

Cafeteria staff debut new entrees, food items *Nutrition Group shows dedication to innovation*

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Editor-in -chief

Recently, the Nutrition Group has been shaking up the breakfast and lunch menus. They have been working hard to create new and innovative options to attract students and staff alike.

Lori Frye, Director of Food and Nutrition, said that "New menu items are introduced through a collaborative process led by The Nutrition Group's team of chefs. Their expertise allows for the creation of diverse and appealing options."

Felicia Beck, who students will recognize as one of the main faces of the cafeteria, said she has noticed that since the staff has debuted new items, she has seen an uptick in students going through the line to try the new entrees.

She said, "...we're doing the yogurt parfaits now [for breakfast], and they definitely liked that. Today we had

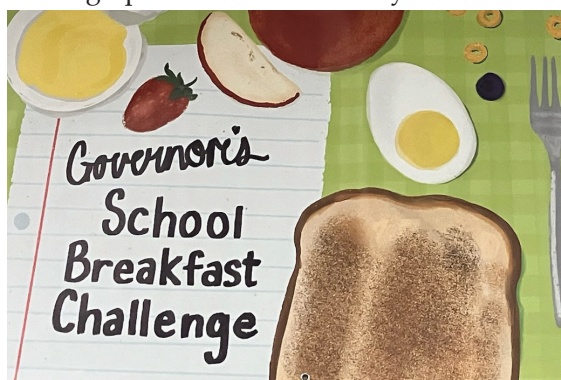


photo by Josie Morgan
Banner celebrating BHS' involvement in the PA Governor's School Breakfast Challenge.

breakfast with scrambled eggs and potatoes and toast, and they really liked that too. I've heard compliments."

Fellow Nutrition Group member Sarah Zehner said that they created new menu items, specifically for breakfast, because they began participating in the "Governor's Breakfast Challenge." Zehner said that the challenge aims "to get more kids to eat breakfast," and they have

definitely seen an increase in students trying the breakfast options.

On the lunch scene, Beck said that she enjoys the creativity the new menu development allows her, specifically when she makes the ever-popular pizza options. She said that, "I like making specialty pizzas. I can get very creative. I can make my own recipes as well, and I have." Beck further said that her broccoli pizza is a



photo by Josie Morgan
New juicer breakfast entree.



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Leslie Healey, Lori Frye, and Ryne Spaulding serve new sushi menu items in cafeteria.

more popular option with staff, while students prefer the barbecue chicken and the buffalo chicken pizzas.

Beyond the traditional hot entree items, the cafeteria recently introduced a Sushi Day event, offered to students through the Nutrition Group. Frye said that this "concept originated with my Regional Manager, Katie Galinsky," to "enhance student dining experiences." The day was a collaborative effort, bringing together Food & Nutrition Directors from various schools. Frye said that this collaboration demonstrated

their commitment to "providing unique and engaging food options...for students."

Frey also said that the growing interest in the new menu items is not only amongst students, but faculty as well. She said that they are in the process of creating a dedicated staff menu, and that this

menu "...will feature daily specials designed specifically for staff [that]... aim[s] to further enhance the dining experience and meet the diverse needs of faculty members."

If students are on the fence about getting breakfast or lunch, Zehner said, "Well, you never know what's gonna be in here. We try and throw something new on the menu, so you never really know what's on there unless you come in. Just come in. You don't have to have a whole breakfast; you can just come in and see what's here."

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Review

Freaky Friday sequel compares to original
Perfect romcom to share with Valentine

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Freshman Reporter

While in Los Angeles, the now adult Anna Coleman (Lindsay Lohan) lives with her daughter Harper (Julia Butters) as a music producer, raising Harper with the help of her mom, Tess (Jamie Lee Curtis). During their time in Los Angeles, Anna believes that she met the love of her life in a guy named Eric (Manny Jacinto). Eric is also a single parent, raising Lily (Sophia Hammons), his daughter, by himself. When Anna and Eric meet, they click immediately and end up being engaged just six months after meeting each other. The only problem is that Lily and Harper go to the same school and hate each other.

The two girls are not happy at all with the relationship that their parents are hav-

ing. Lily and her dad want to move to London because Lily wants to attend a fashion academy. Anna is willing to move to London as well, but Harper does not want to move at all. All of her friends and family are in Los Angeles, and that would all be gone if they moved. This problem causes a lot of conflict between the two girls and spills into the entire family. Both girls end up getting in big trouble in school, starting a food fight and getting detention.

While at Anna's bachelorette party, Tess and Anna go into this mysterious room to get a palm reading, and later Lily and Harper do too. When Harper and Lily get their reading, the fortune teller, Madame Jen, tells them a fortune about their problematic lives. After the four

girls get their palm readings, they all feel an earthquake, but they are the only ones who feel it. The next morning, they realize that they have switched bodies. Harper turned into Anna, and Anna turned into Harper. Lily turned into Tess and Tess turned into Lily. Tess and Anna asked the girls if the fortune teller told them any fortune, but they lied and said no. Realizing that they have more power now that they are in adult bodies, Harper and Lily make up a plan to ruin their parents' wedding.

So the four try to go on with a day as someone else, with Anna and Tess serving time in detention, and Lily and Harper continuing to come up with ideas of how to ruin the upcoming wedding. After the school day,

Anna and Tess find Madame Jen, and she tells them the fortune: "Change the hearts you know are wrong to reach the place where you belong." But explains that all four of the girls have to change their hearts.

Harper goes to the immigration interview with Eric since she is in Anna's body, and while she was there, she realized how much Eric really did love Anna, and that changed her perspective on the entire marriage. But Lily is still trying to ruin the wedding, so she invited Anna's ex-boyfriend, Jake, to the rehearsal lunch that they were at. This causes a very big argument between the two families, and it ends up causing Eric to call off the wedding. Harper was truly sad about that, and Lily started wondering if she made the

right decision.

I very much enjoyed this movie. It was a great movie to just sit down, watch, and laugh at. I thought that they did a great job on making the new movie have some tie-ins with the original. Freakier Friday made roughly \$150 million at the box office, clearly being a hit movie. I did not think that this movie would be as good as it was, but I was proven wrong and think that this is a wonderful movie. I would give Freakier Friday a rating of 4.5 out of 5.0. I think they could've given a little more information on Lily and her family and why and how they moved to the US, but other than that, it was a perfect movie to watch.

I highly recommend it, even if the concept initially comes off as a little odd. It is definitely worth the given hype.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

JOSEPHINE MORGAN

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So far this year, three BHS seniors have been granted full-ride scholarships for either their athletic abilities or through the Questbridge Application.

Football star **Ty'meere Wilkerson** received a full-ride scholarship to the University of New Hampshire, where he will be majoring in Kinesiology.

Wilkerson said that he is grateful for "the opportunity to continue my football journey and get a free education from playing my favorite sport."

Abigail Burdsall and **Lillian Robinson-Gilden** both received full-ride scholarships through Questbridge.

Questbridge is similar to the Common App, although it differs slightly in that students pick their top-choice schools and rank them. They are then hopefully accepted into one of their top choices and receive a four-year scholarship.

Burdsall received a full-ride to Denison University in Granville, Ohio. Burdsall will be majoring in Chemistry, her passion, and continuing her career in music as an avid lover of band and performance.

Burdsall said that she chose Denison as one of her top schools because of a multitude of reasons. For her academics, they have a great Chemistry program and music department. She also liked

the location of the campus, being outside but not in a big city.

Robinson-Gilden was given a full ride scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania through Questbridge. She will be majoring in Bioanthropology and minoring in Biochemistry. Robinson-Gilden said that when she got her letter, she was "in shock for like a week, honestly. I had worked for this for my whole life and it actually happened." She further said that she chose this specific degree because she has always been a science and history person and interested in medical research, "so it just makes sense."

Good luck to all the seniors this application season!



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ROBINSON-GILDEN



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Entertainment

Golden Globes kick off Hollywood award season

Biggest names in Hollywood celebrate achievements

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On January 11 of this year, millions of Americans watched the Golden Globes, kicking off the celebrity award show season. A long night of flashy outfits, long speeches, and comedy skits galore, but who actually won what, and what does that actually mean? Let's break it down together and see what's up in Hollywood.

First up, let's look at the overall awards for films and TV shows. Each year, the Golden Globes gives out four awards for "Best Motion Picture," breaking them down into one for drama films, musical or comedy films, animated films, and one for the best non-English language film.

The first award of the category, "Best Drama," went to "Hamnet," a historical fiction film that follows William Shakespeare as he grapples with the death of his 11-year-old son, lost to the plague. The movie won critical acclaim, earning itself an 86% critic score and a 93% audience score on Rotten Tomatoes. For those who enjoy historical drama, this film is definitely worth a watch.

Next up came the award for Musical or Comedy film. The winner was "One Battle After Another", a Leonardo DiCaprio film following his character, Bob, an ex-revolutionary, as he searches for his daughter, Willa, while simultaneously facing his old nemeses. For those who love both mystery and comedy, this movie checks both of those boxes.

For kids and adults alike, "Best Animated Motion Picture" was one of the most

highly anticipated categories of the evening. With big-name movies like "Zootopia 2," "Elio," and "KPop Demon Hunters" up for the award, millions waited with bated breath for the envelope to open. The award ultimately went to "KPop Demon Hunters." A fun musical-action movie, KPop Demon Hunters balances all the elements kids love in movies with a deeper story that even adults can enjoy. If you haven't seen it already, it's this editor's recommendation that you see it as soon as possible!

The final overall film award went to "The Secret Agent," a Brazilian film set in 1977 about a man named Armando (played by Wagner Moura), who is hoping to reunite with his son. Things take a turn when they meet up during Carnival in the city of Recife, and Armando soon realizes that nowhere is safe. A mystery-thriller full of twists and turns, this is a great movie for those who enjoy foreign films. Moura actually won the award for "Best Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama."

For TV series, awards were also given out, one for Drama, Musical or Comedy, and for Limited/Anthology Series.

The first award for "Best TV Drama" went to "The Pitt," a critically acclaimed medical drama that aims to realistically represent the day-to-day lives of frontline nurses and doctors in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Earning itself a 97% critical rating on Rotten Tomatoes, the show is available to watch on HBO Max.

For the "Best Musical or Comedy Series", the award went to "The Studio," a Seth

Rogen satire series following the titular studio and its staff, who balance career goals with never-ending studio demands. "The Studio" had several nominations for other awards, with Rogen winning the award for "Best Actor in a Musical or Comedy Series."

As with every award show, there are individual acting awards given to actors and actresses, each with their own categories. For Drama films, Jessie Buckley and Wagner Moura took home awards for their work in "Hamnet" and "The Secret Agent," respectively. Both faced tough competition, with Moura going up against Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Jeremy Allen White, Joel Edgerton, Michael B. Jordan, and Oscar Issac. Buckley went up against the likes of Julia Roberts, Jennifer Lawrence, and Tessa Thompson, to name a few.

For Musical or Comedy films, Rose Byrne and Timothée Chalamet each went home with an award for their respective performances in "If I Had Legs I'd Kick You," and "Marty Supreme." Teyanna Taylor and Stellan Skarsgård each won a Golden Globe for "Best Supporting Actor/Actress", and Director Paul Thomas Anderson went home with two awards for his work on "One Battle After Another": "Best Director" and "Best Original Screenplay." Anderson faced stiff competition in both categories, going up against other famous directors and writers like Guillermo del Toro and Chloé Zhao.

In the realm of TV, Rhea Seehorn won the award "Best Performance by a Female Actor in a Television Series –

Drama" for her work on the series "Pluribus." The series follows Seehorn's character, Carol Sturka, in a world where a virus has made everyone a part of a collective, like-minded group and less individual. Over the course of the season, Sturka (Seehorn), who is immune to the virus, must decide whether to join the hive-minded society she lives in, or fight for herself. The series explores themes of collectivism versus individualism and is worth a watch for those who enjoy dystopia.

Noah Wyle, the main actor for "The Pitt," was awarded the "Best Performance by a Male Actor in a Television Series" for Drama. He beat out a lot of tough competition for the award, being nominated alongside juggernauts like Mark Ruffalo, Diego Luna, and Gary Oldman, who "Harry Potter" fans will recognize as Sirius Black.

Jean Smart, Michelle Williams, Seth Rogen, Erin Doherty, Stephen Graham, and Owen Cooper also each won for their work across various TV shows, from comedy to anthologies.

There were several other major wins throughout the evening, with the popular track "Golden" from "KPop Demon Hunters" winning the award for "Best Original Song in a Motion Picture." Michael B. Jordan's movie "Sinners" won the award for "Cinematic and Box Office Achievement," a relatively new award given to films that have a large, global cultural impact and audience while earning very large amounts at the box office.

The night did not go off without a hitch, however.

The award for "Best Original Score in a Motion Picture" was given to Ludwig Göransson for his work on the movie "Sinners." This, on the surface, is not controversial; the controversial part came when the Golden Globes decided to dedicate more time to comedy skits than honoring the award recipients, and decided several days before the actual event to air the "Best Original Score" category during a commercial break. This editor can understand wanting to dedicate more time to the performers and their performances, but the way they went about it came off as extremely disrespectful to Göransson and his fellow composers. Hopefully, in the future, the Golden Globes will accept some of the wave of negative feedback they received from their decision and air all the awards next year; that is what people tune in for, after all.

On a more positive note, along with all the usual awards, this year's Golden Globes saw a new award make a splash. The award for "Best Podcast" recognizes the new phenomenon of podcasts as a major source of entertainment in Hollywood. The award ultimately went to Amy Poehler for her podcast "Good Hang with Amy Poehler," where the celebrity discusses daily life and careers with weekly guests.

Overall, many awards were given out throughout the evening to many deserving performers. With many other major award shows and movies coming out this season, make sure to keep an eye out for your favorite performers and directors' works. Happy viewing!

Quiz Bowl teams compete

Camaraderie, teamwork make dream work



photo by Josie Morgan

From left to right: Tyler Costanzo, Riley Kershner, Thomas DiBattista, Jaxon Hittle, Averi Schnerr, Fable Gunther, Quinn Kishbaugh, Damon Brown, Ian Costanzo, and Caleb Czajkowski.

JOSEPHINE MORGAN

Editor-in-chief

This season, the BHS Varsity Quiz Bowl team has had many big successes, both individually and as a group.

Mr. Todd Gunther, Head Coach and Advisor, said that as a group, the group has qualified for "Eastern PA Regionals and Small School Nationals at our first tournament of the year, with a 7th/25 result at Moravian Academy in October." He also said that the A-team finished "...in the top bracket of a southeast Pennsylvania tournament for the first time at West Chester, Henderson in November."

As for individual players, Tyler Costanzo and Riley Kershner have received book prizes for individual point

scoring in Junior Varsity brackets, and Jaxon Hittle has received book prizes in the varsity division.

Recently, the Quiz Bowl team hosted their own tournament at BHS, where Gunther said, "Josephine Morgan, Jaxon Hittle, and Thomas DiBattista served as moderators along with six regional coaches and quiz bowl alumni in hosting our Bulldog Buzzer Battle, the only Saturday Quiz Bowl event held in Northeastern Pennsylvania in 2026." Fable Gunther and Kershner also served as score keepers. at the competition.

Overall, the midpoint of the Quiz Bowl season shows that the BHS team has had many successes and looks forward to nationals this Spring.

Smashes, crashes, football bashes

Students discuss different Super Bowl traditions

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Freshman Reporter

Every year, sports fans look forward to a tradition going on for 60+ years.

The Super Bowl has been a great tradition since 1967, celebrating the two best teams in the league every year. This year, Super Bowl LX [60] is taking place in Levis stadium in Santa Clara, California, home of the San Francisco 49ers. The teams this year in the Super Bowl that are playing are the New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks.

Millions of people each year watch the Super Bowl. They have many traditions going into the game each year. People eat food, enjoy watching the ads and the game, and having a great time with family and friends.

One of the Super Bowl traditions is the halftime show performance by a singer/artist who's been on the rise or the most popular. This year's performer is Puerto Rican global superstar Bad Bunny.

Another Super Bowl tradition is watching the most iconic ads on TV. This is the only time people actually enjoy watching ads on TV for new products coming in 2026. Companies like Doritos, McDonald's, Ford, Coca-Cola, and many more pay a very high amount of money for their ads. People enjoy watching the ads because of the humor in them compared to other ads on any other day.

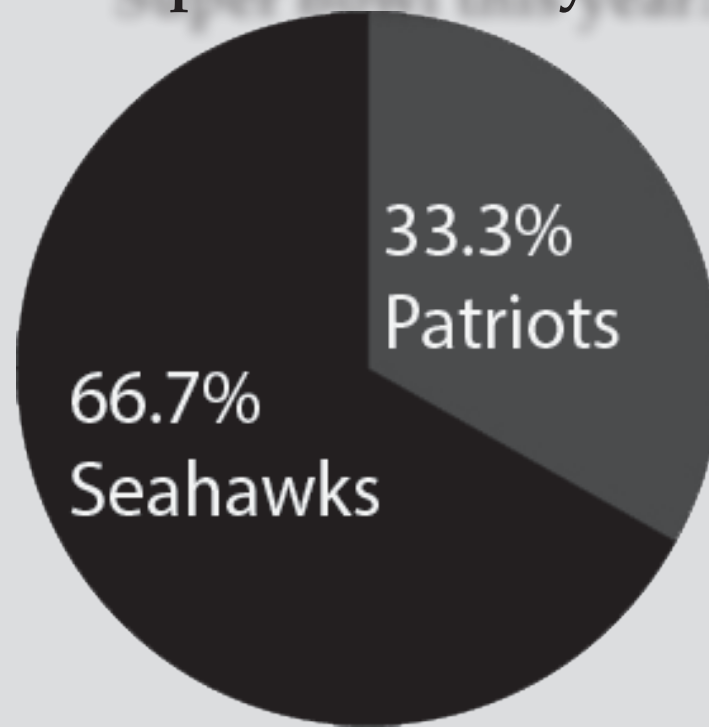
It's always a tradition every year for the super bowl, the ads, halftime performances and more but most of all that tops them all is the par-

ties people host every year celebrating a great season of NFL football. Many people enjoy relaxing, watching the game and eating food. The most popular food to eat on gameday is chicken wings served with ranch or blue cheese or pizza. These items have been consumed billions annually.

Freshman Malikiah Brown said "My favorite Super Bowl traditions are to enjoy the game on the couch with soda and food and hanging out with my best friends". Freshman Coop Petty said "My favorite Super Bowl traditions are to go to my Pop's house, eat and then watch the game".

Regardless of the Super Bowl tradition everyone has there's always similar traditions people have.

Who will win the Super Bowl this year?



BHS music students perform *Department shows talent, dedication*

THOMAS DIBATTISTA
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Local music students at BHS are showcasing their musical talent. There are multiple PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association) events occurring in the local area. These events include ensembles for chorus, band, and orchestra.

District 8 Chorus was held at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA, on Jan 7-9, 2026. Carol Nagel, Madison Smith, Lily Eisenhauer, and Tyler Constanzo attended the festival from BHS. While at the event, Carol Nagel, Madison Smith, Lily Eisenhauer, and Tyler Constanzo auditioned successfully for Region IV Chorus. Amelia Zlobik was the 2nd alternate for the festival. The regional chorus event is to be held at Northwest

High School in Shickshinny, PA, on March 11-13, 2026. District 8 Band is to be held at Towanda High School. From Berwick Tyler Constanzo, Abigail Burdsall, Thomas DiBattista, Alex LeVan, Jamie Wark, Amelia Zlobik, Collin Litwhiler, Shaun Wiggins, Kieran Dixon, Justyce Schnauffer, Quinn Kishbaugh, and Chase Billig will be in

attendance. The festival is to be hosted Feb 4-6, 2026. Students who audition at Towanda will have the opportunity to participate in Region IV Band, which is to be held at Hazleton High School.

District 8 Orchestra was held at Commonwealth



photo Courtesy to Student Times

University - Bloomsburg. BHS was represented at the festival by Wesley Siegfried, Nathan Shultz, Aaliyah Bitler, Hailey Peters, Alex LeVan, Abigail Burdsall, Cassie Kendron, and Quinn Kishbaugh. Students who auditioned successfully, moving on to the next level, Central Region Orchestra are Abigail Burdsall and Alex LeVan.

For PMEA pre-auditions, students are required to prepare certain excerpts from different music that is chosen by directors in the district. For band and orchestra pre-auditions, students must also learn certain scales on top of the

excerpts chosen. Students who successfully audition at a district level receive a folder with around 3-5 pieces of music. At the district festival, either one or two excerpts will be chosen without students knowing prior, and they will be asked to play or sing that music for a panel of judges.

Good luck to the students!



photo Courtesy to Student Times

Principal reflects on year so far *Movie nights, surveys, successes*

JOSEPHINE MORGAN
Editor-in-chief

As the school year progresses, so does the time to reflect on the year so far, what new ideas were successful, what worked well, and what needs to be changed for next year. For Principle Cheyenne Hinkle, this year has been full of successes, which she hopes to keep up for the rest of the year into next.

One of the main new strategies implemented by Hinkle this year is using Google Forms to survey student and faculty input on new ideas and plans. Hinkle said that, "They definitely seem to be catching on, especially when there is a little incentive involved." The little incentive Hinkle is referring to is

often a small giftcard for the first to respond, or the form is about something directly for the students, such as the movie nights, which will be discussed shortly. Hinkle went on to say that she "truly values the students' input, as well as the teachers'."

Hinkle feels that her biggest successes this year were "Hosting the free movie nights in collaboration with the Berwick Theater was a big success and also bringing the Dunkin Truck to our school." She said that she thinks it is important to "[provide] safe and fun places for our students to serve as a foundation to help them succeed in other areas."

Looking towards next year, Hinkle said she is already

working on creating "casual lunch forums" where she can "connect with more students and learn about their interests and what drives them as a student."

Overall, Hinkle feels that many good ideas and plans came out of this year. "I hope to continue the fun things we started since I began here, along with the regular traditions. I think it's important to build and hold traditions so that students and teachers have something to look forward to and build upon year to year," she said.

If any students have any ideas for Mrs. Hinkle, or anything else they would like to discuss, students can reach her at chinkle@berwicksd.org.

Model UN students travel to PennTech *Several win awards at competition*

JAXON HITTLE
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On December 12th, the Berwick delegation for Model UN attended their annual Mock Constitutional Convention to the Pennsylvania College of Technology. 12 students went and were assigned the states of West Virginia, Illinois, and Oregon and proposed papers based off the Legislative, Executive, Judicial branches, and a fourth for Constitutional Amendments. The Illinois Delegation, comprised of

Mahi Brahmabhatt, Xander Harner, Julia Rauch, and Lillian Robinson-Gilden won

delegates taken won superior delegate awards, those being; Riley Kershner, William Robinson-Gilden, Lillian Robinson-Gilden, Josephine Morgan, Averi Schnerr, Mahi Brahmabhatt, Xander Harner, Jaxon Hittle, Julia Rauch, and Robert Wilk.

In the Spring, the Model UN group will attend another convention, this time as representatives of the real United Nations, where the students will represent countries instead of US states.



photo by Stephen Swicklik

Model UN students pose with awards after convention.

an award for being a superior delegation. During the award session, the majority of the

To: Lucas
"Thank you so much for absolutely everything. I don't think I have ever loved anyone as I do you. Through the good and the bad, just know that I care."
From: Esha

To: Esha
"You're the best girlfriend a guy could ask for. I've had some of my best moments with you. You've made me happy. I want to thank you for being you."
From: Lucas

To: Jessica Beiler
"Have a great day :) ."
From: :) :)

To: Tifani
"I love you so much my sweet girl."
From: Cassie

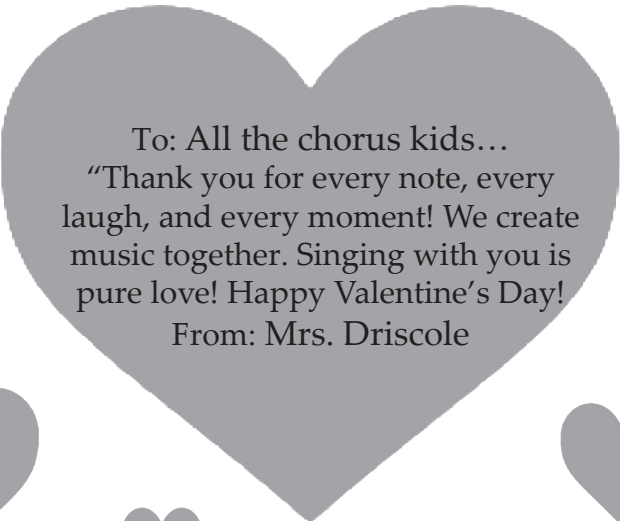
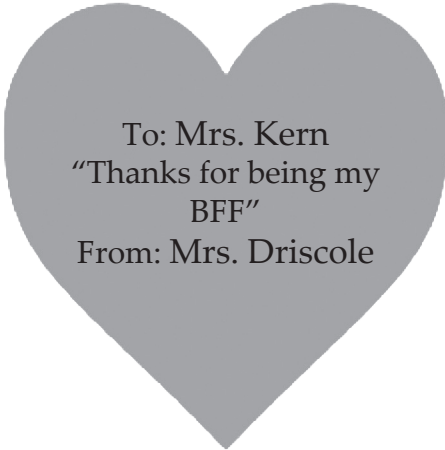
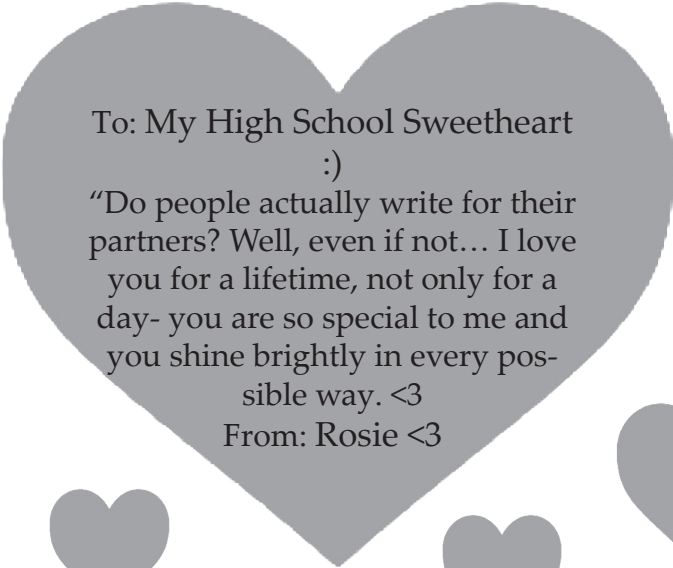
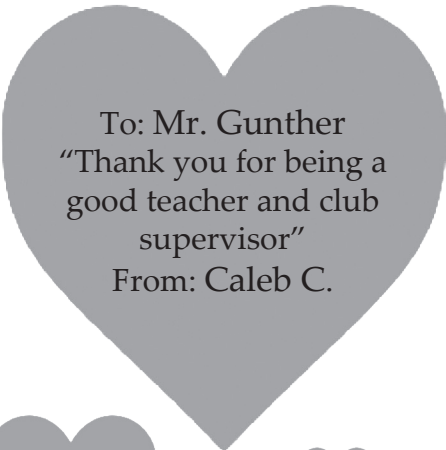
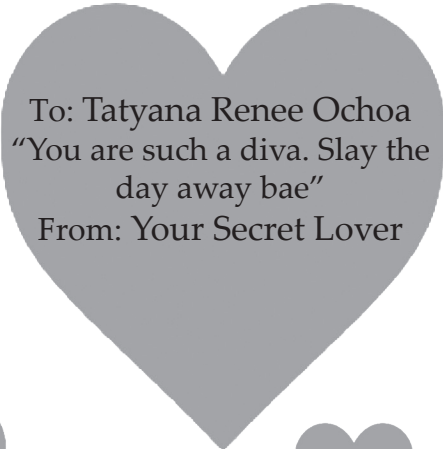
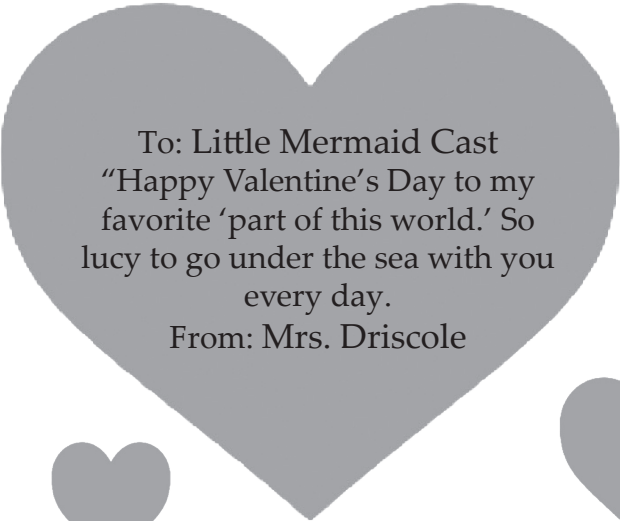
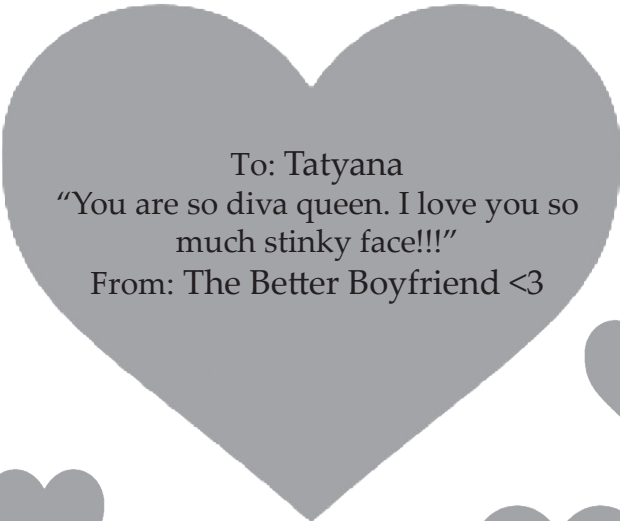
To: Crip
"Sorry for hitting your knee. I love you my spooky dookie! My little dive queen."
From: Your Platonic Lover <3

To: Draven Geiger
"Thanks for being the best friend I could have."
From Ian Davis

To: my favorite woodwind
"you'll fall for me bassooner or later. lots of love"
From: i miss abi

To: Aub
"I'm so thankful to have a friend like you. Keep your head high. You do not need a man when you have a best friend. Love you girl."
From: Lay

To: Martin Luther
"i've got 95 reasons to love you hanging up on my church door"
From: Thomas



Sweet treats for Valentine's sweetheart

Chocolate covered strawberries make easy gift.

AMELIA ZLOBIK
Senior Reporter

As the season of love approaches, there's no better way to celebrate than with a homemade sweet treat. Chocolate-covered strawberries are a classic Valentine's dessert, but with a little creativity, they can become both elegant and playful. This recipe features traditional chocolate-dipped strawberries, pink-and-white chocolate drizzles, and adorable ladybug-themed decorations. Perfect for sharing with friends, family, or a special someone.

This recipe is customizable and easy to follow, making it a great option for anyone looking to add a homemade touch to their Valentine's Day celebrations. First, you will need a tray, plastic wrap, two microwave-safe bowls, and a stirring spoon or fork. This recipe also requires fresh

strawberries, either regular strawberries or stem strawberries, depending on preference. Stem strawberries are easier to dip, but either option works well. You will also need milk chocolate and white chocolate melting wafers. Pink food coloring is necessary to tint the white

chocolate. Candy eyes are necessary as well.

Cover a tray with plastic wrap to prevent the chocolate from sticking while it dries. Set the tray aside. Place the melting wafers into a microwave-safe bowl. You'll need enough to be able to dip most of the strawberry in. Heat them in the microwave in 35-second increments, stir-

ring well after each interval. Continue this process until the chocolate is fully melted and smooth. Once melted, make sure to

tic wrap covered tray to dry.

To create the pink drizzle, add about two and a half drops of pink food coloring

to the melted white chocolate. Stir until the color is evenly mixed. Spoon some of the pink chocolate into a Ziploc bag, cut

milk chocolate into a Ziploc bag and cut a small hole in the corner. Pipe a straight line down the center of the strawberry to create the separation between the wings. Using a toothpick and milk chocolate, carefully dot small spots onto each side of the strawberry. Gently place candy eyes onto the chocolate head using a dot of melted chocolate to seal them into place.

Once all the strawberries are fully dried, they are ready to serve. Arrange them on a platter or package them as a festive Valentine's gift. This Valentine's treat is a fun and thoughtful way to celebrate Valentine's Day, combining a classic with creativity. Whether you keep it simple or add the playful ladybug design, these chocolate-covered strawberries are guaranteed to make the holiday a little sweeter.



photo by Callie Shultz

continuously stir the chocolate occasionally to prevent it from drying or thickening. Repeat this process separately for both the milk chocolate and the white chocolate. Once fully melted start by dipping the strawberries into the melted milk chocolate. Gently shake off any excess chocolate and place the strawberries onto the plas-

a very small hole in one corner, and drizzle the chocolate over the strawberries.

For the ladybugs, dip the strawberries into the pink chocolate and place them on the tray to dry. Once set, dip only the bottom of each strawberry into the milk chocolate to form the ladybug's head. After the chocolate has dried, spoon melted

No date, no problem

Alternative celebration brings friends together

ISIS KOVALCHEK

Freshman Reporter

A new trend that has developed in the past few years is Palentines and Galentines, it's just like valentines, but for your friends. Galentines and Palentines started mid-to-late 2010's, showcasing people giving their female and male friends valentines in a platonic way.

Galentines was first mentioned in an episode of "Parks and Recreation", where Leslie Knope hosted a breakfast for her gals. This sparked the idea of making it a trend. This is when girls started giving their friends Galentines to celebrate their friendship with each other. This has now turned into a huge

trend. Friends take friends out to dinner, stating they don't need a man to do so, since they have each other. They give flowers, presents, chocolates, and more.

This sparked interest in guys too, as they started their own trend called Palentines where two guys also give each other valentines and presents, celebrating their own platonic love with one another. Palentines includes game nights, hikes, picnics, movie marathons, crafting, giving gifts, and just spending time together in general.

Throughout the years Palentines and Galentines haven't become mainstream, as some people have never even

heard of it, or never had one; meanwhile, others keep the spirit. Freshman Tameka Lopez-Rosembert said, "Yeah, I do Galentines with my friends every year. It's really fun because me and my friends give each other gifts!"

Freshman Bryanna Ruckle said, "I've received galetines before, it's my favorite part about Valentine's Day!"

Overall, Galentines and Palentines are a new trend that is not mainstream; it is still growing in popularity. It's meant to be a fun experience for friends being independent and single. Due to their growing popularity, they could potentially become more common in the future.

What is your ideal Valentine's Day date?



Emily Brekke
Senior

"My ideal date is watching movies and playing board games."



Angel Parada-Viera
Senior

"[My ideal date is] exchanging gifts, go to Texas Roadhouse, Netflix and chill."



Jamie Wark
Junior

"I would bring them on a bowling date then take them out to dinner wherever."

STUDENT TIMES STAFF SATIRE

JAXON HITTLE

Sophomore Reporter

Love is in the air this month, especially around the high school, primarily to our hallways. Increasing numbers of young students in love have found that the hallways can be considered a place of romance, the beige and white backdrop is simply that appealing.

Love might be in the water, too. Students have been having difficulties getting water from the fountains because .

Apparently, time slows down, too, as couples on their way to class will walk in slow motion to extend their time together, halting the flow of

traffic and causing problems behind them. The crowds of people can wait; couples hands can't be separated from each other under any circumstances.

Alas, the wicked teachers are so jealous of young love that they will separate couples for seemingly no reason. The blame should never lie on the young couple. Teachers will also mark people tardy for spending too much time with their love interest. Yes, it appears that the bane of Valentine's Day is the teacher of a public school.

However, in this time of love, it is even more lovely to consider those around you.



photo by **Abigail Burdsall**
Student dramatization of PDA in the hallways

To: Dubai Chocolate
"I'd die and kill for dubai chocolate. if anyone's reading this and wants to give me dubai chocolate please do it. I'll give you a crisp high-five."
From: Tifani Baez

To: Ode to Raven '26
"Roses are red
Violets are blue
Who's the best Berwick club
Oh right, it's you :)"
From: me

To: Winter
"Thank you for all the days off, I love you."
From: Logan

To: Thomas D.
"do you Binomial like
I Binomial cause i feel
like you don't even
Biknowme"
From: Stats

To: Swing Choir
"Roses are red
Our counts go to eight
Love dancing with you
Even when you move late!
Happy Valentine's Day! <3"
From: Mrs. Driscole

To: Camryn
"Forget about Spider-man, i'll be your man."
From: Emma

To: Morgan and Skye
"You guys are my best friends.
Can't wait to walk the stage with you guys. Love you!
From: Kallie

To: Collins Hall
"Happy Valentine's Day to Collins, no candy required, our friendship is already sweet"
From: Maggie

To: The universe
"Thanks for nothing.
This year's been great.
From: Moi

To: Student Times Staff
"I just want to thank you all so much for your perseverance this year; I know it hasn't been easy, but I appreciate all of you guys so much. The paper wouldn't get done without you!"
From: Josie

To: Cupcake
"Happy Valentine's Day! I love you!"
From: Muffin

To: Carol Marie Nagel
"Crème de la meow meow, grrrr"
From: Crip

To: Emma W.
"My love for you is like diarrhea, it never ends."
From: Camryn

To: My Group Chat
"Happy Valentine's Day from your favorite gc member, Alex still sucks at siege, Ashton is a fake master player, Caleb needs to drop blox fruits, and Skyler is 24 years old. I hope yall have a blessed day."
From: Angel

To: Abigail
"If you were propaganda, I'd fall for you"
From: Camryn

To: Fable & Skye
"Happy Galentine's Day! I love spending time in study hall together. Hope your day is filled with Jimmy Buffet."
From: Emily

To: Sara S.
"Just wanted to let you know your an amazing friend. I'm glad were friends, I hope we will always be friends even after we graduate and even after death. I have no clue who I would be without you. So thank you, love you".
From: Marly

To: Fable G.
"Babe are you the french revolution? Cause I'm losing my head over you."
From: Camryn

Teaching students to stay on-target

Rifle team helps develop character in members

CALLIE SHULTZ

Photo Editor

Even though they have been around for a couple years, the rifle team still take on each of their matches like it is their first. They take on new proteges each year and teach them how to shoot, and allow the team to grow and take on their goals

The practices have a similar effect as their matches, with how they set up and how they shoot while still trying to advance their

scores. This is done while remaining safe in such a close space. Sophomore Ivy Lear said, "We practice by setting

better our scores." Allowing them to see where they are at and taking the time to see where their errors are like any other sport.

When thinking of teams to join, rifle is one that takes only a few members, but it provides a sense of responsibility. Sophomore Gabriella Davis said, "It adds responsibility; you have to actively clean and manage it, it's more like taking care

on such a huge responsibility.

Being on the rifle team can make students feel more in charge. Senior Morgan

tain feeling of authority. It makes me feel influential, hence making me feel more passionate about it." Giving her a new aspect of herself and how she can handle things at practice.

The group is made up of those who have shot growing up or even just gone and tried it. Junior Zackary Crane said, "I would tell someone thinking about joining to just try it. I think it's something you just have to try to know if you like it. Even if you have no knowledge, you can

still take a chance to learn something new."



photo by Callie Shultz
Parker Anewalt and Aiden Steinruck prepare to practice.



photo by Callie Shultz
Senior Mahi Brahmhatt marks her shots on a target tracking sheet.

up two targets, sending them out, and focusing on the fundamentals while trying to

of a part of yourself." Gaining more help in preparing for life by taking

Draushak said, "Handling a weapon gives you a cer-

Bocce team aims for success in current season

Teamwork, practice foster good environment for players

IAN DAVIS

Sophomore Reporter

Unified Bocce is quickly becoming one of the most impactful sports at Berwick Area High School, bringing students of all abilities to work together through teamwork, competition, and sportsmanship. As part of the Unified Sports program, the team includes athletes with and without various disabilities playing side by side.

Bocce is a sport that mainly focuses on accuracy, strategy, and teamwork, rather than speed or strength, making it great for unified play. Teammates work together to roll their

ball as close as possible to the pallina. The pallina is the small target ball in bocce that players aim to roll their bocce

on the court and sidelines is high. Player Alivia Stoneroad said, "[It was] our second game of the season, which

there's no one else I'd rather win games with. ...There is truly nothing like it, and I think that it gives everyone a

team currently has a record of 1 - 0 - 3, with 1 win, 0 losses, and 3 ties.

The Berwick Unified Bocce



photo by Callie Shultz
Bocce players watch teammate Savannah Pajovic.

balls closest to. Teammates experience constant support and teamwork throughout each match.

During games, the energy

was my team's [team 2] first win. [E]veryone on the team was just so excited and proud of themselves."

Beyond competition, unified Bocce has a strong impact on Berwick High School's community. It promotes inclusion and builds friendships. Stoneroad said, "I love the team and my teammates,



photo by Callie Shultz
Rheanon Billig sets up to roll her palina.

newfound respect for people with special needs, because we spend so much time and learn more about them."

The Berwick Unified Bocce

team is only about half-way through their current season. With more games to come, the team remains determined to achieve success and continue to make a positive impact on the school community.

If anyone is interested in supporting the BHS Unified Bocce team, make sure to go cheer them on at their matches this season.

Boys' swim team making splash

Hardwork, dedication pay off in long run

CALLIE SHULTZ

Photo Editor

The 2026 year has been off to a good start for the boys' swim team. With their recent defeat of Wilkes Barre Area with a score of 76 - 62 on Monday, January 5th.

Coach Stacy Banyas said, "Swimming is very much a numbers game. Wilkes-Barre appeared to have more boys on their roster, which usually means more points. However, about the same number of boys swam against the boys making it a more achievable goal to get the win." They saw the chance and took it pushing harder through.

Going into the meet they could see the difference in

sizes of the team but knowing the skill they had they still put their best work in. Freshman Myles Lamon said, "I knew the scores were

more ways to save energy for bigger events, the team still pushed through and gained more points.

Berwick's team took the op-

portunity in front of them and went all out to do their best to take this challenge on like every meet, but this one

had more hope for

them with what they wanted to prove to themselves.

Sophomore Kieran Dixon said, "We had heard that this team wasn't as good as some other teams we've gone

against so we were all excited to get in the water and see if we would win." Knowing that they were not as difficult as some added the extra push

that pushes us far.' They saw the opportunity and took it, forcing their way through to give the school its first win for the boys and giving them

all a stronger sense of everything they had.

The boys taking this win was not just a good thing for the school or club, but also themselves as people. Freshman Jayson Hess said, "The feeling of winning after 4 years felt great, this was one of our biggest goals at the start of the season

and now we achieved that for our school, we all feel very accomplished."

The feeling of triumph was great for this team, but also for the school to see how hard they have trained.



photo by Callie Shultz



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Senior wins award

Wilkerson named Maxwell recipient

JOSEPHINE MORGAN

Editor-in-chief

Recently, BHS Running Back Ty'meere Wilkerson was awarded the Maxwell Award for his dedication to football and athletics, his community, and his academics.

Head Coach Chrysogonus Curry said that the Maxwell Award

is awarded to 50 kids from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. "Each state

has about 200 or so applicants," Curry said.

The award given to Wilkerson and the others is a high school version of the collegiate Maxwell trophy, given annually to a college football player following the same criteria.

Wilkerson said that receiving the award was a

"good experience," and he is glad he had been given such a big opportunity.



photo by Chrysogonus Curry

Snow much fun on the slopes

Ski club hits the trails this season

CALLIE SHULTZ

Photo Editor

Berwick has had a ski club for a while now, and this year Principal Cheyenne Hinkle took over as the advisor. The group skis at Montage Mountain a few days a week, giving kids a chance to participate in a club with no scores, just fun.

Hinkle said, "Transportation is provided with school vans, so there is no cost for transportation. Students are responsible for paying for their own rental and lesson, if needed, along with their lift ticket. Through the Montage Club option, we get all of these deep discounts." She wants everyone to know they will work with them and make sure all people have ac-

cess to getting up there.

The group is always taking in new members, and for those who need help getting supplies Hinkle said, "If a student is interested and needs things like warm gear, I would be happy to help find them some to borrow or have." They don't want supplies to stop people from trying out the club and going to have fun.

Freshman club member Gresham Kupsky said, "The best part of skiing with the club is being social with everyone. There are people who already ski and some who are learning and I love to share tips with the newer people, also talking about skiing with the more advanced people and of course skiing with ev-

eryone." The club is hoping to have more people coming and trying out skiing to see if this could be a passion for them.

The club is not just only about skiing but they also involve snowboarding. Kupsky said, "If you don't know how to ski or snowboard please join. There are many skilled kids in both sports and we would love to teach you how to ski and progress to get better."

Ski club allows people to take a chance and students are able to find great teachers and people to just help students fuel their passion.

It is a great group for students to start something new and meet people who have that same interest.

To: Abigail Burdsall
"I love you not just because of who you are, but because of who I become when I am with you"
From: Trinity Cooper

To: "Immaculate Ian"
"Rejoice; for you and I have attained what is referred to as a sufficient friendship. Godspeed. Live long and prosper."
From: thine comrade, D.B.

To: Sara Stoneroad
"Unlike the toilet paper, our friendship will never run out."
From: Macie

To: Mr Gunther
"Your wisdom precedes from the forehead, not the brain"
From: Fettermen Formals

To: Abigail Burdsall
"Happy Valentine's day to my favorite section leader (after Sara)"
From: Macie Dohl

To: Aura Farmer
"Happy Valentine's my little butter ball"
From: Yessica Haircut

To: Kaz
"You're a really awesome homie by the way, just as a reminder!"
From: Pierce

To: pookie :)
"Here we are, nearly (or maybe past) 7 months, and who knew this is what life would be like. No matter what, I will always love you, even if the cat doesn't."
From: theog :D

To: Mermaid Princess
"Can I be the clownfish to your anemone?"
From: Nemo

What is your go-to pick-up line?



Fable Gunther
Senior
“Are you the great American frontier cuz I wanna manifest a destiny with you.”



Caden Getty
Senior
“Dang girl, are you Dr. Pepper? Cuz I really like Dr. Pepper.”



Alext LeVan
Senior
“Do you believe in love at first sight, or should I walk by again?”



Norah Hestor
Senior
“You’re so sweet you could put Hershey’s out of business.”



Lillian Buzzard
Sophomore
“On a scale of 1 to America, how free are you tonight?”



Alivia Stoneroad
Junior
“Math is so confusing, it’s always using x and y instead of u and i.”

Contribute to the Student Times

Suggestions are welcome!
Submit articles, editorials or ideas in room 8.



Myrna Tlapa
Sophomore
“Well, I’m here. What are your other two wishes?”



Morgan Drauschak
Senior
“Do you like raisins? How do you feel about a date?”



Amelia Zlobik
Senior
“Are you a chug jug cuz you really heal my heart.”



Maddy Birk
Senior
“Are you a booger cuz I’d pick you.”



Brady Rauch
Freshman
“Are you French? Because Eiffel for you.”



Sara Stoneroad
Junior
“I don’t know much about astrology, but I do know how the universe started. It started with u n i.”

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To: Freddy
"Will you be my Valentine?"
From: Carman

To: Abigail and Alex
"I love you both so much! Thank you
guys for always being there for me
and being amazing besties! AAA for-
ever!!!
From: Amelia

To: Xavier Small
"I love you until the numbers
stop always and forever"
From: Karly Small

To : All the students of BHS
"I wish all of the students a Happy
Valentine's Day! You are making my
final year of teaching a wonderful
one. I appreciate all of the good be-
haviour, help, and you all just being
generally nice people."
From: Thatch AKA Thatch
Master Fresh

To: CC!!
"I love how you get all
my references :)"
From: Saily!

To: Aura Farmer
"Happy Valentine's Day
sweet thing"
From: Jessica Haircut

To: Mr. Gunther
"Thanks for helping
me find trashcans."
From: Thomas

To: Yessica Haircut
"Happy Valentine's
Day sugar"
From: Aura Farmer

To: EDL
"As your former gc leader I say this
with great love that I hate all yall.
Thanks for making these past 4
years the best years of my life you
guys are awesome. EDL still lives,
Rip Koltin L!"
From: Your former
GC Leader

To: Henry Slyder
"I love Henry"
From: Chris