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School News

Agriscience Happenings By Eve McCorkle

This week, the agriscience class has been on a grind finishing up their resumes, cover letters, and other pages. In total, the students should have a total of four pages for each of their things. As stated in the last article, a resume is a sheet of paper that keeps all of your information about yourself, such as your past jobs, awards, volunteer work, and anything else that will help you achieve a job that you are looking to obtain.

A cover letter is just another thing that adds to your resume. It provides a more detailed background about yourself, basically the things that you put on your resume. This paper is meant to persuade the reader that you are eager to get this job. The next thing that the students prepared was a sample job application. This is self-explanatory, but basically, it is a paper that you fill out when you are applying for a job. Like I said before, self self-explanatory. Then the last thing that we had to create was a thank you letter or, in other words, a follow-up letter. This is a letter that you email or even hand-write to the employer that gave you their time to interview you just thanking then for the experience.

Once the students have all of this done, they will paper clip it together and possibly use it in the future to obtain a job that they are interested in. Be sure to check back next week to see what new things the students will be doing. Photo Creds: New job by Cartoon time! / TheHungryJPEG

6th Grade Happenings

By: Maren Ettrich

The 6th graders have been up to many activities this week and last. The 6th graders' focus is to teach them about the world around them. They are also getting prepared for the



grades above them. One class that helps with this is STEAM. STEAM is a class that teaches the 6th graders to work with younger kids. It also gives the younger kids a fun activity to do. But not just

STEAM class teaches them about the world around them. Some classes that also do this are math and social studies.

In social studies this week, the 6th graders made food that was in Rome and Ancient Egypt. That used the FACS kitchen to make Pancakes using

an old recipe. This gives the students an understanding of the kitchen. Which will be used when they get older. Another activity the 6th-graders did was they mummified hot dogs. They also did this in social studies. This gives the students a fun activity and helps them better understand what mummies look





like. It also helps them better understand the unit they are studying.

Here Comes The Sunshine

By Silas Campbell

The sun helps us feel happy and better in so many ways like improving people's moods, boosting energy levels, and making us feel warmer. It gives us vitamin D, and it also lets us be able to go play outside a lot more.

We get Serotonin from exposure to sunshine. Serotonin is a hormone produced in our brain that makes us feel happier. "Without enough sun exposure, your serotonin levels can dip. Low levels of serotonin are associated with a higher risk of major depression with seasonal patterns (formerly known as seasonal affective disorder or SAD). This is a form of depression triggered by the changing seasons."

https://www.healthline.com/health/depression/benefits-sunlight

I spoke with a few people about how sunlight affects them, and this is how our conversations went.

First, I spoke with Ava Boehnert, and I asked her if sunlight improved her mood and why. She said it does because the sun is bright and makes everything feel alive. When I asked her if the sun boosts her energy levels she said, "I think so, because it gives me motivation to go outside." Ava said she likes to babysit on sunny days.

Next I spoke with Adrionna Taylor and I asked her if sunlight improves her mood and she said, "Yes, when you go outside and it's sunny outside you're more motivated to do things rather than when it's gloomy and rainy outside." When I asked her if the sun boosts her energy levels she said, "I think so, because it gives me motivation to go outside." Adrionna said she likes to eat ice cream and go to the park on a sunny day.

Then, I spoke with Kaitlyn Baker and asked her if sunlight improved her mood. She said, "I think it does because when the sun is out, the weather is warmer outside." When I asked her if the sun boosts her energy levels, she said, "Yes, because people can go outside and use their energy." Kaitlyn said she likes to go outside with her brothers, Brent and Drew.

In each case, the people I have spoken with said the sun gives them more energy. They have an improved mood. Everyone's moods seemed to be a lot better. The sun gives everybody Vitamin D to stay happy, healthy, and active. Everyone likes it a lot more when they can go outside and have fun when the sun is shining brightly outdoors. Everyone enjoys it when the sun is out more. We are all excited about the spring season returning with lots of sunshine.

School Spotlights

Senior Spotlight

By: Rihana Dye

Another week, another senior! Introducing Isaiah McCorkle! Isaiah has attended HCS since his 6th grade year with personal finance being his favorite class taken in his highschool career.

Creating games is one Isaiah's favorite things to do in his free time, along with coding and hanging out with himself and his friends. After high school he plans on attending Sunv Canton for game design, and his favorite high school memory is when Riley tried to throw an apple at AJ



at lunch his freshman year.

Isaiah's advice to underclassmen:

"Make memories with the friends that you do have and don't be afraid to branch out to new people!" "Start building credit (responsibly) with a low-limit student credit card – pay it off in full each month."

"Take a class on basic investing."

Thank you, Mrs. Roy, for this amazing advice!

Owl of the Week!

By: Rihana Dye

Leaving for college soon, or starting to plan for future school expenses? Let's hear what advice Mrs. Roy has for us this week!

Mrs. Roy attended SUNY Canton for her first 2 years, then transferred to SUNY Fredonia to finish her bachelor's degree. She earned her teaching certificate in Business Education at Utica and her Masters degree in Reading Education at SUNY Cortland. She went for accounting but realized she did not enjoy that and switched her major to Business Administration with a concentration on marketing her Sophomore year. She then did some work with 5-6-year-olds and decided to go back to get her certification to teach.

Mrs. Roy has been teaching for 31 years! She taught business and art in the LINKS program at BOCES for 2 years and then was hired here at HCS, and has been here ever since! In her free time in the spring and fall, she usually spends most of her free time watching her kids, Thomas and Cooper, playing baseball and soccer. When she is not doing that, she can be found baking/cooking, walking her dogs, or forcing her family to play cards or board games with her. She also enjoys crocheting and listening to true-crime podcasts! She enjoys spending time with her family, but she also really loves to fish and travel!

Mrs. Roy's advice:

"Only borrow what you need for tuition and essentials."

Spring Break

By Gavin Rutledge

As many of you know, spring break is right around the corner (April 18th-25th,) and everyone is looking forward to it since we don't have any breaks during March. I decided to go around and ask students what they are doing/looking forward to most about spring break. It's cool to see all of the different things that people are doing because there are such different and unique answers.

Carlo - "Vacation to Outer Banks, and I'm going to be hanging out with family and friends, which will be fun.'

Hero - "I'm going to the Outer Banks with Carlo." **Mrs. Kowalski** - "I'm hoping there is good weather so I can go outside."

Dom Mensche - "Playing Baseball, with no school."

Brayden Pretre - "Absolutely nothing, I am going to try and be as lazy as possible." **Joey Burnham** - "I'm going to Hawaii."

Overall, spring break will be good no matter what you are doing, even if you are just relaxing and

not going somewhere for vacation. It is just nice to get a break from school in general since March usually feels like the longest month during school.



Photo Credit: Marietta College

NYC Trip - Preview

By: Rhiannon Murray

This weekend many of the members of the Art club are attending a New York City field trip. The trip begins Friday morning and the students come back late Saturday night. On the strip they're seeing three different museums, a Broadway show, getting dinner in the city at Carmines and a lot of more fun activities. For this trip the group raised over \$13,000, allowing for more activities. The three art museums are the Metropolitan Museum of Art, American Museum of Natural History, and the Museum of Modern Art. The Broadway show the club is attending Friday night is The Great Gatsby! I talked to Mrs. Kowalsi, the organizer of the trip and one of the chaperones, as well as Chloe LaFrance, a member of the club!

Mrs. Kowalski -

What part are you most excited for? "The Metropolitan Museum of Art!!! I went a few years ago and cannot wait to go back!!"

What art piece are you most excited to see? "I am most excited to see the ancient Egyptian exhibit and Claude Monet's paintings."

What are you doing to pass the time on the bus? "I am going to YAP with Mr. Rose and Mrs. Whalen and watch some TikTok because I'm addicted."

Will you be getting a slice of pizza and/or a bagel? "100%!! I will be bringing a bagel back for Mrs. Reynolds because she is my best friend!! (Mrs. Reynolds requested an egg-everything bagel... psa do NOT toast a NYC bagel, they are FRESH)"

Have you planned your outfits... what are you going to wear... chickens?" I have not officially planned my outfits because I can not decide what

to wear for sure but I will be wearing comfy shoes

and a rain jacket. I'm definitely going for cute comfy."



Chloe LaFrance - What part are you most excited for? "Dinner at

Carmines and the Broadway show!! I have never seen a Broadway show and can't wait!! I also love the Great Gatsby so I was ecstatic when I found out that was the show we were attending!!"

What art piece are you most excited to see? "I am most excited to see the animals and their skeletons in the American Museum of Natural History. For a while I wanted to be a vet, so animals are very interesting to me."

What are you doing to pass the time on the bus? "For the first bit I am going to be catching up on some sleep because of how early we have to be at the school. For the rest I will probably be either on my phone or playing games with some of my friends. Shoutout to Dylan George who is my partner in Pitch!! (He's the worst)"

Have you planned your outfits... What are you going to wear? "I don't even know. Comfy outfits for the bus because I just can't do jeans like that. I think day two I will attempt a cuter outfit but who knows!!"

Gavin Hames -

What part are you most excited for? "To eat. I am most excited for all the great food I will be chowing down in NYC."

What art piece are you most excited to see? "I think the exhibits at the Met are going to be the coolest. I haven't been to any of the museums before so each should be pretty cool!"

What are you doing to pass the time on the bus? "Sleep. It is a long bus ride with a lot to do once we get off, so I'm sleeping when I can. Also I don't know how much sleep I will be getting in the hotel room with Ezzy and Dylan."

Have you planned your outfits... What are you going to wear? "I haven't really decided because the weather is going to be a little dicey. If the weather is nice I should have a fire fit."

Little Shop of Horrors Spotlight

By Ezra Stahlberg

The Masquers Club recently wrapped up its 2024-25 season with the production of The Little Shop of Horrors, its spring musical. The play was a great success, and hundreds of people came out to support it. With every play comes many great moments, so today, I have decided to interview three of our cast members about their experiences with the musical and their journey as Masquers.

When did you join the Masquers club?

Griffen: "7th grade in the suiscal when I was the ensemble and I was also a cool vulture."

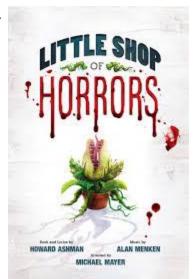
Cael: I joined a couple of months before the production of Little Shop of Horrors. I joined a little late because I missed the signup; otherwise, I would have gotten the leading role.

Tyler: "I joined the masquers club this fall when I

helped out as a part of the stage crew for their Arsenic and Old Lace production."

What was your favorite production you were a part of?

Cael: "I only did The Little Shop of Horrors, and it was a lot of fun to do something for my senior year, so I'm super happy with my decision to join the



club. I do wish I were a part of Mamma Mia, though. **Griffen:** "Little Shop of Horrors because it was a fun time with people I liked hanging out with, and Owen Marquette got to teach me the ways of being a chiller." **Tyler:** "My favorite show I was a part of would have to be the production of Little Shop of Horrors largely because I got to see a lot of my friends, but also because I thought the set was really cool, and I enjoyed helping with that."

What was your favorite memory from "The Little Shop of Horrors"

Griffen: "Fooling around in the dressing room with my fellow actors, specifically playing Nintendo, and mini tennis."

Cael: "Doing homework and fooling around in the changing room between shows and practices, and when I got to nap for a few minutes."

Tyler: "My favorite memory was probably the last show and the cast party after, everyone was in a good mood, and the cast party was a lot of fun." Photo Credit: Broadway Shows

Local News

Weekly Weather Preview

By Cheyanne Bennett

Next week looks to be pretty chilly and mostly cloudy with a little bit of sun and rain, Summer is getting closer and closer each day!

Monday, April 7th, 2025: A Mix of clouds and sun early then becoming cloudy later in the day with a high of 43 degrees and a low of 26 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday, April 8th, 2025: Partly to mostly cloudy with a high of 34 degrees and a low of 25 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.



Wednesday, April 9th, 2025: Sun and clouds mixed, with a high of 42 degrees and a low of 32 degrees with winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday, April 10th, 2025: Partly cloudy with a high of 55 degrees and a low of 37 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Friday, April 11th, 2025: Partly cloudy with a high of 55 degrees and a low of 37 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday, April 12th, 2025: Cloudy with occasional rain showers with a high of 52 degrees and a low of 35 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday, April 13th, 2025: Mostly cloudy with a high of 53 degrees and a low of 37 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 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 next Firefighter we get to meet is yours truly, Dom Mensche. Dom Mensche is a high school senior with 2½ years of experience in the Fire Department. He grew up and resides in Hamilton, and he plans to attend St. John Fisher University, where he will be a full time Bunk-In Firefighter with the Brighton Fire Department.

Q: What motivated you to become a firefighter?

A: It was a mix. Firstly, it's been my dream job since I came out of the womb. Secondly, it's

amazing to be able to help someone on their worst day, with a problem they cannot solve on their own.

Q: What does firefighting mean to you?

A: Everything. I don't know what I would do without it. I work with fantastic people, I have great leadership overseeing the department, and the community is just amazing.

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

A: Working with people who are doing this as another title on their resume. I love this job and give it my all, but it's hard sometimes when I'm working with some folks that don't have their whole heart in it, and it shows when you don't.

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

A: Make sure it's what you actually want, and prepare for it. This job will challenge you and reward you at times you'd least expect it and the time commitment will blindside you.

US News

Things You May Have Missed This Week

By- Dorothy Disha

Since starting this column, it seems like there was never a "boring" week in pop culture. From politics to celebrity drama, here are some things YOU may have missed this week.

- Singer Morgan Wallen has faced backlash after dramatically leaving SNL for their liberated views, after agreeing to be featured on the show. The singer has not yet responded to this internet flame but has started releasing "Get Me To God's Country" merch after the controversy.
- The new live-action Snow White film has become Disney's worst-rated movie of all time, with 1.6/10 on IMDB.

- In contrast to the harsh backlash the trailer received, *The Minecraft Movie* is selling out theaters, with fans already spreading ratings on numerous platforms, earning a 6.9/10 on IMDB on its FIRST day of release.
- Senator Cory
 Booker set a
 record for the
 longest beach
 ever held on
 the Senate
 floor, he spent



TWENTY-FIVE hours on the Senate floor protesting against President Trump and rallying for his impeachment.

- Amazon has submitted a bid to purchase TikTok. As a reminder if NO ONE purchases TikTok the U.S. ban will go into effect on Saturday.
- The Weeknd dropped the trailer for his new album "Hurry Up Tomorrow" which features famous actress Jenna Ortega.
- The Cardinals have made NFL history after agreeing to Trey Mcbride receive 76 million dollars for a four-year extension. McBride, who's coming off his first Pro Bowl season, will now be under contract with Arizona through the 2029 season.

Sources: TMZ, USA Today Photo Credits: The Guardian

Senate Speech Breaks Record

By Michael Hayden

For 68 years, segregationist Strom Thurmond held the record for the longest Senate floor speech in history with his 24 hour 18 minute speech opposing the Civil Rights Act. However, on the night of Tuesday, April 1, Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey broke that record with the end of his 25 hour 5 minute speech.

Senator Booker took the podium at 7 pm on Monday, not leaving to eat, sleep, or even use



the bathroom for over a day, as he delivered his speech in protest of the Trump administration's policies. The speech addressed the White House's current policies on health care and Social Security, public education, immigration, the economy, and more.

Democratic leaders in the Senate hope that Booker's speech will show their supporters that they are doing everything in their power to counter the Trump administration's policies, as it is much more publicly visible than their other political actions against him. In a social media post before the speech, Booker said, "I've been hearing from people all over my state and indeed all over the nation calling upon folks in Congress to do more, to do things that recognize the urgency, the crisis of the moment. And so we all have a responsibility, I believe, to do something different, to cause — as [late Rep.] John Lewis said — 'good trouble,' and that includes me."

Image via Mississippi Free Press

Tesla Under Fire

By: Gavin Snyder

For the past few days or more, Tesla cars and their owners have been under attack because of Elon Musk's political standpoint. With multiple accounts of vandalism to the cars including setting fires to Tesla dealerships, drive-by shootings, and holding protests outside

of the dealerships which have been now deemed as unsafe. Because of this Tesla cars have gone down over 10% in cost.



Earlier this week Elon went on the news stating his opinion about the fires saying -"What we actually have to get to are the people who are

organizing and paying for these attacks and protests. That's who we really need to go after, because the people that were actually throwing the Molotov cocktails – they're the foot soldiers, but we need to go after the generals."

Photo Credit: Fox News

Trump May Attempt Reelection

By Michael Hayden

Last weekend, Donald Trump brought up the possibility of serving as President of the United States for a third term. In a phone

interview on Sunday from Air Force One, he told NBC reporters, "A lot of people want me to do it. But we have — my thinking is, we have a long way to



go. I'm focused on the current."

Despite not wanting to officially declare his intention to run for reelection in 2028, Trump is already considering ways to get around the 22nd Amendment's ban on serving for more than two terms. In the same NBC interview, he said that current Vice President JD Vance running for president in 2028 with Trump as his running mate and then handing over the presidency was a possibility. This particular method would violate the 12th Amendment, which states that one must be eligible for the presidency to run for Vice President.

Trump also indicated that he and his administration have other plans in the making for serving a third term. However, legal experts have told ABC News, there is no legal way for Trump to serve for a third term without another Amendment to the US Constitution that alters the term limits set by the $22^{\rm nd}$ Amendment.

Image by Manuel Balce Ceneta via NPR

Dangerous Storms Target Eastern U.S.

By Cheyanne Bennett

On Monday, March 31st, 2025, a very dangerous and strong storm threatened millions of people throughout the Eastern parts of the United States on Monday. Throughout the weekend, this storm has caused a lot of tornadoes and hail the size of a baseball, and this storm has killed approximately 7 people in the Central United States. A 2-year-old, a 4-year-old, and an 11-year-old have been killed by this dangerous storm, and approximately 3 people have been injured after a tree fell over, on top of a car, on Sunday afternoon. Richard Fuller, the Kalamazoo county sheriff, told CNN, "It was a terrible scene to witness and respond to." The 2-year-old and 4-year-old were siblings, and the 11-year-old was their cousin.

The Sheriffs told CNN that 2 of the people that have been injured were the parents of the children who had been killed. In Stockbridge



Township, Michigan, a 57-year-old man was killed from his injuries when a tree fell onto his house during this very dangerous storm on Sunday night, said the chief, Mattew Bartus.

During the day on Sunday, a person who was driving a semi-truck had gotten killed in Valparaiso, Indiana, from winds that gusted up to 80 mph and blew his semi-truck over. Someone else got killed from very strong winds that knocked over an Amish buggy that had a family of 4 in it in Middlebury, Indiana, 70 miles east of Valparaiso, said a county dispatcher.

In Cherokee County in Oklahoma on Sunday, March 30th, 2025, a strong storm knocked down a tree, which fell onto a couple's trailer and killed a man who was inside the trailer near Illinois River. These strong and dangerous storms have been going throughout Monday, March 31st, 2025, in many parts of the U.S. and

were moving East. According to Poweroutage.us, on Monday afternoon, approximately 400,000 homes and businesses were without power. Approximately 250,000 of the power outages were in Michigan. According to Flight Aware, approximately 9000 flights have been delayed, and more than 800 flights have been cancelled. A level 3 of 5 risk for severe thunderstorms has been set in place in Georgia and goes throughout North Carolina, says the Storm Prediction Center.

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Global News

Bodies found in Gaza after Israeli attack

By: Pyper McEwan

There were more than a dozen aid workers that have recently been found in southern Gaza from what they called a "mass grave." About eight of the fourteen bodies that were found on Sunday were members of the "Palestine Red Crescent Society." Another body that was found on Thursday was a civil defense, they have been searching for more bodies. One of the Israeli military officials told CNN on Wednesday that their forces did bury the bodies of the workers because of the troops they thought would take time to coordinate their retrieval with the PTCS and the United Nations.

Some of the people that were found were buried under the sand, there was a lot of time and effort put into finding all of these bodies. It took a



long, hard week, they used bulldozers and heavy machinery to dig out the victims from under the sand. There was a statement

someone told CNN that "Health workers should never be a target. And yet, we're here today, digging up a mass grave of first responders and paramedics." Many statements were made about how people feel that healthcare workers shouldn't be a target when it comes to war.

Photo Cred: CNN
Info: CNN

now.

Earthquake By: Maren Ettrich

On March 28, 2025, there was a 7.7 earthquake that happened in Myanmar. On the earthquake scale, an 8.0 earthquake can wipe out a whole community. So a 7.7 earthquake can do a lot of damage. Myanmar was formerly called Burma before it was changed a few years ago. Myanmar borders China and is home to over 54 million people. Myanmar is known for many things, including its beautiful landscape and rich history. The country was formed in 1948 and mostly speaks Burmese. In this article, I will discuss some of the damage the country has faced

As I discussed before, the amount of damage to this country is very heavy. Over 2,700

and what is going to happen with the country



people were killed during this earthquake. They also lost many buildings and homes during this earthquake.

Buildings are also still continuing to

fall even days after the earthquake. The prime minister, Min Aung Hlaing, has said that people are still dying in the hospitals. He also noted that many hospitals were very full at the time of this earthquake.

The last question is what happens now. Well, the country will continue to rebuild the many buildings that were lost. They will also try to return to normal. But this could take months or even years to rebuild the country back up to what it was. What we can do now is just hope that

the country gets better and can rebuild itself as soon as possible. We can also hope that they do not get any more earthquakes any time soon.

Source: CNN Photo Credit: CNN

Volcanoes in Iceland call for QUICK evacuation

By- Dorothy Disha

The town of Grindavik in Iceland has faced serious threats following a significant volcanic eruption, prompting urgent evacuation orders for both residents and tourists visiting the famous Blue Lagoon. This eruption marks the 11th since 2021, when the Reykjanes peninsula began its latest period of volcanic activity. Early in the morning, a fissure erupted, sending lava flowing at least 1,200 meters southward, which activated warning alarms and necessitated quick action from local authorities to ensure everyone's safety.

Fortunately, while the eruption was dramatic, it caused no severe damage or loss of life. The Blue



Lagoon has been temporarily closed, leaving the area mostly vacant as emergency personnel monitor the situation. Local officials and scientists are closely observing the volcanic activity to provide updates and ensure the community's well-being, underscoring the resilience of Icelanders in the face of nature's powerful forces.ed and the area is currently vacant.

Sources- NBC, BBC. Photo Credits- BBC

Entertainment

Opinion

Food Review

By: Dylan George

This past weekend, Luke Langel, Ezra Stahlberg, Bryce Wright, and I traveled to Syracuse, NY, to play golf at Drumlins Golf Course. Hamilton's golf course, Seven Oaks, is not officially open yet, so we wanted a chance to play on an entire golf course and play on the greens. After a long but enjoyable round of good golf, we were extremely excited to have some dinner and decided to travel to Tully's. We were seated almost immediately after a short 10-minute drive to the restaurant. One of the main reasons we chose to eat at Tully's was because we knew they had a bunch of TVs, which meant we could watch the March Madness games while eating some delicious food.

Although we were seated almost instantly, our food did take a decent amount of time, but this might have just felt his way because we were all starving. After some lively conversations and watching Auburn beat Michigan St to advance to the final four, our food was ready, and we could hardly wait any longer. Here is what everyone ordered and their thoughts on the experience:

Bryce Wright: "I ordered a Reuben sandwich, fries, and a Shirley Temple. The Reuben was unreal, but I could only eat half of it because it was filling. The best part of the day was the golf because we got to play on greens." **Overall: 8.7/10**

Ezra Stahlberg: "I ordered the buffalo chicken tenders, fries, and a cherry lemonade. The food was spectacular and by far the best part of the adventure. I didn't eat lunch before golf, so I was starving the whole round and didn't play my best, so I was looking forward to a good meal at Tully's. However, it was unfortunate that there were no free refills for lemonade, only Shirley Temples." **Overall: 8.5/10**

Luke Langel: "My favorite part of the experience was the golf. I played pretty well, and playing a whole 18-hole round on greens was fun. At Tully's, I ordered the Asian chicken tenders, fries, and a Shirley Temple. If you were unaware, they bring complimentary popcorn once you sit at Tully's. Unfortunately, I ate too much popcorn, so I was not hungry once my main dish arrived." Overall: 7.9/10

Dylan George: "The golf was by far the best part of the day because I played very well, and it was fun to play at a course I have never



played. At Tully's, I ordered the delicious garlic parmesan wings, but I was pretty full off of the

complimentary popcorn I had eaten before our meal arrived." **Overall: 8.3/10**Photo Credit: Tully's Good Times

The overall experience was excellent. We all played some good golf and enjoyed one of Syracuse's loved Restaurants.

Food Review

By: Rhiannon Murray

Over the weekend we took a trip down to Albany for some pre-NYC trip shopping. Now you might ask, why in the world would we drive all the way to Albany? The answer is quite simple, the mall is 500% better than any other mall closer to us. On our trip down we experienced some horrible, I mean just horrible fog. This made our trip a little longer than anticipated so we stopped at Stewarts for a snack. Snacks included a sub for Adey, veggie snack tray for Chloe and Lexie, and

a slice of pizza for myself. Once we got into the mall and did a little shopping we decided we needed a pick-me-up from Starbucks of course. Our Starbucks orders were two Strawberry Acai refreshers and two Mango Dragon Fruit refreshers.

Then after a long day of shopping and a LOT of money spent, we went to one of our favorite places, Texas Roadhouse. Our wait was not long at all, we did reserve a table 45 minutes prior, and we got to sit right down. Our meal of course started with rolls and cinnamon butter, which was delicious. Not too long later our appetizers came out which consisted of loaded fries and a starter platter of potato skins, boneless buffalo wings and fried pickles. We completely demolished our appetizers and waited for our food.

Once our food came we began to look at one another as we were quite full; however that did not stop us. Both Adey and Chloe got burgers, Lexie got her favorite chicken critters, and I got a 6oz steak and a loaded baked potato. We left with our stomachs about to explode and we of course had leftovers to take home after.

Photo credit: Rhiannon Murray Reviews:

Lexie: 9/10 "I only docked a point because by the time we sat down and ate some rolls at Texas Roadhouse I was so full. I did enjoy the fact I had lunch the next day from my critters."

Chloe: 10/10 "Any day that I get Starbucks is a 10 automatically. I had a great time at Texas and I love their rolls. I also would like to say that my

veggie tray from Stewarts was surprisingly really good and would purchase again."

Rhi: 9/10 "I thought overall

it was a great day of food. My Stewarts pizza was some of the best gas station pizza I've had. My Starbucks was a 100/10... so good. My loaded baked potato from Texas Roadhouse was also so good, it is one of my favorites."

Adey : 10/10 "We picked some great places to eat on our trip. My favorite was definitely my sub from Stewarts, it was so good. The sub did take a little too long for my liking but it was worth it."

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 *PARTYMOBILE* by PARTYNEXTDOOR.

PARTYMOBILE, released on March 27, 2020, acted on the long-overdue return of PARTYNEXTDOOR after almost four years of silence. This signature release of moody R&B and atmospheric production does not reach much of the height of the artist's earlier work.

The best tracks are Rihanna's Believe It, the biggest hit of the project, although Rihanna merely sings background vocals. Other tracks like Turn Up and Loyal (feat. Drake) spin that cool, late-night vibe PND is known for, but much of



the rest of the album feels somnambulant, dragging with monotony.

My personal favorite on the album is The News. The track is a nostalgic vibe where Party reflects on a toxic relationship and how he knows something his significant other doesn't. Possibly hinting that he knows she may have cheated on him.

PARTYMOBILE surely has its high moments, but as a sustained energy-and-excitement project with over 15 tracks, it fails. Oldheads might enjoy some of the vibes, but the overall project just pales in comparison to PND's classics.

Sports

Girls Varsity Softball

By Eve McCorkle



This week, the varsity girls softball team has been working extremely hard during their practices. They been top on everything which includes defense, offense and much more. The girls have improved so much since the first

practice that they have had. Recently the girls had a team dinner to become more of a unit. Overall, the girls are doing a very great job leading up to their first game.

Sadly, the girls first game was postponed to Thursday due to the cold weather and windchill. The girls weren't very happy about this, but they will still work extremely hard to keep preparing

for the first game. As stated before, this team has definitely improved. They just need a game to play to get a feel for the game yet again. The game should be on Thursday, April 3rd,



2025 at 4:30. Great job girls and keep up the good work!

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Varsity Baseball

By Gavin Snyder

As all of you know, varsity baseball is up and running. With a new team, each guy has been hopeful that it will go better than in previous years. With a tough first-round loss in last year's sectionals, they look to come back in the regular season and make a statement to class D. I got a chance to talk to some of the guys about their thoughts about their upcoming season.

What is the part you look forward to most about baseball?

Cooper Roy: Just having fun with my friends for one last season.

Dom Mensche: Just ending my high school career while playing my favorite sport.

What team do you like playing the most and why?

Cooper Roy: I like playing Stockbridge because every time we play them, the game could go either way, and it's just overall competitive.

Dom Mensche: I love playing Waterville away because their batters box for some reason gives me an extra boost of confidence.

Will your team prove everybody wrong?

Cooper Roy: I certainly hope so.

Dom Mensche: We don't need to prove anyone wrong; we only need to prove ourselves wrong.

March Madness Final Four

By Ezra Stahlberg

The March Madness final four is officially set, and with 64 games behind us, this March has been exciting. Through the last 64 games, this March Madness has held some of the fewest

upsets in recent years, with all four of the No.1 seeds making it to the final four. Despite the general simplicity of this tournament, there were no brackets in the second round, and the predictions haven't been nearly as solid as they were in the last few years.

With the final four set, we have seen all the No. Seeds make it to the final four for the second time in NCAA tournament history since 2008. And despite the apparent reality of these teams being good, it has shocked all fans just how dominant the No. 1 seeds were this year. Houston, the one seed coming out of the Midwest, has won all their games by 10 plus points except for one of the best eight seeds in Gonzaga and a strong Purdue team. Houston has had many people contributing to their scoring with two players putting up their respective 20+ point games, with their principal scores being Milos Uzan and L.J. Cryer. The Duke team, led by Cooper Flag, might be one of the best one-seeds the tournament has ever seen, winning every game with profuse and dominant scoring led by their star freshman Cooper Flag. Florida might have one of the best individual players in the tournament with Walter Clayton Jr, who put up 30 points in his most recent game against Texas Tech, going just under 50% from three and an impressive 13 for 14 from the free-throw line. Lastly, the best team in this tournament, Auburn University, led by an experienced and older squad, has shown strides throughout the regular season. This team, led by Johni Broome and Tahaad Pettiford, could win in this tournament. With the stage set and games expected to be played on the 5th of April, this March Madness is undoubtedly one to watch.

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