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Staff Spotlight: Petra Balkovec

The End of Her High School Career

KAYLEE MEYERS STAFF WRITER

Q: Do you play any sports?

A: "Yes, Volleyball."

Q: What do you do out of school?

A: "Hang out with my friends and play volleyball."

Q: What is your favorite class you have taken in your high school career?

A: "I'm currently taking AP Psych, and I'm really enjoying it."

Q: Starbucks or Dunkin'?

A: "Starbucks."

Q: What is your favorite song right now?

A: "A Life Where We Work Out by Flatland Cavalry."

Q: What is your favorite TV Show?

A: "Suits."

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: "Dolphin."

Q: Do you have any regrets from your high school career?

A: "Yes, I wish I had taken freshman year more seriously and also had more fun with it."

Q: How are you?

A: "I'm good, but very tired."

Q: Who is your best friend?

A: "Taylor Servagno."

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: "Yes, I have two dogs. An Aussie doodle and a goldendoodle."

Q: Do you have any siblings?

A: "I do. An older sister who is a junior at Ohio State."

Q: Did you do senior flex?

A: "No, I would rather stay the whole day my senior year."

Q: Why did you take Journalism II?

A: "Designing was fun last year. I thought it would be a good class to take my senior year."

Q: Do you know what you want to major in?

A: "Nursing."



Senior Petra Balkovec in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida

Q: Where are you originally from?

A: "I have lived in Pittsburgh, PA, my whole life."

Q: What is your favorite subject in school?

A: "My favorite subject in school is usually English, but this year I think it is going to be psych."

Q: Do you know what college you want to go to?

A: "Not yet. I have a list of some ideas."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Abby Hengelsberg

Meet Senior Abby Hengelsberg

JULIA JAKOVAC STAFF WRITER

Q: What are three adjectives to describe yourself?

A: "Outgoing, creative, and procrastinator."

Q: What clubs/extracurricular activities are you involved in?

A: "I dance, work at Bruster's, and I am the secretary of NHS."

Q: What is your birthday and where were you born?

A: "December 2nd, 2008 in Pittsburgh."

Q: What is your idea of a perfect day?

A: "Sleeping in, getting breakfast with friends, going shopping, going to the beach, then dinner and ice cream."

Q: How is senior year so far?

A: "I'm loving it."

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: "I have three dogs and three cats."

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: "Painting, walking my dogs, and going to the movies."

Q: What excites you the most about senior year?

A: "I am the most excited for the senior festivities and prom."

Q: What is your favorite class you have taken at PRHS?

A: "Painting with Mr. Riley."



Senior Abby Hengelsberg at her house

Q: What is your dream travel destination?

A: "Italy."

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: "Little Women (2019)."

Q: What makes you the most happy?

A: "Food."

Q: What is your favorite style of dance?

A: "Contemporary or modern."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Julia Jakovac

Last Year Under the Spotlight

ABBY HENGELSBERG STAFF WRITER

Q: What are your hobbies or out-of-school activities?

A: "I am always singing, dancing, or painting with watercolor. I'm involved in a ton of acting, and I feel like I'm always doing something."

Q: What's your worst habit?

A: "I honestly think I talk too much. Maybe it's a good thing, but I kinda think it's a bad thing too."

Q: What's your best habit?

A: "I'm very open-minded...I'm up for anything."

Q: If you had to join one sport to play this year, even if you've never played, what would it be?

A: "I would play volleyball. I did like one summer camp, but didn't follow through with it."

Q: What is your #1, must-have product?

A: "Refy Tinted Lip Gloss"

Q: Where do you see yourself in ten years?

A: "In ten years I hope to be involved in journalism, or maybe broadcasting. Something where I can meet new people, ask questions, and travel."



Senior Julia Jakovac at Hartwood Acres

Q: Imagine you are retired, and you can do whatever you want, what will you be doing?

A: "Bedazzling"

Q: What was the hardest class you've ever taken?

A: "AP Euro"

Q: Where do you see yourself in one year?

A: "Hopefully I'm at college with a good group of friends, doing college stuff and meeting new people. I'm super excited to have freedom to do what I want, and go where I want, and I hope everything works out."

Q: If you could be one celebrity, who would it be?

A: "I would be Tom Holland, because he manifests everything that comes into his life."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Bianka Roman

A Senior to Look Up To

ANNA SCHELLHAAS STAFF WRITER

Q: When is your birthday and where were you born?

A: "September 9th, 2009 in Georgia."

Q: How long have you been in the district?

A: "Since 6th grade. I honestly think I peaked then..."

Q: Who is in your family?

A: "My mom, dad, older sister, and my dog Tilly!"

Q: What is a movie/ show that impacted you?

A: "The Dead Poets Society is one of the greatest movies of all time- everybody needs to watch it! Especially as a student. It's incredibly inspiring, but also really sad. The friendships and environments are so cozy and comforting, while also having a prominent theme being Carpe Diem- Seize the Day!"

Q: What is a book you think everyone should read?

A: "The Hunger Games is my favorite book/movie series because they are so incredibly well done. I admire Suzanne Collins and Francis Lawrence so much for how dedicated they are to their works of art. I also love one of the characters, Peeta Mellark. He's my favorite; I even have a shirt with his face on it of course. I'm actually watching all the movies in theaters this weekend! Catch me at Cinemark!"

Q: What kind of writing would you like to be in journalism?

A: "I would like to do opinionated pieces, entertainment, and soft news. I would also be up to writing about any type of topic. I like to be flexible."



Senior Bianka Roman in Scotland

Q: What extracurriculars do you do?

A: "I am the founder and co-president of Teens Teach Tech, a club in Pine Richland that helps elderly people learn how to use technology. If you're interested, please find us at the activity fair booth on September 17th! I also participate in Forensics, Mock trial, NHS, and Key Club. Outside of school I participate in National History Day."

Q: Who is someone that you look up to?

A: "My older sister Dalma inspires me because we are basically the same person and share the same interests. She is my absolute best friend in life, and it is very rewarding to see her succeed in life!"

Q: What is your favorite high school memory?

A: "My favorite high school memory through the years is probably junior prom night with my friends. I had so much fun with my friends and I enjoyed experiencing the upperclassman dance for the first time!"

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Josie Christy

Meet a New Rampage Reporter

HANNAH CUPRIK STAFF WRITER

Q: When is your birthday?

A: "August 25th."

Q:How do you like school so far?

A: "It's good but pretty stressful."

Q:What is your worst habit?

A: "Procrastinating."

Q:What is your favorite food?

A: "Sushi."

Q:What is your favorite type of music?

A: "Probably pop or folk music."

Q:What is your favorite book?

A: "And Then There Were None".

Q:What is a pet peeve of yours?

A: "Complainers."

Q:What are your favorite and least favorite vegetables?

"My favorite is cucumber, and my least favorite is probably broccoli."

Q: What is your favorite grade you've been in so far?

A: "Tenth grade."

Q:What is your favorite drink?

A: "Iced coffee."

Q:What is a fear of yours?

A: "Losing someone I love."

Q:What is the worst injury you've ever had?

A: "Breaking my tailbone."

Q: What is your favorite thing about yourself?

A: "My intelligence."

Q:Do you view the world in a negative or positive way?

A: "Positive, I know there are a lot of negatives, but I like to focus on the positive."

Q:What's something you would like to do someday?

A: "Pilot a plane."

Q:If you could live anywhere else in the world, where would you choose?

A: "London."



Junior Josie Christy in Hilton Head Island

Q:What career would you like to have?

A: "I want to be a medical malpractice lawyer."

Q:What do you do in your free time?

A: "Volunteering and basketball."

Q:How would you describe yourself in 3 words?

A: "Compassionate, driven, and friendly."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Kaylee Meyers

Junior Taking on Journalism Two

PETRA BALKOVEC STAFF WRITER

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: "Purple."

Q: What is your favorite subject in school?

A: "English."

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: "Working at a barn."

Q: What is your dream vacation?

A: "Europe."

Q: What is your favorite kind of music?

A: "Country."

Q: What is your favorite season?

A: "Fall."

Q: What is your favorite holiday?

A: "Christmas."

Q: If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

A: "Tampa, Florida."

Q: What are some traits that describe you?

A: "Respectful, caring, and direct."

Q: Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks?

A: "Starbucks."

Q: What is your favorite TV show?

A: "Grey's Anatomy."



Junior Kaylee Meyers at Ocean City, New Jersey over the summer

Q: How do you spend your weekends?

A: "Working at multiple barns and hanging out with my friends."

Q: What career do you want to pursue?

A: "Business management."

Q: What is your worst habit?

A: "Procrastination."

Q: Biggest pet peeve?

A: "Being late."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Anna Schellhaas

Meet a New Rampage Reporter

BIANKA ROMAN STAFF WRITER

Q: How long have you been in the PR District?

A: "Since 8th grade! I went to Aquinas Academy before PR."

Q: What's your favorite book and who's your favorite author?

A: "Definitely Jennifer Lynn Barnes! She created *The Inheritance Games* which I love so much. Her writing is engaging and reflects how smart she is as an author."

Q: Why did you want to take Journalism?

A: "I might want to go into a career somehow involved with journalism. And of course to hang out with my beautiful and perfect friend Biana."

Q: How many siblings do you have?

A: "I have 3 brothers and a dog named Mazy."

Q: What is one of your biggest pet peeves?

A: "Probably wet shoes in places they shouldn't be like when someone puts their shoes on top of the car seats! Ooh, and when my siblings get Mazy all excited and then leave her with me to deal with all her excitement."

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: "I'm a girl of many hobbies, but probably crafts! I love to paint and I also do paid face painting at my grandparent's farm during the fall season."

Q: Do you prefer writing on paper or on the computer?

A: "On paper with a pencil for sure! I'm a tactile and visual learner which means writing helps me really process and learn everything I need to know."



Junior Anna Schellhaas on a cruise

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: Probably *10 Things I Hate About You* because that was one of the first movies I remember watching with my mom in middle school. That movie carried me through some hard times!"

Q: What school activities are you involved in?

A: "Key Club, Field Hockey, Best Buddies, Minithon, and I am the co-founder of The Club Worship, a non-school affiliated christian club that gives me and my friends an opportunity to share Jesus with our friends. I also do voice lessons, piano, youth group, and church outside of a school."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Cooper Stiscak

Meet a Pine-Richland Junior

JULIA JAKOVAC STAFF WRITER

Q: What are three words you would use to describe yourself?

A: "Confident, leader, and athletic."

Q: Who is someone you look up to and why?

A: "My dad because he always shows up."

Q: What class are you most excited for this year and why?

A: "Accounting because Miss Blaze does a good job of teaching us about the real world and business."

Q: What sports/activities are you involved in?

A: "Football and baseball."

Q: What motivates you?

A: "My family."

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: "Blue."

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: "Varsity Blues."

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?

A: "Loud chewing."

Q: What is your dream vacation?

A: "Bora Bora."



Junior Cooper Stiscak playing for Team Pennsylvania at Future Games Event

Q: What is your favorite season and why?

A: "Fall because it is the perfect temperature and it's nice outside."

Q: Who is your favorite music artist?

A: "Drake/Polo G."

Q: What did you do this summer?

A: "I traveled to Georgia for baseball."

Q: What are your goals for after high school?

A: "Play baseball in college and make it pro."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Bianca Waid

Meet a New Rampage Reporter

AUDREY CAMBERG STAFF WRITER

Q: Where is your favorite vacation spot?

A: "Greece"

Q: Who is your role model?

A: "My older brother"

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: "Fried Rice and Steak"

Q: What is your favorite Movie?

A: "Real Steel."

Q: If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?

A: "Italy"

Q: If you could meet anyone, who would it be?

A: "Bruno Mars"

Q: Do you have any pets? If so, how many?

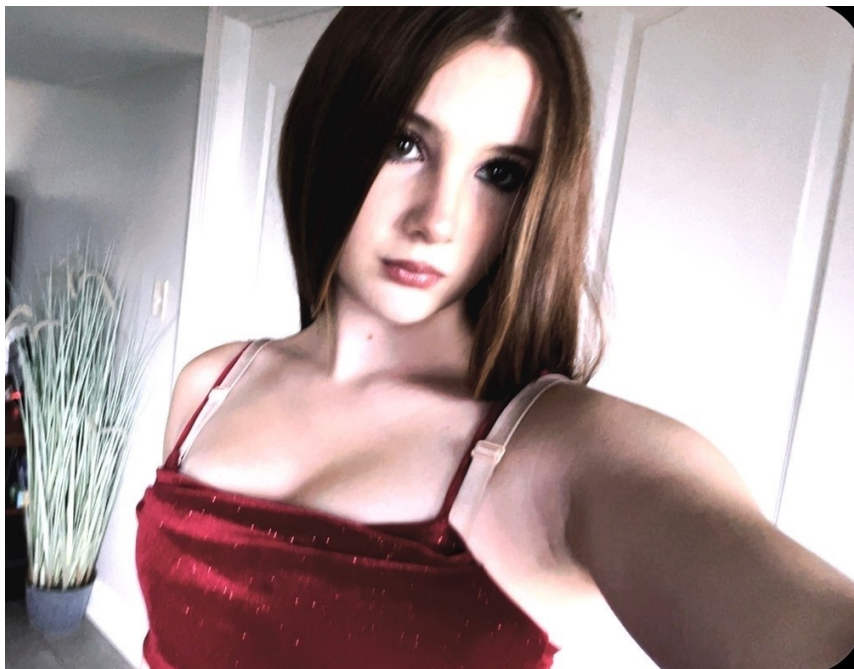
A: "I have 63 birds and 4 dogs"

Q: What was your favorite grade so far?

A: "7th grade"

Q: What is your favorite class?

A: "JROTC"



Sophomore Bianca Waid

Q: What is your favorite thing about sophomore year so far?

A: "Being in mixed classes from different grade levels."

Q: What's more important to you: school life or personal life?

A: "Personal life"

Q: What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?

A: "Make bracelets"

Q: What is your favorite restaurant?

A: "Ichiban"

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Audrey Camberg

Meet a New Rampage Reporter

BIANCA WAID STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Q: Who are you as a person?

A: "Outgoing and creative."

Q: What is your favorite trait about yourself?

A: "Not afraid to try something new."

Q: Where do you go after school?

A: "Swim practice and musical !"

Q: When do you get home from school due to traffic?

A: "I'm a bus rider."

Q: If you do a sport what is it and why?

A: "No sport clicked for me other than swimming."

Q: How is freshman year going for you so far?

A: "It's good! I have a lot of friends in my class and it's going pretty good!"

Q: If you could change something about your 8th grade year, what would it be and why?

A: "I didn't connect with enough people, so I would connect a bit more with people."

Q: What is your favorite song?

A: "Pretty Slowly by Benson Boone."



Freshman Audrey Camberg at the beach

Q: If you go back in history to watch one of the major battles, what would you watch?

A: "The Gettysburg battle, I always found this battle interesting."

Q: If you could be an expert at something the first time you do it, what would it be?

A: Baking and cooking

Q: If you could meet a fictional character in a book or show, who?

A: "Juliet from the book series Shatter me"

Q: What makes you excited in the morning to greet the day?

A: "My dog."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Hannah Cuprik

Meet a New Rampage Reporter

KAYLEN RASMUSSEN STAFF WRITER

Q: What's your favorite kind of music?

A: "Video games soundtracks."

Q: How do you relax?

A: "Talking to friends or drawing."

Q: What's a pet peeve of yours?

A: "When there's a bad driver or slow walkers."

Q: One thing you want to try that you've never done before?

A: "Go on a big roller coaster."

Q: What language would you like to speak?

A: "French."

Q: What's your favorite color?

A: "Pink or sea green."

Q: How was your first week?

A: "Overwhelming."

Q: Favorite animal?

A: "Cheeta."

Q: Favorite Season?

A: "Fall and summer."

Q: Favorite class?

A: "Journalism and science."



Freshman Hannah Cuprik at her home

Q: Hobbies?

A: "Doodling and playing video games."

Q: Food you don't like that everyone else likes?

A: "Sushi."

Q: Worst habit?

A: "Nail picking."

Q: When is your birthday?

A: "May 3rd."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Lorelei Hart

Meet a New Freshman Reporter

SOPHIE ILGAZ STAFF WRITER

Q: If you could describe yourself as a color, what color would you be?

A: "If I were a color, I would probably be the color orange."

Q: What is a random talent that you have?

A: "I'm insanely good at making beds, like hotel style."

Q: How would you describe yourself?"

A: "Friendly, approachable, chill, kind."

Q: What would be your idea of a happy place?

A: "My idea of a happy place would probably be hiking in the mountains because its so relaxing and I really enjoy it."

Q: How do you think other people see you?

A: "I think people see me as a chill and approachable person, I think I'm pretty lowkey and relaxed to other people."

Q: What's one thing in middle school that you regret?"

A: "One thing in middle school that I regret is definitely not working as hard academically. I wasn't as locked in as I wanted to be."

Q: What is something in your life you really want to do?

I really want to try skydiving or something that involves me being in the air.



Freshman Lorelei Hart at the beach

Q: What is your favorite subject in school?

A: My favorite is history because my teacher is really nice and I like learning about historical things.

Q: What makes school a place you like to go to?

A: I enjoy seeing my friends at school and talking to them.

Q: Do you see yourself as more of an introvert or an extrovert?"

A: I would see myself as more of an extrovert. I really like to talk to people and get to know them.

Q: Do you like to have a scheduled day or just kind of let the day unfold by itself?"

A: I like to let the day unfold by itself because i like to be surprised of what will happen next.

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Sophie Ilgaz

Meet a New Rampage Reporter

LORELEI HART STAFF WRITER

Q: When is your birthday and where were you born?

A: "I was born in Turkey on December 18, 2011."

Q: What is your favorite weird food combination?

A: "Yogurt and pickles with salt and pepper."

Q: What is your favorite band, singer, or type of music?

A: "My favorite band is Radiohead and my favorite type of music is probably Indie."

Q: Describe your family.

A: "Definitely chaotic and diverse with opinions."

Q: What is your all time favorite movie?

A: "The fourth Harry Potter."

Q: What is your favorite thing to do outside?

A: "I like to run."

Q: If you could go back in time and start practicing a sport from a young age, so you could be great now, what would it be?

A: "Volleyball, but also soccer."

Q: What is your pet peeve?

A: "When people ask obvious questions in class."



Freshman Safiye Ilgaz at photoshoot with Friends

Q: Who is your favorite actor or actress?

A: "Jennifer Lawrence."

Q: If you could marry any Disney character who would it be?

A: "Flynn Rider."

Q: What is your favorite thing to bring/buy at lunch?

A: "Any kind of pasta."

Q: If you could teach any subject what would it be?

A: "Probably English because I like words more than numbers."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Anna Jancy

Meet a New PR Freshman

LINDYN KUSH STAFF WRITER

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: "I grew up in Texas and moved to Pittsburgh at 6 and have been in Pine Richland ever since."

Q: When's your birthday?

A: "I was born October 21, 2011 and I'm the youngest in my family."

Q: What is your worst habit?

A: "My worst habit is procrastinating. I'm always waiting till the last minute to get stuff done."

Q: What is your favorite book you have ever read?

A: "I love reading the Divergent series."

Q: What do you do during your free time?

A: "Since I do volleyball a lot I always like to have time to relax and hang out with some friends."

Q: What's your favorite class and why?

A: "My favorite class is History, my friends are in it and the teacher is super nice."

Q: If you were an animal what would you be?

A: "Probably a dog because they are loving and fun."

Q: What is something you want to do when you're older?

A: "Explore more of the world, I love visiting new places and going to the beach."



Freshman Anna Jancy at her home

Q: What's your favorite color and why?

A: "My favorite color is orange because it reminds me of the sunset."

Q: What's your pet peeve?

A: "When I procrastinate and then have a bunch of work piled up."

Q: What is your favorite holiday?

A: "Probably Christmas I love spending time with family."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Lindyn Kush

Meet a Freshman in Journalism

ANNA JANCY STAFF WRITER

Q: Have you lived anywhere else besides Pittsburgh?

A: "I was born in Brooklyn, New York, and moved to Pittsburgh when I was two years old and have lived here ever since."

Q: What do you like or dislike about school so far?

A: "I enjoy the people in my classes, and I enjoy the projects that have been given out. I do not like the rush to get to classes and that I don't have much time in between."

Q: What is your worst habit?

A: "Straightening my hair every day, since it is very damaging to my hair."

Q: What is your favorite type of music?

A: "I like listening to music in different languages because I enjoy hearing different dialects and accents."

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: "I really like A Certain Hunger or Harry Potter."

Q: What is something that really annoys you?

A: "I don't like when people chew with their mouth open loudly."

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: "Dance takes up a lot of my time, so I usually don't have extra time, but if I did, I would sleep."



Freshman Lindyn Kush at a PR football game

Q: If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

A: "I would go to London because of the atmosphere and people that make it seem like a great place."

Q: Who do you look up to and why?

A: "I look up to Lana Del Ray because I really like listening to her music, and I also think that she has really good opinions on different topics."

Q: Where is your favorite place to go?

A: "I love going to my grandma's house in Italy because I get to see lots of my family, and it is really fun there."

Q: What do you want to be when you get older?

A: "I would like to be a forensic anthropologist because it seems really interesting to me."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Aaron Mancini

Meet a New Rampage Reporter

JOHN MOODY STAFF WRITER

Q: Who do you want to be?

A: "I want to pursue psychology in college."

Q: Where do you want to live?

A: "Canada"

Q: When do you want to move to Canada?

A: "When I graduate from college."

Q: Why do you want to become a psychologist?

A: "It's something that interests me. I also come from a big family of psychologists."

Q: What activities do you like?

A: "I play guitar and sing. I'm also learning the piano."

Q: What's the best thing you've done?

A: "Traveling with my family."

Q: Why did you take this class?

A: "I like to write and do research on things, especially when it's my own interests."

Q: If you could be doing anything right now, what would you do?

A: "Honestly, be outside somewhere with my friends."



Freshman Aaron Mancini fishing on a pontoon boat

Q: If you could do any skill you know nothing about, what would it be?

A: "Cooking, so I can make good food for myself when I move out eventually. I would also like to be able to make food for my roommates if I ever have them."

Q: If you could give one piece of advice, what would you say?

A: "If there's something you've been meaning to do, don't put it off because you're too scared or lazy. The best thing you can do is to get started on it as fast as you can."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Kasey Meyers

Meet a New Rampage Reporter

REAGAN STRAUB STAFF WRITER

Q: Who do you look up to?

A: "My older sister. She has always been one of my best friends and she's taught me everything about myself."

Q: What's your biggest pet peeve?

A: "When people chew really loud and breath super loud. It just bothers me for some reason."

Q: Who do you think is your biggest supporter? Why?

A: "My friends. They have always been there for me, cheering me on."

Q: What's your favorite food?

A: "I really like pickles."

Q: What's your idea of a perfect day?

A: "Getting a coffee and going to a bookstore."

Q: If you could tell your past self anything what would it be?

A: "I would say to talk to more people because you never know when you need a friend or someone else does."

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: "I like to read, talk to friends, and watch 'Greys Antamony.'"



Freshman Kasey Meyers in her home

Q: What makes you excited?

A: "Hanging out with friends or buying a new book."

Q: What's your favorite book?

A: "Binding 13 by Chloe Walsh."

Q: What's your bad habit?

A: "Forgetting to turn the lights off."

Q: What's your favorite animal and why?

A: "I love dogs. I am such a dog person. I feel like they are so sweet, smart and they are lovely companions."

Q: How would you describe yourself?

A: "I would describe myself as funny, friendly, and smart."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: John Moody

Meet a Freshman in Journalism One

AARON MANCINI STAFF WRITER

Q: Are you a morning person or a night person?

A: "Night person."

Q: What is your favorite season and why?

A: "Fall, I like the leaves."

Q: What would you do with a million dollars?

A: "I would pay for college and put the rest into savings."

Q: Dogs or cats and why?

A: "Dogs, I like how joyful they seem."

Q: Do you have a favorite childhood memory?

A: "Going to Disney with my mom and dad."

Q: Do you prefer to be around people or by yourself in your free time?

A: "By myself."

Q: Are you a city person or a country person and why?

A: "Either one, cities are packed but there's a lot of people you could meet, country is the opposite. I see the good in both of them."

Q: What is your favorite music artist and why?

A: "U2, my dad introduced me to them."

Q: Who is someone you look up to?

A: "My dad."

Q: What is your favorite vacation spot?

A: "Lake Chautauqua."



Freshman John Moody his sisters

Q: What is your favorite TV show/movie and what do you like most about it?

A: "Adults, I just find it really funny."

Q: What is your favorite holiday?

A: "Halloween."

Q: What is your favorite activity outside of school?

A: "Swimming."

Q: How many siblings do you have?

A: "Two sisters, one is my twin and one is older."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Eshna Patel

Meet New Rampage Freshman

JULIA RIPPOLE STAFF WRITER

Q: How do you like school so far?

A: "It is definitely different than middle school, but I like the freedom."

Q: What is your worst habit?

A: "Staying up on school nights."

Q: What is your favorite weird food combination?

A: "Fries and ice cream."

Q: Who is your favorite band/singer?

A: "The Weeknd."

Q: What is your most embarrassing moment?

A: "When I accidentally almost trip over air in the hallways."

Q: Describe your family.

A: "I have 2 siblings, one older sister and one younger brother my family is very chaotic and loud."

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: "Lie in my bed and watch TikTok."

Q: Why did you choose to take journalism

A: "I thought it would be fun, and I wanted to take a writing class."

Q: What job do you want in the future?

A: "Law or finance."



Freshman Eshna Patel at Disney World

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: "Picking Daisies on Sundays."

Q: What is your favorite Disney movie?

A: "Rapunzel; it has been my favorite Disney movie since I was younger."

Q: What is your favorite class subject?

A: "English, because I like writing."

Q: Do you like going to the beach or swimming more?

A: "I like the beach and swimming equally because I like the sand at the beach but swimming in a pool is also very fun."

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Staff Spotlight: Kaylen Rasmussen

Meet a New Freshman

JOSIE CHRISTY STAFF WRITER

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: "Green and purple."

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: "Wings of Fire. It is a book series."

Q: Who is your favorite music artist?

A: "I love listening to Stomach Book."

Q: What is your favorite hobby?

A: "I like to do art, but I especially like drawing in my free time."

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: "Tacos."

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?

A: "People who chew loudly. It grosses me out."

Q: Who do you look up to the most?

A: "I look up to my family members."

Q: Do you have any siblings?

A: "Nope. And I don't really wish I did because I enjoy being an only child."

Q: Do you speak any other languages?

A: "Nope, but if I could learn any language I would want to learn Spanish."

Q: How has your freshman year been so far?

A: "Good, but pretty busy."



Freshman Leah and Kaylen (on the right)

Q: What is your favorite class so far?

A: "My foundations of studio art class with Mrs. Andreassi."

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: "Yes! I have two black cats named Batman and Crow."

Q: Did you travel anywhere fun this summer?

A: "I went to Lake Erie. We didn't swim in the water though because it was a bit too dirty."

Q: If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you want to go?

A: "I would like to go to Alaska. Ever since I was little, I have always wanted to go there and see the Husky races. I also love going to colder places, so I think Alaska would be super fun!"

Q: What would you like to be when you're older?

A: "I'm not too sure what I would like to do specifically, but I think I would like to do something with art."

Q: Finally, what are three words that describe you?

A: "I would say creative, funny, and kind."

PR People

Staff Spotlight: Julia Rippole

Meet a New Rampage Reporter

ESHNA PATEL STAFF WRITER

Q: What is your idea of relaxation?

A: "Laying in my bed on my phone watching Tiktok,"

Q: Describe an embarrassing moment.

A: "When I was running and face planted in Target in front of a group of people."

Q: Where in the world would you like to live?

A: "The beach in South Carolina,"

Q: What kind of career are you looking toward in the future?

A: "Going to a university to major in Nursing"

Q: What is something your passionate about?

A: "Softball and getting good grades."

Q: What is something people our age should care more about?

A: "Their future."

Q: What invention do you wish existed?

A: "A fridge that restocks itself."

Q: What made you want to take journalism?

A: "My sister recommended it and said it was a fun class."

Q: What is one thing that can make our school better?

A: "Being more considerate."

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: "Hunger Games."

Q: What is your favorite type of music?

A: "I like listening to all kinds of music."

Q: What is your favorite weird food combination?

A: "Cheezits dipped in milk."

Q: Who are your favorite singers?

A: "Pearl jam, the Lumineers, and Zach Bryan."



Freshman Julia in New York

Q: Pick three adjectives that describe you.

A: "Kind, energetic, and generous."

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: "White."

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: "Lie in my bed on my phone or hang out with friends."

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Staff Spotlight: Reagan Straub

Meet a New Rampage Reporter

KASEY MEYERS STAFF WRITER

Q: What's your worst habit?

A: "I bite my nails and pull at my eyelashes."

Q: What's your number one pet peeve?

A: "I don't like it when people chew and burp really loud."

Q: What are three words that describe you best?

A: "Outgoing, funny, and smart."

Q: If you could be anywhere right now, where would you go?

A: "Probably my bed."

Q: If you could be any animal, what animal would you be?

A: "A unicorn, so I would be the only unicorn in the world."

Q: Who are your favorite song artists?

A: "Probably Arianna Grande, Olivia Rodrigo, and older music."

Q: What song describes your life best and why?

A: "End of Beginning by Djo, because I always try new things and start something new."

Q: Who is your role model and why?

A: "Either my mom or my grandma because they both are hard working and have always been there for me."

Q: If you could be any person, dead or alive, who would you be?

A: "I would be myself in every life because I don't see myself as anyone else."



Freshman Reagan Straub in Alabama

Q: What talents do you have?

A: "I'm good at drawing."

Q: What is your favorite tv show or movie?

A: "Wednesday."

Q: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

A: "I will be very successful as a lawyer or something in criminology."

Q: What ice cream flavor describes you best?

A: "Mint chocolate chip because most people don't like it but once they try it more, they like it."

Q: If you had one superpower what would it be?

A: "Invisibility."

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Staff Spotlight: Jill Troupe

Meet a New Freshman Rampage Reporter

KAIA WILSON STAFF WRITER

Q: What's your favorite season of the year?

A: "Summer, because I like to swim and hang out with my friends at any point in time."

Q: What's your favorite store at the mall?

A: "American Eagle."

Q: What's your dream?

A: "To own a cat."

Q: What's the most satisfying sound for you?

A: "Listening to bubble pops."

Q: What's your favorite book?

A: "The Hunger Games."

Q: What's your favorite music artist?

A: "I don't have one; I listen to everything, whether it's pop or anything else."

Q: What's your funniest childhood memory?

A: "My eighth-period English class in eighth grade. Shoutout to the interviewer, Kaia, for making it fun. And others that will not be named."

Q: What's your biggest goal in life?

A: "Go to college and get a good job to move far, far away."

Q: If you were a song, what song would you be?

A: "I Will Get Back Up Again from Trolls, because it's inspiring and has a good message."



Jill at Graceland in Memphis Tennessee

Q: What's an effect you want to have on the world?

A: "A positive one."

Q: Who do you look up to?

A: "Michelle Obama."

Q: What class holds the most meaning to you and why?

A: "Math, because it's where I accomplish the most."

Q: Have you ever looked at a piece of writing and understood it on another level?

A: "Yes, every piece has a target audience, and it depends on who the reader is."

Q: Why do you think you're a good person?

A: "I'm always aiming to include new people, like how the new kid currently sits at my lunch table."

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Staff Spotlight: Kaia Wilson

Meet a Freshman Rampage Reporter

JILL TROUPE STAFF WRITER

Q: Where were you born?

A: "San Francisco, California"

Q: What electives did you take?

A: "Gym, study hall, French, and Journalism."

Q: What is your favorite vacation/trip that you've taken?

A: "I loved my Europe trip. I went to London, Paris, Mallorca, and Amsterdam."

Q: Who is your favorite music artist?

A: "Olivia. Rodrigo."

Q: If you could choose, what would be your last meal?

A: "Crab claws, Raising Cane's Texas toast, unlimited Starbucks, and every cake I can find."

Q: Do you have a hidden talent, and if so, then what is it?

A: "I'm double jointed, and I also know how to juggle."

Q: If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

A: "I would live in Greece because it's very pretty."

Q: What is your favorite childhood memory?

A: "During my 5th birthday party- which was Ariel themed btw- my brother blew out my candles, and I punched him."



Freshman Kaia Wilson in Cook Forest during summer camp

Q: What is your favorite sport and sports team to watch?

A: "If I'm watching hockey, I like the Pens. If it's football, I like the Eagles."

Q: Describe your ideal weekend.

A: "My ideal weekend would be to sleep in Saturday, then go get my nails done. On Sunday, I would also sleep in, and then I would have brunch with friends."

Q: What is your biggest regret?

A: "I regret ending a friendship I shouldn't have ended."

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World News

Devastation and Desolation: Consider Donating to Help Heal Nepal

TISHA JOSHI FREELANCE REPORTER

IS IT WEIRD to want to live in Kansas to experience tornadoes, or live in Hawaii to experience tsunamis, or live in Florida to experience hurricanes, or live in California to experience a tsunami? Yes, that may seem absurd: why would you want to experience life-threatening storms when you can stay in a place like Pittsburgh, where the only real threat from nature is the oh-so-terrifying...thunderstorms?

But there is a thrill, a thrill of experiencing a simply bizarre phenomenon that we in Pennsylvania rarely experience. That was what I have thought for the longest time...

Until August 26, 2026.

That day, my homeland of Nepal was flooded, and when I saw the videos of the flood, my jaw dropped below the floor of my house, close to the Earth's core. Imagine this: you are at the high school, and the final bell rings, freeing you from the hard tests you had to take in many classes. Gathering your belongings, you race to the main lobby to

frantically ask your peers, "What did you get for #8? That last problem was so hard! When did we even learn that?" You leave the building, hoping that the anticipated bad grade will be the worst part of your day and your day will only go uphill from there. It isn't until you hear the shrill of students looking back and dashing towards the buses that you snap out of your thoughts. *Why are they screaming? Why are they so eager to go to the buses?* You then realize that they aren't sprinting because they are eager to go home - they are sprinting *from* something. Your head turns to see it - a wave filled with rocks, dust, and debris, the largest wave you have ever seen, towering above the building quickly. You try to run, but within seconds, the wave swallows you and the rest of the school.

Now, forget Florida, forget California.



60-year-old woman saved after 10 days trapped in a flooded house



Pictures from Nepal



World News

I don't want to experience floods anymore... not to mention tornadoes, or tsunamis, or hurricanes, or earthquakes.

Nepal doesn't want to either. They have dealt with frequent earthquakes and occasional floods during the Monsoon season, but not with the devastation this recent flood has caused. On August 26, 2026, Nepal faced one of the deadliest floods in many years, with an impact on an unprecedented scale. More than 1,300 people were reported dead, 5,000 reported missing, 40 bridges destroyed, 900 workers trapped in tunnels, and the number is rising. With bridges and buildings destroyed, citizens are trapped in desolation without a path to flee, their survival rates decreasing by the day. The flood began when chunks of high-altitude glaciers and mountain peaks in the Himalayas broke off, plunging with the force of a 5.2 earthquake, pulverizing rock and ice into a concrete-like mass and picking up sediment and debris, turning it into a muddy flood. Donations are crucial in this time of crisis. Every penny, every dollar counts and will make a huge difference. For example, one dollar equals 153 rupees, enough to buy 10 1-liter water bottles. Consider donating to the Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF) online with the QR code.

BBF GLOBAL RELIEF

— BROTHER'S BROTHER FOUNDATION —

Brother's Brother Foundation Logo



Scan the QR code to donate to the Brother's Brother Foundation, which collects donations to support disaster relief around the globe.

- 1. On the Gift Designation tab, select "Nepal Relief."*
 - 2. Fill out the required information for the donation.*
 - 3. Write "PR" in the Memo/Note tab.*
- You may also donate cash in the buckets that are located in the main office, guidance office, or library.*



Watch from 0:40 to 1:10 to see the flood in action, as shown in a CBS News report

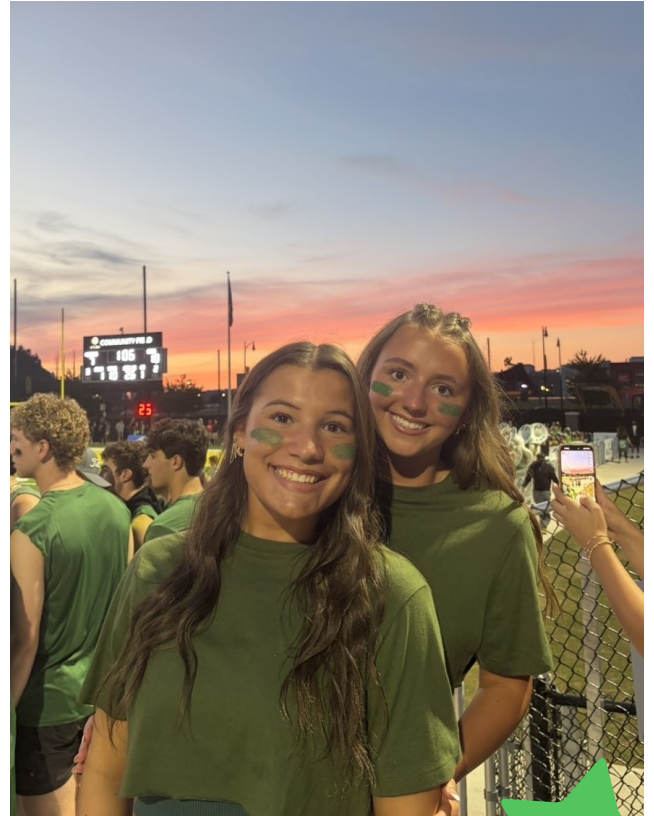
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