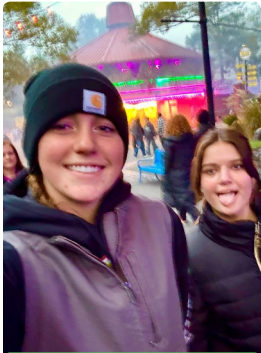




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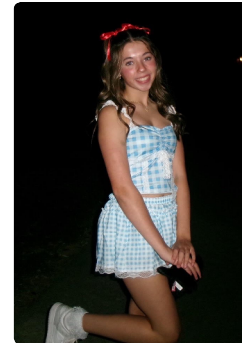


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Seniors Teagan
Yurocko and
Emma Volianiuk.
Photo by Teagan
Yurocko.)



Juniors Bekah Wettach, Alessia
Miller, Ellie Bowen, Kayla Adams,
and Janya Ullal at the Band
Halloween Parade. Photo
provided by Bekah Wettach.



Freshman Ellie
Biezalski,
provided by Ellie
Biezalski.



Junior Molly
McGovern. Provided
by Molly McGovern.

Senior Hans Meijer with
his parents on Senior Night
(Provided by Sophomore
Domenic Phillips)



Sophomores Delaney Mercuri, Gia Leone,
Izzy Montani, Ella Bittner, and Maddy
Katzfey (Provided by Sophomore Izzy
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My First Field Trip Of The Year *Fun Experiences With Friends And Seeing My First Play*

BAEDEN GAUTHIER STAFF WRITER

When I first heard about a field trip opportunity in my journalism class, I was excited.

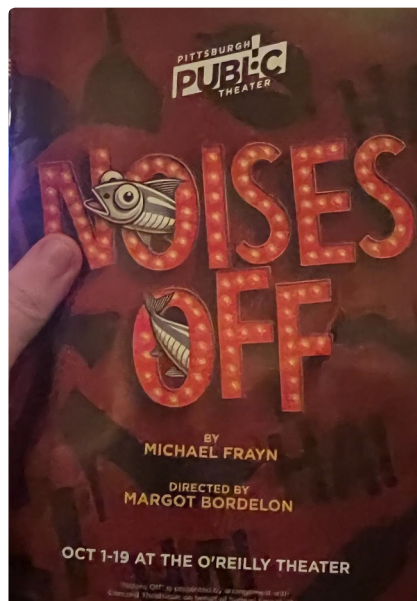
Mrs. Harshman, my teacher, told me I could join Mrs. Bruno's theater class as an official Rampage Reporter in order to cover the event.

It was a long wait of about two weeks, but before I knew it, it was time to board the bus.

When we boarded the bus, my friends and I sat together, and we entertained not only ourselves but each other by sending each other funny videos we found on Tiktok and Instagram. After about 10 minutes, we arrived at our first stop.



Picture of stage and crew before the show (picture provided by Baeden Gauthier)



Picture of Noises Off playbill. (picture provided by Baeden Gauthier)

We first stopped at Eat & Park for an early lunch/breakfast. I got three chocolate chip pancakes and an iced pumpkin chai. I had so much fun because I sat with my friends.

When we arrived at the theater about an hour later, I first saw the rows of seats up on the second floor where we sat, and I took some pictures of the stage. At this moment, even though the play hadn't started yet, I felt very eager for the play to begin.

The play was called "Noises Off" and it was a play within a play, which is exactly what it sounds like. The cast acted as if they were rehearsing a play and it was really funny. I laughed a couple of times and was confused at some parts, but it was good.

My favorite part was when a character named "Poppy" said she was going to throw up because of something the "director" of the play within a play was doing. Shortly after this part, the lights dimmed down and slowly back on again, which signaled the intermission.

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After the intermission ended, the play continued and the stage turned around, and we saw the pov of behind the scenes and all the actors hurting each other, sabotaging each other, passing around and many other funny things. My favorite part was when Poppy and Tim kept saying, "Ladies and Gentleman, please take your seats, the play will start in one minute." And they didn't know they both said the same thing multiple times. This part of the play was extremely funny and is probably my favorite part. This part definitely made me less confused and brought a lot of things together.

During the third and final part of the play the stage turned back around to where it was in the 1st act. The pov changed back to where we saw the actors inside the set and not behind the set. But this time it didn't run as smoothly and the actors were all over the place. They were improvising/acting like they were confused, which was all part of the play within the play.

My favorite part of the 3rd act was when three robbers made a reference to Spiderman when all of the actors looked at each other and pointed their fingers. I thought the third act tied everything together with the alternate pov and it was pure chaos and probably the funniest act out of the three. However, it was still nice to see the back side of the set, and everything going on with the characters behind the scenes.

This was the most fun I've ever had on a field trip, and I recommend field trips to all students, even if they aren't sure if they will enjoy it. Being with your friends is half the fun of a trip, and I'm grateful I gave this trip a chance. I hope to see plays in the future, if ever given the chance.



*Sophomore Baeden Gauthier, sophomore Lauren Bellissimo, sophomore Mckenzie Wagner, and Senior Cadie Koszarek.
(picture provided by Me)*



*Sophomores Lauren Bellissimo, and Baeden Gauthier.
(picture provided by Lauren Bellissimo)*

Senior Spotlight

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Senior Spotlight

Chase Odgen

CAMILA MARQUEZ MEDINA STAFF WRITER

Q: What are your plans after graduation?

A: "College, I'll attend Pitt."

Q: What activities have you participated in during your former years?

A: "Lifting, Track, Asian Culture Club, and Chess Club."

Q: Have you taken AP classes?

A: "Yes, Euro, US History, English Language, English Literature, Statistics, Art history, Microeconomics, and Government."

Q: What do you see yourself doing in 20 years?

A: "Driving a Lamborghini on the California coast."

Q: Who has been your favorite teacher?

A: "Art teacher Mr. Thearle, and History teacher Mr. Goldsmith."

Q: What will you major in?

A: "Business."

Q: What are you most excited about as you transition into college?

A: "Not seeing freshmen with their jorts and fluffy hair."

Q: What are your hobbies outside of school?

A: "Gym, skiing, driving, biking, running."

Q: What is one of your favorite books?

A: "*Harry Potter*."

Q: Who has been your biggest influence in life, and why?

A: "Probably my parents. I learn how to approach a lot of aspects of life because of them, whether it's what to do or not to do."

Q: What's your current favorite song?

A: "Beauty School" by Deftones.

Q: If you could give your younger self a piece of advice, what would it be?

A: "Don't take everything too seriously."



Senior Chase Odgen with his dog named Teddy

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The New Deli is Just the Beginning

PR Cafeteria Eyes Coffee, Frozen Yogurt, and More

MARIANNA ZAHORCHAK STAFF WRITER

On October 1, 2025, the culinary world of PR changed forever. Now that it's comparable to Subway, I refuse to shut up about our cafeteria's new made-to-order Deli option. As a major foodie myself, the ability to customize wraps and sandwiches delighted me, but my excitement didn't end there. K-12 Cafeteria Food Director, Ashley Lindhurst of Chartwells, PR's new food company, eagerly informed me of her dreams for our cafeteria, emphasizing that with a lunchroom of our size, "the sky is the limit."

Because of passing conversations with our school's cafeteria workers, I'd known new menu options were on their way, but I had no idea how extensive and exhilarating the full scope of fresh meal possibilities were going to be.

"In the future, I want to see more action stations linked to live cooking in front of students. We could add an hibachi-like asian bar with a skillet for making meals-to-order. Pasta and flatbread pizza could be to-order as well. These are all things we've done in the past [at different schools]. All it takes is training people, and with the size and space of our cafeteria, we can pull the lever immediately in making stations more customizable," Lindhurst said.



Senior Marianna Zahorchak's custom-made ham, turkey, lettuce, spinach, onion, and mozzarella wrap from the deli. Photo provided by Marianna Zahorchak.

New breakfast and snack options are on their way too. Soon, students will be able to get an iced coffee as their daily milk credit. Annie's Frozen Yogurt with limitless possibilities for flavors is also a highly anticipated snack for the future.

More meticulous improvements are afoot as well. Students ordering from the deli may have noticed the preference towards wraps as opposed to buns. Lindhurst agrees with my thought that this skew may result from the dryness of the bread, and therefore she is currently seeking an alternative bread company.



Toppings on deli bar. Photo provided by K-12 Cafeteria Food Director Ashley Lindhurst.

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Additionally, for almost a year now students have been deprived of cheese as an optional topping for their side salads. After bringing this issue up to Lindhurst, she confidently told me she could have it fixed in a day– and she did.

Beloved, discontinued menu items from the past will also make comebacks, with buffalo chicken dip currently potentially peaking over the horizon. Students will have the ability to provide feedback about which meals they want to return when Lindhurst constructs a student advisory committee for food feedback and suggestions.

“Chartwells’s goal in being here is to really make the dining experience special for students. Students don’t understand what student dining can really be. We’re going to develop the program into everything students want. Feedback is key,” Lindhurst said.

For now, if students have suggestions for meals they’d like to see, whether old favorites or new ideas, they can contact Lindhurst or her associate, Sandy Zheng, using the following emails:
alindhurst@pinerichland.org,
szheng@pinerichland.org.

I don’t know about you, but from now on I’ll be skipping into the lunchroom every day, looking forward to what’s next. I hope your mouth is watering as much as mine!



*One of the cafeteria workers, Loraine, making a wrap at the deli.
 Photo provided by senior Marianna Zahorchak.*



*Students waiting in line for the new deli option in the cafeteria.
 Photo provided by senior Marianna Zahorchak.*

GUIDANCE NEWS: COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WILL BE VISITING PRHS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. INTERESTED STUDENTS MUST SIGN UP IN NAVIANCE AND OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THEIR CLASSROOM TEACHER. A SIGNED HALL PASS WILL BE REQUIRED. CHECK NAVIANCE OR VISIT THE GUIDANCE OFFICE FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION

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Student Spotlight: Roman Thomas

An inside look at one of PR's Best Photographers

JACK PETULLA STAFF WRITER

Q: What made you want to start getting into taking pictures for the football team?

A: "When I played football my freshman year I looked up to Ben Tenuta and KDKA Radio when they would take pictures and wanted to pursue that and started by taking pictures for my brother's youth football team then leading up to Friday Night Lights."

Q: What would the perfect picture look like in your opinion?

A: "The perfect picture for me is a good action shot of a player with the photo saturated and with vibrancy."

Q: What teams or sports do you take pictures for?

A: "Pine Richland High School football team, Pine Richland Youth Football, shooting for VB, and doing senior night games."

Q: How do you prepare for a football game on Friday?

A: "I usually charge up my camera that morning and delete all the photos I took the previous week. I get my lens on and start adjusting some settings just for pregame then get ready for the game with some different settings."

Q: Who inspires you?

A: "My grandpa does, ever since I was younger I looked up to him. He is a hardworking and determined person. Always took care of me and my siblings while my parents worked and helped me get better at sports and helped me turn into the man I am today. "



Junior Roman Thomas on the right with his family photo provided by Roman Thomas

Q: Do you have any other hobbies besides photography?

A: "Yes, I run track and field, swim, and play pick up basketball."

Q: Was there ever a setback in the photography process and how did you overcome it?

A: "My biggest setback as of now is just the doubters, you will always hear people saying something negative. Especially when I started out there were a few people that said my pictures weren't good. Later in the year Cover Three Athletics reached out to me and I've been with them ever since."

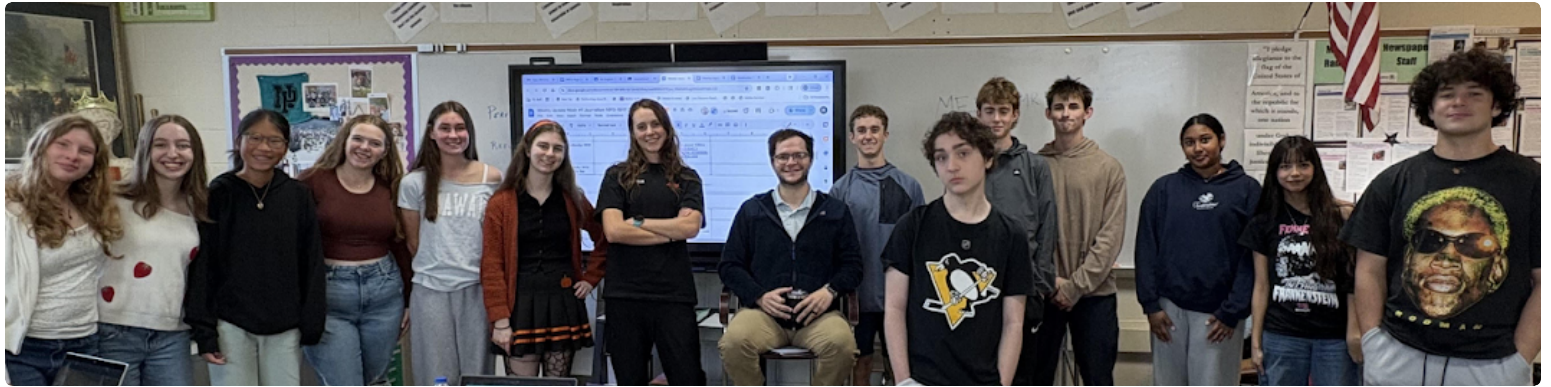
Q: Does photography come naturally to you or is it something you had to work on over time and practice?

A: "It's something you have to work on over time and practice. It doesn't come overnight to just take the best shot and edit a photo perfectly. It takes time and you have to be willing to trust that process."

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Meet Mr. Temple: New 12th grade English Teacher Joins PR BAEDEN GAUTHIER STAFF WRITER



Mrs. Harshman's Journalism class meets Mr. Temple (center) during a group interview.

Mr. Temple is the new English teacher at the high school, and he's a teacher who always knew he has wanted to teach ever since he was in high school. He is enthusiastic about being part of the English team, and he said he feels very welcomed by the school community.

He teaches 12th grade English, and calls himself a Shakespeare fanatic. He also co-teaches a class with Mrs. McCarthy, and co-teaches with Mr. Rickard's History of Music elective.

He encourages his students to: "Take pride in your written work. You're gonna have to write, and you're gonna have to communicate, so take pride in doing that while you can."

He said he enjoys working with and teaching seniors, but if he couldn't teach seniors, he would want to teach the 8th grade.

If he could choose any book in the world to teach, he said it would be *Lord of the Rings* due to some of the timeless elements that could be applied to today's world.

*"Take pride in your written work.
You're gonna have to write, and you're gonna
have to communicate, so take pride in doing
that while you can."*

-Mr. Temple

Every inspiration has to have their own inspiration, and Mr. Temple's inspiration's is his grandmother. While he was growing up, his grandfather passed away when he was very young, and his grandmother chose not to dwell on that sadness, deciding to give everything to her grandchildren, dedicating herself to improving their lives.

**WHO SHOULD THE RAMPAGE
STAFF SPOTLIGHT BE NEXT?
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Exploring the Power of Speech and Debate

A Unique Opportunity for All Grades

ERIN ZHENG STAFF WRITER

“You can sway a thousand men by appealing to their prejudices quicker than you can convince one man by logic.” A powerful quote said by Robert A. Heinlein, is sufficient to say that speech and debate have opened many doors for many people. This year, I decided to try Forensics, otherwise known as speech and debate. I’m going to be honest, I thought that forensics and mock trials were the same thing, which it clearly isn’t. I decided to join forensics because I wanted to try something new, and who doesn’t love to tell someone they’re wrong and talk over them, without getting yelled at? Now obviously, I also joined because I’ve heard really good things about it, and my friends who were in it last year said that it was a great club for improving talking skills.

It is a lot of work prepping for each tournament, and it can be stressful at times, but it’s really fun. You get the option to either do speech or debate. The majority of the club (so far) chose to debate. There are different components in it. There’s Lincoln-Douglas, which basically is a one-on-one debate. Then there’s Parli, which is when two teams of two are given a topic on the spot, there is a coin flip to see which team is neg or aff(con or pro), and then they have 20 minutes to prepare their speeches.

Finally, there is a Public Forum, which is what I’m doing. It’s also a partner debate, similar to Parli, but instead of giving the topic on the spot, we are given the topic weeks ahead of time, and when the time comes, we have a coin flip, have three minutes to prepare for whatever side it is we’re supporting, and the debate begins.

PF Novice Tournament

PF Topic: The United Federal Government should require technology companies to provide lawful access to encrypted communications

C - Case Writing

C - Contention (Main Argument)

S - Subpoint (Specific about Contention)

L - Link (Explaining Argument)

I - Impacts (Quantifiers)

Team A, 1st speaker: 4 minutes

Team B, 1st speaker: 4 minutes

Crossfire(between first 2 speakers): 3 minutes

Team A, 2nd speaker: 4 minutes

Team B, 2nd speaker: 4 minutes

Crossfire(between 3 and 4 speakers): 3 minutes

Team A Summary: 2 minutes

Team B Summary: 2 minutes

Grand Crossfire(all speakers): 3 minutes

Team A Final Focus: 2 minutes

Team B Final Focus: 2 minutes

Overall Time +3 minutes to prep 36-39 minutes

Tournament Structure: Photo Provided by Erin Zeng

There is a practice debate for beginners at Peters Township, and I’m going because it’ll be great practice to start with, and a lot of debaters are going.

The event is at Peter's High School, and we are to arrive at the high school at 7, and we’ll get back around anywhere from 4-5 pm. It will be a long day, but knowing that I’ll have my teammates there to root me on does make me feel better. Each debate is around 40 minutes long, and each team competes in 4 rounds. Then at 2:30, there will be awards handed out at the cafeteria, so there’s that. This is taking place on Saturday, the 25th, and it is quite nerve-wrecking as we will be going up against NA, Shady Side, Peters, etc. Many schools come and debate to see which one ends up on top.

Too Tired for School Work? Wanna Take A Seat?

BAEDEN GAUTHIER STAFF WRITER

Throughout my two years at the high school, I have seen many different types of desks and chairs, from bean bags to desks connected to chairs, and all the stools in between.

I have decided to rank some of these chairs based on comfort, creativity, and their background information.

#1: Chairs in Mrs. Harshman's Room

English teacher Mrs. Harshman has many different types of chairs, so I chose the one I found the most visually appealing. This chair is relatively comfortable but it could definitely use a pillow or something else to sit on since it's wooden. It is a very creative idea to have students paint a chair and keep it as a classroom keepsake, plus the way the students painted it is very eye-catching.

Overall I'd rate the chair 9/10. It hits all the categories almost perfectly. It's very creative and has a creative background too. The comfort could use some improvement, but that's to be expected for a wooden chair.

One of Mrs. Harshman's many chairs

&

Mrs. McCarthy's chair

(photos taken by sophomore Baeden Gauthier)

Rampage Reporter

Baeden Gauthier takes the time to "take a seat," and investigates the creative chairs teachers have in their classrooms.

#2: Chairs in Mrs. McCarthy's Room

I decided on two of Mrs. McCarthy's chairs since I couldn't choose between them: they both looked relatively comfortable, but I did not get a chance to sit in them yet. She ordered the chairs from Amazon.



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#3: Chairs in Mrs. McRobert's Room

Mrs. McRoberts is an English teacher in room 109, and she is my 4th period English teacher. After seeing how much she decorates her classroom and the arrangement of different seating for students she has to offer, I decided to take some pictures of two of her most unique chairs. The first chair sits in the middle of all of the desks and it is relatively comfortable. The second chair is a bean bag, and it is very comfortable and creative.



Mrs. McRobert's chair
Photo by sophomore Baeden
Gauthier

Pine-Richland Global Relations

Students Bring a Dormant Club Back to Life

BROOKE DEEGAN FREELANCE WRITER

Pine-Richland's Global Relations Club had long been a staple of the school, underscoring various cultural customs and enlightening many students. After the 2022-2023 school year, though, the club began to wither away-- interest decayed, meetings waned, and there were not enough upperclassmen to carry on the organization's legacy. Now, however, things are different. Seniors Brooke Deegan, Abigail Fuller, Andrew Kirkpatrick, and Ava Guracharya, as well as juniors Noah Ezolt and Eva Bloom--each extremely passionate about global education and international relations-- have worked arduously to restart Global Relations. And, finally, they were able to host the club's first meeting in nearly three years on Tuesday, October 14th.

The club's initial meeting consisted of officer introductions and an open discussion regarding



Global Relations Club Meeting Photo provided by Junior
Eva Bloom

familial traditions. Students shared their experiences in relation to their respective cultures, from Italy's Feast of the Seven Fishes to Nepali New Year. The Library Classroom, where the meeting took place, was filled with a palpable energy of excitement and eagerness to learn and indulge in the different aspects of the world.

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Global Relations plans to meet monthly on Tuesdays in the Library Classroom and cover a wide variety of topics-- International Career Workshops, Modern Global Challenges, AFS Intercultural Day, and much more. Additionally, there will be guest speakers from several different backgrounds and careers who will provide insight into their life across the globe, not only lecturing on what they have seen, but teaching interested members how to get involved in different lines of international work.

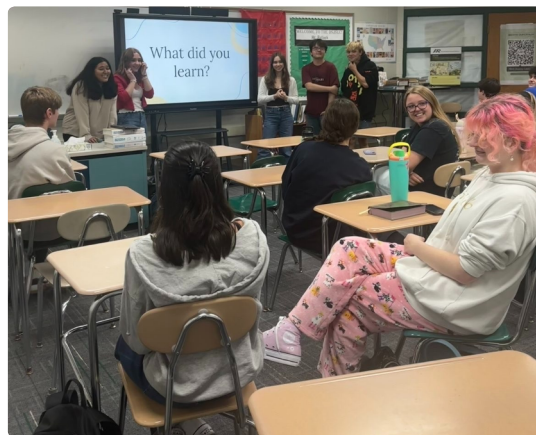


Photo by junior Eva Bloom

If you are interested in joining, please contact

co-presidents Brooke Deegan and Abigail Fuller for more information.

PR Team Advances in KD Quiz *Students Impress in Speedy Trivia Rounds*

VIENNA RESTELLI STAFF WRITER

Recently three Pine-Richland students proudly made their appearance on KD Quiz, a trivia challenge featuring 81 schools from the region. Through both quick recognition questions and challenging speed rounds, the team secured a spot in the quarter-finals.

The students representing PR were members of GATE who made it through a qualifying test: senior Sanika Das, senior Nick Annal, and junior Cameron Winko.

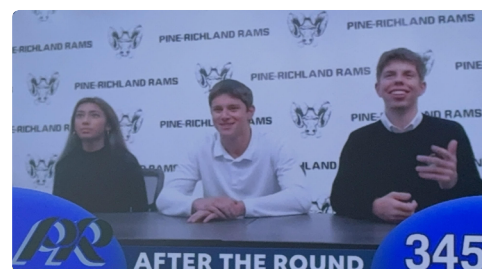
The quiz consisted of multiple rounds of general trivia questions against two other competing teams. However, near the end, PR and Central Catholic were tied, leading to a tiebreaker round where only the team captains could answer.

According to Sanika Das, the most challenging part was the sixty-second speed round. The ten questions were all about Charles Dickens, each one more difficult than the last. Both Sanika and Nick agreed that Cam carried the team through that round.

Sanika also mentioned that it was really interesting to see how much knowledge she has gained over her years in high school, describing trivia as a fun way to see how much your brain has retained.

Nick and Sanika said they had never participated in trivia before this experience. They both agreed that the easiest category was definitely the one about animals — simple questions like “What animal family is a panda a part of?” helped put them at ease.

The KD Quiz semifinals will be held in the spring, with the finals taking place over the summer. Make sure to tune in and wish these competitors good luck in the upcoming rounds!



Senior Sanika Das, Junior Cameron Winko and Senior Nick Annal

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PSAT's: My Experience

Was it all I expected? Do they still mean anything?

JACK PETULLA STAFF WRITER

Today most colleges are "test optional;" before 2020 it was essentially a "must" if you wanted to go to college. But now most colleges don't require students to take the SAT or submit it if they don't score well. Therefore, SATs are becoming less and less of a major factor when it comes to going to college.

However, PR encourages all juniors and some sophomores the option to take the PSAT, which is a practice SAT. It prepares students to take the SAT and if students earn a high score, they have a chance at a national merit scholarship. This also is used as a guide to the students on what score they could expect on the SAT or what they need to improve upon when they take the real SAT.

My Experience: We walked into a classroom full of both juniors and sophomores. We were told that all of our devices had to be put away besides a calculator. We were given three hours to take the whole test. But instead of all the questions in the same segment, they were split into four parts. This was great because we got to take breaks and relax for a minute between segments. The challenging part was timing because each section had its own timer. If you didn't finish the section in the given time, it moved on regardless.

The SAT and PSAT involves two subjects: Math and Science. Both subjects have relatively the same amount of questions and follow the same pattern. Part one of math was basic algebra while part two was a two equation set with four different variables and was much more complicated.

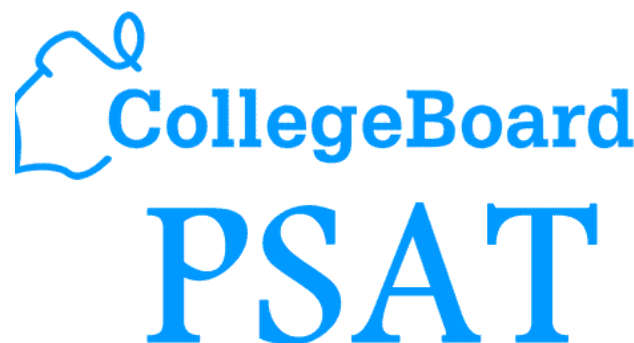


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Overall it was an interesting experience that I hope helps me in the future for when I possibly take my SAT. But then again, is it even worth taking?

One other confusing part was the English section that required fill in the blank. It wasn't complicated but more so that the words were not common words. If I were to retake the PSAT I would study vocabulary more than anything.

Well here's my opinion on that question: I've been told to take them even with their decreasing novelty. If you don't do well on the SAT then you don't have to include it. But if you do really well then it can be a nice addition to your college application. I also think it depends on the college. Ivy League schools might value it more than a local small-town college. But at the end of the day, it's all up to the student. Maybe you are a bad test taker and think you will fold under the pressure, or maybe you excel at tests and think it could improve your college resume. All in all I think it depends on the situation, but it doesn't hurt to take it, especially since you don't even have to include it in your application. So at the moment I think it is a better idea to take it than not. But then again, it's your choice, so whatever fits you best.

The Business of Being You

FBLA Speaker Trish Parkhill on Personal Branding

VIENNA RESTELLI STAFF WRITER

FBLA kicked off its first meeting with a special guest speaker, Trish Parkhill, a Penn State graduate with a degree in advertising who has worked in NYC and is now at Marketspace, a creative agency that helps clients stand out in a crowded marketplace.

Parkhill focused her talk on two main ideas: personal brand and identity capital.

A **personal brand** is the reputation you create through your personality, values, and beliefs. “You already have a personal brand, and you’re constantly building it,” she told students. Consistency is key, just like a corporate brand.

She encouraged students to decide what they want to be known for and put it into simple adjectives. For Parkhill, that means always being positive. Living those values in conversations, interviews, and online interactions helps your personal brand truly reflect who you are.

Parkhill also spoke about **identity capital**, a metaphorical currency made up of experiences that increase your value.

Some of it is tangible, some intangible, but every new skill, experience, or achievement adds up.

She describes it as “a stack of undeniable proof that you are who you say you are.”

Her main message? When life changes, two things are always under control: your identity capital and your personal brand.

“Always make sure to love what you do,” she said — a powerful takeaway for FBLA members as they plan their future careers.

Having Parkhill as our first speaker was inspiring, especially as a first-year FBLA member interested in marketing. I look forward to the rest of the guest speakers the club will host in the future

PINE-RICHLAND FBLA KEYNOTE SPEAKER

OCTOBER 13



TRISH PARKHILL

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Student Devotionals

Would You Like To Join?

GRACE LOGUE & VIENNA RESTELLI STAFF WRITERS

What is Student Devotionals?

Student Devotionals is a club here at PR, starting every Wednesday morning promptly at 7:25 am.

The club is led by senior Addilyn Nichols, Mallory Ammerman, junior Marin Miller, Ashlynn Wees, Ronnie Mann, and Ekua Baiden.

This Christian club consists of reading a verse or verses from a book in the Bible, reflecting on it as a group, and a unified prayer at the end. It is a welcoming community that comes together in the auditorium, connected by a common love for God.

During our first meeting on Wednesday the 1st, the club officers asked us to sit in a circle near the stage. We began to read a passage from the Bible that stuck out to them.

The passage that we read was from the book of Romans, one that talked about the importance of making decisions that put the Lord first and not worrying about the opinions of those around you, a common struggle.

During the meeting, senior officer Addilyn Nichols, who led the devotional, encouraged us to think about how we could put God first that week.

After reading, some of us talked as a group about our faith. Students shared their struggles along with their accomplishments, offering encouragement to each other. Hearing these stories gave a beautiful feeling of belonging. Nichols shared how surprised and happy she was that there were so many people who attended compared to previous years. This shows how much the club has grown.

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EVERY WEDNESDAY AT
7:25 IN THE AUDITORIUM**

By the end of the session, around 7:40, we held hands and prayed for ourselves and others to thank the Lord for all that has been given to us and that we were all there together.

The club will go on for the rest of the school year, and any updates will be posted to their google classroom (class code - 7la4i42) and Instagram (pr_student_devos).

Senior Marianna Zahorchak said, "For over a year, God had been pushing me to read my Bible, and I kept telling myself that I was too busy and could not take on one more thing. Once I finally did, I found more time to do things, and I ended up being less stressed about them."

If you are interested in this club, I strongly encourage you to join and be courageous to try something new — especially if you're in that stage where you're feeling distant in your faith. Along with faith, there's also the chance to make new friends, start the morning on a positive note, and find encouragement with peers who share common values.

Rams' Special Night Ends in Domination

PR Beats NA 67-0

JACK PETULLA AND DEREK MANTON STAFF WRITERS

Before Pine-Richland was set to play North Allegheny, senior Jay Timmons took a metal bat and smashed a plastic toy tiger with the NA logo until there were only little pieces left. This symbolized PR crushing NA, getting revenge after losing last year. But after what would happen in the next two hours, I think the toy took less of a beating than the real Tigers.

PR demolished NA 67-0. It was senior night at PR and the football team was facing off against their Route 19 rivals.

The team started walking over to the stadium after a team dinner in the middle school. Once 15 minutes till kickoff hit, things got intense. After coach LeDonne gave his pre game speech, and coach Sam said the pre game prayer, Timmons gathered everyone and got everyone going. You would have thought this was for the WPIAL championship.

Usually a halftime speech against a big rival has to be encouraging. The players are quiet and focusing for the next half. The coaches are strategizing how to improve and pull through in a close game. But when you are up 51-0, and 4 Star senior WR/DB Jay Timmons 3 TDS, senior RB Mac Miller has 3TD's, 4 Star Junior WR/DB Khalil Taylor had 1 TD, senior DE Hans Meijer had a forced fumble, Junior OL/DT Dajour Webb had a forced fumble, senior WR/DB Jalen Neals had a TD, and Junior QB Aaron 'Oobi' Strader had 223 yards and 3 TD's, the vibes are different.

While the second half had less scoring than the first, PR still did not let up a single point. Sophomore Cooper Stiscak took over at quarterback and had a rushing and passing touchdown. He showcased his decision making and precision in the second half leading to an increased lead. Catching Stiscak's passing touchdown was sophomore Sawyer Marsillio. Meanwhile, sophomore Alex Mestre made his first field goal and multiple extra points.

When it was all said and done, PR came away with a blowout victory against NA. The pregame preparation, attention to detail, and passion that night was unmatched and in our opinion, was the reason PR was so dominant. Overall, it was a once in a lifetime experience that we got to be a part of, and it did not disappoint.

Back in the locker room the plastic tiger lay in pieces across the floor, just like NA's hopes of defeating PR.

BONUS FACT: After every PR touchdown, the PR Cheerleaders run 100 meters down and 100 meters back with flags that spell R-A-M-S. That's 200 meters per touchdown. Since PR scored 9 touchdowns, cheerleaders had to run 1800 meters, or about 1.12 miles.

Entertainment

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Fright-Night At Kennywood: *Get Your Scare On!*

GRACE LOGUE STAFFWRITER



Photos by Teagan Yurocko

Fright-night is a yearly event during the season of September through October. Scary actors lurk and the Halloween vibe thrives. If you want to be scared, this is for you.

It's fun because you can test your limits with horror houses and rides. I would recommend getting a fast pass for the horror houses.

However, if you feel like being chased by scary actors is not for you, I do not recommend this experience. There are areas in the theme park where they roam after dark, and everything is good fun for them, but maybe not for you. However, they are not allowed to touch you, and they are skilled to maneuver with their fake chainsaws and knives, putting on their theatrics for those who come near them.

The question remains: why would anyone want to be a scare actor?

The answer: working as a scare actor for one day gets them a free pass to any theme park they please, including Six Flags. If you are interested, do not hesitate to sign up.

So why do I like it going to Fright Night? I enjoy going for the scare and haunted houses. My favorite was the Dark Shadows haunted house. While inside you can barely see anything- if at all, and you will not know when an actor will jump up behind you. I enjoyed it for the unexpected thrill and sometimes seeing when the actors break character at your reaction. My favorite reaction to my scream was when Michael Myers suddenly appeared in front of me and he said, "Wow, you got scared," as if he was surprised by my own reaction.

If you want to be scared, I recommend this unique experience with your friends or family. I hope you have as much fun as I did.

Deepavali: The Festival of Lights

A celebration of faith & family

DARSHA KANNAN STAFF WRITER

Every autumn, as the lamps flicker across India, the spirit of Diwali, or *Deepavali*, as it's called in South India, fills homes with warmth, devotion, and light. In 2025, the festival fell on Monday, October 20th, marking a time of renewal, reflection, and celebration.

The story behind the festival

In South India, Deepavali celebrates Lord Krishna's victory over the demon Narakasura, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. The day begins before sunrise, when families take part in rituals (oil bathing and praying) that purify the body and mind, welcoming light into their lives.

Food, family, and festivity

No celebration is complete without food. South Indian homes are filled with the aroma of flavorful snacks like muruku (similar to chips), adhirasam, (like a thick flat pancake), mysore pak (made with sugar and flour) payasam, (a sweet soup), and the traditional biriyani (rice with chicken and spices) At night, families light sparklers, elders share sweets while sharing stories, and the whole community glows.

For me, Deepavali always carries a bittersweet feeling. My grandparents live in Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu, where the festival fills every corner. Here I celebrate it quietly but happily, often connecting with them through phone calls and video chats, listening to the sounds of their TV in the background or a small group of guests talking outside on their porch. It's not quite the same as being there, but those calls remind me that love and warmth travel far beyond our distance.

The light within

Deepavali isn't just a day of rituals; it's a celebration of togetherness, no matter where we are. Whether it's shared laughter over 7,600 miles through a screen or lighting multiple diyas (oil lamps) with your nuclear family, the feeling of connection still shines just as bright.

Early morning rituals

The morning starts before dawn with a traditional oil bath, believed to cleanse and bring blessings. After prayers, families wear new clothes, visit temples, and greet one another with "*Deepavali Nalvaazhthukkal!*" (Happy Diwali!)



Freshman Darsha Kannan and sister senior Brinda outside on their deck during this year's celebration

PR Local

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Strings Tight, Hearts Tighter

Thank You For Every Smile, Match, and Moment

ERIN ZHENG STAFF WRITER

October 3, 2025, marked the end of the Girls' Tennis season. This was my first year on the girls' tennis team, but I really enjoyed it, made new friends, and made some great memories. Even though I am sad that it's over, it leaves room for there to be more time to do homework and clubs. This season, the JV team had some awesome victories, and even when we lost, we weren't too upset about it as we were there to cheer each other on.

Our win-to-loss ratio was 5:5, so it was evenly matched. Everyone on the tennis team was so supportive and kind towards each other. Even during the short 3-month time period, there were fond memories made and inside jokes that still crack me up to this day. Meeting everyone was definitely nerve-wracking as they all seemed so good, and I was honestly really scared to be even playing against them.

Before the season started, I always considered myself a singles player because I like having complete control of the court, and that way I won't blame someone if they missed a ball, or I won't get blamed by my partner. But I surprised myself by always wanting to play doubles. I grew to really enjoy volleying at the net, and we would always hype each other up. Yes, I did get hit a couple of times(very painful and traumatic. It was the main reason why I was always playing singles when I could), but I grew to just suck it up and deal with it, as sports are always about learning. When the tennis banquet came, I was sad yet also excited to see everyone dressed up nice, and not in our uniforms.



Girls' Tennis and Coaches on the Ram's home court.

It went to introductions, speeches by the coaches(yes some people on JV at some point did shed a couple of tears), a slideshow(of action shots, bus rides. There was a very mortifying picture of me, and I groaned and everyone was laughing), the buffet itself, presentation of certificates/awards by coaches, seniors gifted the gifts to the coaches, Paper Plate awards(mine was contagious laugh), players' gifts(Owalas), and lastly closing remarks. We spent a solid 45 minutes just taking pictures. Coach Dang told me some words that just stuck with me. "As this season comes to a close, remember that every swing, every run, every cheer from the sidelines has shaped not just your game, but your spirit. Tennis may have seasons, but the lessons, friendships, and memories last a lifetime. Keep your head high, your heart full, and your love for the game alive—you've only just begun your journey."

Sports

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A Once in a Lifetime Trip: The Ryder Cup

Firsthand Experience at the Best Golf Tournament

JACOB HADLEY STAFF WRITER

It was a cold Wednesday morning, and I sat in my uncle's camper getting ready for the 12 hour road trip with my family. After years of preparation, the moment we had been waiting for finally arrived. We had spent six summers talking about this trip, each one building our excitement. Now, we were finally on our way to the Ryder Cup.

My uncle had just bought a new camper: it was beautiful inside, unlike nothing I had ever seen before. It contained a massive bed in the back for naps, electric reclining chairs to sit in, and a whole kitchen. We couldn't have asked for a better way to drive 12 hours to the Ryder Cup.



Photo provided by Jacob Hadley; The sunrise at the first tee box on Friday morning

When we finally arrived at Bethpage State Park, it all started to sink in. We were sleeping on the 10th hole of the Green Course, one of the five courses on the property, only a five minute walk from the Black Course where the tournament was being played. It felt surreal that we were the only fans to be able to have that experience. My other uncle is the main reason we were able to do this because he is the superintendent of the Black Course at Bethpage.

We waited in line for an hour to get into the grandstands to watch the first tee shots of both the USA team and Europe. The energy was so loud and electric unlike anything I had ever experienced in my life. After we left the grandstands, we spent the rest of the trip cheering, exploring, and soaking in the amazing moments that we would only experience once in a lifetime.



Photo provided by Jacob Hadley; Poster of all of the locations of past Ryder Cups

Sports

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Hockey Interviews: Luca Julio

An Inside Look at a Sophomore Hockey Player

JACOB HADLEY STAFF WRITER

What has been the biggest improvement in your game since your freshman year?

“Breaking the puck out of the defensive zone.”

How do you stay motivated knowing you’re right on the edge between JV and varsity?

“I want to have a full time spot on varsity.”

What specific parts of your game are you focusing on to earn a varsity spot?

“Speed and decision making.”

How do you balance schoolwork, practices, and games throughout the season?

“I don’t wait until the last minute to do my school work.”

Who has been the biggest influence or mentor in your hockey journey so far?

“My varsity teammate Michael DeJardins.”

What’s the biggest difference you’ve noticed between JV and varsity play?

“The speed and the amount of physicality.”

How do you handle the pressure of trying to become a full time varsity player?

“I just try my best and enjoy the game.”

How would you describe the team chemistry this season?

“The JV team chemistry is great so far and we all work together amazingly. I think the Varsity chemistry is a little rough right now but once we start improving throughout the season we will be good.”

Do you think you have a different on JV and Varsity?

“I think I am more of a stand-out player on JV and on varsity I am more of a simple player and a grinder on varsity.”

What does being part of this hockey program mean to you personally?

“It means a lot to me because I love playing hockey and I love to win.”



Sophomore Luca Julio at Baiertl Ice Complex. Provided by Luca Julio

How do older varsity players help (or challenge) you during practices?

“They play the best they can against me so it is a high compete level. That helps with my decision making so it is easier in a game.”

How do you mentally prepare before a game, especially big matchups?

“I block out all other distractions before I leave my house so I am prepared for the game.”

What’s one goal you’ve set for yourself this season—on or off the ice?

“I want to score much more on JV and be a leader.”

How do you respond to setbacks, like not getting much playing time for a varsity game?

“I don’t worry much about it and I worry about what’s going to happen next so the setbacks don’t occur as much.”

Where do you see yourself as a player by the end of this season or next year?

“I feel like there is a lot of room for improvement and I will be full time varsity next year.”

Sports

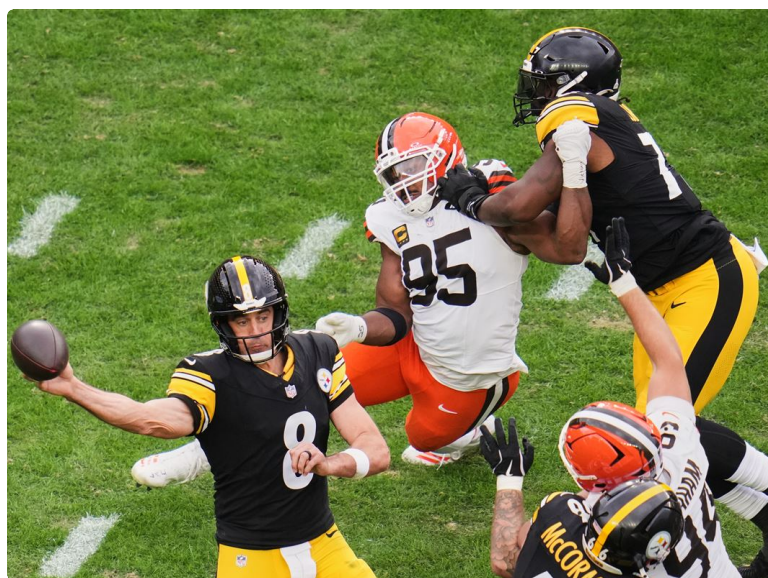
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Steelers Bully Browns Week 6 Ends in a Pittsburgh Domination

DEREK MANTON STAFF WRITER

When the Browns come to town, you know that it is going to be a battle. Although the Steelers have won 22 straight regular season games at home against the Browns, it never seems to be an easy victory. The Steelers pregame intros are something teams around the league do every home game. You can either do offensive starters, or defensive starters. The Steelers introduced their defensive starters for their intros, and instead of announcing the 11 starters, they did 12. The 12th “starter” was 3rd year LB Nick Herbig who has stepped in for an injured Alex Highsmith the past 2 games. This is special because many fans were calling for Herbig to start even when Highsmith returned. The Steelers now have a lethal edge rush trio, in former Defensive Player of the Year T.J. Watt, Alex Highsmith, and Nick Herbig, who all have a case to be top 15 edge rushers in the league.

The Browns won the coin toss and deferred to the second half. The Steelers got the ball first and started off hot with a 36 yards completion to Darnell Washington score was 9-3 at half Pittsburgh leading when Cleveland got the ball to start the 2nd half. The Steelers made a stand and then scored back to back TD's to make it 23-6 in the 4th quarter. Cleveland kicked a field goal to make it 23-9. That was too much for Clevelnad to overcome and the Steelers would win the game. Steelers win and that is headed into a Thursday night clash in the Jungle against the Bengals.



*#8 QB Aaron Rodgers #77 Broderick Jones blocking #95
Myles Garrett*

(Photo taken by Karl Roser-Steeler's photographer)

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Opinion

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Sophomore Slump: Is It Genuine?

GRACE LOGUE STAFF WRITER

As a sophomore, the slump is real. New classes at a new level of speed and fewer excuses. Of course, all high school students will feel this at some point no matter what grade you are in, but am I overreacting?

Personally, I do not believe that overreaction is the case. It is honestly a feeling of burnout while we prepare more for the future. How can we get through this?

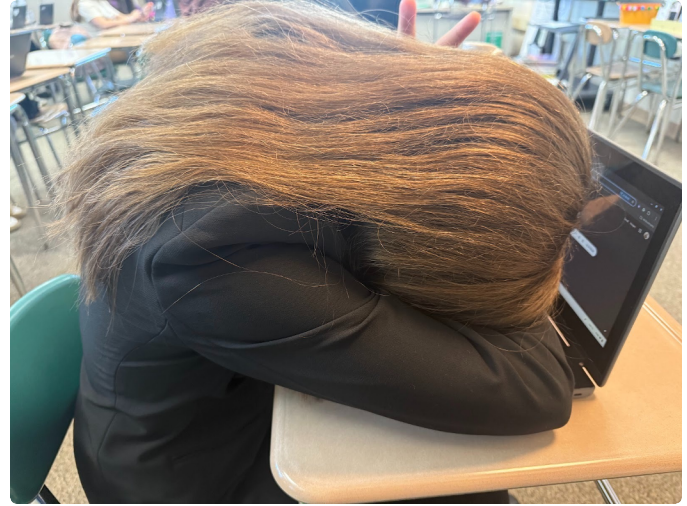
For future sophomores or current sophomores, my advice to you this: attempt to involve yourself with clubs and surround yourself with a healthy community.

Monitor how you are handling the workload and even join a study group between friends. Give yourself time to relax without thinking of anything and maybe involve yourself with the 10-minute method.

The 10-minute method is used by setting a timer 10 minutes before you have to do something such as studying, brushing your teeth, and going to bed. Prepare yourself with a timer to feel motivated and regulated with a schedule.

Next, work at your own pace. What does this mean? Do not compare yourself to others and think of only you.

Drama? Try to back away and remember you cannot control the people around you. Communicate with yourself with respect and self-assurance.



Sophomore Vienna Restelli photo provided by Grace Logue

All we need is reassurance and healthy moderation with communicating with your teachers and fulfilling your body's needs. Studying past 11 pm is not moderation. Procrastinating on your assignments is not healthy. As easy as it sounds, the burnout happens to everyone, but giving up is not an option.

Remember that you can do this, and encouragement is sometimes all we need.

CAPS AND GOWNS: ATTENTION ALL SENIORS. THE CLASS OF 2026 CAP AND GOWN ORDERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE HIGH SCHOOL WEB SITE. PLEASE NOTE THAT ORDERS PLACED AFTER DECEMBER 1ST WILL BE SUBJECT TO A PRICE INCREASE. TO ENSURE DELIVERY IN TIME FOR GRADUATION, ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 1 ST .

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Thank you for stopping by and we hope to see you next Thursday!

PR Sports in Fall



Girls Varsity Soccer Team: Freshman Kendall Hughey, Sophomore Charlie Kline, Junior Lily Rossenwasser, and Seniors Sophie Salas, Aubrey Bennett, Emme Kline, Elle Cassidy, Lily DeJesus, Molly Baker, Riley White, and Shea Best



*Junior Alex Rocchia TSTCA XC race at White Oak Park
10/16/2025
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Senior Goalie Shea Best

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