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Seniors Celebrate Under the Friday Night Lights One Last Time

JULIA JAKOVAC STAFF WRITER

The Pine-Richland Stadium was filled with emotion and pride as the Rams celebrated Senior Night during their final home game on Friday, October 16. The atmosphere reflected years of hard work, passion, and unity shared across the entire community.

Before kickoff, the spotlight belonged entirely to the senior football players and cheerleaders. Walking down the field arm-in-arm with their parents and families, the seniors were greeted by loud cheers from a proud home crowd. Each name announced brought a new wave of applause, honoring the countless hours spent practicing, competing, and representing their school with pride. For these student-athletes, the pregame ceremony was far more than a simple tradition; it was a heartfelt recognition of the dedication, sacrifice, and growth that brought them to this milestone moment.

Equally significant to the night were the families standing beside them. Years of driving to early morning practices, cheering from the stands in all weather conditions, and supporting every high and low culminated in this shared walk down the field. The strong bond between the seniors and their families served as a powerful reminder that behind every player on the field and cheerleader on the sideline is an unwavering, dedicated support system.

For the Class of 2027, that final walk under the stadium lights marked a meaningful conclusion to their home high school careers. It stood as a lasting celebration of tight-knit community, family love, and unforgettable shared memories that will endure long after the game ends.



Jonathan Tourney's Mom and Brother



Senior Reese Parkhill and her family

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Senior Zach Nicely and his family



Senior Charley White and her family



Senior Harlo Miller and her family



Senior Chris Lenz and his family

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Athlete Spotlight:

Interview with Football Player Kaedan Taylor

COOPER STISCAK STAFF WRITER



A group of Pine-Richland football players

Q: Friday night against North Hills is not just another game on the schedule since the section championship is on the line. What is the feeling around the locker room this week leading up to kickoff?

A: "The energy in the building has been crazy all week long. Everyone on this team understands how much this game means for our season goals. We set out back in June to win a section title, so having that opportunity right in front of us gets everybody fired up. You can definitely just tell practice has had a much higher level of focus."

Q: Does facing a former coach change how you guys prepare or execute on the field?

A: "It definitely adds a whole different layer of excitement to the matchup. A lot of the guys know Coach K and understand the kind of intensity his teams bring every single week. He knows our tradition and how this program operates, but at the end of the day, it comes down to who executes better for four quarters. We had to be smart and change some signals and other things around in order to be sure they didn't catch on, but once game day arrives, the better team will win."

Q: North Hills brings a physical style of football into every game they play. What will be the most critical factor for the defense to control the game early?

A: "Setting the tone on the line of scrimmage during the first two drives is going to dictate everything. If our front 7 can stop their run game early and force them into long passing situations, we put ourselves in a great position. We just need to play fast, trust our keys, and play physical football from the opening kickoff until the final whistle."

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Opinion

What's PR's Favorite Sport?

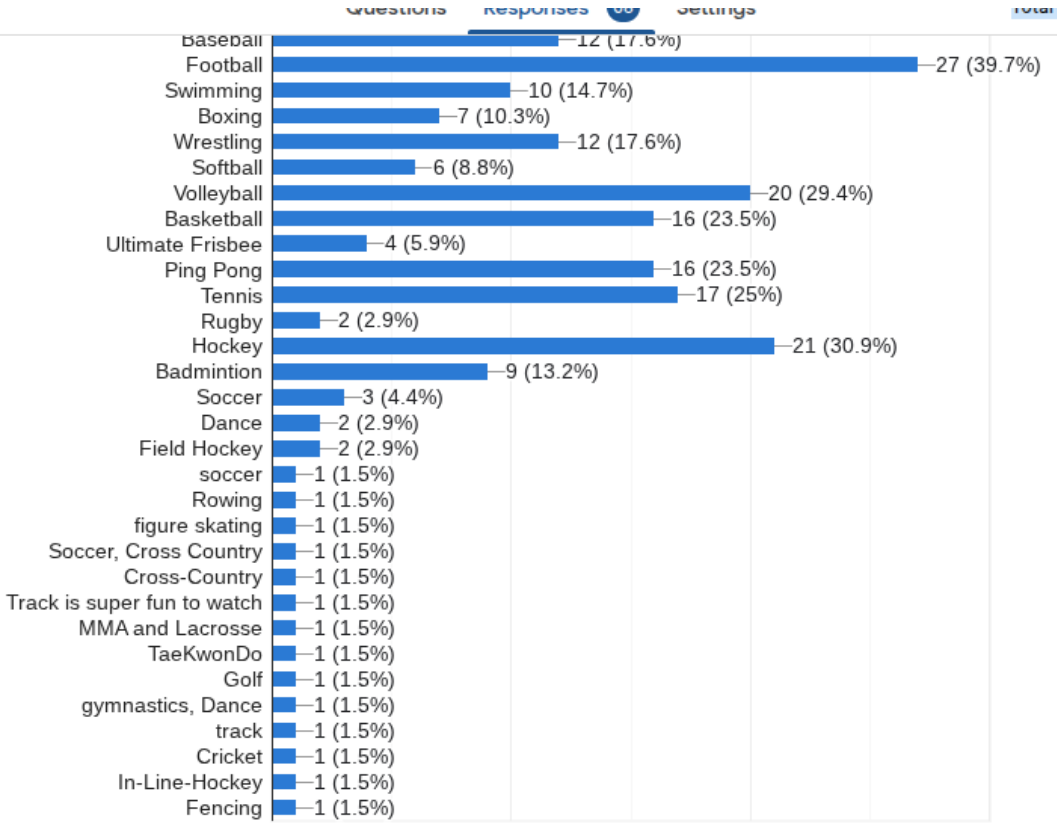
Weekly Poll Reveals Most Loved Games to Play & Watch

BIANCA WAID STAFF WRITER

Welcome back everyone, to the weekly rankings of certain things; this week is SPORTS. We all love some sports, whether we are watching them or playing them. The fun thing about this topic is which one is the most entertaining. So I sent out a google form to see what PR thinks, just like the Halloween candy one, which you LOVED that one, and 68 of you responded. I'm happy to see that you loved this one too! So let's get started on which sport got first place! Drumroll, please.

First place goes to **FOOTBALL.** We all love watching football, especially at the football games! It is the most entertaining to watch, and it's a good sport to play, too.

Moving on to the second-place sport is **HOCKEY**. I was surprised; I thought that hockey was one of the underrated sports, but I'm so glad students see it as entertaining as I do. Now going on to third place...**VOLLEYBALL:** I love volleyball, and I think it is so fun to play, and I'm so thrilled it got third place.



Survey Answers

Fourth place is **Tennis.** Personally, I never saw tennis getting votes, but I'm glad to see it is liked here. I see you, tennis players!! Fifth place is tied, and the two sports that are tied for it are **BASKETBALL** AND **PING PONG.** I personally LOVE ping pong; don't you worry, ping pongers, it is finally being seen. I think it is so fun, and I'm glad it's not as underrated as I thought it would be. Same with basketball; I think it is entertaining to watch, but personally, playing it just never made sense to me when I played. But concluding this week's opinionated article, if you have any topics you would like to vote on, let me or Mrs. Harshman know. We love to hear from you; I'll hear from you guys next week!

PR Local

Beyond the Script

Meet the Cast of PR's Annual Fall Play

ABBY HENGELSBERG STAFF WRITER

"Bring tissues" was senior Loren Prisuta's response to the question, "What would you tell someone considering seeing Pine-Richland's Fall Play, *Little Women*?"

On November 20th and 21st, our school's rendition of *Little Women* will hit PR's auditorium stage, a show that the cast described as "gut-wrenching" (Madison Homer) and "extremely different from years prior" (Saf Cadenhead). The play, which follows the March sisters' journey through girlhood, features many talented actors and actresses. I was fortunate enough to meet with a few to discuss their experience with the play, and learn more about what this year's show has to offer.

The cast was excited to give our journalism class the opportunity to learn about the inner workings of a show that requires collaboration, trial and error, and trust. Though they elaborated heavily on some of the challenges that come with creating the show, including pre-show anxiety, extensive rehearsals, and a commonly occuring "PR plague" hitting around showtime, they also spoke highly of how the Fall Play has positively shaped their high school experience.



Seniors Julia Jakovac, Maddy Homer, Raegan Dosch, Bailey Crist, and Loren Prisuta



Senior Maddy Homer and Aj Horrocks

"Doing what I love with the people that I love" responded Raegan Dosch, when asked what her favorite part of participating was.

It became immediately evident that the actors and actresses had learned and gained so much from joining the Fall Play. The play builds community within our school, uniting different people from different grades, interests, and abilities. But, the play also unites the community beyond PRHS. The show brings the audience together, a "rollercoaster of emotions" (Julia) and scenes that seem too professional for high schoolers to create. They also discussed how acting has developed their skills both in acting and public speaking.

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Little Women centers around the March sisters: Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy, all with different personalities and interests. This can challenge the actresses playing them to step into a role that requires them to fully understand their character.

Meg, played by Julia, is the oldest, a kind-hearted and loving role that puts others before herself.

Jo, played by Loren, is the independent, driven sister that "wants to change the world for women" as Loren described.

Beth, played by Bailey, is the heart of the family, and Amy, played by Maddy, has a passion to be grown-up and speaks her mind.

Regardless of their role, every cast member has a genuine connection to their character. A piece of art that has been visioned, crafted, revised, and perfected such as the Fall Play serves as a reminder that creativity and collaboration prevails no matter what.



Action Picture of Fall Cast of Seniors Julia Jakovac and Loren Prisuta

"LITTLE WOMEN" FALL PLAY: NOVEMBER 19 AND 20 @ PINE RICHLAND HIGH-SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Opinion

Star Wars Episodes Ratings

Which is the best, and which is the worst?

JOHN MOODY STAFF WRITER

Episode IV: A New Hope

A New Hope started one of the most famous franchises in the world, but how does it rate out of 10? Of course, seeing how George Lucas had a limited budget back in 1980, the CGI and overall production will not be the best. Despite that fact, A New Hope is still a very good movie with lots of fun scenes and memorable quotes. My favorite part is the character introductions. Every character has the perfect intentions, actions, and outfits that were needed to match George Lucas' intentions. However, some of my least favorite parts include the clumsy dialogue. If this movie were made in 2026, it wouldn't have made nearly as much money as it did simply because of the clunky lines. Overall, I would say the movie is a solid 7.5/10 and my second favorite movie of the trilogy.



Star Wars episodes



Star Wars Poster

Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back

Empire Strikes Back is the highest-rated Star Wars film out of the trilogy, and for good reason. The budget increase from A New Hope to The Empire Strikes Back really let Lucas give the audience what he was intending: a revolutionary movie that shaped pop culture. Everything I loved about A New Hope was amplified in The Empire Strikes Back times 10. I love the characters even more, the action is better, and the overall plot is more solid than A New Hope. My biggest issue with the last movie was the dialogue, and this movie completely erases that issue with ease. This movie shows how genius director George Lucas is, with the freedom and budget to shoot how he intended. This is the best of the trilogy in my opinion, 9/10.

Opinion

Episode VI: Return of the Jedi

Return of the Jedi is arguably one of the most famous movies of all time; sadly, that hype is a little overrated in my opinion. Despite it being a little overrated, it's still a very fun movie to watch with family and friends. My favorite part of the movie is the main character, Luke Skywalker; this movie is the perfect conclusion for his character. His choice not to kill Palpatine or Darth Vader because it goes against his views is one of the best moments in all of Star Wars. However, my least favorite parts of the movie are all the unnecessary decisions they made. Palpatine felt like he came out of nowhere, and it made no sense for none of the other movies to even mention him. I understand that Palpatine was probably included to set up the prequels, but he wasn't as fleshed out as he could have been and made Darth Vader look weak for no reason. Another unnecessary decision the movie made was making Luke and Leia twins; it didn't seem like it added anything to the movie, and it wouldn't have affected much if they just left them as friends. But overall, it's still a great movie, 7/10.



Luke Skywalker in Return of The Jedi

First Hip-Hop Club Performance is January 9th

If you want to join or have any questions email Gia Leone at her PR Rams email

PR Students

One Question, 20 Students

A Glimpse Into Different Perspectives

ESHNA PATEL STAFF WRITER

What is something you wish you knew before starting high school?

Freshmen Julia Rippole
"Freshmen Fridays are not real and you won't actually get shoved into a locker. It is a lot more work and responsibility than middle school, you need to use your time wisely and get your work done."

Freshmen Lorelei Hart
"It is pretty different compared to middle school but it isn't as scary as people make it seem. It is also super important to stay organized and not procrastinate."

Freshmen Brooke Donatelli
"It is so important to join clubs or sports since you can meet so many people and learn new things. Everyone is nervous at the same time and it is so relieving to get involved."

Freshmen Sydney Cugliari
"I wish I prepared for tests more in advance and studied earlier. I have studied the night before and did not do very well and did not learn anything. I should have knew how different high school is."

Freshmen Hadley Young
"If you play a sport or do any extracurricular, I really recommend using a study hall. You would need lots of time management if you want to do electives but I feel it is a lot better to know you have time to do your work."

Freshmen Emma Brooks
"High school has a big difference compared to middle school and I know how high school isn't as scary and not to worry too much."

Freshmen Rilyn Fossececa
"Make sure you stay caught up on your work and not fall behind."

Freshman Amelia Yuhaniak
"Asking for help isn't that embarrassing and people overreact about small things but in high school it doesn't matter as much as you think."

Freshmen Olivia Vizzini
"I wish I knew that is is so important to study in advance and not procrastinate."

Sophomore Juliana Lo
"I would not wait to study until later and join sports or clubs."

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Freshmen Mia Bittner
"You have so much more responsibility and you should keep track of upcoming assignments."

Freshmen Adalyn Gentile
"Don't procrastinate all your work and make sure to study for your tests multiple days in advance and not the night before."

Freshmen Charlie Barbiaux
"The days go by a lot quicker than you think, focus hard, and use the time you have."

Freshman John Moody
"There's not as much homework as I expected."

Freshmen Mia Barkley
"I think you should make sure to focus and pay attention in all your classes. I wish I knew how more free high school is then middle school."

Freshmen Brooke Ross
"I wish I thought more about my goals before starting high school and have better study habits in the beginning of the year to get good grades and understand material earlier."

Freshmen Isabella Campbell
"Stop caring what other people think of you."

Freshmen Hayley Buchanan
"Priortize your goals and what you need to complete to get where you want to be."

Freshmen Bayleigh Smith
"People you meet won't always be in your life forever and everyone is still growing."

Freshmen Camille Toth
"If you already have to do something give it your all and don't give up."



Freshman Eshna Patel and Belle Campbell



Freshman Eshna Patel and Hadley Young



Freshman Hadley Young, Belle Campbell, and Eshna Patel



Freshman Eshna Patel and Brooke Ross



Freshman Camille and Bayleigh Smith



Freshman Hayley Buchanan, Eshna Patel

Entertainment

Beyond The Thanksgiving Table

The History Of America's Holiday Traditions

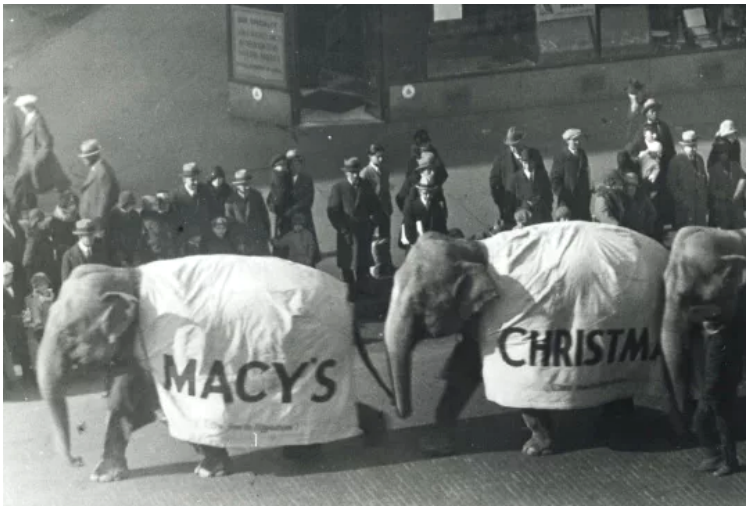
KAIA WILSON STAFF WRITER

Thanksgiving is known for its food, family traditions, and time spent together, but it holds far more to the holiday than most people realize. Many of the traditions Americans celebrate every November have interesting histories and didn't always look the way they do today. From how Thanksgiving became a national holiday to how the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began, some of the most familiar parts of the holiday have stories that might surprise people.

One person who played a large role in making Thanksgiving a national holiday was Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor who spent 36 years campaigning for it. She believed that having a national holiday of Thanksgiving could bring Americans together. In 1863, she wrote to President Abraham Lincoln, who eventually declared Thanksgiving a national holiday during the Civil War. Today, Americans celebrate Thanksgiving every year on the fourth Thursday of November.

Another Thanksgiving Day tradition with a surprising history involves the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The first parade took place in New York City in 1924, but it looked drastically different from the one people watch today. Instead of giant character balloons, the parade featured live animals borrowed from the Central Park Zoo, along with floats and performers. The first balloons didn't appear until 1927, helping turn the parade into the holiday tradition millions of people enjoy today.

Thanksgiving also hasn't always been celebrated on the same date. In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving one week earlier to give stores more time for holiday shopping during the Great Depression. However, not everyone agreed with the change, and some states continued celebrating on the original date. In 1941,



The Macy's Day Parade in 1924, which featured animals.

Congress officially established Thanksgiving as the fourth Thursday of November, which marks when Americans celebrate it today.

One thing that might surprise people is that President Abraham Lincoln didn't actually write the famous Thanksgiving proclamation himself. In 1863, Secretary of State William Seward wrote the proclamation that Lincoln issued during the Civil War. The message encouraged Americans to give thanks while also hoping for peace and healing during a time when the country stood deeply divided. This helped make Thanksgiving more than just a holiday about food, turning it into a time to reflect on unity and gratitude.

Even though many Thanksgiving traditions have changed over time, they continue to bring people together every November. From the history of the holiday itself to the parades, Thanksgiving has become much more than a big meal. Learning how these traditions began helps people better understand why people still celebrate today and how they shaped the holiday Americans know and love.

Opinion

Thanksgiving Traditions

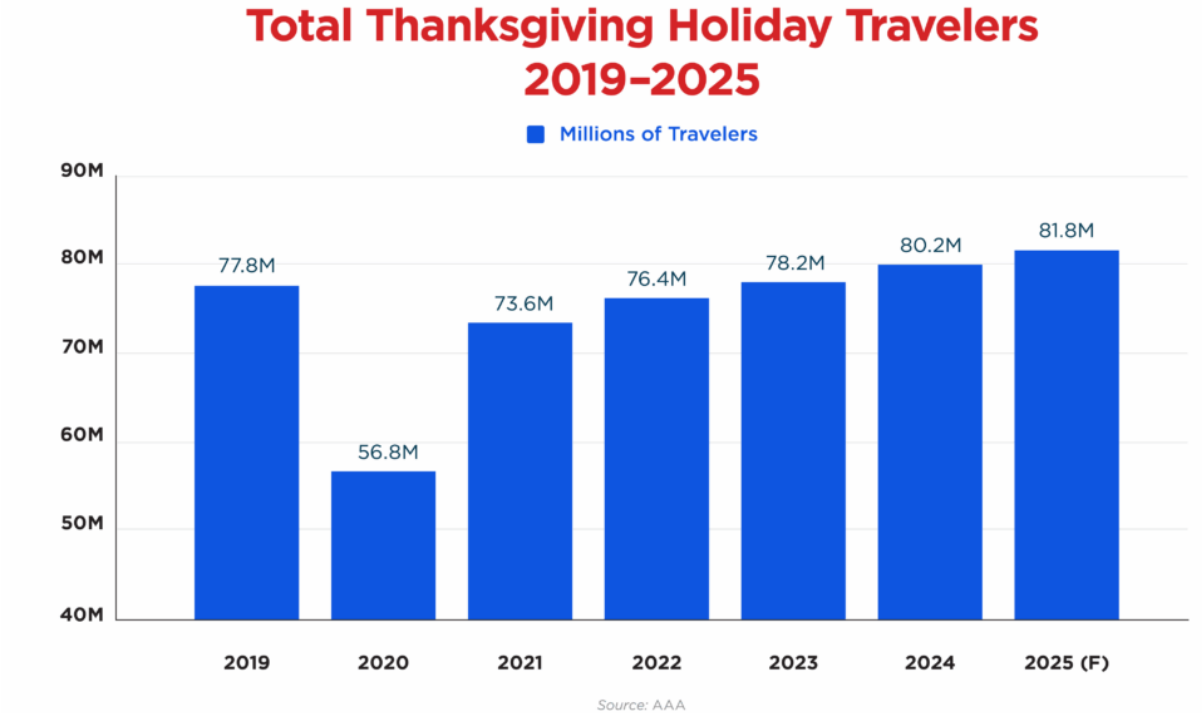
What is most popular among families?

ANNA JANCY STAFF WRITER

Many families have many different traditions for Thanksgiving. Some families go out of town, some have family over, and some watch parades or do 5K runs.

According to 12News, most families want to escape the cold weather and go somewhere warm, like different places in Florida, California, and Hawaii. Northern cities are getting colder sooner, so escaping to warmer places appeals to many people. However, some people want to go to New York City to watch the Macy's Day Parade, and there is lots of shopping you can do to get a head start on Christmas shopping. More than 17.8 million people fly, and about 73 million people drive for the Thanksgiving holiday which is stated by Autopilo+

5K runs are another popular option to participate in the week before or on Thanksgiving to offset the food they will eat or just for fun. There are races all over Pennsylvania. Some popular ones are the YMCA race in North Shore, North Park Turkey Trot, and Bethel Parks Recreation Turkey Trot. You can find other races on the Find a Race website. Most of the races are all on Thanksgiving day with some exceptions being on the week leading up to Thanksgiving. Most have an entry fee of about $17-$50 depending on when you sign up and how popular they are. Most have different age categories for men and women, and the top three finishers in each category get a prize. You can walk or run with friends or family, and some races have different lengths as well.



Cypical amounts of Thanksgiving travelers based on AAA's data

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PR Sophomore Shares Life Story

A Freelance Submission

WRITTEN BY LANDON REESE FREELANCE REPORTER

When I first walked into Pine-Richland High School on the first day of school, I took a big deep breath and I felt relieved, and I am so grateful for my hard work and my great team of adults who support me every day.

Ever since I joined PRTV Club, I have loved being on the news broadcast and reading the daily announcements and participating in so many PRTV club events.

I also signed up to take the yearbook class, which I always wanted to join. Yearbook has been my dream to take, and every home football game I have either been in the PRTV pressbox, or taking photos for the yearbook. Pine- Richland is the best place for me, and I have a lot of freedom to showcase my interests.

I love the Ohio State Buckeyes. My dad grew up and went to college at Ohio State University. I always travel to Columbus, Ohio for events. My cousins live about 20 minutes away from campus. In 2024 I attended the National Championship Ceremony at Ohio Stadium in Columbus. I have been to Columbus so many times that it is also my home. I have attended many Buckeye games and also Blue Jackets games too. I also attended many concerts. I love country music, and I am a huge fan of Lainey Wilson. I saw her once in concert at the Peterson Events center in Pittsburgh.

I have gone to so many concerts in my life. This year alone in 2026 I have attended seven concerts. On April 25th I went to see Luke Combs' My Kinda Saturday Night Tour Part 1 at Ohio Stadium in Ohio. On Friday June 5th I went to see Morgan Wallen's Still the Problem Tour at the Acuirsure Stadium in Pittsburgh. On Tuesday June 16th I went to see Megan Moroney's Cloud 9 Tour at the PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh. On Tuesday July 7th I went to see Benson Boone's The wanted Man Tour opening night. On Sunday July 12th I went to the Pittsburgh Pirates game vs the Milwaukee Brewers and the Pirates won 15 to 4 and country music superstar Jordan Davis served as the post-game concert. On Thursday August 20th I went to see Zach Top's Tour at PPG Paints arena. Finally on Saturday August 29th I went to see Bruno Mars' The Romantic Tour at Acurisure Stadium.



Sophomore Landon Reese with his sister
Photo Provided by Landon Reese

Music Artists I Have Seen:
Luke Combs: 5 times
Lainey Wilson: 1 time
Megan Moroney: 2 times
Morgan Wallen: 2 times
Benson Boone: 1 time
Bruno Mars: 1 time
Zach Top: 1 time
Jordan Davis: 1 time

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I also love traveling and being in different places and being on an airplane. Last year over spring break my family and I went to South Side Miami Florida with my cousins who live in Ohio. We stayed at the Moxie Hotel and it was right near the beaches and ice cream. Next to our hotel was an ice cream place called the Baked Bear. You could pick out a cookie and whatever ice cream you wanted, and make it into a sandwich. We had that for two nights in a row.

Last summer we went to Siesta Keys, Florida; it was really cool because I had never been there before and it was so relaxing.

In 2025 we went to the national parks in Utah. And I've also been to Phoenix, Arizona and hiked up the mountains. Then we went to Las Vegas for a day and took a red eye flight home.

I have a family of four which includes me, my sister Brooklyn, and my mom and dad; I used to have a dog, but she unfortunately passed away in 2025. Her name was Scarlet, just like Scarlet and Gray from the OSU Buckeyes.

I hope you enjoyed reading a little bit about my little life story, and I am excited to see what you have questions about. Feel free to email me with any questions at 29lreese83@prrams.org.

The following scholarships, contests and workshops are now available, stop in the guidance office or check on Naviance under Colleges tab, scholarship list:

High School Day 2026 @ Carnegie Mellon University: Date- November 22nd, 2026

Western PA Golf Association Scholarships: Deadline- November 30, 2026

The Elks National Foundation 500 scholarships: Deadline- November 12, 2026

PA Healthcare Virtual Career Day @ PRHS School Counseling Office 9am-9:45am: Date- November 12, 2026 & November 19, 2026

Coolidge Scholarship: Deadline- December 1, 2026

The Hagan Scholarship: Deadline- December 1, 2026

The Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program (SEAP): Deadline- December 1, 2026

HRG Charitable Foundation scholarship program for high school seniors pursuing a STEM Degree: Deadline- December 16, 2026

Profile in Courage Essay Contest: Deadline- January 11, 2027

National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame: Deadline- February 26, 2027

PSBA Student Leader Scholarships: Deadline- March 12, 2027

Epilepsy Foundation of Western Pennsylvania three $1,500 & seven $1,000 scholarships: Deadline- April 5, 2027

Pearce Law Firm Personal Injury and Car Accident Lawyers Philadelphia $1,500 Aspiring Pennsylvania Attorney Scholarship: Deadline- May 31, 2027

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Thank you for stopping by and we hope to see you soon!





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