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Half Day today, no school Friday!!

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School News

Owl of the Week!

By: Rihana Dye

This week is the last week for new advice on reducing stress! Mrs. Murray is this week's owl! Here are some things to know about her. She did a year of teaching at Oneida last year, and this year, she subbed for Mrs. Reynolds while she was out on maternity leave and will continue to be a substitute teacher! Her kids Rhiannon and Trent are a seniors and a freshman this school year, and Mrs. Murray even graduated from HCS herself! In her free time, she likes to read, watch her kids play sports, photograph her kids' sports games, edit her pictures, and post them on Facebook.

Mrs. Murray's advice:

"Do something for yourself every day to create a space for yourself to relax and destress."

"Make a list and prioritize to be less overwhelmed."

"Spend time outside to change your perspective."

Thank you, Mrs. Murray, for your advice this week! If you are struggling with stress and need help. Remember to always reach out for help. There are resources available at all times!

Local news

Weekly Weather Preview

By Cheyanne Bennett

Next week looks to be even warmer than it has been!!! It's getting warmer and warmer each day; sooner than we know, summer will be here!!

Monday, March 17th, 2025: Rain showers early with overcast skies later in the day with a high of 44 degrees and a low of 28 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday, March 18th, 2025: Partly cloudy with a high of 47 degrees and a low of 36 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday, March 19th, 2025: Mainly cloudy with a high of 53 degrees and a low of 42 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday, March 20th, 2025: Overcast with a high of 52 degrees and a low of 36 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Friday, March 21st, 2025: Clouds and sun mixed with a high of 40 degrees and a low of 32 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.



Saturday, March 22nd, 2025: Mostly cloudy with a high of 43 degrees and a low of 33 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

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Sunday, March 23rd, 2025: Partly cloudy skies with a high of 48 degrees and a low of 39 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

I hope you all had a great week!!!

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US News

ICE Arrests Columbia Student Protest Leader

By Michael Hayden

Last April, a group of students at Columbia University in New York became the first of many to set up a protest encampment on their schools' lawns. They moved into a group of tents that they called the "Gaza Solidarity Encampment," telling the university that they would not move back into their dorms and go to class as usual until Columbia pulled investments from companies who were supporting Israel in the conflict in Gaza. Palestinian activist Mahmoud Khalil, who was still a graduate student at Columbia at the time, was one of the organizers of this protest.

On Saturday, March 8, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested Khalil in his New York apartment. They did not inform his wife, who was present at the time of the arrest, why he was being detained. He has since been moved from a New Jersey detention facility down to one in Louisiana.

ICE agents told Khalil's attorney, Amy Greer, that the State Department had ordered the arrest after revoking his student visa following his graduation. However, Khalil did not hold a student visa; he is a green card holder on the grounds that his wife is a US citizen. When Greer told the agents this, they backtracked and said that Khalil's green card was being revoked.

On Sunday, Tricia McLaughlin, a spokesperson for the Department of Homeland Security, stated that the arrest was "in support of President Trump's executive orders prohibiting anti-Semitism." However, Khalil has not been charged with any crime. Washington-based civil rights group, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, released a statement on the matter, saying, "The Department of Homeland Security's lawless decision to arrest him solely because of his peaceful anti-genocide activism represents a blatant attack on the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech, immigration laws, and the very humanity of Palestinians."

A federal judge in New York temporarily blocked ICE's attempt to deport Khalil on Monday. The filing stated: "To preserve the Court's jurisdiction pending a ruling on the petition, Petitioner shall not be removed from the United States unless and until the Court orders otherwise." The case will be heard this Wednesday, March 12.

Black Lives Matter Mural Removed From D.C.

By Dorothy Disha

The big yellow mural started construction in 2020 after nationwide protests sparked by the death of George Floyd. However, it is now being destroyed. Mayor Muriel Bowser planned to replace and demolish the mural last week after numerous Republican lawmakers threatened to revoke millions of dollars in funding for the capital city if it was not removed. The move was influenced by President Trump and his partnering GOP leaders, who have begun targeting numerous diversity efforts that have been established in the past decade. This sparked outrage from D.C. citizens,



criticizing the removal as “unnecessary” and “cruel to take away the symbol of generational change and human rights.” The mural took weeks to build, with help from black artists and even locals pitching in, resulting in what could be considered a historical event now gone.

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Sources- New York Times, AP News, Reuters.

Global News

Price of Electricity to Rise

By Michael Hayden

Last Tuesday, President Donald Trump's tariffs against Canada, China, and Mexico went into effect. Two days later, Trump walked back these tariffs and stated that they would instead go into effect in one month, on April 2. However, all three countries had already promised retaliation, which included tariffs in these countries against American produce and meat. Many of these retaliatory tariffs are already in place, and unlike President Trump, the governments of these countries have not walked them back.

This Monday, March 10, Canada's retaliatory measures expanded to include taxes on electricity when Ontario Premier Doug Ford (whose office is equivalent to that of a US state governor) announced that, effective immediately, his province will be charging a 25% tax on the electricity that it provides to Minnesota, Michigan, and our home state of New York. By Ford's own estimation, this will add about \$100 to the average family's energy bill.

“Believe me when I say I do not want to do this,” Ford said in his announcement. “I feel terrible for the



American people because it's not the American people who started this trade war. It's one person who's responsible. That's President Trump.” Despite this, he is standing firm in this decision: “I will not hesitate to increase this charge. If the United States escalates, I will not hesitate to shut the electricity off completely.”

Photo by Nathan Denette via AP

Canada's New Prime Minister

By Maren Ettrich

Shortly after Donald Trump took office, the former Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, stepped down. Donald Trump's main goal for the country was to make the prices in the



USA go down. So, he has come up with ideas for this goal. But the most popular one and would work the best is to add tariffs to goods and put higher prices on goods. This

will help the economy get better, but it will take a while.

The new Prime Minister's name is Mark Carney. Carney won 86% of the votes for him to step up as prime minister. When Carney will take Prime Minister is still unclear. But Carney did make clear that he is ready to step up and stand for his country. Carney, who has lived in Canada his whole life, currently lives in Toronto. Many people in Canada feel very good about this choice. They are also very excited to see what comes for this Prime Minister.

The question now is what happens next. One of the main reasons Justin Trudeau stepped down was Donald Trump's push for tariffs. The Tariffs would cause a huge problem with money for many people in Canada. Trump has also made many jokes about Canada that have upset a lot of Canadians. But Carney said that he would not let the tariffs pass and would protect his people and

the country at all costs. This could mean that we could have a tariff war sometime shortly.

Source: CNN

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Most Polluted Cities

By: Pyper McEwan

Pollution is everywhere, but did you know that all but one of the top 20 most polluted cities last year was in Asia? Thirteen of these cities are in one of the most populated areas, and hundreds of millions of people live there. Four other polluted cities are neighboring Pakistan, with one in China and one in Kazakhstan. The other city that isn't in Asia is located in Africa. However, the most polluted cities in North America are all located in California.



There are reports made by IQAir, a Swiss company that tracks global air quality. They looked specifically at fine particulate matter, which is a very small but the most dangerous pollutant. It comes from things like fossil fuels, dust storms and wildfires. It's so small that it can



travel past your body's usual defenses and into your lungs or bloodstream, and you can get very sick. The particles do cause irritation and inflammation; they have been linked to respiratory problems and chronic kidney disease. Exposure to this can lead to cancer, a stroke, or heart attacks.

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Entertainment

The History of Saint Patrick's Day

By Ezra Stahlberg

The beloved spring holiday, Saint Patrick's Day, is a staple of Irish culture; it is a day when people can celebrate Irish traditions like wearing green, eating Irish foods, and listening to traditional Irish music. However, as I interviewed my fellow journalists, very few knew the origin of the holiday, and I realized that although people may know what Saint Patrick's Day represents, the mystery of how it started is much more unknown.

Saint Patrick's Day started in 1631 as a religious holiday celebrating Saint Patrick. The day was celebrated on March 17th because that is believed to be the date of Saint Patrick's death, and the first celebration was more of a religious honoring of the saint rather than a commemoration of Irish heritage. They would worship the saint at religious events and feast for the rest of the day.

Later, in the 1800s and 1900s, Irish immigrants brought the holiday to the United States, making the celebration more centered around Irish pride, which was celebrated by drinking, feasting, and religious



festivals. Today, Saint Patrick's Day has evolved into a celebration followed by people worldwide, even those who aren't Irish. It is a celebration of spring, Irish culture, and Saint Patrick. We celebrate with foods like corned beef, cabbage, shepherd's pie, and many beverages. Some parades and festivals celebrate Irish foods, dancing, and Irish culture.

Photo credit: National Geographic Kids

What is Your Favorite Ice Cream?

By Silas Campbell

In a brief history of ice cream, we learn that the Roman Emperor Nero enjoyed ice laced with honey in the years of Thirty-Seven to Sixty-Seven AD. "George Washington bought a mechanical ice cream maker for his estate at Mount Vernon in 1784, the same year Thomas Jefferson likely acquired a taste for French ice cream while serving as a diplomat in Paris." <https://www.history.com/news/>. Thomas Jefferson even had a recipe written out for French Vanilla Ice Cream.

In 1874, a Philadelphia pharmacist mixed the first ice cream soda. Today, ice cream and its frigid cousins are known globally, even if they are imported to Antarctica, where a Frosty Boy soft-serve machine is a famous focal point for the scientists who worked at McMurdo Station.

The first person I asked what his favorite ice cream flavor is was Tristen Hatch. He said, "I like cookie dough ice cream." Next, I asked him what his favorite ice cream place is, and he said, "I like Conemasters in Munnsville, New York." Finally, I asked him, "Have you ever had homemade ice cream before?" He said, "Yes, I have had some before from home."

The next person that I asked about her favorite ice cream flavor was Mrs. Furner, and she said, "I like the Golden Owl from Gilligan's. It is a special flavor they make for the FFA." Then I asked her what ice cream place was her favorite, and she said, "I like Gilligan's Ice Cream." Then I asked her if she had ever had homemade ice cream before, and she replied, "Ye, I have."

The third person I asked was Owen Arquiett, about his favorite flavor of ice cream, and he said, "I like Byrne Dairy's Ice Cream." Then I asked him if he had ever had or made homemade ice cream before, and he said yes. The fourth person I asked was Polly LePage. The first question I asked her was what her favorite ice cream flavor was, and she said, "Cotton Candy

flavor. We have an ice cream maker at home." Finally, I interviewed Logan Langel about her favorite ice cream flavor. It is Half-Baked Ice Cream from Ben and Jerry's. She has made homemade ice cream with her grandma.

I had a great opportunity to interview people about what their favorite ice cream flavors are, what their favorite ice cream places are, and if they have had or made homemade ice cream. My favorite ice cream flavor is chocolate. Ice Cream has been a favorite dessert for Americans for hundreds of years and will probably continue to be well into the future.

Long Weekend Plans

By: Dylan George

Students and faculty anticipate the much-needed long weekend throughout the school, and some students enjoy the final free days before spring sports start on Monday. I interviewed a few students to see if they had any interesting plans or things they hoped to do on an extended weekend:

Vivi Linden: "I can't wait any longer for this long weekend to arrive. I'm very excited to enjoy the time in the sun with my friends. I'm also glad to attend play practice this Friday and Saturday."

Gavin Hames: "This weekend, I have a soccer game on both Saturday and Sunday. Then I will probably work on my bag against Ezra Stahlberg in the gym to make my dream of making it to the league come true."

Luke Langel: "For the long weekend, I will be swamped. I have several different tryouts for AAU basketball in Syracuse and Albany. I will probably golf this weekend because the weather is so nice."

Gavin Snyder: "This weekend, since my brother is back from Liberty University, he and I

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will hang out and possibly go to dinner with the rest of my family. I will also visit the golf dome to practice my golf skills for the start of the season on Monday.”

With the snow fully melted and warm weather around the corner, many students will look to enjoy the weekend, enjoy the sun, and get prepared for spring sports to start.



Photo Credit: The Rampage

Opinion

Food Review - Tin Rooster

By Rhiannon Murray

This past Friday, the gang suited up in our best country attire and drove to the very infamous Turning Stone Casino. We landed on the Tin Rooster for my birthday dinner for the fun environment and BBQ food. For a large party of nine, we actually did not have to wait long for our table, which was very nice. We sat at a nice long table that fit us all nicely and proceeded to look at the menu. The menu gave some of us some struggles because of how it was set up, but once we figured it out, everything looked very good!! We got our drinks at a very good time and placed all of our orders. At one end of the table, an under/over bet began when we thought that both our appetizers and entrees were going to come to our table. The time was 8:30 for appetizers and 17:30 for



entrees. Myself and I both took the under for apps and the over for entrees. Bryce took the over for both, and Dylan took the over for apps and under for entrees. About 4 minutes later, our appetizers of BBQ buffalo wings and fried pickles came to our table. After the nine of us stuffed those down in record time, we had to wait for our dinner. Our dinner time ended up being way over 17:30, landing around 25 minutes. For my dinner, I split two entrees with Chloe, and they were both very good. We got a loaded baked potato with what we thought was pulled pork but ended up being brisket (very disappointing for us) and a pulled pork sandwich that came with



Mac & Cheese and corn on the cob. Chloe made me then CUT the corn off the cob so she could eat it... very messy. After we ate a lot of food, had some good laughs, and argued over who would last the longest in Alaska by themselves, we began to slow down. We decided not to order desserts from the restaurant because we were going to stop at the AMAZING dessert location in the middle of the casino. However, this quickly changed when the wait staff came out with a saddle and a pineapple upside-down cake for me, thanks to the one and only Adey!! The cake was very good, but I was way too full to finish, so Gavin did! Overall, I will go back, and I can't wait for our next outing!

Rating :

Lexie: 6/10 “Just because I couldn't order any meat, however, I had a lot of fun, and the Mac & Cheese was super delicious. The environment there is awesome, and I wish we could have line-danced.” (Each Friday during Lent Lex can't eat meat because she is Catholic).

Dylan: 6.3/10 “Food was pretty good, but I was starving, and it took way too long to get to our table. I wish we could have stayed longer until the place got lit, but I will say our casino adventure

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after dinner was really fun.” (We had to leave because Dylan is at the ripe age of 16 and not the required 18).

Rhi: 8/10 “I loved the environment and wished we could have stayed to line dance because it seemed like so much fun. My food was delicious, and Chlo paid for my meal, which made it even better! I was embarrassed to get on the saddle but very grateful that Adey did something for my bday!”

Gavi: 7/10 “It was decent; it was a very cool place inside. The decor was very fitting, and I felt like I was in a barn. However, the food was mid tbh, and I don’t know if I would want to go again. The casino afterward was awesome because I helped Rhi win some money at the Black Jack table (\$30), which she then let me keep.”

Chlo: 9/10 “Loved the setting, and the food was amazing!! I would definitely recommend it and can’t wait to go back again. Also, the casino after dinner was a lot of fun, and Rhi even won \$30... I think!”

Madison: 7/10 “The cornbread was mid; it had chunks of corn and jalapenos, so I was very disappointed. My burger was raw, even though I asked for medium... so the food was not a hit, but the atmosphere was fire, it made me wanna line dance, and yee haw the whole time!!”

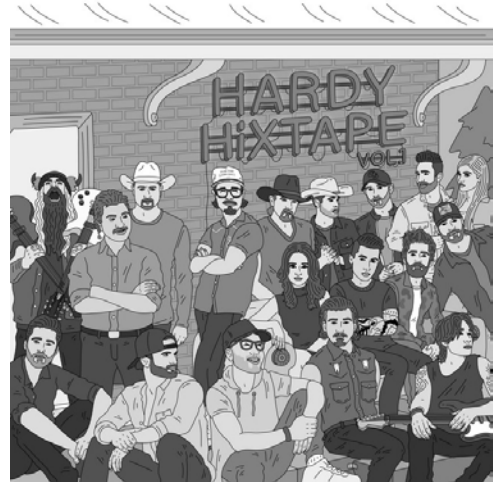
Adey: 8.7/10 “I had a lot of fun and thought the food was very good. I was disappointed that we couldn’t line dance, but the restaurant was awesome either way. I set up the saddle and cake for Rhi but did have to pay for it... which was sus. I also had fun in the casino afterward!”

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 Hixtape Vol. 1 by HARDY and Various Country Artists such as Cole Swindell, Morgan Wallen, Dustin Lynch, etc.



Released on September 13, 2019, Hixtape Vol. 1 is a star-filled country album led by HARDY, featuring collaborations with some of the biggest names in the country game. The project blends country, country rock, and a bit of backroad attitude, creating a fun, energetic soundtrack for tailgates and bar nights.

Songs like He Went to Jared (featuring Morgan Wallen) and ONE BEER (featuring Lauren Alaina and Devin Dawson) stand out with catchy hooks and clever storytelling. Meanwhile, Redneck Tendencies (featuring Trace Adkins and Joe Diffie) leans into the rowdy, unapologetic country lifestyle.

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My personal favorite track on the album is He Went to Jared. It's a honky-tonk upbeat country song about how the artist got dumped by a girl and how she is marrying someone nothing like them. It has them reflecting on the final moments of their relationships and coping with a smooth backroad anthem.

With its mix of party anthems and singalong choruses, Hixtape Vol. 1 feels like a celebration of country music's modern sound. It's not meant to be deep—it's meant to be fun, and it delivers exactly that.

Sports

Girls Varsity Basketball Wrap-up

By Eve McCorkle

The girls' varsity basketball team finished their season on Sunday, March 9th, 2025, at OCC. They played against Cooperstown and lost



34 to 44. Our Knights gave it their all and tried everything they could to surpass Cooperstown, but it wasn't enough, and Cooperstown secured the win. To start the game, Hamilton and Cooperstown were going at it. They were hucking up shots back and forth. By the end

of the first quarter, the score was 12 to 9, with Cooperstown up.

The girls still came back to Cooperstown, trying their best to make good shots, and they did. Hamilton made a couple of great shots and moved the ball well to get it to the basket. Hamilton did not let up at all; they were still

playing their hardest and fighting for this title and their school. Once again, it just wasn't enough to get the girls above Cooperstown. Leading all scores was Logan Langel, who scored 12 points on the night. Chloe LaFrance and Rihanna Dye each added a couple of threes and ended the night with 10 points, and Adriana Catania ended the night with two points to contribute to Hamilton's score.



Great job, girls; you had quite a tough, outstanding season. It was extremely fun to watch you guys with all of your successes. For example, Logan Langel made it to her 10000th point, and Reagan Hope became Hamilton's all-time leading 3-point shooter in boys and girls basketball with 195 three-pointers! Overall, you guys did such an amazing job this season! Congratulations girls!

Photo Creds: Brian Miller

Intro to Golf

By: Gavin Snyder

As all of you know, winter sports have come to an end for both boys and girls. With spring around the corner, many people have asked, where's the golf intro? So, with the people's request, here it is. Coming off of a sectional win and a player who went to states, the team looks to have lost a lot of talent. With a few of their top six coming back and a couple of players stepping up, the golf team looks to have a great season ahead of them. With this, I asked some of the top players a couple of questions.

Question 1: What are your hopes for the upcoming season?

Ezra S: I want to win a sectional title because I want another sectional medal. Also, I want to

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shoot under 42 in a match and shoot under 90 in sectionals.

Dylan G: I want to win back-to-back sectional titles, and I want to shoot sub-forty in a match and make state qualifiers.

Question 2: Do you see yourself qualifying for states, and if so, what is going to be your score at the end of sectionals?

Ezra S: I do not see myself qualifying because I see myself shooting anywhere from an 82 to a 100, and I would most likely shoot that 100 over the 82.

Dylan G: I hope that I do qualify, and I'm looking to shoot anywhere from 80 to 85

Question 3: Who are you looking forward to playing against the most this season?

Ezra S: Cooperstown because their course is the best around, and we need to get revenge from basketball. I want to prove that I'm better than B zest.

Dylan G: Cooperstown because it's the most competitive match of the year, and the course is beautiful, and we get to go and get food afterward

Question 4: Who is your favorite teammate to golf with?

Ezra S: Sawyer is the best; he makes me feel better about my game, and he's a fun time and makes it not boring.

Dylan G: Bryce, because we always shoot well when we play together, and we both like to chirp the other team.

UFC 313

By Gavin Rutledge



On March 8th, UFC 313 took place at the T-Mobile arena in Las Vegas. The night's main event was a fight between Magomed Ankalaev and the reigning light heavyweight champion Alex

Pereira by unanimous decision, with judges scoring 49-46, 48-47, and 48-47. Ankalaev used his grappling skills throughout the fight to secure multiple takedowns and dominant positions. Pereira, who is known for his striking power, struggled to find rhythm throughout the fight.

Post-fight, UFC President Dana White spoke after the match and said that there was a possibility of a rematch soon between Ankalaev and Pereira. There were also several celebrities and influencers in attendance, including Director



of the FBI Kash Patel, Theo Von, Andrew and Tristan Tate, Mel Gibson, and more.

The next UFC fight is UFC Fight Night 254 on March 15th.

Overall, UFC 313 was a success and had a good main event that left lots of fans surprised.

Credit: AP news lv Review Journal Forbes

MLB News

By James Hanmer

New York Yankees pitcher Gerrit Cole will undergo Tommy John surgery, meaning he'll miss the entire 2025 season and possibly part of 2026. This is a huge loss for the Yankees, as Cole is their best pitcher. He had opted out of his contract last year but re-signed, likely knowing something was wrong with his arm. Now, the Yankees have to figure out how to replace him in their starting rotation.

The Los Angeles Dodgers just made their manager, Dave Roberts, the highest-paid manager in baseball history. He signed a four-year, \$32.4 million extension. The Dodgers hope he can lead them to back-to-back championships, especially since they open the season with a big trip to Tokyo to face the Chicago Cubs.

Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Cristopher Sanchez is throwing even harder this spring. Last

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season, his fastball averaged 94.5 mph, but now he's hitting 98 mph. That extra velocity is making his other pitches even better, and scouts believe he could have another great season. This could be a huge boost for the Phillies' starting rotation. The Houston Astros are looking at different defensive lineups, including a possible position change for José Altuve. There are also some tough decisions ahead regarding their bullpen, with several pitchers making strong cases to be included on the Opening Day roster.

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