the HCS Elementary Counselor. She helps students here at HCS with social problems, handles stress, and works through their own personal difficult times. She also teaches students how to work out problems with others, careers in

the world, and how to be a good friend and classmate.... "Mr. Houck is still a work in progress." She became a counselor because she enjoys helping people and being around children. She also loves learning and challenging herself with new experiences. Let's hear Mrs.Houck's advice this week!

"Handling stress in healthy ways looks different for everyone, and it's important to learn what works for your individual body and mind. The most common ways to combat stress are exercise, healthy eating, good sleep hygiene, and recognizing your support systems."

"If stress becomes problematic and is causing you to not want to come to school or do the things you love like being with friends or playing sports, professional counselors can help you overcome these challenges."

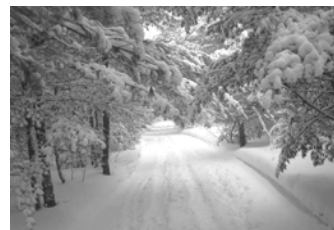
"Never be ashamed or embarrassed to ask for help. Everyone needs help in life at times.."

Local news

Weekly Weather Preview

By Cheyanne Bennett

Next week looks to be a mix of showers, clouds, and some sun throughout the week, but it looks like it is going to be even warmer than it has been!! Summer is getting closer and closer!!



Monday, March 10th, 2025: A few snow showers in the morning, leading to mostly cloudy the rest of the day with a high of 33 degrees and a low of 24

degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

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Tuesday, March 11th, 2025: Sun and clouds mixed with a high of 51 degrees and a low of 38 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday, March 12th, 2025: Sun in the morning with clouds in the afternoon with a high of 56 degrees and a low of 42 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday, March 13th, 2025: Overcast with some showers at times, with a high of 56 degrees and a low of 37 degrees, with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Friday, March 14th, 2025: Overcast with some showers at the time, with a high of 49 degrees and a low of 37 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday, March 15th, 2025: Cloudy with occasional rain showers with a high of 44 degrees and a low of 33 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday, March 16th, 2025: Cloudy with a high of 37 degrees and a low of 25 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

I hope you all had a great week!!

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Under the Helmet

By Dom Mensche

Some of you may have heard the fire siren blaring throughout the village of Hamilton or even may have seen the trucks go by with sirens wailing. The goal of this article segment is to help folks get to know the individuals inside the trucks and *under the helmet*.

The first firefighter we get to meet is a Colgate student named Will Ackerman. He has been a firefighter with the Hamilton Fire Department for almost 4 years, and he is a volunteer firefighter at his home department.

When asked about his experiences and how he got into this line of work, this is what he had to say.

Q: What motivated you to become a firefighter?

A: I joined in high school. Mainly because I was encouraged to join some redundant clubs, and I wanted to join something that would make an impact and have actual meaning.

Q: What does firefighting mean to you?

A: Help my community and have a positive impact when people need it most.

Q: What is the hardest part of being a firefighter?

A: The Schedule. Between months of training and the random times of calls for service, you can get called at random times and sometimes very late at night. It's something you have to learn to adapt to.

Q: Any advice for someone looking to get into the fire service?

A: Ask questions to understand the job. It's way different than anything you might do. People also overestimate the difficulty of the job or think it's super complicated and scary. But you learn to trust your training, equipment, and leadership. Once you get the hang of it, it's pretty straightforward stuff.

Will Ackerman is a valued and respected member of the Hamilton Fire Department. He's a workhorse and loves what he does and the people he does it with. He's one of those friends that will push you to be the best at whatever you do. That's one of the most important traits to have, as is being a senior firefighter such as Will.

**Good Luck to the Girls'
Varsity Basketball Team on
Sunday!!
Go Knights! Beat
Cooperstown!!**

US News

Trump's Tariffs Face Retaliation

By Michael Hayden

President Donald Trump's blanket 25% tariffs against Canada and Mexico went into effect on Tuesday, March 4. The president also added a 10% tariff against China on top of other existing tariffs, which include another 10% blanket tariff as well as several other tariffs on specific Chinese goods. The White House has stated that it has implemented this new economic policy as a way to hold these three countries "accountable to their promises of halting illegal immigration and stopping poisonous fentanyl and other drugs from flowing into our country."

For those who don't know, a tariff is a tax placed on imported goods: the country that exports the goods is required to pay this tax to the government of the country they are sending the goods. They are intended as a barrier to trade. Typically, when a tariff is imposed, foreign manufacturers will artificially raise the price of their goods in countries where tariffs are imposed on them in order to be able to pay the tariff. So, as an example, Americans will now have to pay 25% more for Canadian maple syrup than Canadians will because the Canadian company will need that extra money to send the syrup to America.

China and Canada have both already imposed retaliatory tariffs of their own. On Tuesday, Canada announced a 25% tariff on a list of American products that include clothing, coffee, paper, and appliances, effective immediately, as well as a second set of tariffs effective on March 25, against vehicles, steel, and aluminum, some produce, beef, pork, and dairy. That same day, China announced a 15% tariff on American chicken, wheat, corn, and cotton, as

well as a 10% tariff on several other agricultural products, including milk and pork. Alfredo Montufar-Helu, head of the China Center for the Conference Board, stated that these tariffs were "aimed at causing pain to those industries that matter the most to the supporters of the Trump administration."

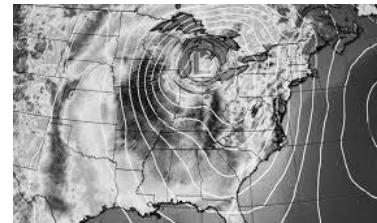
Mexico will be announcing its own retaliatory measures on Sunday, March 9.

Massive March Storm

By Cheyanne Bennett

On Tuesday, March 4th, 2025, a massive storm spread very quickly throughout many places, with thunderstorms that were severe and had bad winds. You would see a hurricane that has started knocking out power and causing lots and lots of damage, which started on Tuesday morning. Approximately tens of millions of people throughout the United States, such as the central and southern parts, are at risk for very severe weather, with possible tornadoes and fires in the warmer areas of this storm and, in the colder areas, blizzards.

Central Mississippi, Northern Louisiana, and Southern Arkansas look to be getting the most severe weather. Cities like Shreveport, Louisiana, and Jackson, Mississippi, look to be getting strong tornadoes with winds over 74 mph, and large amounts of hail are possible. Cities like Memphis, New Orleans, Baton Rouge,



Atlanta, Dallas, St. Louis, and Kansas City look to be getting the lower and not as severe threats, such as isolated tornadoes, gusty winds, and hail. A

massive dust storm went through New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico, causing violent winds.

Many severe thunderstorms went through the Fort Worth Metroplex in Dallas with gusts of winds up to 78 mph. And the Southern parts of Oklahoma had gusts of winds up to 87 mph.

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Approximately 420,000 homes and businesses have gone without power, according to PowerOutage.us. The Southern parts of the U.S. are getting hit with very powerful storms; the Midwest is getting hit with snow and ice, and many blizzard warnings are in effect. The Weather Service in North Platte, Nebraska, warned people that “whiteout conditions are expected and will make travel bad and potentially life-threatening. Texas is getting hit with a level 3 fire risk, including New Mexico, says the Storm Prediction Center.

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Actress Dead at 39

By Rhiannon Murray

Last Wednesday, actress Michelle Trachtenberg died at age 39. Michelle was found in her apartment by her mother Wednesday morning. Trachtenberg was found unconscious and unresponsive and determined dead by EMS officials. The NYPD said no criminal involvement is suspected, and the investigation is ongoing. Her death was ruled undetermined, which means either that there was inadequate information to assess how a person died or that the information was conflicting. Michelle was a part of many great movies and television shows, her most notable being Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Gossip Girl, and Ice Princess. Michelle had suffered from multiple health-related issues prior to her passing. The actress had recently undergone a liver transplant; the reason behind the transplant is unsure. Many speculated that it was because of drinking. However, the actress was never seen drinking in public in an excessive amount. Her friends, however, shared that in the few weeks before her death, she seemed frail and unlike herself. This



death is a tragedy, especially in the Gossip Girl realm.

Image credits: BuzzFeed

Things You May Have Missed This Week

By Dorothy Disha

The first week of March, but the world still hasn't gotten a break. Starting from the Oscars to political drama, here are some things YOU may have missed.

- Ty Dolla Sign, Sexxy Red, and Owen Wilson are starring alongside each other in a new movie called “Rolling Loud.” This movie is set to be a comedy that follows a dad who sneaks his 13-year-old son into a Rolling Loud Festival.
- Serena Williams has officially joined the ownership group for the WNBA team, the Toronto Temo, which is the 15th team to join the WNBA.
- The 2025 Oscars took place on Sunday, March 2nd; here are some notable winners-
 - Zoe Saldana won her first Oscar with Best Supporting Actress for “Emilia Perez”.
 - Paul Tazewell became the first black man to win an Oscar for Best Costume Design for “Wicked”.
 - The film “Anora” won FIVE Oscars, including Best Picture, Director, and Actress.
- Carl Thomas Dean, famous singer Dolly Parton’s husband of 63 years, passed away at the age of 82.
- President Donald Trump has faced backlash online for a recent press meeting with Ukrainian Prime Minister Vladimir



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Zelensky. Trump accused Zelensky of "gambling with World War 3..." as well as criticized his outfit, calling his lack of a suit "Disrespectful."

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Sources- TMZ, CNN, AP NEWS, CBS.

Global News

Pope Francis is Still Hospitalized

By Michael Hayden

This Friday, March 7, marks the end of Pope Francis's third week at Rome's Gemelli Hospital, where he is being treated for pneumonia. He is currently in stable condition; however, it has not been smooth sailing for his medical team. On Monday morning, the pope suffered two acute respiratory attacks caused by built-up fluid in his lungs. A bronchoscopy had to be performed after each attack to remove this fluid. Thankfully, by Tuesday morning, Pope Francis was able to be taken off of a mechanical ventilator and is now using a nasal cannula again instead.

Throughout all of this, vigils for the pope's health continued to take place in the courtyard of St Peter's Basilica. Led by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, a crowd of thousands has gathered in St. Peter's Square every night since



Monday, February 24.

Image via ABC News

Trump Vouches For White Farmers In South Africa?

By Dorothy Disha

President Donald Trump has recently threatened to impose tariffs on South Africa over

land ownership laws and human rights issues. This move could affect South Africa's participation in the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), which currently allows two-thirds of its agricultural exports to the U.S. to enter tariff-free. The South African President Cyril Ramaphosa plans to "Negotiate with President Trump to resolve these disputes..." He says to the press, attempting to maintain favorable trade relations.

What Angered President Trump?

In January, South Africa passed the Expropriation Act to address the inequalities in land ownership created by apartheid. During that time, non-White South Africans were forcibly removed from their lands for the benefit of the



White minority. Now, 30 years after apartheid ended, Black South Africans, who "... make up over 80% of the 63 million population, still own

only about 4% of private land..." according to ABC News Statistics.

The White House disagrees with South Africa's land reform policy. President Trump and his adviser, Elon Musk, argue it discriminates against White South Africans. In response to President Ramaphosa's post about the new legislation, Musk questioned, "Why do you have openly racist ownership laws?"

On February 7, Trump issued an executive order ending all aid to South Africa, citing human rights violations and criticizing the country's stance on the Gaza conflict as harmful to U.S. interests. If implemented, these tariffs could significantly impact South Africa's economy, particularly its agricultural sector, which relies heavily on exports to the U.S.

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Car Rams Crowd In German City

By Pyper McEwan

German authorities say a car-ramming incident in the southwestern city of Mannheim ended up killing two people on Monday; this was said to be a deliberate attack. The two people who ended up dying were an 83-year-old woman and a 54-year-old man; there were also eleven other people who got injured during this incident. The person who was driving the car purposefully targeted and hit the people at high



speed. The police said that they are sure the man suffers from a psychological illness. The police also stated they searched the

suspect's house on Monday. They arrested the suspect in the center of the city on Monday, shortly after launching a large manhunt to find him. The suspect was a 40-year-old German man from Rhineland-Palatinate State.

Info: CNN

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Opinion

Birth Order Theory - Continued

By Rhiannon Murray

Last week, in my article, we talked about how the order you are born into a family can change your personality. I found that in almost every scenario, these findings were 100% accurate. However, I left out one type of sibling, the only child. I also have found that being an only child is very rare here at Hamilton. Personally, I only know a few children, so finding someone to interview was very difficult. Some traits of only children include:

- Independence: Only children may learn to be self-reliant and independent at an early age, as they do not have siblings to rely on for companionship or help with tasks
- Maturity: Only children may develop a greater level of maturity than their peers, as they often spend more time around adults than other children
- Creativity: Only children may be more likely to engage in imaginative play and creative pursuits, as they often have to entertain themselves
- Socialization: Only children may have fewer opportunities to develop social skills and may feel more comfortable in adult company than around peers
- Perfectionism: Only children may feel pressure to live up to high expectations and may become perfectionistic as a result

I asked Tyler Kowalski how he felt about being an only child :

Do you ever wish you had a sibling? “I wish I had a sibling when I have chores I don't want to do around the house.”

If you were to have a sibling, would you like a younger or older sibling? “Younger, for sure.”

Do you ever feel lonely? “Sometimes, when I'm really bored, I enjoy being an only sibling.”

Do you feel like you are more independent and mature because you do not have a sibling?

“I mean kinda, I feel like I am more independent, but I don't know if I'm more mature because I don't have a sibling.”

I also asked Madison, one of the only seniors with no siblings :

Do you ever wish you had a sibling? “I think I did when I was younger because, in some instances, I thought it would be more fun, such as taking family vacations, but now I love being an only child!”

If you were to have a sibling, would you like a younger or older sibling? “I would rather have

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an older sibling because littles are always annoying.”

Do you ever feel lonely? “Not really; I have close friends that fill the void..”

Do you feel like you are more independent and mature because you do not have a sibling?

“Yes, being an only child has made me very mature and independent because I am always around my parents' friends who are adults or other adults in my family rather than child siblings..”

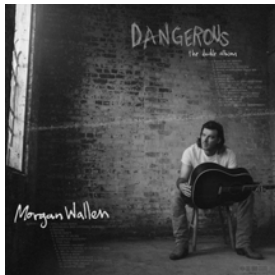
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Album Review

By Dom Mensche

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

This week's review will be on the album *Dangerous: The Double Album* by Morgan Wallen.



Dangerous: The Double Album, released on January 8, 2021, is a massive 30-track project that solidified his place at the top of country music. It combines a mix of traditional country with rock and hip-hop influences; Wallen delivers a mix of party anthems, heartbreak songs, and personal reflections.

My personal favorite on the album is the track *Something Country*, as it brings a rowdy feeling while still keeping the whole honky tonk aspect of his music.

Standout tracks include *Wasted on You*, a soulful breakup anthem, and *Sand in My Boots*, which showcases his storytelling ability over a nostalgic melody. Meanwhile, songs like *Somebody's Problem* and *7 Summers* highlight his smooth vocals and ability to craft catchy, radio-friendly hooks.

With a mix of rowdy honky tonk tracks and deeper emotional tracks, *Dangerous* is a showcase of Wallen's versatility as a modern country artist. Whether you're looking for a song to tailgate to or one to reflect on past relationships, this album has something for everyone in the country music scene.

Sports

Varsity Girls Basketball

By Eve McCorkle

On Thursday night, February 27th, 2025, the girl's varsity basketball team recently played against Frankfort-Schuyler at home. The girls ended up taking the win 61 to 41. Leading all scores was Rihana Dye. The girls played great, and they put in all of the hard work they've been putting in during practice shows.

First Half: Starting the game, Frankfort got the tipoff and got it down the court. They just kept on passing outside the three-point line because Hamilton wouldn't let them get by, and then all of a sudden, they got into the paint and went up for a layup, putting them on the board first. Hamilton immediately got the ball right in



and got it down the court. Rihana Dye found Chloe in the corner, and she gave it back to Rih. Rih hit Chloe again, and she found Adey inside to try to put it up, but she was not able to do so and kicked

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it back out to Rihana. Hamilton moved it around a bit more, swinging it over to Reagan and then to Chloe. Eventually, Hamilton's part was messed up, and Frankfort brought it down the court. Frankfort moved the ball for a little while and eventually went up for a shot, but it was stuffed by Rihana Dye. Adey got the rebound and gave it to her guard. Hamilton got down the court, and Logan found Chloe for an easy layup. Frankfort got the ball in and hurried down the court to play some offense. They moved the ball pretty well and got the ball inside the paint, but then, all of a sudden, a foul was called against Hamilton. Frankfort got the ball in on the baseline, moved the ball for a little while, and eventually tried to drive to the basket, but it did not work out due to the Emerald Knights' defense. Our girls got the ball in and got right to it. Logan hit Reagan in the corner, and she threw a great pass at Adey. There was another easy layup for the Emerald Knights. Once again, Frankfort brought the ball down the court, moved it a bit, and got it stolen yet again. Hamilton attempted to get a bucket but had an unlucky save by Adey that ended up going right to the other team. Frankfort took the opportunity that was sitting in front of them, and they got down the court. They weren't able to get to the basket, but then, all of a sudden, Frankfort took a shot from the top of the three-point line. The girls kept up the good work throughout the rest of the first quarter. At the end of the first quarter, Hamilton had the last possession, n, and Logan brought it down the court to try and hit the buzzer-beater, but the shot was just a bit short. The teams ended the first quarter at 17 to 1, with Hamilton up.

Right off the bat, our Knights were playing at an amazing pace. Frankfort moved the ball around and wasn't able to get a good shot up. Cameron Cleveland got the rebound, and Hamilton was off. Logan threw Rihan, and she kicked it out to Chloe for a three, but the shot was just completely unlucky, swirling all over the rim. Hamilton fought for the rebound, and it was a jump ball, which was Hamilton's advantage. Chloe threw it into Rihana, and the rebound

came down, but Frankfort got it. Frankfort took the ball down the court and just was able to find the bottom of the basket. Cameron got the rebound and threw it off to Logan, who found Reagan down the court for an easy two points. Coming toward the end of the half, the girls kept up the great work and played great! The score going into half was 31 to 20, Hamilton up.

Second Half: Entering the second half, Hamilton dominated the game, scoring a ton of points for their team and playing great. Rihana was the first to score for the Knights with a three-pointer. Hamilton brought the ball down the court, moved it around well, and found Cameron down low for a shot, but it didn't work out in her favor. Both teams went down the court with Frankfort's possession.

Overall, Hamilton took over the game in the second half. Great Job, girls, and way to play.

Overall, the girls performed amazingly, maintained their high spirits, and secured their second sectional title. They will play next on Tuesday, March 4th, 2025, against Weedsport at 6:45. Good luck, girls, and continue on the winning path.

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Varsity Boys Season-Ending Loss to Cooperstown

By Gavin Snyder

The Boys played a tough game against the number 1 ranked team in the section. Before the game, the team did not have high hopes of entering the gym. In the first quarter, it looked as if the Hamilton team was asleep, including the green mile. This continued into the second quarter, with Cooperstown having a heavy foot on the gas, ending the half down 21-37. But with

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a little enthusiasm from principal Arquiett, which got the green mile on their feet, it allowed Hamilton to start making a comeback and cut Cooperstown's lead to only 5 points. This did not last long as Hamilton was not able to keep their momentum through the entirety of the half, falling short to the Hawkeyes 67-49.

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Boys Varsity Basketball Recap

By Gavin Snyder

Overall, the boys had a great season, starting off 8-0. They slowly fell off after the injury from Bryce Wright, but they still managed to do well in the regular season. In one of the biggest games, Drew Baker was able to get his thousandth point and had 27 points to lead the Emerald Knights to the win. In sectionals, the team beat Poland and was able to upset Frankfort at their home court. Moving on, they looked to upset number 1 seed Cooperstown at the Sherburne High School. But their upset streak came to an end. In the end, the boys had a great season, finishing 5th in class C and winning 16 out of their 23 games. Congrats, boys, on a great season.

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night with a score of 44-32. The boys had a great game, keeping their heads up, and ended up winning by 12 to improve their record to 10-2. The boys were led by Liam Darrow with 13 points, Nolan Dunley with 10, Alex Oney with 8, and Julius Smith with 6. The 7th-grade boys also traveled to Morrisville-Eaton and secured the victory; they were led by Lukas Sirtoli, having 10 points, Thomas Jackson, adding 6, and Wes Penoyer, having 5 points in the win. Good job, b-boys!

Girls Modified Basketball:

The girls had a game Monday night against Waterville; the girls had a great game and ended the game with a score of 38-18, winning by 20. The girls played a good game by keeping up their energy and walked away with a road win. Choe Gridley led the girls with 10 points, Zaida Ostrander followed by adding 7, and Annalee Shoemaker and Ivy Snyder helped by adding 6 points to secure the win! Good job, girls!

Spring Sports Preview

By Ezra Stahlberg

Winter sports are slowly ending, and Spring sports are just around the corner; with the starting dates only a couple of weeks away, the hype for Spring sports is building. Today, I interviewed some veteran players from our spring sports teams to get a preview and inside look at their season.

What are your goals for the season?

Dylan George: "Bringing home another sectional championship at Skenandoa, and my personal goal is to make state qualifiers and eventually states. I'm also pumped to see the Goat Brayden Zents at Cooperstown and play around with him because he's good."

James Hanmer: I would love to qualify for sectionals [in tennis] and make it past the first round of singles; it would be an outstanding achievement for my junior season. And, of course, a team sectional championship would be a great accomplishment for the team."

Modified Basketball Recap

By: Pyper McEwan

Boys Modified Basketball:

The 8th grade boy basketball team traveled to play Morrisville-Eaton on Monday

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Cooper Roy: “Hit a dinger so Levi knows who the real goat is, and I can establish my dominance in baseball.”

Owen Arquiett: “Run fast so I can win some races and sectionals in any event and hopefully get to state qualifiers.”

Rhiannon Murray: “To win the sectional title and as many games as possible, my individual goals are to stay under two strikeouts, don't drop a pop fly, and stay above a .400 batting average.”

Who will be a breakout player for your team?

Dylan George: “Sawyer Latella because he’s a hard worker ready to grind all year and put in the work; his swing is also near perfect and is just a thing of beauty.”

James Hanmer: “Elijah and Tyler, the duo could do very well in sectionals and even win for doubles one; I'm excited about what they can do in sectionals, especially with how much Tyler's improved in the last couple of years.”

Cooper Roy: “Luke Langel, he's a young player who's a great athlete and an even better team player who knows a lot about baseball.”

Owen Arquiett: “Matt, Me, or Claire were probably the most experienced on the team and could most likely go far in sectionals.”

Rhiannon Murray: “We’re a well-rounded team, and I think each player has the ability to have a great season.”

What's the most challenging match for your team this year?

Dylan George: “Some would argue the sights of Mount Markham Players is one of the most mentally challenging, but Mountain Top is known for being one of the most demanding courses and previously defeating Sawyer Latella so that Shurbune could be difficult.”



James Hanmer: “Cooperstown because they always had foreign exchange students that were very good, and they practiced very seriously and always played tennis.”

Cooper Roy: “Probably Cooperstown. There's a good chance they'll kill us this year, but who knows, the boys could ball out.”

Owen Arquiett: “Sectionals it’s against the best runners around, and they're always filled with nerves, but I think we will do well and hopefully come away with a medal.”

Rhiannon Murray: “Poland is always a tough game, and we've never played Cooperstown before, so that will be interesting, but lowkey, all of them.”

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Colgate Ice Hockey

By: Dylan George

This past weekend, the Colgate men’s and women’s hockey teams faced off in two huge battles for their league. The women's team hosted Princeton in the first round of the ECAC tournament, and the men traveled to face off against RPI and Union. Here is a recap of each team's results from the weekend:

Men’s Ice Hockey: On Friday night, the team traveled to Troy, NY, to face off against league opponent RPI. After a long and tough battle, the Raiders were able to secure a 4-3 win in overtime. Goaltender Andrew Takacs could outshout in goal to secure the win behind 29 saves. The Raiders drove to Schenectady, NY, on Saturday night to play Union. After an overtime win, the Raiders continued their momentum with a 5-1 win. The team was led by Ben Raymond, who scored two goals that night. The Raiders have secured the third seed in the ECAC, so they will host a best-of-three series next weekend and wait to hear their opponent.

Women’s Ice Hockey: The Colgate women’s ice hockey team hosted Princeton in a

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best-of-three playoff series. On Friday night, the Raiders won in a dominating fashion, 5-2. Then, on Saturday night, the Raiders were tested by the Tigers but were able to secure the series sweep with a 2-1 win. The women will travel to Ithaca, NY, this weekend, where they will face off against #7 ranked St. Lawrence.

Both Men's and Women's hockey teams secured wins over the weekend. The women look to continue their success as they face off in the semifinal of the ECAC playoffs on Friday night. If they win, they will play in the Final on Saturday night.



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