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# OPINIONS

# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: COMING OF AGE

BY: JACOB RODNEY



We will all do four years in these hallowed halls of North Hills Senior High School (or at least most of us will). We get here at seven every day, combat through our nine periods, and then go home. While this may seem repetitive and boring, this is where you'll make some of your lifelong memories—for better or for worse. You'll feel every moment, both the long, busy days and the sleep-deprived nights. But these memories will slip away faster than you think they will. You start high school as this tiny freshman, and you're terrified you won't find your classes on the first day, but

you try not to show it. Suddenly, you're a sophomore and knee-deep in chem homework. Then you're ushered into your junior year, one of the most difficult times of your life, as post-high school life gets closer and college ads are EVERYWHERE. And you end, excited and tired, at your senior year, nervous that you won't go anywhere in life.

During this whirlwind of growing up, learning about life, and becoming more independent, don't forget that you only get this one time. You get this confusion, this hatred, and this laughter only once. We've all seen the stereotypical "coming of age" movies where the main character hates everything. They go through a multitude of trials and tribulations and end up kissing their love interest at a school dance. As much of a fantasy as these movies are, there is one thing that I believe stays true: the main character learns to love some aspect of life. There's the scene where they blast music and stand in the back of a truck going through the Fort Pitt tunnels; the moment when they just scream in the middle of a field and let out everything they've held inside; the realization that they're exactly who they needed to be all along. It's this out-of-body experience that changes the narrative.

This isn't just a movie scene. This is your movie. It's called "coming of age" for a reason: you are coming to the age of being an adult. As you go through these years, you'll realize that you're not getting any of this back. Make this time yours. Seize it and create something out of it. You're the main character. Take charge of the plot and make the calls for yourself. Blast your favorite song, laugh really loud, and look at the world around you with the recognition that it's yours to interpret, change, and enjoy. There's a lot of bad in our lives, but don't let it define who you are and what you do.

So freshmen, get ready for the long haul. To be completely honest, it sucks. High school is hard, and you're going to wish you were somewhere else doing anything but algebra homework. But the next four years of your life are about to completely obliterate who you are and change you into a different person. Sophomores, you're in the thick of it. The end is nowhere in sight and everything is progressively getting harder. Take it head on, hate and love all of it, and remember that this will end just as fast as freshman year did. Juniors: my condolences. This year is typically painful, so make sure you have a good playlist to escape into. It's messy, and I hope you learn to accept the mess that you are in both academically and socially. And to my fellow seniors, as we slowly approach the end of this long road, I hope you never forget it. Do absolutely everything you can. Try to enjoy as much of it as possible. But most importantly, accept it for what it is, perfect or not. With all that being said: welcome to our first newspaper of our last year together.

Oh, and Ryan Malavite—I wore the pink hat first.

May all my stars align with yours Jacob Rodney For news and more spooky suggestions, check out our website: www.nharrowhead.com

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# Dance Proposals: Over the Top? BY: CONNOR MCCARTHY.

Ah yes. Now that we're settled into the school year, it's time for the students' dream and the teacher's nightmare: Homecoming. As homecoming season rolls around, you start to see all of these cutesy signs on social media of people asking their significant other (or sometimes just a friend) to the homecoming dance, almost all of which are cheesy and unoriginal. There are a few things wrong with the classic homecoming "ask." From teddy bears and flowers to pizza boxes and Dunkin' Donuts, I'm not sorry to say that homecoming proposals have turned into solely a flex for social media. The first time I saw someone asked to homecoming with a box of donuts saying "I donut know what I'd do..." or a teddy bear with a sign saying "I couldn't bear to go to the dance...", I thought it was cute and creative. But after 69 million times, it gets a little redundant, and it seems like people only do it because it's expected. Next, the setting of where people get asked to homecoming has turned into an environment for awkward peer pressure. By asking people at sports games in front of a crowd or going to their house surrounded by a group of friends, you're basically guilting someone into going with you. Also, if you are already in a relationship with somebody, it should be implied that you are going to the dance together. Now, I understand that some of the time the gesture of going out of your way with a sign or gift to ask your girlfriend or boyfriend to the dance is seen as "romantic," but the way this romantic gesture has morphed into a mandatory Instagram post or Snapchat story has ruined the tradition entirely. Either way, have fun at the rest of the school dances!

# The Mask Debate

#### BY: EVAN RELAC AND LUCAS PALERMO

A new school year has started, and we're all finally in person again. However, there's a catch that everyone feels one way or another about: masks. Love them or hate them, they're here to stay with no near end in sight. So, what are the pros of wearing a mask at all? Do they really outweigh the cons?

#### Pros:

#### -Wearing a mask protects you and others.

The first and most obvious positive of wearing a mask is that it protects you and others from Covid-19. Maybe it seems like no one at school has the virus, but someone could carry it without realizing. If they decide not to wear a mask, it could spread to everyone else not wearing a mask. Then suddenly, only a few days later, all those people are sick with Covid.

- -Masks really aren't that bad. You only have to wear it over your nose and mouth, and you can take it off as soon as you get home. Maybe it's a little uncomfortable at first, but do you really even notice it anymore after you've been wearing it all day?
- **-It will all be over soon.** The fact is, the more everyone wears their masks, the less the virus will spread, and the sooner all of this will be over. So, you need to do your part and wear your mask now so that eventually, no one will have to wear a mask to school ever again (hopefully).



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#### Cons

#### -Your breathing might feel restricted.

Throughout the school day, on the bus, or in sports, there can be major discomfort. This leads to students, or even teachers, constantly pulling down their masks, or just flat out keeping it down. Take a look around you and just see how many people are improperly wearing a mask. This should make you question the legitimacy and effectiveness of them. Do they even make a difference?

-Liberties are restricted by enforcing masks. "Humans are creatures of habit" is a term everyone is familiar with, and regardless of your stance on masks, we all want things to return to normal. For the last many years of our lives, however, this was not a habit, and wearing masks is not normal. Things will never return to normal if people aren't given the option of doing so.

This whole situation is a hallway with a series of doors you have the ability to enter. The only option not given is objecting to participate. No one objects to your right to wear a mask, yet they do to your right not to. You have the option to stay home from school and learn virtually, to get a vaccinated (the district even provided this opportunity for students), to wear a mask outside of school, to wear two masks, but not to partake in the normal functions of our society before COVID, and for however long that is the case, nothing will be normal.

If you are truly in fear of the pandemic, take the necessary precautions to ensure your selfsafety, yet liberate the freedom of your peers.

\*Please remember that masks must be properly worn during the school day.

# YALCES IN

BY: Q PETERS

What do you think of the new Homecoming Court model?

#### 9th: Natalie Graco

"I like that everyone gets to vote and the inclusivity of it. It's pretty cool."

#### 10th: Angie Bekelja-Wagner

"I think it's good. Everyone has an opinion."

#### 11th: Emily Koss

"I think it's interesting, and I like how everyone was involved in some way."

#### 12th: Eden Anderson

"I think it's really rude that they didn't ask the student body what they wanted, and I don't think it represents the North Hills motto of Pride, Tradition, and Excellence."

#### Teacher: Mrs. Hoffman

"It's a good change, and I think that's why we're hearing so much pushback from students, because not everybody is super excited about change. There has to be a point where we have to change some things, and people need to adapt to that. I think it's a good change."

# REVIEWS

# SHANG-CHI AND THE LEGEND OF THE TEN RINGS

BY: Q PETERS

Picture this: buttery popcorn, icees that lose their flavor way too fast, giant lounge chairs with a heating system to make you feel like a warm loaf of bread rising in the oven, the whole shebang. Are your senses stimulated? They should be. This is the experience we all know of as going to the movie theater. So let's talk about it!

After nearly 16 months of not attending the big screen, I can safely say that I was shell-shocked by the practices that people exhibited. Don't get me wrong, I loved it. But if I have to sit next to one more person who takes their shoes and socks off (and then decides to recline, which then sends their feet into the air, AKA into my personal space bubble, which has extended about 23 feet since Covid started), I will not hesitate to become president of this country simply to make being barefoot a felony. However, gross extremities aside, I did genuinely enjoy myself. I had forgotten how much fun it was to make fun of the commercials beforehand with your friends and the uniting feeling of an occuring plot twist causing the entire audience to gasp. Hey, and speaking of plot twists, guess what? Marvel movies are always filled with suspense and conspiracies (What a great segway!).

Shang-chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings, directed by Destin Daniel Cretton, exceeded pretty much all of my expectations (granted, I didn't have many expectations to begin with!). Still, I was very, very happy after I watched it. The movie opens by retelling the tale of a Chinese warlord named Xu Wenwu (played by Tony Leung Chiu-wai), known to others as The Mandarin. Wenwu discovers ten magical rings that grant him incredible power and uses them to vanguish lands and rule the world for more than a thousand years. While continuing his conquest for more power, he unexpectedly falls in love-and has two children. Because of this, Wenwu leaves his life as a tyrant and devotes his time toward his family. The story catches up with us in the present as Wenwu's son, Shang-Chi (who now goes by Shaun, played by Simu Liu), jokes around with his friend Katy (played by Awkwafina) at their job where they work as valets. Shaun's goal is to break free from his father's legacy, which he is successful in doing for a few years before some men track him down to steal a necklace gifted to him by his late mother. And thus, the battle to surmount his father forces Shaun back into the life he tried to escape from. Along the way, there are triumphs and defeats, wounds and mends, companions and creatures, and, as a pleasant surprise, no love interest. You will

definitely get hooked onto the great storytelling and characterization in this action-packed, heartfelt film!

Cretton spectacularly put together the first Marvel film with an Asian lead for the 25th addition to the Marvel Cinematic Universe. The exploration and accurate representation of Asian culture was something Marvel had not yet captured on film, but Cretton enthusiastically took on this project and executed it with flying colors. This movie celebrates Asian culture in a multitude of ways. Almost the entire cast is of Asian descent, and nearly all of them speak Mandarin. The usage of the Mandarin language throughout the movie is extensive and for the most part, completely accurate. This was an aspect that I wasn't expecting, but I think it greatly improved the storytelling. Along with giving a huge sense of authenticity, it also had the effect of making Asian audience members feel a connection with the characters that someone of a different race may not experience. This relatiblity extends to the way the characters interact with one another, such as the parent-child relationships that are exhibited, and the visuals of the village Shaun and Katy visit later in the film. Now, it wouldn't be a Marvel superhero movie without some epic fight scenes. Special effects aside, Cretton also incorporates extreme demonstrations of martial arts throughout the battles. I think this was an excellent addition to the plotline, as it further honors certain features of Asian culture.

Besides being a total hottie, Simu Liu's portrayal of Shang-Chi adds layers upon layers onto an already great character. In films, it can be difficult to showcase a character's thoughts and feelings. However, when a really good actor gets on screen, their character's emotions, intentions, and motivations shine through like no other. Liu exemplifies Shang-Chi's innermost desires with both expressive eyes and every line he utters. Keep in mind that Shang-Chi is an expert martial artist and the son of a tyrant with magical powers who's ruled the world for thousands of years. That doesn't seem too relatable, does it? And yet, Liu manages to make "Shaun" seem like a regular guy on the street that had a normal childhood and has ordinary goals. This adds to the relatability factor for the audience but also reveals Liu's exemplary acting skills. Somehow gliding perfectly between serious and comedic acting, Liu truly brings Shang-Chi to life as naturally as can be.

Of course, no movie is without its faults. For as large of a project as this was, the

effects were clearly favored in some spots and lacking in others. When Shaun and Katy first enter the mystical village that Shaun's mother is from, the visuals are absolutely gorgeous. from the exquisite colors to the realistic, albeit made-up, creatures (think Pokémon). However, it goes downhill from there. We've definitely seen better battles from Marvel movies, despite this one showing off extreme martial art styles. Since the village is located right next to a river, it obviously needed to be incorporated into the fight! I think this was a fine choice, and it would've been a great one had the editors cared more about making the water look good. Unfortunately, the editing of the water was severely inadequate, as the splashes and droplets looked extremely fake. It definitely took me out of the scene, which is saying something, because I get really into movies. Be that as it may, this is just a nit-picky thing. The film was truly amazing, and some poor water graphics aren't going to stop me from saying so.

Overall, my review is 10 rings out of 10; it's definitely one of my favorite Marvel movies to date. It's also a great one to go see with your friends so you guys can experience the laughs and tears of this film together! And if you haven't been to the movie theater in a long time, why not go? It feels like you're a little kid again, experiencing for the first time the wonders of consuming too much liquid butter and blinking away the sun frantically while stumbling out of the exit on two very much asleep feet. So, get out there and give *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings* the praise it deserves!



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## REVIEWS

Met Gala Review by: Jess colicetie

Can we just take a second to talk about the event that everyone has been raving about? Yes, the Met Gala of 2021. And yes, this year it has been quite controversial. But how did this lavish event even begin?

Originally called The Costume Institute Benefit, it started in 1948 as a fundraiser for The Costume Institute, a gathering of more than 33,000 objects that represent fashion all the way back to the early Renaissance period. Former First Lady of the United States Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and socialite Pat Buckley served as co-chairs with editor Diana Vreeland as the special consultant, until editor-in-chief of Vogue Anna Wintour took over as co-chair. Wintour has strengthened this event to one of the most significant and successful fundraisers ever, gaining notorious guests from fashion, film, society, sports, business, and music industries.

This special event, also called the "Superbowl of Fashion" or the "Oscars of the East Coast," is held on the first Monday of May with the exception of 2021 due to COVID-19. Tickets back when it first began cost only \$50, but now they cost more than \$30,000! Imagine being invited to this prestigious event. That's how you know you're considered famous.

Let's look at some of these famous icons who were invited to this year's Met Gala, who dressed with the theme of 'American Independence' and how you ranked the outfits:



#### LII Nas A

61%: thumbs up | 39%: thumbs down

Arriving for his first Met Gala in a stunning gold cape designed by Donatella Versace, Lil Nas X took to the carpet with a dedicated team of assistants that helped him remove his cloak to reveal a golden body armor complete with shimmering six pack abs. Within moments, the team peeled the layers of armor to expose an intricately detailed bodysuit. Clearly, this collection of outfits was designed to showcase his iconic fashion concepts.



### Megan Fox

78%: thumbs up | 22%: thumbs down

Miss Megan Fox arrived in a tightly lashed, high cut, red beaded gown and satin Jimmy Choo platforms. She revealed in an interview with Keke Palmer that she is "not afraid to be sexy." She states that women "...as the divine feminine, we have lots of power," and is embracing the sultry look.

# RAP/R&B Music Roundup BY: DANIEL DICHERTY

Call Me If You Get Lost - Tyler the Creator: This is the album of the summer. One of the best artists of the last ten years dropped nothing less than a place among the top five of the year. The way he combined the mainstream radio sensibilities of Igor and the unique characteristics of the rest of his body of work was ingenious. Call Me If You Get Lost has some of Tyler's best lyrical performances and the production is better than Igor, which is saying a lot.

The House is Burning - Isaiah Rashad:
This is another great summer rap album. It provides a fairly diverse palette of producers and features who all perform more than adequately. It has a mostly pleasant and laid-back feel (although this doesn't apply to the entire album) that is lifted to another level when accompanied by the impressive lyrical songwriting shown consistently from beginning to end.

Wasting Time - Drake, Brent Faiyaz, The Neptunes: Over the summer, this outstanding single certainly stood out amongst the crowd. The Neptunes are some of the most legendary producers of the last two decades in both pop and hip hop, and I don't even need to say that they did great. The vocals from Brent Faiyaz are downright golden and Drake spits well (better than he does on some Certified Lover Boy songs, in my opinion).

Donda - Kanye West: While this project is particularly challenging to summarize even in a few paragraphs, it has everything we've wanted from Ye since his mildly disappointing 2019 gospel album Jesus Is King. The production has a keen ability to blend the gospel styles that Kanye has used frequently since his born-again conversion and the previous musical elements used on many of his previous releases. Mr. West also boasts an impressive list of amazing features, like Playboi Carti, Fivio Foreign, Roddy Ricch, two-thirds of the Griselda crew, Kid Cudi, and Travis Scott that have been paraded as main attractions since the album rollout began. While I can not vet confidently say that this is AOTY, especially considering how messy it is, it certainly has a chance of being somewhere on my list before we're in 2022.

The Melodic Blue - Baby Keem: This was a very strong debut album for Baby Keem (who is one of the more unique artists in the mainstream rap scene right now). The impressive features (especially the Goat), interesting production, and web of noticeable influences (like Kanye's 808s and Heartbreak) ranks it among the best projects of the year so far. Of course, it also contains the aforementioned single "family ties" which I've already clarified is great.

Sincerely, Kentrell - NBA YoungBoy: This is also one of the best albums of the year so far. His known ability to write lyrics that are catchy, melodic, and complex is put to use alongside beats that are addictive and (for the most part) laid-back.

Trip at Knight - Trippie Redd: It's generally an enjoyable album. It has tracks that aren't very impressive, and it's definitely not perfect, but it doesn't need to be. The music presented is dependent on a formula of weird but accessible and catchy beats, simple bars that work right with what else is provided, and great features, like Carti's (who does better with the aforementioned formula). Some might turn their head at what they'd say is just a commercialized product, but it's fun and shouldn't have to be anything more to be good.

# REVIEWS

# THE STRIP DISTRICT

#### Grandpa Joe's

BY: MARISA NAPOLITANO

Are you really a "Yinzer" if you've never been down to the Strip District? The answer to that is NO. The Strip

District is a great place; it's perfect for a Saturday out with your family or friends. Speaking of going "dahn" to the Strip on a Saturday, that's exactly what Liv, Sara and I did. We hit Cafe Raymond,



Allegheny Coffee and Tea Exchange, and of course, Grandpa Joe's!

Let me tell you about Grandpa Joe's. You walk in and immediately feel just like a little kid again. Having the store being based off of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" creates a great environment for children (hey, I'm 17, and I love it). I love all of the unique things about it. They have a huge wall of very random drink flavors, from buffalo to cotton candy. They also have every candy you can imagine! They even have flavored crickets... I don't think I could trust you if you bought the crickets out of all of the options they have. Some of the items can be a little overpriced, but other than that, it's such a great place. I give it a 10/10! You need to check it out if yinz are ever dahn there!

#### FRIGHTENING FLICKS

BY: Q PETERS & JACOB RODNEY

#### **CULT CLASSICS:**

- -The Nightmare Before Christmas (Disney+)
- -Hocus Pocus (Disney+)
- -Halloweentown (Disney+)
- -The Haunted Mansion (Disney+)
- -Monster House (Netflix)
- -Corpse Bride (Hulu, Amazon Prime)
- -Casper (Amazon Prime)
- -The Addams Family (Amazon Prime)

#### Allegheny Coffee and Tea Exchange

So, yinz want to talk about the Allegheny Coffee and Tea Exchange? I mean, who doesn't love a good coffee

shop? The Strip District is already a great 'Burgh spot, and located in the heart of it, the Allegheny Coffee and Tea Exchange is the perfect place to start your trip down there with.

The wide-range of options on the menu accommodate everyone's preferences. There are plenty of choices for coffee drinkers, as they sell

all kinds of assorted espresso and coffee in a variety of ways. To all my fellow non-coffee drinkers, I would highly recommend the iced chai tea latte; I would drink that again in a heartbeat. Their iced drinks are perfect to cool you down on a hot day, and their hot drinks will warm you up during a cold fall or winter day.

From the aesthetically pleasing decor, to the quick service, to the friendly workers, my experience at the Allegheny Coffee and Tea Exchange was a solid 10 out of 10.



#### **NEW TO VIEW:**

Fear Street Trilogy (Netflix): After a series of brutal slayings, a group of teenagers take on an evil force that's plagued their notorious town for centuries.

Malignant (HBO Max): Madison is paralyzed by shocking visions of grisly murders, and her torment worsens as she discovers that these waking dreams are in fact terrifying realities.

#### Cafe Raymond

BY: OLIVIA GORRELL

Let's talk about the best breakfast place in the 'Burgh. Marisa, Sara, and I took a trip dahn to Cafe Raymond for the hundredth time. It's beyond the best. From the view you get, to the amazing food, to the kindest staff in the Strip District, the overall experience is phenomenal. The Strip is your typical tourist spot in the city, but the breakfast places are what make it great. Cafe Raymond has everything from sandwiches to omelets. The best meal I've ever had from there is their French toast.

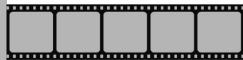
So, let's talk about that French toast. IT IS TO DIE FOR. Now, when I say that, I am not kidding. It's the best breakfast I have ever had (and I've had breakfast everywhere you can think of). The mix of the strawberries, blueberries, and whipped cream just go together like nothing else

I've ever eaten. If you're more in the mood for lunch, you want to order the Little Ray's Fat Burger. This burger gives you bacon, eggs, and a thousand island dressing all in one. What



more could you ask for?! So when breakfast doesn't make your calendar, you can go for the lunch you've always wanted. Cafe Raymond just gives you everything you need in a meal and more. I will be eating at this place 'til the day I die.

From the atmosphere to the names of the meals, the vibe is pure YINZER. Everything just fits together to give a big Pittsburgh welcome to both out-of-tahners and to people who've lived here for decades. Why wouldn't you want to venture the 15-minute drive for food and culture like this?



Halloween Kills (Peacock): An injured Laurie Strode leads a vigilante mob to hunt down unstoppable killer Michael Myers and end his reign of terror once and for all.

# **The Arrowhead Staff: Meet The Editors**

Despite the numerous trials and tribulations since 2020, The Staff has been fighting hard to bring back the print issue of *The Arrowhead*. Meet the editors who are leading the charge this semester, bringing you the piping hot tea, the exceptional personalities, and everything in between.



Name: Jacob Rodney Nickname(s): J, Jack Grade: 12th Death Row Meal: Olive Garden breadsticks only Go-to Jam: "mirrorball" - Taylor Swift Celebrity Crush: Zendaya Movie Snack: Gummy Bears Fav Holiday: Labor Day Fav Flick: The Perks of Being a Wallflower What's the Spot: The U-Haul in West View Teacher Spirit Animal: Mr. Kane's wit with Madame Kuh's personality



Name: Quinn Peters Nickname(s): Q, Q\$ Grade: 12th Death Row Meal: My Wendy's order (Dave's Single with no tomato, medium fry, and a cherry vanilla Dr. Pepper) Go-to Jam: Anything by Beach Celebrity Crush: Jacob Rodney Movie Snack: M&M's and popcorn Fav Holiday: Halloween Fav Flick: Muppets Most Wanted What's the Spot: the Reverse Bear Trap from the Saw movies Teacher Spirit Animal: a mix of Ms. Sarazen and Mr. Swanson



Name: Nick Friday
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with Coke
Go-to Jam: "I Don't Like" by
Chief Keef
Celebrity Crush: Hailey Bieber
Movie Snack: Margot Robbie
Fav Holiday: Christmas
Fav Flick: The Wolf of Wallstreet
What's the Spot: Mike's room
Teacher Spirit Animal: Deweese



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Donald, McEwen
Grade: 12th
Death Row Meal: Steak ichi, a
platter of California rolls, spinach
and artichoke dip from
Applebee's
Celebrity Crush: Olivia O'Brien
Movie Snack: Wedding soup
from Olive Garden
Fav Holiday: Thanksgiving
Fav Flick: Superbad
What's the Spot: Kit's porch
Teacher Spirit Animal: Woff



Nickname(s): Sam, Sammyantha Grade: I I th Death Row Meal: Bread Go-to Jam: "Kyoto" by Phoebe Bridgers Celebrity Crush: Peter McPoland Movie Snack: Watermelon Sour Patch Kids Fav Holiday: April 26, duh Fav Flick: The Social Network What's the Spot: Anna's house tbh Teacher Spirit Animal: Mistro

Name: Samantha Smith

Beaver



Name: Daniel Doherty Nickname(s): Dan Grade: IIth Death Row Meal: Frank's Buffalo Chicken Pizza Go-to Jam: I listen to too much music to have any favorites Celebrity Crush: I don't follow celebrity news enough Movie Snack: Popcorn, Coke, an Almond Hershey bar smuggled into the theater Fav Holiday: Christmas Fav Flick: Any famous crime film What's the Spot:West View; it's literally a different dimension Teacher Spirit Animal: Timko because he's weird and chill

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

BY: JACOB RODNEY

Senior year is a time of great change and major accomplishments. This year, one of our brightest, Emma Kim, has proven this phrase true within the first weeks of this year. Here are some of the successes she's achieved so far:

- -National Merit Semi-Finalist for the PSAT
- -North Hills School Board Student Representative
- -Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra (P.Y.S.O)
- -Captain of the Girls Varsity Tennis Team

I got to sit down and talk to her about these achievements, her life, and some more.

Which of your achievements are most important to you?

"I see achievements as looking at the next thing. It's more of a goal, and once I do get it, I'm already looking at the next thing. It's not that the achievement itself is important to me, [but] with PYSO, I love being part of a student orchestra, and being a school board student representative is super important to me."

What is one thing you'd change about your four years at North Hills?
"Well, freshman year and sophomore

"Well, freshman year and sophomore year I was really closed off. I was very afraid of what everyone else thought of me, which I think is a universal experience for most freshmen. And even though it's cheesy, I would say that as a senior, I'm much happier now with being myself and having fun with my friends and being authentic."

What is it like being a school board student representative?

"I've only been to one meeting so far, but it's really interesting how democratic everything is. Like [Mrs. Mathis] literally has a gavel, which I think is really cool. When they say stuff, they always need a second, like 'I second that.' It's really interesting to just hear everything, and it feels right because they're all adults and we're students and none of them are in [high school]. Mental health was addressed a lot last year, especially with what happened during the pandemic. They've been really trying—they made that mental wellness room in the library, and they've hired [school] psychologists." page 8

Are there any agendas you plan to bring up during the school year?

"This year, I want to talk about race, representation, and diversity. I feel a lot of pressure and expectation to be the perfect student, and I know that there is a lot of stress, a lot, especially since we lost a year and a half of school. We're kind of out of it right now, and I don't know if the adults understand the huge impact [Covid] had on the students. They assume that our impact is learning based, which it is, but it's also mentally harder to feel like you're doing a good job."

What does being a National Merit Semi-Finalist mean?

"Nationwide, after we all took the PSATs, it's purely numbers, so once you're over a certain threshold for the score, they put you in. They're saying that you're in the top percent for the PSAT takers in the nation. When you're [a] finalist, you have to submit... like, I had to write an essay, submit information, and list all of my activities. It's kind of like a competition, I guess, and you can get a scholarship for it."

#### How did you become captain of the tennis team?

"I've been on the varsity tennis team all four years, and I've been first singles all four years. I feel like I know how the North Hills team does things because I've been in it so long. I'm just trying my best [to be a good leader]."

Do piano and tennis allow you to be more practical with other skill sets?

"I think that [they're] very healthy. For tennis, it's physically healthy because you're keeping in shape and then mentally, you're working towards something with other people, which I think is good. Because it's physical, you can let out your anger and whatever [else] you need to. Also, when you're on the court, you don't stop thinking, but you only think about where you're placing the next ball, and where they're gonna hit it, and what spin you're gonna put on it. It's not like, you're worried about, like, 'oh, I have a Calc test.' And then for piano, there are some days where I'm really, really feeling it, and when I play I don't think about anything else, just music. And those are really, really good days, and I think it's very, very emotional and mentally [beneficial]."

What's an average weekend look like for you?

"Friday nights, if there's a home game, I'll go with my friends and probably go out to eat dinner, too. Maybe ice cream afterwards. On Saturdays, I usually work from 11:00-7:00 and then go out to dinner with my friends (again). Mornings, I wake up early and work on homework and college stuff. Sundays, I wake up early again and do college stuff and homework. I have church from 11:00-12:00, where I play piano. Then I'll either go to work or I'll have PYSO from 6:00-9:00."

We're so proud to have this senior showing her pride, tradition and excellence so early in the school year. Emma has been an exceptional student throughout her high school career, and we can't wait to see what else she accomplishes this year!

- QUICK FACTSABOUT EMMA:
- Favorite song right now:
- •"Daydreaming" by Marc Wavy
- Worst tennis racket: The red
- one ("the strings are too loose.
- •and it makes my arm hurt")
- Title of your autobiography:
- Paper Cranes
- Dream school: Columbia
- •Best reason to live:
- "The people around me"



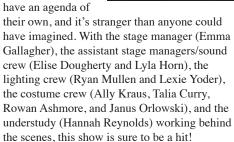
# ONE-ACT PLAYS

BY: Q PETERS

The North Hills Drama Club is back at it again! For the second year in a row, director Ms. Sarazen has decided to leave the fall production in the hands of the students. Instead of a full-length play, three one-act plays will be performed in succession on Saturday, November 13th. Mark your calendars now, because even though it seems far away, I guarantee it'll creep up on us before we know it!

Each of the three shows is unique, individualized with its own twists and turns. First up, we have *Twitch*, a comedy that's sure to keep you on the edge of your seat! Directed by Ella Niemi, *Twitch* opens with a young married couple, Nancy (Felicity Dicken) and Don (Connor Redman), arguing over their new neighbors. Nancy thinks they're watching them. Don thinks she's imagining things. At their front door, there stand Emma (Emma Hopf) and

Aiden (Ty Carroll), the new neighbors, who are every bit as strange as Nancy said they would be. Now, Don and Nancy are torn between wanting to find out who they are and wanting to get rid of them. Emma and Aiden have an agenda of



Next, the play *High-Rise High Jinks*, directed by Gianna Reed, follows along the theme of comedy through the story of multiple characters dealing with different scenarios on separate floors of an apartment building. In one apartment, Ben (Everett Harrington) wants to contact the spirit of the previous tenant, while Toby (Aidan McCoy), his skeptical friend, seeks only pizza. On another floor, Emma (Faith Evans) plans for a quiet night of reading, but her roommate, Dawn (Bridget Pohl), has far different expectations.

And then there's 18-year-old Claire (Grace Delcroix), trying in vain to assume the identity of her brand-new fake ID with her older roommate Meg (Julia Martin). Finally, we watch Tess (Regan Borsch) tutor her single friend Kip (Cole Johnston) in the art of letting go so he can embrace new possibilities. Or maybe she just wants to help him clean his apartment? Come see it to find out! The stage manager (Kevin Tian), the assistant stage managers/sound crew (Jules Easley and Haley Miller), the lighting crew (Felicity Ross and Samantha Mazza), the costume crew (Gracey Pusateri, Milo Collins, Addison Korbel, Gabrielle Snyder, and Emma Lewis), and the understudies (Natalie Graco and Addyson Wrigley) definitely deserve praise for their work on this production!

Finally, we take a dramatic turn with *Cheaters*, directed by yours truly. A suspenseful and climactic atmosphere takes the stage when someone cheats on the test. And if the cheater doesn't confess, the entire class will fail. Those are the rules set out by the assistant principal (Alyssa Strosnider) and their teacher (Avery Gallagher) as the students (Tyler Zimmick, Sophia Burik, Katelyn Baker, Danial McCarty, Alexa Glinski, Caitlyn Vance, Rylee Hummel, Zoe Dittman, Rowan Stelmach, Cheyenne Houston, Maddie Thinnes, Lyla Hughes, Tori Freker, and

Anna Segal) walk out of the room. Now the entire class is forced to play detective and discover the cheater before it's too late. High stakes, broken relationships, and betrayals ensue in this anticipation-filled production! The stage manager (Maddie Casella) will be working hard alongside the assistant stage managers/sound crew (Mikey Geyer and Liza Langhurst), the lighting crew (Paige

Rossi and Ava Dzubinski), the costume crew (Lydia Kutzer, Isabella Amatucci, Seamus Lindblom, Landon Schmidt, Maddie Dembrowski, and Kamil Al-Rifai), and the understudies (Ella Armstrong, Tori Freker, and Anna Segal) to make this play the best it can be!

Despite these productions being mostly student-run, Ms. Sarazen is excited to see them unfold. She states that they provide "creative and leadership opportunities" among fellow peers, which is something that can easily get lost within the realm of after-school activities. With over 50 students' participation, there is no doubt that these shows will be absolutely incredible. Rehearsals are already underway! So remember, mark your calendars for Saturday, November 13th! These three one-act plays hit the stage for one night only to make you laugh, cry, and have plenty of #proudmom moments for the AWESOME cast and crew production teams! We can't wait to see you there!

# An interview with THE STUDENT SECTION

BY: BRIELLA SHEVCHIK

Name: Nick Friday, Senior Student Section Leader

Favorite chant:

"Ohhh oh oh oh oh oh oh

Best thing about being a leader: "Getting everyone hype."
Favorite memory

from a past year:

"Student bus, sophomore year."

Name: Will Blass, Senior Student Section Leader Favorite chant:

"Score board, score board!"

Best thing about being a leader: "Having the Twitter."

**Favorite memory from a past year:** "Beating Shaler fresh-

man year."

Name: Alex Smith, Senior Student Section Leader

**Favorite chant:** "Shake your booty (boys only)."

Best thing about being a leader: "Standing there and doing nothing behind my girlfriend."

Favorite memory

from a past year: "Hanging out with the juniors because I didn't have friends in my grade."

Name: Kyra Blauth, Senior Favorite theme: Preppy Student section hero: Jaeda Myers

Name: Peter Lukac, Junior Favorite theme: Hawaiian Student section hero: Ben Swayze

Name: Lily Sentner, Sophomore Favorite theme: Hawaiian Student section hero: Jaeda Myers

Name: Kate Hillegas, Freshman Favorite theme: Hawaiian Student section hero: Darby West





# **Student Jobs**

BY: Q PETERS

The students at North Hills are as diligent as ever this school year! Between homework, sports, clubs, and more, many of our peers are also making some cash by giving back to the community. From serving, to dog-sitting, to axe-throwing, our fellow teens are sure keeping busy as the season changes. And if you're looking for a job, check out the hiring wall in the A hallway by the cafeteria!



#### Bryan Karpinski, Lumberjaxes Axe Throwing What's your position/what do you do there? "Axe Coach: teach people how to throw axes and score tournaments, and in the winter, coach curling"

How long have you worked

there? "About 3 months."

**Do you enjoy your job?** "I do enjoy it! It's really fun meeting different people and getting to know them through coaching. Also, throwing axes is really fun."

Would you recommend this job to anyone else? "Yeah, absolutely. We're moving into our busy season, so we'll need some more staff here soon. The other folks that work here are all really nice, it pays well, and you can get tips."

Favorite job perk? "I get to join one competitive axe throwing league per year. I haven't done one yet, but they seem really fun."



#### Brynna Barbour, Chub's Place

What's your position/what do you do there? "I'm a dishwasher."

How long have you worked there? "Since June."

**Do you enjoy your job?** "I love my job because of the people I work with and the fun work environment."

Would you recommend this job to anybody else? "I would recommend this job because my boss and coworkers are so nice. They also have great food."

**Favorite job perk?** "I get to eat one free meal every shift."



#### Josie Weidner, Camp Bow Wow

What's your position/ what do you do there? "I'm a Camp counselor." How long have you worked there? "A couple of weeks."

**Do you enjoy your job?** "I enjoy my job. I love

getting to work with dogs all day. :)"
Would you recommend this job to
anybody else? "I would recommend
this job to anyone who loves dogs!"
Favorite job perk? "I love when
there's a hawk circling around the
building and I have to hurry to get all
the small dogs inside— it's always
thrilling!"



#### Maddie Casella, Anthology Senior Living

What's your position/what do you do there? "I'm a server: I serve the residents living there breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert."

How long have you worked there? "A month and a half."

Do you enjoy your job? "Yes, I love working at Anthology because the residents are so sweet and honestly pretty funny. I also love how some residents get the exact same drinks and food for Every. Single. Meal."

Would you recommend this job to anybody else? "I would recommend this job because it is very fulfilling and allows you to connect with people that you didn't think you had anything in common with."

Favorite job perk? "Access to the ice cream cooler. It makes for a great snack in between meal times!"

### Personal Connection

BY: SAMANTHA SMITH

"Are you really attached to someone? Or are you just attached to the version of them in your head?"

Relationships are so strange and complex, when you really think about it. But we aren't just talking about



we aren't just talking about IMAGE CREDIT: POSTGAZETTE.COM romantic relationships; we're also talking about friendships, parent relationships, and relationships with any other adult in general. They're just so weird! What causes two people to click? What causes someone to feel a certain way about another person? How can you have a healthy relationship with an adult or someone your own age?

It takes a level of maturity to have healthy relationships with all of the people in your life all of the time. But along with maturity, it takes drive and time. That's why so many relationships crumble after months or even years. Sure, maybe something could happen to cause said relationship to crumble, but what about just growing apart? How can you fix it? Can you fix it? You might think you want to, but is that really what's best?

I'm not sure if I believe in fate or any of that, but what I do think is: if a certain person doesn't want to be an active part of your life, should you keep watering the dead plant? Because you can put everything on the line (your feelings, emotions, time, everything) and they can just leave, or not give anything back to the relationship. But you, I, we all deserve so much more than that. I saw a quote that said something about how a good friend won't make you question your worth. This friend won't ever do anything to make you feel like you're worth nothing. So when these people start to distance themselves, think of it as a blessing in disguise. Now you can go make new friends, meet new people, and have more time to focus on yourself.

But it's hard, and it hurts. You wanted to make it work, with everything in your heart, but some people just come into our lives to teach lessons. We are still so young, and our best friends, significant others, and classmates most likely won't be in our lives once we leave high school. So, why stress? One day someone will come into your life worthy of your love, your effort, who will treat you right and the way that you deserve. "But what am I supposed to do now? Am I just supposed to sit back and watch the people I loved so dearly having fun on their own, without me? Watch them get treated the way I deserve to be?" Instead of focusing on the people who aren't there for you, let's bring attention to those who are there for you. That sweet, quiet kid who has a few classes with you, that teacher who always cuts you a break, that coach who gives the best advice, or even your mom, who always knows just what to say. You need to surround yourself with people who genuinely care, not people that just care when it's convenient for them.

# Golf Sections of 2021

BY: NICK FRIDAY



SINCE NICK WAS LOCKED IN ON HOLE 2, HE

North Hills Golf hosted sections at Shannopin this season. I sat down with some of the guys to get their thoughts post-round.

#### What was your goal score going into today?

Tyler Manfred: 78 Will Blass: 50 Nick Friday: 69 Pete Lukac: 89

#### If you could change one thing about your performance, what would it be?

Tyler: "My short game." Will: "I wouldn't show up." Nick: "My chipping." Pete: "My putting."

#### What was the most memorable moment from your round?

Tyler: "Finding my ball after firing it into the woods."

Will: "Hitting 5 consecutive balls out of bounds.'

Nick: "Driving hole 13 and 3 putting." Pete: "I made 3 straight pars on back 9."

#### What is your go-to club in doubt off the

Tyler: "Driver." Will: "Putter." Nick: "Driver." Pete: "Driver."

# op Ten Super Bowl Contenders

BY: CARSON LEJEUNE

These are the teams that I've ranked as the ten teams with the highest chance at winning the Super Bowl this year. I have the Saints as an honorable mention due to the fact that they lost their long time Qb Drew Brees. Brees was a big impact for the Saints due to him being able to pass the ball really well on offense. Now the Saints must rely on their new Qb Jameis Winston. Alvin Kamara also puts a big impact on the Saints, but it all depends on what Jameis can do in order for them to be great.

#### My number 10 spot is the 49ers. I have the 49ers here because of their defense. They're all returning from injury, which is good, but that's also the risk. It all depends on how their defense will bounce back this year, if they want to go all the

#### For my number 9 spot, I have the Browns. I have them here because of how well they did last year. Baker Mayfield is returning to quarterback, and Nick Chubb is returning, too. With this offense, the Browns could have a good run for the Super Bowl.

#### My number 8 spot is the Steelers. The Steelers defense is easily their most dominant part of their team. With players such as TJ Watt, Minkah Fitzpatrick, Joe Haden, and others, they have a very high chance of making the playoffs and maybe even the Super Bowl.

#### For number 7, I have the Car-

dinals. The Cardinals have recently added offensive and defensive weapons to their squad. Their offense consists of their dual threat- quarterback Kyler Murray, who is also an MVP favorite, and their star wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins, who is widely considered the best wide receiver in the league. They also just picked up defensive star JJ Watt to add to their great defense.

#### For number 6, I have the Sea-

hawks. The Seahawks have been a great team over the past few years. With Russell Wilson in the pocket continuing to make great plays, and with Bobby Wagner on their defense plus with other stars, they have a really good chance at making it to the Super Bowl.

#### Number 5 on the list is the Bills.

The amount Josh Allen has improved over the past two years is insane. He's gone from a mediocre quarterback to a top 5 in the league. Especially with his receivers like Stephon Diggs, he has a great chance at making the playoffs.

#### The Rams take the number 4

**spot.** The Rams are on here because of how well their defense has become. Their defense last year was one of the best and it looks like it for this year, too. Also, with the Rams adding Matthew Stafford to their roster, they've gotten a much better squad.

My number 3 spot on the list is the Ravens, who have an electrifying offense and defense to add to their team. With

their great physical and high speed defense and their high speed offense combined with dual threat quarterback Lamar Jackson, they also have a great run game all around.

#### For number two, I have the

**Chiefs.** The Chiefs most definitely have the best offense in the league. With Patrick Mahomes as their quarterback and their speedy wide receivers, the Chiefs have a great chance at making it all the way, without auestion.

#### My number 1 spot for the team who has the highest chance at winning the Super Bowl this year is the Buccaneers.

The Bucs have rebuilt their team so quickly that it looks like a Madden Ultimate Team. With them getting Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski at tight end, plus their great wide receivers, their offense can become great. Now their defense: Their defense is one of the best in the league, too. Only holding the Chiefs to nine points in the Super-Bowl, they are not to be messed with.



# SPORTS

# SPORTS PROFILES 97. KIT' BAVER 6. KICK FRIDAY



#### ROBERT DICKERSON

Grade: 12th

**Sports Playing:** Football, baseball **Years Playing:** 6 football, 13 base-

ball

Favorite Sports Movies: 42 and

FNL

Favorite Childhood Sports Memo-

ry: Playing baseball in Puerto Rico

Hype Song: Jail- Kanye Sports Hero: Michael Jordan Greatest Athletic Accomplishment:

TribLive Pre season All-Star Team **Pre-game Ritual:** Eating Hot Ta-

males



EMMA LEO

Grade: 11th

Sports Playing: Basketball, volleyball

**Years Playing: 8** 

Favorite Sports Movie: Love and

Basketball

**Favorite Childhood Sports Memory:** When I crossed my dad up and he tore

his ACL

**Hype Song:** "No Air" by Jordin Sparks

Sports Hero: Sydney Ryan

**Greatest Athletic Accomplishment:** 

Playing varsity on a six-man roster **Pre-game Ritual:** Watching Lexie and

Sydney fight over everything

#### **TOP 10**

#### NH FALL ATHLETES

These athletes seriously brought it this season. Mad props to the following:

10. Tatum Zwick

9. Liam Tracey

8. CJ Walls

7. Emma Kim

6. Alex Perrotti

5. Miranda Groll

4. Chase Foskey

3. Travis Larson

2. Robert

Dickerson

football uniforms. They should've gone the

Nick: The best uniform combo has got to be

Kit: I like the red on red uniforms the best. I

**Carson:** I think we should bring back the red on red uniform combo and wear our red uni-

forms more often for home games in general.

candy cane route like the soccer team.

think we should wear them more often.

Carson's Question: Is Liam Tracey

the red on red.

overrated?

1. Ella Demoise

## SPORTS ROUNDTABLE

BY: KIT BAUER, NICK FRIDAY, LIAM TRACEY, BRANDON MCEWEN & CARSON LEJEUNE

Welcome to the Sports Roundtable, where the sports-obsessed discuss the latest hot topics. Brandon's Question: Would you rather have a fun student section and a football team that doesn't win a game or a boring section and a football team that goes undefeated?

**Nick:** I think a fun student section and a winning team go hand in hand. If you're winning consistently and go far in the post-season, then more people will come to games, making the student section overall more fun.

Liam: I would rather win every game.

**Kit:** I would rather have a football team that goes undefeated because North Hills has not won a playoff game in 10 years, and it's time for a change

**Carson:** A fun student section can really help a football team out and make them better. If the student section is loud and exciting, then the football team can get pumped up and excited and get an adrenaline rush.

Nick's Question: If you could only run the ball or only pass the ball offensively the rest of the season, which would you pick?

Brandon: Pass the ball for sure. Liam Tracey

is a mid RB at best, and John Greene is on his way to being the best QB in Wips.

**Kit:** Definitely running. Even though Liam Tracey won't be able to keep up these stats all season, we still have Uno Seis to carry us to Wips.

Liam: No answer needed...

Carson: I'd rather run the ball. I'd rather have us only run the ball because John Greene is a dual threat QB who has lots of speed, and most of our success comes from the run game.

Kit's Question: Who do you think makes the biggest impact coming off of the bench? Brandon: Jayden Smith and the absolute

**Liam:** CJ Walls would be a starter on most other teams.

**Nick:** I agree with CJ having the biggest impact offensively off the bench.

**Carson:** I think CJ Walls has the biggest impact coming off of the bench. The reason being is that the student section gets hyped up and starts chanting his name.

Liam's Question: What are the students' favorite uniform combos?

Brandon: I personally don't like any of the

cannon of an arm he has. **Liam:** CJ Walls would be a starter on most

**Nick:** Based on his performance thus far, it is hard to dispute his skill. The real test will come in the following weeks facing off against non-cupcake teams. So, this will be determined in the following weeks.

**Brandon:** No question. Dude thinks he's pulling off 100 yards and a couple tuddies each game. Heck no. It's only downhill from here.

**Kit:** Yes, I think he is overrated. The only reason he is excelling this season is because of his massive line and how well it is coached. If he didn't have experienced coaches driving his decisions, he would have no success. **Liam:** No.

# ENTERTAINMENT

# WINTELEPATHY

Our goal is to see if twins have telepathy. We asked two different sets of twins the same questions to see if they knew what the other would answer.



DILLON AND COLLIN QUINN

#### **Colin's Answers:**

#### Celebrity crush?

Dillon: "J-Lo." Collin: "Zendaya."

#### Go-to outfit for school?

Dillon: "Rapper shirt, 15 bracelets, and

some shorts." Collin: "Rapper t-shirt and grey shorts."

#### Death row meal?

Dillon: "Hot wings."

Collin: "Hot wings from Hal's."

#### Dream job?

Dillon: "Professional Tik Toker."

Collin: "Cyber Security."

#### **Binge-watch?**

Dillon: "Riverdale." Collin: "That 70's Show."

#### What is your twin's best quality?

Dillon: "He is funny sometimes."

#### **Dillon's Answers:**

#### Celebrity crush?

Collin: "Danny DeVito." Dillon: "Zendaya."

#### Go-to outfit for school?

Collin: "Hoodie and sweatpants."

Dillon: "Sweats." Death row meal?

Collin: "Ghost peppers."

Dillon: "Homemade raviolis."

#### Dream job?

Collin: "Carrot farmer."

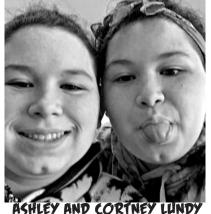
Dillon: "Business owner, so [he] can be rich and boss people around."

#### **Binge-watch?**

Collin: "The Backyardigans." Dillon: "Stranger Things."

#### What is their best quality?

Collin: "N/A."



#### **Cortney's Answers:** Celebrity crush?

Ashley: "She doesn't have one." Cortney: "I don't have one."

#### Go-to outfit for school?

Ashley: "Sweatshirt, sweatpants, and a

random t-shirt."

Cortney: "Sweatshirt and sweatpants."

#### Death row meal?

Ashley: "Cheese pizza." Cortney: "French fries."

#### Dream job?

Ashley: "Hair stylist." Cortney: "Hair stylist."

#### Binge-watch?

Ashlev: "Fuller House." Cortney: "Fuller House." What is their best quality?

Ashley: "She is really funny."

#### Ashley's Answers:

#### Celebrity crush?

Cortney: "She doesn't have one." Ashley: "I don't have one."

#### Go-to outfit for school?

Cortney: "Sweatshirt and sweatpants" Ashley: "Sweatshirt, sweatpants, and a random t-shirt."

#### Death row meal?

Cortney: "Tacos." Ashley: "Cheese pizza."

#### Dream job?

Cortney: "Veterinarian." Ashlev: "I don't have one."

#### Binge-watch?

Cortney: "Glee." Ashley: "Fuller House."

#### What is their best quality?

Cortney: "She knows how to make me laugh."

# Scary Survey

BY: CASSIE CATRAIN

#### FAVORITE HALLOWEEN CANDY:

KitKat: 41%

Reese's: 35% Twix: 24%

#### LEAST FAVORITE HALLOWEEN CANDY:

Almond Joys: 50% Milk Duds: 35%

Snickers: 15%

#### FAVORITE HALLOWEEN SONG:

"Thriller": 61%

"Monster Mash": 29%

"Somebody's Watching Me":

10%

#### FAVORTE HALLOWEEN MOVIE:

Hocus Pocus: 38% Ghostbusters: 37% HalloweenTown: 25%

#### FAVORTE HORROR MOVIE:

The Conjuring: 55%

Annabelle: 23% Halloween: 22%

#### FAVORITE HALLOWEEN CREATURE:

Vampire: 54% Frankenstein: 30% Werewolf: 16%

#### FAVORTE URBAN LEGEND:

Slenderman: 43% Bloody Mary: 33%

Goatman: 24%

#### IDEAL FALL DATE:

Haunted house: 41%

Pumpkin patch: 34% Movie marathon: 25%



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# ENTERTAINMENT

# SPOOKY

SINGLES

BY: Q PETERS



# Parker Sidari

Nickname: None Grade: 11th

**Socials:** psidari\_ (insta), parker s345 (snap)

Interests: Lacrosse, cars, working Celebrity Crush: Margot Robbie,

Úrsula Corberó

Perfect Date: I decide where we

go and pay for everything.

**Likes:** Fake glasses, giving me a pencil, under 5'5, common sense

**Dislikes:** Real glasses, Uggs,

messy rooms

# HOCO What's Hot and What's Not



# Kallje Polaskj

Nicknames: Kal, Kal Day

Grade: 12th

**Socials:** kallie.polaski (insta), polaskik22@students.nhsd.net

Interests: Softball, reading, watch-

ing movies

Celebrity Crush: Harry Styles, Florence Pugh, Taylor Swift Perfect Date: Walking through a museum, then going to Texas Roadhouse to eat baskets of bread followed by jamming in the car to amazing (but terrible) boy band music

**Likes:** Fluffy hair, jewelry, good style, Crocs (only in sport mode) **Dislikes:** Trucks, facial hair, not having a sarcastic sense of humor

HOT: Rita's, the weather, no masks, wearing tennis shoes, sunglasses

NOT: Dancing on turf, confetti beach balls, the music, cornhole, the stadium lights

# Fall Favs BY: JAMTE NEELY & JACOB RODNEY

89: JAMIE NEELY & JACOB RODNEY "Someone New"

-Hozier

"Yellow" -Coldplay

"This Could Be"

-Joel Ansett

"Home" -Edward

Sharpe &

The Magnetic Zeros

"California Dreamin"

-The Mamas &

The Papas

"Day 'N' Nite (night-

mare)" -Kid Cudi

"Free Spirit" - Khalid

"Green Light" -Lorde

"All Too Well"

-Taylor Swift

"The Night We Met"

-Lord Huron

"505" - Arctic Monkeys

"Sweater Weather"

-The Neighbourhood

"we fell in love in

october" -girl in red

# Halloween Hits

"Witch Doctor" - Alvin and The Chipmunks "Calling All The Monsters" -China Anne McCLain "Jack's Lament" -Danny Elfman "I Put A Spell On You" -Creedence Clearwater Revival "Don't Fear The Reaper" -Blue Oyster Cult

"Somebody's Watching Me" -Rockwell "Cemetery" -COIN "Haunted Hearts"

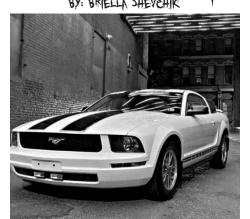
-Christina Aguilera "Dead Man's Party"

> -Oingo Boingo "What's New Scooby-Doo?" -Simple Plan

"Season Of The Witch" -Lana Del Rey

"Heathens" -Twenty One Pilots

"COPYCAT" -Billie Eilish



**Driver: Cameron Pitchford** 

Make: Mustang Model: Base Year: 2005

Best memory: "Drifting." Best part of car: "Louvers on the back." Worst part of car: "How old it is." A/C: Yes

The spot to drive: "North Park or the city." Favorite song to blast in the student parking lot: "Anything by Kanye."

# Wrecked Whip

BY: JAMIE NEELY



Driver: Lydia Kutzer, "Gary'

Make: Scion Model: TC Year: 2006

Best memory: "Unsticking my frozen gas cap with a Panera card."

Best part of car: "Peppa Pig on my dash." Worst part of car: "He only has 2 doors, and the front seats don't move forward."

A/C: No

The spot to drive to: "JoAnn Fabrics." **Favorite song to blast in the student** parking lot: "Into My Arms" by COIN.

# BY: CASSIE CATRAIN AND SHELBY RICK



Spongebob and Patrick is a quick and easy costume to put together to wear with your best friend. You'll want to get a pink and yellow shirt from your local Target or mall.

For Spongebob, you should draw his eyes, nose, and other facial features onto the yellow shirt. You can draw circles on it, as well, to make it look like a sponge. Black leggings or a brown tutu will finish off your Spongebob costume well!

For **Patrick**, all you have to do is draw his face on the shirt. A light green tutu or leggings will tie it all together.

In the end, make sure to decorate the costume however you like and add any additional details to complete the look!



Mike and Sully is a very easy pair to dress up as at the last minute!

For Sully, you will need a blue shirt and some type of purple fabric. Cut out circular pieces of the purple fabric and attach it to the blue shirt. For the bottoms, you can get black, blue, or purple leggings. Another great option is to add a blue or purple tutu.

For Mike, you will need a green shirt and something to make a big eye and smile. You could simply look up Mike Wazowski's eyes and mouth, print them out, and then attach them to the shirt. After that, you should get a pair of bottoms to match the green of the shirt.

You can always add little accessories to make it your own!



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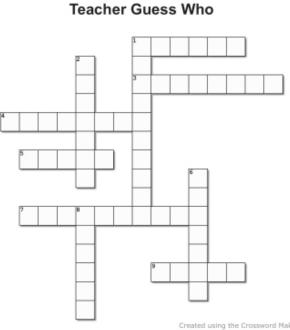




- 1. They studied martial arts all of their life.
- 3. They go to Florida every year for Pirates spring
- 4. They have 4 kids that attend(ed) North Hills.

Finish

- 5. They have one eye with two different colors in it.
- 7. They were a former North Hills cheerleader.
- 9. They are married to a band teacher.



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#### Down

- 1. They are in charge of THON.
- 2. They are the golf coach.
- 6. They are a former state champion of high school presidential trivia.
- 8. They have a black belt in Taekwondo.





Instructions: Trace the path through the maze. Help get the ghost to the haunted house for

Instructions: Connect the dots to make this Halloween picture.

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