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# Welcome Back Bridgers!

## BACK-TO-SCHOOl

By: Isabella Evans & Taryn Wise

Back to school is a fresh start with the promise of new routines and the fun of seeing friends again. Returning to the classroom can be hard for some students and easier for others but it's important everyone shows up. A new school year starting is a chance to hit the reset button and dive into subjects that might spark your interest. Cheers to hoping the 26-27 school year is a great year!



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## Newspaper "The Silhouette" is BACK!

By: Layla Miskiel




Welcome back to Ambridge Area High school's newspaper 2026-2027. Newspaper is back for the year after a long summer, and we are all excited to be a part of making it! If anyone has anyone questions about newspapers or article suggestions, contact our Editor Eden DeMuth or Mrs. Williams in room 229. There are plenty of things to look forward to this school year like Homecoming, seasonal sports, different clubs, and other fun activities that we will be talking about in our newspaper to give further information. Our class consists of many talented writers with bright ideas. In newspaper, we have Evan Francis, our president; Joe Leseiko, our vice president; Eden DeMuth, our editor; McKenzie Waters, our secretary; and Lila Catalano, our treasurer. Overall, newspaper is a fun environment to be in and to share your thoughts!

Have an amazing year!

# BRIDGERS BUILD UP!

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## BOYS GOLF 2026 Class 2A–Section 6 Co-Champions!

By: Chance Parish
& Colton Wetzel



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS for the boys' Golf Team and Coach Yanessa for earning the title of the 2026 Class 2A–Section 6 Co-Champions! We are so PROUD of your accomplishments!

Bridgers build an impressive 9-2 record while getting key contributions from throughout the lineup

The Ambridge boys golf team has come out of the gate firing this season, putting together an impressive 9-2 record through its first 11 matches.

The Bridgers started the season strong, reaching 4-0 after victories over South Side and Hopewell. On August 18, Ambridge defeated South Side 215-269, with seniors Emmitt, Jack, and Charlie leading the way. Jack and Charlie both shot 38, while Emmitt posted a 41.

The team continued its winning streak with a 209-239 victory over Hopewell, bringing its record to 4-0. Ambridge later defeated Beaver Falls 203-255, with Emmitt shooting a team-low 38. Jack, Gavin, and Chuck each finished with 41.

Ambridge also picked up victories over Lincoln Park and New Brighton. Against Lincoln Park, the Bridgers won 208-261, with Emmitt shooting 39, Charlie 40, and Jack 41. The team followed that performance with a 202-214 win over New Brighton, one of its closest matches of the season.

One of the biggest strengths of this year's team has been its depth. Different players have stepped up throughout the season, with scores frequently landing in the high 30s and low 40s. On September 10, Jack and Liam both shot 37, followed by Charlie with 38, Emmitt with 41, and Gavin with 43 in a 196-258 win over Rochester.

The team's success has also carried over into larger competitions. At the MAC results, three Ambridge golfers recorded scores of 81, 83, and 81, while the team finished in the middle of the field.

Beyond the scorecards, the team appears to have developed strong chemistry. Photos from the season show the players celebrating victories together, traveling to matches, and supporting one another throughout the season.

With a 9-2 record, several close rounds, and contributions from players throughout the lineup, Ambridge boys golf has established itself as a competitive team early in the season. The Bridgers will look to keep the momentum going as they move toward the postseason.



# Labor Day:
# A Celebration of American Workers

By: Evan Francis & Joe Leseiko

Labor Day is a federal holiday celebrated each year on the first Monday of September. While many people see it as the unofficial end of summer, the holiday has a deeper meaning: recognizing the contributions of American workers.

Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894 after the labor movement pushed for better working conditions, fair pay and reasonable working hours. Workers across the country had spent years organizing and protesting for changes in the workplace.

Today, Labor Day is celebrated in many different ways. Some families use the long weekend to travel, have cookouts or spend time with friends. For others, it is simply a chance to enjoy a day away from school or work.

For students, Labor Day can also be a reminder of the many people who keep communities running every day. Teachers, nurses, firefighters, police officers, construction workers, restaurant employees and countless others contribute to their communities through their work.

Although the holiday has become associated with the end of summer, its original purpose remains important. Labor Day gives Americans an opportunity to recognize the work and contributions of people across the country.

# 9/11: 25th Anniversary

McKenzie Waters & Kelsey Krokonko

September 11, 2001, was a tragic day in American history that changed the country forever. On that day, terrorists hijacked four airplanes and attacked important locations in the United States, including the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon. Around 3,000 people lost their lives, including civilians, firefighters, police officers, and other first responders. The attacks brought fear and sadness to people across the country, but they also showed how people could come together to help one another. 9/11 is remembered as a day of loss, courage, and unity.




# BRIDGERS DON'T BULLY

By: Aryanna Monaci and Olivia Kalkhof

Bullying is a repeating process where an individual is mocked or offended by a peer or peers. If you or someone you know is being bullied telling a trusted adult is the best way solve your situation. If bullying ever starts to affect your wellbeing we recommend taking a trip to Mrs. Benedicts or Mrs. P's office. Another option would be to pick up a bullying report form in the guidance or main office. Bullying is NOT okay and can make people feel like they're in the wrong for existing. You don't want to be the reason someone dreads coming to school. If you don't have something nice to say don't say it at all.

# BRIDGER PRIDE!

# OPEN HOUSE

By: Lily Salopek & Evie Bogati

**The Ambridge Area High School Open House on September 2nd had a great turnout! Parents say the staff, school, and classes are great. Our staff showed guardians and parents what students will be doing in class and what kind of learning environment they will be in this year. Open house gave guardians a lot to look forward to this school year such as interactive activities in classrooms, new discipline rules, and reward systems. This is a great opportunity to bring families, students, and teachers together and encourage meaningful involvement from the entire school community.**

# CLUBS

By: Gianna Iorfido & Mikennly Johnson

**Here at Ambridge Area High School we offer a variety of clubs to choose from: Thespians, Ski Club, Art Club, Bible Club, Yearbook, TLC, Robotics, and many more. Here is an interview from Lydia Pintur and Zoe Blum, the President and Vice President of Science Club.**

**Question: What do you do in science club?**
**Zoe: We do research and experiments.**
**Lydia: We also collect stuff and we are going on a field trip.**
**Q: What's your favorite part about science club?**
**Zoe: The people.**
**Lydia: It's a good way to bond with the people who have similar interests.**

**Clubs are something colleges look for frequently. Clubs are a great way to connect with others and meeting people who like similar things than you.**

**Join a club today!**




## CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

By: Eden DeMuth

Looking for something fun to do while celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month? The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh is hosting a Hispanic Heritage Celebration on Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The event will feature a variety of activities that celebrate Hispanic and Latino culture. Visitors can enjoy Latin music and dancing, dance lessons with Flamenco Pittsburgh, Spanish-interpreted museum tours, and hands-on screen printing.

The celebration gives visitors a chance to experience different parts of Hispanic culture through music, dance, art, and other activities. It is also an opportunity to learn something new while spending time with friends and family.

# OPINION SECTION

## Are Vape Detectors the Best Solution?

**By: Domonic Pringle & Ja'von Monroe**

**Vape detectors aren't good in school. First, they don't solve anything. Vapes still get into school everyday. I can get close to the detector, blow my breath, and here comes the cop and principal coming to search you. It's a waste of of money and doesn't help understand why kids are vaping.**

**Instead of relying mainly on punishment and detection, schools could also focus on prevention, education, and support. Schools could offer educational programs that explain the health effects of vaping and nicotine addiction. Students who are already addicted to nicotine could be given access to counseling or programs that help them quit rather than only receiving punishment. Vape detectors may be one tool schools can use, but they should not be the only solution.**