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# SPORTS

## Wrapping up the 2022 Hershey High School Varsity Football season

Emma Galvez

Over the last couple years, the Hershey Trojans Varsity football team hasn't had amazing records consistently, but just because they don't have a great record doesn't mean they aren't a great team.

The 2019 and 2020 seasons had a total of 8 wins, and in 2021 they had a rough season with a 1-9 record. The Hershey Trojans have had their ups and downs, but this year was one of their best seasons in recent memory as they finished with a 5-5 record.

Sophomore Sean Elliot, who wore at times both number 33 and 50, had one of the best stat lines on the defense as he averaged 5.9 tackles per game.

Junior Angel Cabera, number 32, had very good stats to start and end the season. Cabrera finished the season averaging 62.5 yards rushing per game, 5.9 tackles per game. He scored eight touchdowns and had a fumble recovery.

Senior Tristan Bingeman, number 54, had a great season for his last year at Hershey High School. Bingeman was a consistent force on defense with 7.7 tackles per game, 2 sacks to end his season.

Many of the players said that they had a better season this year because of the team's chemistry. Another factor that they said helped was the high intensity of the practices run by Head Coach Mark Painter.



## A wild two weeks for Hershey Boys Basketball

Joey Owsley

8 games in 14 days. The Hershey Boys Basketball team has been on a roller coaster ride over the past two weeks.

Full of highs and lows, the team has managed to find relatively positive form, going 6-2 in the time period. In the span, the team's key players have remained unchanged.

Matthew DeDonatis has led the team in scoring from game one, while point guard

Marcus Sweeney continues to run the show with his passing. The same five players have started every single game, quite an achievement given the high density of competitions.

Despite the throughlines from the beginning of the year, Coach Paul Blackburn says that there has been a stark difference during this stretch.

"As we came along, even though we won some games and were playing well at times, I didn't feel good," said Blackburn.

According to Blackburn, there has been a boost of morale within the team, leading to better results. He attributes it to his coaching experimentations.

"I really feel a lot of the early-season losses were my fault," Blackburn said. "I think now we're starting to settle in and I'm figuring out what guys' roles can be a little bit more. I'm able to use a [few] more people in tight situations and close games. And I think that's made a difference in the morale of the team, effort of the team, execution of the team, productivity of the team."

At the beginning of the season, Blackburn had a tighter rotation, regularly incorporating a mere 6 or 7 players. Naturally, as the team began to average multiple games every week, the physical element dictated changes. However, Blackburn believed that there was a mental aspect as well.

"If I say 'Hey I'm going to play more guys' and then I come out the next night and play six guys, then I'm not doing what I say", said Blackburn. "I think the kids are learning to trust me as a coach, and I'm learning to trust them more as players."



## Hershey Girls Lacrosse Wins Mid-Penn Crown

Joey Owsley

The Hershey Girls Lacrosse team defeated Cumberland Valley 12-5 on Thursday to claim the Mid-Penn Championship.



The Trojans were led, as they have been all season, by Hanna Russell who scored a game-high four goals. Meghan McDonald, Abby Hand, Emily Beitzel, and Avery Weaber chipped in two goals apiece to propel the Trojans to victory; goalie Olivia Fox had an excellent first half in net, and totaled 8 saves on the night.

The win serves as the Trojans' third consecutive Mid-Penn crown, and discounting the 2020, COVID-canceled season, Hershey has won five straight Mid-Penn Championships dating back to the 2018 season.



After an uncharacteristically poor first half, in which the Trojans failed to grab hold of the game and went into halftime with a 4-4 stalemate, Hershey exploded in the second half. The Keystone Division Champions rode the momentum of a few early second half goals to a convincing victory in the end, outscoring the Eagles 8-1 after halftime.

The Trojans move to 19-0 on the season, and will now face greater challenges to their perfect season in the PIAA District 3 Class AA playoffs. Hershey will receive a first round bye and will play the winner of the Red Land/Kennard Dale first round clash next Thursday. Due to their status as the #1 seed, the Trojans will play every district playoff game at home.

## Hershey Baseball wraps up season

Natalie Colarossi

The Hershey High School baseball team wrapped up their regular season on May 16th with a record of 10-10.

"This season was a vast improvement over last season. We doubled our wins from last season," said Anderson.

The team led by Coach David Anderson will not be appearing in the district playoff tournament this year. They held a Mid Penn conference record of 7-7, including defeating Palmyra (2 games), Carlisle (2 games), Central Dauphin East (2 games), and Bishop McDevitt.

Their stats were well improved from last year's 5-14 regular season record and 4-10 Mid Penn Conference record.

Anderson credits the team's improvement to pitching, hustle and an overall positive team attitude. Pitching was led by Sophomores Danny Nelson and Sean Callahan, Junior Grant Ebert, and Seniors Patrick Scheib and James DeShong.







# EDITORIALS

## HHS should offer more AP history courses

Elizabeth Vojt

Applying to colleges is a competitive process with numerous layers. One of the most important parts of the application is a student's transcript.

While competitive schools consider all pieces of an applicant's application, the classes they take have a large impact on whether they get admitted to the school. Advanced Placement, or AP,

classes take a student's application to the next level and increase the likelihood of being accepted to competitive colleges. The College Board offers 38 AP classes to high school students. Hershey High School provides students with the opportunity to take half of those.

One AP course offered by HHS is chemistry. In 2021, 135,997 students across the United States enrolled in that course according to data released by the College Board. However, HHS fails to

offer AP U.S. Government – a class taken by 283,353 students in 2021.

Between Model UN and Youth and Government, hundreds of Hershey High School students are involved in mock government or debate clubs. There is clearly an interest for a course like AP government, Hershey just needs to offer it first.

Another AP class, AP World History, was taken by 302,232 students in 2021.



## Music education is essential for student success

Valerie Nothnagle

According to research by the National Association of Music Merchants, schools that offer music programs yield an average 90.2% graduation rate and 93.9% attendance rate; compared with the 72.9% graduation and 84.9% attendance rate of schools that lack musical involvement. It is safe to say that music has an overall positive impact on students.

Music education is vital to students' success, as it aids them to excel in both their academic and social life.

Learning and participating in musical activities enhance people's mental capabilities in a multitude of ways. The areas of the brain responsible for music and language have been discovered to be more closely related than scientists thought. Music requires students to

recognize and recreate pitch, rhythm, and in singing, the enunciation and pronunciation of words. A study from the National Library of Medicine shows that these skills can be applied to their ability to speak and understand language better, especially in younger kids.



## Artificial intelligence should be more regulated

Ashley Bu

When someone thinks of artificial intelligence, the first thing that comes to mind could be a software that helps people create a schedule, or a device that can package pounds of food in a matter of seconds. However, those same devices could bring about negative impacts when used incorrectly.

In order to best benefit society, regulations should be placed on artificial intelligence systems and its potential users.

People can exploit artificial intelligence for academic purposes. Recently, professors have been complaining about an insurgence of cheating using the chat bot ChatGPT. As stated on the website of its parent company OpenAI, ChatGPT was originally created to answer questions and take requests when prompted by a user. However, people may also request

ChatGPT to commit acts of academic dishonesty. No restrictions have been made regarding cheating as ChatGPT cannot sense the intent of its user, which makes cheating prevention much more difficult.

Additionally, AI has led to researchers and civil workers within the government questioning its ethical and moral impacts.





# PROFILES

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## Saying goodbye to the most loved teacher at HHS

Emma Galvez

Having a loved and unforgettable teacher who impacts your life through all four years of your high school career is hard to find.

Richard Bittinger is one of the most loved teachers here at Hershey High School.

Bittinger knew that he wanted to become a teacher because of one of his teachers in high school.

“My senior year of high school, I had a teacher. He was nuts, he was crazy, but he was the most intelligent man I probably ever met,” Bittinger said, “He looked like Lurch from the Addams family, he was tall and intimidating, and people were scared to talk in his class.”



## Hershey High School orchestra's finest, Alicia Xie

Sophie Liang and Valerie Nothnagle

What goes on in Hershey's concertmaster's life?

Music is a crucial part of various high school students' lives, but what's it really like behind the scenes?

Alicia Xie is a senior at Hershey High School. She has been playing the violin since 4th grade.

“Orchestra and violin have been a big part of my life for a long time. I've made so many memories from it,” said Xie.

She is currently the Hershey High School Concert Orchestra's concertmaster, has participated in the Harrisburg Symphony's middle school and high school level orchestras, and is a part of the HHS pit orchestra.



## HHS' first female principal holds more than one title

Emma Galvez

From principal to mom, Lindsey Schmidt strives to perform at her best in all her roles.

Schmidt became the Hershey High School Principal in the midst of the pandemic. Inspired by feminist leaders, Schmidt is proud to be HHS's first female principal. Despite balancing family and work, Schmidt relishes her ability to positively impact young people.

In her early life, Schmidt moved around a lot. She was born in Montana and later moved to Lancaster during elementary school. She then graduated from Hempfield High School.

Growing up, Schmidt looked up to her grandfather who was a decorated veteran and a father to four girls. She also looked up to women like Michelle Obama and RBG.



## ASK HHS VIDEOS



“What's your favorite Taylor Swift song?”

“What are you Thankful for?”



“What class do you wish HHS offered?”

“What's your favorite holiday tradition?”



“What are your New Year's resolutions?”

“What's your favorite date idea?”



“How do you say 'libero'?”

“What are your post-graduation plans?”



“What concerts do you want to see?”



# SCIENCE & TECH

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## Would dropping a huge chunk of ice into the sea help cool down our Earth?

Kamalini Nagarajan

By now, perhaps you've admitted that the Earth is warming. Summers seem to be getting warmer and the amount of wildfires per year are increasing. So, how should we go about cooling it down?

Perhaps you've heard of the idea of dropping a huge block of ice into our ocean to cool it down. This would make sense on a smaller level, you put ice in a drink to cool it down, so it should work for the Earth too. Well, this person isn't wrong. This idea actually would work, but for different reasons.

When sunlight reaches our Earth, some of it is reflected back out into space, and some is absorbed into the atmosphere making our Earth warmer.

Snow is great at reflecting light back out into space. In fact, it reflects light out with an efficiency of around 0.6 to 0.9. This value is called the albedo.

It would also help if the ice was extremely thin and placed somewhere where it wouldn't melt so easily. While it probably won't make much of a difference, it's better than nothing.

It's exactly for this reason that the ice caps are so important right now, and why their disappearance should alarm us.



As they disappear, the amount of heat that gets reflected back into space decreases, and which increases. It becomes a vicious cycle.

This is a positive feedback cycle, and it explains the rapid decrease of glaciers in the current century and the reasons for such decrease.

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## Why you should care about glaciers

Kamalini Nagarajan

When speaking about global warming, phrases like "the tipping point" and "runaway effect" appear quite often. The words themselves can seem overwhelming, like we have started on an unstoppable course for destruction. However, it is important to understand that the current warming of the earth is reversible, and the first step to doing that is to understand why the Earth is warming so rapidly.

Historically, we as humans have not done much to cause any significant change in the environment. It is only recently that we have had any considerable impact. It's this increase in pollution that has tipped Earth's delicate balance.



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## Can humans fall victim to killer fungi?

Ashley Bu

With the release of the series *The Last of Us*, some have wondered if a zombie apocalypse made up of infected human beings would be possible. However, the chance that humans could be zombified by such a fungus is very unlikely.

Prolonged increases in temperature and climate change can force fungi to adjust to living at higher temperatures in order to survive. This adaptation can allow fungi to thrive at the temperature of the human body (98.6 degrees Fahrenheit.) The majority of fungi species are relatively harmless to humans.



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## Krypton Cougars robotics team crushes District Championships and heads to Worlds

Kamalini Nagarajan

The Krypton Cougars, the Hershey-Palmyra robotics team, were a finalist in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Mid-Atlantic District Championship at Stabler Athletic & Convocation Center in Bethlehem in March. This result qualifies them for the World Championship in Houston, Texas.

With an insanely successful season so far, winning the Hatboro-Horsham, Springside-Chestnut Hill district events, and the Mid-Atlantic District

championship, the Palmyra-Hershey robotics team will head to worlds this month.

"We're really excited to be going to worlds," Charissa Ma scout on the team said. At the competition, scouts watch ongoing matches and report details about the match back to the team.

The panel labeled Black Pearl can be clearly seen. This design alludes to the pirates of the Caribbean ship, a choice made by the team as many of the robot's elements are related to ships, such as the

double jointed arm- where the first part is called the mast and the second is called the boom. (Krypton Cougars Media Team)

At FRC competitions, teams are tasked with completing a challenge, the 2023 challenge. The top teams in each division get to form their own alliance. This is a rather important part as you need the right balance to win, and this alliance competes together against another alliance in the challenge.





# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## TV Show Review: Wednesday

Arianna Lila

In Netflix's newest original "Wednesday," the original Addams family movie is given its very own twist. It is written by Charles Addams, Miles Millar, and Alfred Gough. The first episode was aired on November 23rd, 2022. The show has a star studded cast including Jenna Ortega, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Luis Guzmán, Christina Ricci, and many others.

The television show takes place at Nevermore Academy in Jericho, Vermont with the Shapeshifting Principal Weems. The show begins when Wednesday gets expelled from one of the 8 schools she has been to in the past 5 years. She is introduced to what she thinks is known as the dreadful Nevermore Boarding School for outcasts. The writers did a great job introducing Nevermore to Wednesday to frighten her. The 15-year-old girl feels like she is being tied too close to her mother and father, since it was the school they went to in the past.



## Album Review: SOS

Valerie Nothnagle

SZA, a wildly popular R&B singer, released her highly anticipated second album on December 9, 2022, and it has skyrocketed through the ranks of multiple streaming platforms. SOS is composed of 23 emotion-packed songs, 20 of them never being heard before, detailing her feelings of heartbreak, confidence, and self-doubt.

The response to her sophomore album is impressive to say the least; 20 of the tracks have debuted on Billboard Hot 100, with 2 of them being in the top 10. SOS currently holds the top spot on the Billboard 200 albums chart as well.

The album showcases SZA's musical versatility. Most of the songs have a smooth, chill feel to them, but some contain elements of rap, like "Smoking on my Ex Pack," while others have an early 2000s alternative sound, like "F2F." This wide range of genres provides an interesting listening experience.

Spanning 70 minutes, the first few songs open with her singing about one or multiple exes. SZA's attitude ranges from a desire for revenge to despair. One of my personal favorites, "Kill Bill," contrasts a calm, lighthearted beat with slightly dark lyrics, like when she says "I just killed my ex, not the best idea."



## Movie Review: Enola Holmes 2

Natalie Colarossi

Released on Netflix on November 4th, 2022, Enola Holmes 2 is the sequel to the adventurous mystery film Enola Holmes.

The younger sister of the world-famous Sherlock Holmes (Henry Cavill) takes the screen for the second time in 19th-century London. Trying to distinguish herself from her brother, Enola (Millie Bobby Brown) starts a new detective agency. Her first case is the mystery of a missing girl: Sarah Chapman (Hannah Dodd). Sarah, a member of the lower-working class, goes missing with important blackmail on her boss. Enola works undercover to solve the mystery, but more importantly, to find Sarah's motive. The case proves itself to be more complex than Enola originally thought, so she reluctantly accepts the help of Lord Tewksbury (Louis Partridge), an important figure from the first film and possible love interest, and Sherlock Holmes, London's best detective. Through collaboration, they discover a whole new chain of mysteries and puzzles behind Sarah's disappearance. Enola's adventures not only lead her to an action-filled mission, but also a period of self discovery where she learns that teamwork and friendship are irreplaceable.



## Review: Outer Banks season 3

Molly Ziesenheim

The third season of the Netflix series, Outer Banks, starring Madelyn Cline, Chase Stokes, Rudy Pankow, and Madison Bailey follows the teenage group of "pogues" and "kooks" as they continue to search for their treasure one adventure after another. Season three premiered on Netflix on February 3, 2023, debuting at #1 on Netflix's list of top 10 TV shows.

The show begins with the teens stranded on an island they call "Pougelandia." After weeks of surviving off of fishing, coconuts, and campfire games, they are rescued by a plane. Little do they know at the time, the man didn't find them by accident. They quickly realize they are up against much more than they first thought.

After running from authorities in Barbados, the crew ends up back in OBX with John B's (Chase Stokes) presumably dead father, Big John (Charles Halford). The group of friends and Big John are racing to find El Dorado, a city of gold before the show's newest villain Carlos Singh (Andy McQueen) beats them to it.





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