



## School News

### 6th Grade Happenings

By Maren Ettrich

The 6th grade has been up to many activities this week and last. Some of these classes where these activities are happening are STEAM and math. STEAM is a class where the 6th graders work with kids younger than them. This befits the 6th graders and the younger kids in many ways. Some of these ways are teaching them to work with people of all ages, and also giving the 6th graders and the younger kids a fun activity to do together. Classes like math get turned into fun activities that teach the kids about the world around them and the subjects they are studying.



One activity that happened was an update on their mummified hot dogs. If you remember from last week in social studies, the 6th graders made hot dogs. This was to teach the 6th graders more about ancient Egypt and what mummies look like. The update was very smelly. Another activity that the 6th grader did was trying to grow plants in sand. This is supposed to show why Egypt is settled along the Nile River. The plants in the sand died very quickly, but the ones in the water grew very well.



## What is Tech Club All About?

By Silas Campbell

Tech Club is a club offered here at Hamilton Central School. HCS Tech Club was started in 2010 by Aiden Helfant. Currently, Tech Club creates newsreels. Creating them is a complicated process. First, the group makes a decision about what will be in the newsreels. A document is created. The whole group types in a doc of who wants to be part of it. Next, the group makes a decision about who will be in the newsreels. Then, they have to figure out the people who will write the assigned scripts in the newsreels.

After that, people are assigned different school-related activities from the script. For example, some subjects have been plays, bloopers, interviews, music, sports, or world news. After the scripts get written up different people will record the scripts. Then the editing starts. A small team of people will do the editing. Now, people will publish the whole newsreel. Finally, once it's published it's ready for the student body to watch in a forum or tech club. You should try out the tech club because it will be very fun.

## Agriscience Happenings

By Eve McCorkle

This week, the agriscience class is wrapping up their job unit. They have finished their resumes, cover letters, and thank you letters and are finishing up their references.

The students first got to formatting for their references. They learned everything they needed to about getting their references before

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doing it. For example, you should ask the person that you want to be your reference before putting them down. You should also have at least two to three references if you are not told a specific amount by the employer. Once they were done learning all about references



and getting some formatting and background information, they got to it. They went around the school to find one personal reference and one professional. Personally being a coach or something along those lines, not family or friends and professional meaning a teacher or previous/past employer.

Once they found their references and got their permission from them they obtained their contact information and placed it into a document so that they could have them in the future if the students decide to apply for a job. Once they had finished this, they were all set, and they moved on to the next objective. The students got to use AI to embellish one of the four sets they had already done, such as their resume, cover letter, thank you letter, or references. They copied and pasted one of the four into the AI and they observed how the AI decided to change and embellish them. Once they finished that, they were done for the day.

Be sure to check in next week to see what the agriscience class is up to and what fun activities they will be doing.

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## School Spotlights

### Senior Spotlight

By: Rihana Dye

Lauren Cleveland has attended HCS since her 5th grade year, and plans on attending a 4 year college with an undecided major! Throughout high school her favorite class taken was Mixed Media this year, and her favorite memory is when her volleyball team won the sectional championship her Junior year! In her free time, Lauren enjoys hanging out with her friends, getting a sweet treat and reading! If she's really bored she says she'll give herself some Tik Tok time!



Lauren's advice to the underclassmen:

"Do not procrastinate on your work. It will pile up very fast."

### Owl of the Week!

By: Rihana Dye

This week's owl is the school's business manager, Mr. Crumb! Mr. Crumb has been the business manager for 18 years here at HCS, and taught a business class for 2 years here as well. He attended Ithaca College and majored in accounting! In his free time he likes to spend time with his family, he has 2 boys who are very active in athletics. He coaches his son's little league team, and he likes to do anything that is involved with baseball!

Mr. Crumb's advice:

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“Create a budget. Even if it's not real strict, have some sort of spending plan.”

“Be disciplined. As you have more independence and freedom, you have more urge to go off and spend, so be disciplined.”

“ If possible, take a personal finance class so you can learn about all the things you need to and how to use them responsibly.”

## Local News

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### Weekly Weather Preview

By Cheyanne Bennett

Next week looks to be mostly cloudy with some rain and sun mixed. Next week looks to also be pretty chilly. Hopefully, it will start getting warmer soon!!



**Monday, April 14th, 2025:** Partly cloudy with a high of 61 degrees and a low of 46 degrees with winds at 5 to 10 mph.

**Tuesday, April 15th, 2025:** Mostly cloudy with a high of 57 degrees and a low of 39 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

**Wednesday, April 16th, 2025:** Mostly cloudy, some sun with a high of 44 degrees and a low of 33 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

**Thursday, April 17th, 2025:** Sun and clouds mixed, with a high of 50 degrees and a low of 37 degrees, with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

**Friday, April 18th, 2025:** Cloudy with a high of 58 degrees and a low of 40 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

**Saturday, April 19th, 2025:** Occasionally rain showers with a high of 55 degrees and a low of 38 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

**Sunday, April 20th, 2025:** Cloudy with some rain showers with a high of 55 degrees and a low of 41 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

I hope you all had a great week!!!

*Info credit- The Weather Channel*

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## US News

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### Things You May Have Missed This Week

By Dorothy Disha

If this week proved anything, it's that chaos doesn't sleep! Especially not in pop culture. From celebrity stunts to tech drama and major sports shakeups, here's what YOU may have missed this week.

- Doja Cat caused a stir after unfollowing everyone on Instagram, then posting a story that read “Rebirth begins with silence.” Fans are speculating a major rebrand or album drop.
- TikTok's fate hangs in the balance after the Senate officially passed the bill to force a sale. If ByteDance, TikTok's parent company, doesn't sell in 270 days, TikTok will be banned in the U.S.
- NFL star Travis Kelce made headlines after landing a surprise cameo in the new White Lotus season, yes, really. The Chiefs' player is apparently stepping into acting.
- Sabrina Carpenter dropped her highly anticipated single “Espresso,” and social media is already crowning it the song of the summer. Streams hit 10 million in 24 hours.

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- A-listers gathered in Las Vegas for the CinemaCon event, where Warner Bros. shocked fans by announcing a Harry Potter reboot series officially set for 2026.
- The Met Gala theme was revealed as “Garden of Time,” sending designers and celebs into a frenzy due to prepping their looks for the fashion Super Bowl.
- And in sports, Caitlin Clark officially signed with the Indiana Fever as the No. 1 pick in the WNBA Draft. Her jersey sold out within hours, proving her star power is just getting started.



Sources – Variety, Deadline, TMZ  
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## Tornado Outbreak

By Cheyanne Bennett

Many places throughout the U.S. have been hit with many tornadoes and severe weather throughout the past week or so. Many rivers have started to rise and become way higher than usual, causing many places to flood. Many mandatory evacuations have been sent to anyone in any of the areas such as Kentucky, Georgia, Missouri, and more. On Monday, April 7th, 2025, the US media said, “Approximately 9 million people have been told they are under a flood watch”. Approximately 22 people have died from all of the flash flooding and the damage from all these tornadoes that have broken out throughout the Midwestern and Southern parts of the United States.

Most of the people that have died were in Tennessee, but Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, Mississippi, Georgia, and Arkansas have also reported that they have had deaths as well. On Monday, this severe weather brought heavy rain to Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas. The

National Weather Service said, “It could take days or weeks for water to recede in some places.” The same areas throughout the U.S. got hit with tornadoes, wildfires, and many dust storms, which killed approximately 40 people and caused a lot of damage in March.

In Kentucky, a nine-year-old boy was walking to his bus stop to go to school and got swept away from the flooding. People found his body



approximately 2 hours later.

In Missouri, Chevy Gall, a 16-year-old volunteer firefighter, was trying to rescue people that were stuck in the storm but died in a crash. The fire chief, Terry Feth, said, “Chevy Gall died while answering the call to help other people.” The fire chief, Terry Feth, also said, “Our entire department is grieving, as we are mourning with Chevy Galls' family, friends and all the first responders during this difficult time.” Many people are dealing with lots and lots of severe weather.

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## Rivers Rising

By Pyper McEwan

There was a heavy load of rain that traveled across the south and midwest on Monday, this rain brought lots of flooding which led to danger for some. A man was interviewed by CNN and he said “As long as I've been alive,



and I'm 52, this is the worst I've ever seen it.” This flooding has caused lots of damage and has taken 25 lives within a week. The

rivers are still rising and the floods are getting worse, there are about a half dozen states with rivers that are at the “major flood” stage. There

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are a lot of floods that are happening in Kentucky.

A girl who was also interviewed by CNN said, "I've seen homes underwater that have never had water. I don't think people were ready."

This flooding had become very dangerous, taking lives, taking people home, and destroying everything they had. In some places, there has already been an entire spring's worth of rain within just a few days. This flooding has caused many tornadoes across the US, there have been 88 tornadoes since this began.

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## Tariffs

By Maren Ettrich

Many countries have faced tariffs under President Donald Trump. Some of these countries included Canada and China. Trump, whose focus has been on lowering prices on taxes across America, has recently put expensive tariffs on these countries. This decision has made people question whether he did the right thing. Donald Trump, whose campaign focused on bringing down prices, has seen a rise in them. In this article, I will discuss what these tariffs are and why they are needed. I will also be answering the question of what happens now.

The tariffs are put in place to bring more money to America. But this brings more money to America, which has upset many countries that



these tariffs have been put on. The countries are so upset about this because it makes them have to spend more money to import goods to America. This means that while America's prices are falling, their prices are rising, which puts their country in the same position as America. This has many people worried about the countries not agreeing to pay these tariffs.

So the question that remains now is what happens next? Well, Donald Trump has been

very firm on these tariffs. This has many leaders very upset. The countries have said they will not be paying these tariffs. They also stated that they don't believe these tariffs are very fair to their country and people. So with these countries so upset, prices are rising in America. What we can do now is just hope that these countries can come together and find a way to work through these tariffs.

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## Global News

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### Canadian And U.S. Border Tensions!

By Dorothy Disha

Last Sunday the Canadian government issued a new warning for travelers entering the U.S saying they "should expect scrutiny" at their phones and that their phones and other electronic devices may be issued for a search. This travel advisory was pushed after President Trump's motions to tighten



border security and immigration policies, prompting similar advisories from other countries such as the U.K., France, and Germany. Trump's economic and annexation threats against Canada have led to a marked drop in trips and bookings to the U.S. by Canadians, who are the top source of international visitors, generating 20.5 billion dollars in spending last year, according to the U.S. Travel Association.

Under US law, Customs and Border Protection agents may demand passwords to unlock devices during inspections. Travelers who refuse the demand risk having their electronics confiscated and may face long delays. The

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advisory recommends placing devices in airplane mode before crossing to prevent unintended downloads of remote files, which could complicate screenings.

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*Sources- NBC, The Economic Times*

## Opinion

### Album Review

By Dom Mensche

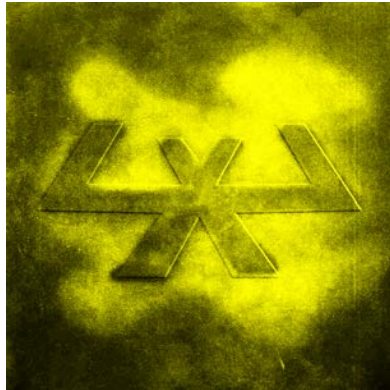
*Album Review is an overview of albums released by popular artists, and they are rated by professional music analyst Dominick "Metro" Mensche*

This week's review will be on the Single *4x4* by Travis Scott.

Released on January 24, 2025, *4X4* marks Travis Scott's return with his first solo track since his 2023 album, *Utopia*. The song debuted during Scott's halftime

performance at the 2025 College Football Playoff National Championship.

*4X4* features a sample from the Tennessee State University marching band's rendition of Migos' "Say Sum," aiming to blend Scott's signature trap style with a brassy, anthemic backdrop. Despite this ambitious fusion, the track has received mixed reviews. Critics have pointed out subpar mixing and a lack of innovation, noting that while the beat carries Scott's psychedelic style, its predictability leads to a monotonous experience.



Additionally, *4X4* held great success, crushing the charts at number one on the Billboard Hot 100 and marking Travis' fifth chart-topping single. Proceeds from the song were donated to Direct Relief's California Wildfire Response Fund, reflecting Scott's philanthropic efforts.

In summary, while *4X4* showcases Travis Scott's attempt to merge different musical elements, it falls short in delivering the depth and innovation found in his previous works.

### Minecraft Movie Review

By Gavin Rutledge



Last Sunday I watched the Minecraft movie with Sawyer Latella, Ryan Peters, and Landon Latella. Before we went to the movie we got the "Minecraft Meal" before we saw the movie. The film stars Jack Black, Jason Momoa, Sebastian Eugene Hansen, etc. The runtime of the movie is 1 hour and 41 minutes.

There has been a trend around theaters where Jack Black (Steve) says "Chicken Jockey" and everyone throws popcorn, yells, etc. When I went nobody did this but everyone cheered and yelled. Overall I rate the movie a 0/10. I walked out and talked with the people working that day, some parts were funny but it was long and weird.

The movie is about Steve (Jack Black) who wants to explore the mines and he comes across an ore, which brings him into the Minecraft world where he meets others and they explore the Minecraft world.

I decided to ask the people I went with what they thought of the movie.





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Ryan Peters - "10/10 Chicken Jockey"  
Landon Latella - "9/10"  
Sawyer Lattella - "7.2/10 I..... Am Steve"

This movie so far has been very popular among teens around the world and bringing back players to the game as well.

## Museum Review

By: Gavin Snyder

As many of you know, the senior and junior classes got the chance to go to New York City. While there they went to three museums, the American Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum, and the Museum of Modern Art. Many of the students had different opinions, some liking the museums more than others.

**What was your favorite museum out of all of them, and why?**

Dylan G: I liked the nature history museum because I liked seeing all the dinosaur exhibits and we were there for the shortest amount of time.

Ezra S: I liked the nature history museum because I thought that the exhibits were cool and by the second day the museums got a little much for me.

Gavin R: The Met because it was the biggest one and they had a lot of cool artifacts.

**What was the best art piece you had seen throughout all of the museums?**

Dylan G: The Starry Night because it is the most famous one and it was really cool to see it in person.

Ezra S: The sea creatures exhibit in the nature history museum because they had a bunch of cool creatures and had a huge whale which was sick.



Gavin R: The armory room because it is cool to look and see what they went to battle with back then.

**What is your rating for the museums in total and why?**

Dylan G: I give it a 6.2 because I don't really like museums that much.

Ezra S: 8.3 because I thought they were fun and it was nice without any tour guides.

Gavin R: 8.5 because they were pretty cool and all had different stuff.

*Photo Credit: Gavin Snyder*

## Food Review - Taco Bell

By Rhiannon Murray

This past Thursday the gang suited up to make a quick trip to New Hartford for some food! We decided on Taco Bell even though Brooke could not get any, she gave up fast food for lent but ate dinner beforehand. After our eventful car ride of catching each other up on our lives and talking about the upcoming softball season, we finally arrived.

Taco Bell was the busiest we have ever seen it, which was not promising. We ordered at the self-serve kiosks and began our wait. We also knew it was going to be a minute because we like to order the entire menu... no joke. Surprisingly our food did not take long at all and we began to feast.

After spending a long time silently munching on our food, we were so hungry after practice we couldn't even bear it, so we treated ourselves to some Sweet Frog for dessert. We picked Sweet Frog because Brooke could get some and we love Fro-Yo! Overall all the food was amazing and we drove home absolutely stuffed.

**Reviews :**

**Polly: 10/10** - "Literally Taco Bell is always a 10/10. My food was AMAZING. I got a cheesy Gordita crunch with cinnamon delights and a crunch wrap supreme, with nacho fries and a

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crispy dirty baja blast for a beverage. My food came so quick, like record time, under 5 minutes. Then after that I got two cheesy roll ups."

**Ryan: 9/10** - "I got this chicken taco with cheese on the outside... Chloe LaFrance recommended it and it wasn't great... I also got nacho fries and a Baja Blast, which SLAPPED. I will be going back, which is not a shock, at all."

**Brooke: 5/10** - "I gave up fast food for Lent, which meant I could not get anything. However my experience with my friends was great and I got to enjoy a meal through my eyes. The girls also got me Sweet Frog to make up for my lack of Taco Bell."

**Rhi: 10/10** - "I got a FEAST. Personally I dropped \$20 and shared with all the girls. I got nacho fries, a hard shell taco, a chicken quesadilla, fiesta potatoes, and a dirty baja blast. The food was just amazing and I was STARVING so it was perfect."

*Image credit : Brooke Dunlay*



## NYC Trip Review

By Rhiannon Murray

This past weekend, many of the Juniors and Seniors got to go on the Art and History field trip to the Big Apple. The trip was jam packed with activities, which were both fun and educational.



Day one started off with leaving around 8am, driving to the city and going

to the first museum, The American Museum of Natural History. This museum was more child based, having animal, space, and historical exhibits. We also got to eat at this first museum where the food was great!

After spending a good amount of time in the museum, we walked to dinner at Carmines, which was about a 50 block walk. This walk however was very cool because we were in the city and got to see so much. After a very delicious dinner, which included many things like meatballs, chicken parm, vodka pasta, sausage and peppers, and more, we walked to see *The Great Gatsby* on Broadway. The Broadway show lasted until about 10, after we got to go to our hotel and crash for the night. The next day was a very long one to say the least. The day started with breakfast in the hotel and then a bus trip back into the city for the MET. (I think if I had to go under the Lincoln Tunnel one more time I was going to lose my mind.)

The MET was amazing and we spent a very long time there. We spent



over four hours and could have spent even more. Following the MET we went to MOMA which in my opinion was the worst. MOMA was all modern art which was difficult to appreciate if you didn't understand it. However we did get to visit Starry Night in real life which was incredible. Following MOMA we journeyed home, which took ages, but we did get to stop and get some Chick-Fil-A.

Overall this trip was absolutely amazing and we can not thank our advisors and Mrs. Kowalski for organizing enough. I then asked some of my peers on the trip about their experiences!



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**Polly:**

**What was your favorite museum?** The MET, my favorite parts were definitely things I have only seen online in real life.

**What was your favorite art piece of the trip?** I really enjoyed Starry Night because it was so cool to see in person. I also really enjoyed the soup cans.

**What was your favorite part?** I would have to say the dinner and then the Broadway show, it was all super cool and the most engaged I was. My dad surprised me at dinner which was awesome and the food was soooooo good.

**What was your least favorite part?** The bus ride home. It was awful and all I wanted to do was to be home and be sleeping in my bed. I was sick of trying to sleep at a 90 degree angle and everyone was very annoyed.

**What was your favorite (non dinner) meal?** My favorite was probably my lunch at the MET and the Top Ramen I had after the longest day of my life. At the MET I got sushi and a Dr.Pepper because it literally slapped.

**Ryan:**

**What was your favorite museum?**

"My favorite was the MET because it was huge, meaning there was a lot to look at. We definitely got lost a few times because of how big it was but it was awesome."



**What was your favorite art piece of the trip?**

"My favorite art piece was all of Van Gogh's pieces, because last year I went to the Van Gogh experience and it was a cool full circle moment."

**What was your least favorite part?** "I would have to say my least favorite part was the bus ride

there. Everyone was so annoying and it was just way too much. I also felt very very very sick, so that was not fun."

**What was your favorite (non dinner) meal?**

"My favorite meal other than dinner was lunch at the MET. My food was hot and delicious, even though it was expensive it was so worth it."

**Gavin H:**

**What was your favorite museum?** "The Museum of Natural History. I really enjoyed the underwater exhibit and the space exhibit. I also liked the fact it was not just art and I got to see more exhibits."

**What was your favorite art piece of the trip?**

"The big blue whale sculpture. It was super cool because I have never seen something that big. Also I love underwater creatures so this was the most fascinating section in my opinion."

**What was your least favorite part?**

"The curfew for sure. I wanted to hang out with all my friends for longer, we were having a great time playing cards in the girls room. Personally I would have liked to hang out more playing cards, I was hoping for a 12:30 curfew."

**What was your favorite (non dinner) meal?**

"None. The food at the museums was just not good. I did get to stop at Whole Foods on my way home on Sunday which was great. I got some sushi and a pre-made sandwich, both of which were delicious." (Gavin had to go to Boston for a soccer tournament, so he did not come home with us on Saturday.)

## Great Gatsby Review

By Ezra Stahlberg

Over the weekend, the Art and Anthropology club went on a field trip to NYC to explore the incredible city's arts and history. On Sunday night, the group went to the excellent

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Broadway production of *The Great Gatsby*. The group had a lot of fun going there, so I interviewed some people who went on to the show and then gave my take on the musical.

## What was your opinion of the show?

**Gavin Rutledge:** “I would give it an 8/10. It was just very long, but my favorite part had to have been the opening scene when everyone was on stage and singing. The choreography was awe-inspiring, and so were their voices.”

**Gavin Snyder:** “I would give it a 5.2/10 because every time he sang Daisy, it was ear-piercingly loud and repetitive, and I wanted to leave. I thought the show dragged on a bit, but the stage and set were really cool, and I loved it when the fireworks went off.”

**Dominick Mensche:** “I would give it a 3.4/10 because it was too long and there was too much singing. The seats were also way too small and uncomfortable. I didn't think the musical was terrible, but the environment and people we were around were bad, and the food was way too expensive.”

**Dylan George:** “I would give it a 7.2/10. I enjoyed the show and thought the sets were very cool, but the musical was a bit long for me, and I'm not a big musical guy in the first place.”

## Would you go back?

**Gavin Rutledge:** Yes, it was a cool experience and something I think everyone should try, as well as doing it with your friends

**Dylan George:** “Probably not. I would recommend it for people who like musicals, but it wasn't my cup of tea.”

**Gavin Snyder:** “No, I didn't enjoy it very much. Although it was a cool experience on some levels, I don't think I would need to see it again.”

**Dominick Mensche:** “Definitely not, I wasn't a big musical guy before, and I don't think this helped my opinion of them at all.”

My opinions of the musical were very positive, despite my biggest complaint, the seats and how uncomfortable and little an ill-designed leg room there was, I still enjoyed my time. The actors were great; my favorite parts were the sets, how they worked, and watching them move. I recommend this experience if you are ever in NYC and enjoy musicals.



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## Popcorn Flavors!

**By: Pyper McEwan**

There are many snacks people enjoy, but popcorn is usually a fan favorite! There are many different types of popcorn, but I wanted to know what popcorn flavors people like best. So I made a list with about 10 different types of popcorn flavors and went around the school to ask people their favorite flavor.

The first person I asked was Mrs. Murray, and she said her favorite popcorn flavor was Nacho Cheese because it's so delicious; that it's like extra cheese on the cheese popcorn. The next person I asked was Polly LePage, and she said her favorite was Caramel Popcorn because it's really good. I asked Jonas McEwan, and he said his favorite was white cheddar popcorn because when he eats it, he's like Mhmm, that good. Mason Magnino said that his favorite popcorn flavor is dill pickle because it's good. The last person I asked was Tristen Hatch, and he said movie theater popcorn because it's just good!

So from these interviews, it is safe to say that there are many very good popcorn flavors but it just depends on who you ask to figure out which ones are the best.

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## Prom Theme

By Gavin Rutledge

The 2025 prom theme has been revealed: The Great Gatsby. The location of the prom, which this year is being held at the Palace Theater, works very well with the theme. For those who don't know, The Great Gatsby is set in the Jazz Age on Long Island and throughout the movie, it is set in wealthy settings (pictured below). Usually, we don't go with themes from a novel or a movie, we usually do something more broad. This year we are also doing a "prom walk" where



a half hour before the dance a group or a couple can go on stage and pose for a picture while their friends and family watch. I was interested in what others thought about the theme so I decided to go around and ask students who are going to prom what they think about the theme. I think the theme is cool and will change things up and hopefully make prom more fun overall.

**Adriana Catania** - "It's unique, and I feel like I haven't heard of it being done before."

**Dom Mensche** - "Lowkey it ain't a bad theme. I think it'll be hard for them to pull off."

**Dominic Daddio** - "I think it could be cool if done well."

It seems like the majority of people like the idea of a Great Gatsby-themed prom, but it just has to be done well and impress everyone. I think that the Juniors made a good choice for them, and I am looking forward to seeing how they make it look on the day of the prom (May 10th).

## Sports

### Varsity Girls Softball

By Eve McCorkle

The girls are extremely busy with their three games this week. The team has been working very hard leading up to their first game, and they are all very excited and a bit nervous.

On Monday, April 7th, 2025, the girls played Oriskany at 4:30. The entire team has been looking forward to this game the most because of their hopes for a great outcome. Then, on Wednesday, April 9th, 2025, the team will travel to Waterville to play them at 4:30. Lastly, on Friday, April 11th, 2025, the team will be back on the road to play against Sauquoit Valley at 4:30 as well.



#### Monday, April 7th, 2025:

The girls started the game off extremely well and carried that attitude throughout the rest



of the game. This was the program's first win against Oriskany since 2015. Great job, girls! The girls started off the night of the field. Eloise Freeth was on a roll that night; she was striking girls out left and right. Lexi LaFrance led the offense, going three for five at the plate. Lexi also had two RBIs during the night. Rhiannon Murray, Adriana Catania, and Eloise Freeth were able to battle through at-bats and pick up 10 strikeouts, only allowing two hits on the night.

Way to go, girls, and what a way to start your first league game! Good luck, girls, with the

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remainder of your games. Be sure to wish the players good luck if you see them!

*Photo Creds: Hamilton Athletics Instagram Page and Brian Miller*

## Varsity Baseball Suffered a First-Game Loss

By Gavin Snyder



The varsity boys had to play last season's state final runner-up last Monday. In the first inning, both teams seemed to find their

ground, with Hamilton trailing Oriskany by only 5 runs. But unfortunately, that lead grew more in each inning.

Despite the score, Hamilton was still able to make good plays throughout the entirety of the game. Trent Murray was able to get his first varsity strike out, and Levi Neuenschwander added one on as well, with the game ending in a loss 0-17.

*Photo Credit: MLB*

## Men's Final Four Recap

By Dylan George

This past weekend, the last four men's college basketball teams battled it out for the championship in San Antonio, Texas. There had been only one previous instance, aside from this year, when all four teams were number-one seeds, which was back in 2008.

The Duke Blue Devils faced the Houston Cougars in the semifinal matchups, and the Auburn Tigers played the Florida Gators. Both games were exciting and down to the wire. In the Auburn vs Florida game, the Gators emerged victorious with a final score of 79-73. The Gators overcame an eight-point deficit at halftime, led by star point guard Walter Clayton Jr., who had 34

points on the night. Auburn was dominant in the first half behind Chad Baker-Mazara's 18 points but could not figure out a way to stop the Gators' dominating offense in the second half.

In the Duke vs Houston game, the Cougars won in an exciting fashion with a final score of 70-67. The Blue Devils took the lead at 8-6 early in the first half and never looked back. However, Houston's defense was able to stop the young and powerful Duke team led by Cooper Flagg, who had 27 points on the night. Then, with eight seconds remaining in the game, the Cougars finally regained the lead and closed out the victory.

The Final on Sunday night was a battle of strong, stifling defense with the Houston Cougars and fast-paced dominant offense with the Florida Gators. The score was neck and neck the entire game, but the Gators were able to come behind once again and beat the Cougars 65-63, becoming the 2025 National Champions. Star Walter Clayton Jr. was named the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament.

This year's March Madness wasn't filled with the typical upsets and Cinderella runs, but that didn't mean it wasn't exciting. Some of the biggest games of the tournaments came down to the final seconds, which even happened in the title game.



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## The Great Chase

By Ezra Stahlberg

Over the past couple of months, the NHL has been going viral as the all-time scoring record has been in contention by a Capitals player, Alexander Ovechkin, who has been having an all-time season this year, scoring 42 goals despite

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missing 16 games, and in this fantastic season on April 6th Ovechkin officially passed the 1st overall scorer to be the NHL's all time leading scorer with 895 goals.



The NHL's all-time leading scorer was a feat set by Gretzky in March of 1999, and since then, no one has come close to breaking it. This record has become "Impossible. With the modern game in the NHL, goalies are better; it is more physically demanding on your body. So, accomplishing a feat that would take production at such a high level for such a long time has seemed impossible. But despite all odds, the Capitals' first overall pick in the 2004 NHL Entry Draft. Alexander Ovechkin has been one of the most prolific scorers in the NHL, but around the last 3 to 5 years, his production seemed to slow; his production has most certainly slowed.

Until this season, when Ovechkin has dominated the NHL, he has put up crazy goal-scoring production, labeling himself in a sure "Great Chase," scoring 42 goals in only 50 games. And on Saturday, he scored a brace to tie the record and give him a chance to break it the following morning against the Islanders. In the second period, he received a pass from Tom Wilson to his signature one-timer spot to bury past Ilya Sorokin for the first time in his career.

Although this feat was impressive, Gretzky's major record in all-time leading points has yet to be contested and probably never will be. Still, Ovechkin's breaking this record might attest that these records might not be as impossible as we once believed.

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## The Master's Preview

By Dylan George

The most popular and arguably the biggest golf tournament of the year, The Masters,

starts on April 10th. For the past few weeks, pro golfers have been training and finessing their skills in preparation for this tournament, hoping to win one of the four majors and a green jacket.

Augusta, Georgia, was significantly impacted by Hurricane Helene this past month. The hurricane knocked down a significant number of trees, and as a result, the course has opened up, possibly changing some of these pro golfers' strategies. Augusta is known for being one of the most beautiful but challenging courses in the world, and this year is no exception. However, this year's forecast looks clear, with no signs of rain, which will mean no delays and a drier atmosphere.

World Ranked No. 1, Scottie Scheffler looks to win his second green jacket in a row and has the best odds to win the tournament at 4-1. However, all eyes will be on Rory McIlroy as he looks to finally complete his grand slam with his first win at The Masters; his odds to win it all are second best at 7-1. Major tournaments like The Masters increase the playing field to LIV golfers like Jon Rahm and Bryson Dechambeau, who have odds at 13-1 and 20-1, respectively.

What makes The Masters so special is the traditions associated with it. On Wednesday, the day before the tournament commences, the



competitors and their families participate in a fun par three contest. Another tradition is that every past tournament winner

gathers together on the Tuesday before for dinner, with the menu selected by the most recent winner. This year, Scottie Scheffler has selected the menu.

With all the hype for one of the biggest golf tournaments of the year, viewers eagerly wait to see who will claim their hands on the prized green jacket.

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