

Lady Dawgs make state semi-finals for first time ever *Team matches up against three-time state champs*

CALLIE SHULTZ

Photo Editor

Girls volleyball truly did take the season by force. The girls were led by coaches Sarah Warner, Natalie Blockus, Kim Glass, Ethan Potter, and Julia Troiani. The coaches took their players and guided them through playoffs until they went up against the 3 time winning champs, Pope John Paul II, where they ended their season.

This level has not been played by the girls volleyball team in school history, so making it to the championships was a remarkable feat for them. Setter Julia Rauch said, "We had no doubt about our team's capability to compete with the team. We knew that they were good, but we also knew how good we were and how hard we worked to

get there. Our Coach told us to 'Breathe. Believe. Battle' and we did exactly that."

Going up against the three-time champs, Pope



photo by **Kristie Kerbacher**
Setter **Addison Davis** sets ball.

John Paul, proved to be a difficult game. Defensive Specialist Iris Welch said, "Obviously, we didn't expect the team to be easy,

which it wasn't, and all our team was going to do was our best. I feel like the game was so good, and the fact that our team took them to four sets is really impressive to me." The girls held their ground and even knowing it was a low chance they went out there and put their all into each set.

Heading into huge games like this can change how players see the court, but the girls took their nerves and channeled them to benefit the game.

Libero Brylee Weaver said, "Obviously everyone has nerves, but we harp on our mentality a lot, so I feel most of us were strong enough to be able to be confident in

ourselves and the team to keep advancing throughout the playoffs." The girls learned how to take their weaknesses and all their worries and let those push

well. Whether that be making a long-run in districts or winning conference. Although, nobody really expects us to make a run in state playoffs, especially all the way to state semi-finals."

This season, the Lady Dawgs pushed through the toughest challenges and proved that they have what it takes to excel past what their peers had

thought possible for them to achieve.

They are looking forward to next year's season, where they hope to make it even further in the tournament.



photo by **Kristie Kerbacher**

From left to right:
Lexi Bowman, Ashlyn Zakrewski, Addison Davis, Emmy Superko, Carly Force

them to do more as they advanced and it got them so much farther than they could have imagined.

Rauch said, "During the regular season, everyone always expects us to do

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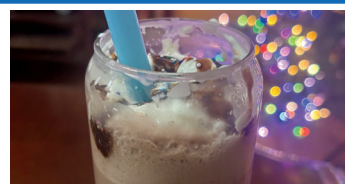
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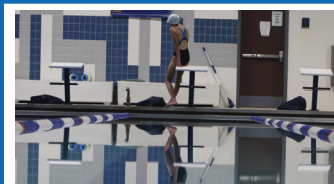
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OWEN DIBLASI
Freshman Reporter

Berwick High School offers a program called “SADD,” which stands for Students Against Destructive Decisions. The program’s goal is to support students in making positive decisions. The librarian, Heather Henry, serves as the advisor for this program, as well as the librarian for not only the high school but also for the district.

It is available to everyone K-12, and sign-ups start in October and continue until the end of the school year. Heather Henry, the advisor of this program, said, “[It’s] open to everyone, kindergarten through 12th grade.” This program had higher numbers of members before COVID, and they are looking to regain as many members as they had previously.

The exact number of SADD members in the program around the world is unknown, but this program has been helping those who



photo by Heather Henry
Hailey Richards, Tatyana Ochoa, and Makayla Brown stand by their “Just Believe” tree at Treefest.

require it internationally for many years. Henry said, “Our goal is to be a good example and help those who need it.”

SADD has many programs that can be found all around the U.S, but the way they go about helping those in need is by doing blood drives and awareness weeks like Red Ribbon Week. They also do many different activities, such as a suicide awareness month in September, and they even have a Grim Reaper that goes around the school “killing” SADD members to represent deaths due to drunk driving. Henry said, “We are always looking for more ideas.”

SADD was founded in 1981, first started as “Students Against Drunk Driving,” then switched over in 1997. For many years, this program has been a success, helping those who require it, and they hope to continue helping and growing in members.

Art Club brings creativity to after school

Students socialize, work on creative talents

ISIS KOVALCHEK
Freshman Reporter

Art Club is a fun experience. Students get to be social with others while drawing or creating other art. Art Club provides all the art supplies students need, and members can do projects and go on trips. Art teacher Sara Gorman says, “It is another way to attend if it is not on your schedule”. Students don’t need to drop classes to participate in art. Art Club sets a calm atmosphere, because students can talk to others and draw what they want.

Art club occurs after school on Thursdays from the end of school to 4 p.m. Students don’t have to sign up; they can just show up if they want to attend. Art Club is another way to utilize free

time for creative purposes. Current Art Club member Elizabeth Orlando says, “It’s fun, simple, and relaxing”. The different types of art they may do are sketching, coloring, and painting. Orlando says, “Occasionally we do



photo by Isis Kovalchek

projects.” One of the upcoming projects will be dying shirts.

“Current Art Club member Levi Hanna says, “It gives you something to do,

keeps you off the streets.” If students are bored and need a place to go, Art Club provides a fun experience until 4 p.m..

Join Art Club to make new friends, do projects, be social, draw, and have a place to be. Students don’t have to come every Thursday; they may come whenever they are able or want to.

Dungeons and Dragons comes to BHS

Club provides unique extracurricular opportunities to students

XAVIER SMALL
Freshman Reporter

Berwick High School’s own Mr. Nash Hartley is starting a Dungeons and Dragons club for all to join. This is the first D&D club Berwick Area High School has ever had, with its first meeting having happened on November 17th, 2025, where Hartley introduced new players to D&D, then move them to “smaller groups,” he said and is going to “look at doing meetings two times a week”.

Many students may not have heard of D&D before. Hartley said that D&D is “A tabletop role-playing game made in the 1970s by a man

named Gary Gygax, where players go through a story with (almost) no guidelines.”

The most important person in the game is the Dungeon



photo by Callie Shultz
Nash Hartley explains the role of D&D dice

Master, or the DM. Hartley said, “The Dungeon Master is basically the storyteller.” They make the story, and they think of what to do if

the players do not go the way they expected. Players are the adventurers in these games. They make the choices that help build or destroy the world that the DM made. It is like an interactive TV show.

Players make the decisions that make or break the world with dice, dice, and even more dice. Dice are the way characters’ interactions with the world are completed. If a

player wants to attack an enemy, they must roll a die to see if they hit, and then a second die to see how much damage they do. If you want to try to persuade someone to do something,

guess what, a die has to be rolled to see if it works.

There are three basic types of D&D games. One shots are games that have a short-term



photo by Callie Shultz
From left to right: Fable Gunther, Tobias Kitchen, Lillian Robinson-Gilden, Robert Wilk

purpose, like a one-and-done game. Spinoffs are basically one-shots, but based on a

previous campaign. Finally, there are campaigns. Campaigns are usually pretty long games with a long thought-out story, with one event

lasting 43 years. Hartley said, “I would run one shots to introduce new players, then move them to subgroups.” This is because bigger groups can be harder to manage.

At a recent meeting, the D&D officers were voted upon and are as follows: President - Tobias Kitchen, Vice President - Lillian Robinson-Gilden, Secretary/Communications - Robert Wilk, Internal Affairs - Fable Gunther.

Sign-ups for the club are outside room 54.

Editorial

Addicting algorithms: Social media's negative impact on kids, students

LAYLA KEEFER

Freshman Reporter

Social media has become an essential part of many people's lives; most people don't even talk to each other in person or at school anymore, now it's all over TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, and more. This can have a major impact on their mental health and even physical health.

The use of social media has increased since upgrades have gotten better, and it is going to continue to expand as the years go on. There are kids still in elementary school who have phones and use

social media. That is a problem in today's world, because there could be bad things that they see, or they will not act like a child at their age should. The amount of bad things that are uploaded to social media everyday is vast and most is taken down, which is a good thing, but the more people upload the more views it gets and it eventually gets reposted on other accounts making it more possible for more and more people to see.

People think that social media does not have an impact on them, but reality is that

they probably could not go a day without their screens in their faces. Social media has a big impact on people's self-image. For example, someone who looks at Instagram and sees a person with their dream body wishing they looked like that, it makes them insecure about themselves.

Online bullying could also make people insecure. If someone posts a photo of themselves, and they think they look good in the photo, they post it to their Snapchat story, or they post it on their Instagram story. A viewer

can then swipe up and comments about their appearance, making a new insecurity they might not have had before.

Online bullying is such a prevalent issue because it can be done anonymously. Freshman Bryanna Ruckle said it is, "because people have a platform to hide behind." Almost all online bullying happens, because they have an online persona to hide behind.

Freshman Tameka Lopez said, "Because you can stay secret over the phone but not in person", most things on

social media, like trends or brainrot, make people say or do stupid things that could get them into trouble.

Freshman Tarshawn Kemp said, "It's brainrot, nobody wants to go outside anymore". As a whole, social media has changed this generation completely,

This generation spends more hours on social media. The situation will not get better, because the use of social media will only get higher.

With students spending so much time on social media, it is impossible not to be influenced and distracted.

New slang impacts classroom learning *Rizz, 6-7 prove too tempting to teens*

LANDON ZAPATA

Freshman reporter

Every day on TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube, teens scroll through their feed, and one thing that has been talked about for months at a time is new slang in the world today. There has been an entire dictionary of slang getting built up as the new generations create new ways to express themselves. However, for many, some words and phrases are more confusing than others, and some of them make little to no sense.

A popular slang word that has made the scene for a while now, is "6-7", that is being said by teens all over the world. It has been said so many times that teachers have had to ban the number/phrase, since kids are more interested in the slang than focusing in class. For example, a student can be in math class, and an answer could be the numbers 6 and 7. Stu-

dents will start to laugh and yell, disrupting the class.

However, before "6-7" came one word students could not forget about was "rizz". "Rizz" is a term used to describe "having charm, or style, particularly in the context of attracting a romantic partner," according to Google. Rizz has become such a popular brain-rot slang word that there's even a kid who has been taking the internet by storm, and his name is the Rizzler. The Rizzler is a very popular part of the slang/brainrot world on TikTok.

Other slang that has been circulating in the school includes 'cooked,' 'gyatt,' 'sus,' 'bet,' 'bruh,' 'cap,' 'mid,' 'lowkey,' 'fire,' 'delulu,' 'slay,' 'Ohio,' 'sigma,' 'NPC,' 'fanum tax,' 'ong,' 'mog,' 'ate,' and 'pookie.' Some of these words are used in people's daily vocabulary, but some people disagree

and hate using the words.

Freshman Derek McCabe said, "It's a lot of whack, and the vocabulary is off compared to our parents' slang back then to now, it's kinda 'crazy to think about'. If McCabe had to pick one slang word he disliked the most, he would choose "cooked," "...because there could be misconceptions within conversations."

This new slang has spread so fast across social media and the Internet that it's not just popular at BHS, but everywhere in the world as well.

People of all ages are using it in everyday conversations, on social media, and even in music. It shows how language can change quickly and connect people across different places. This slang has become a part of everyday life, shaping how we communicate and express ourselves globally.

Local lesson in giving back

Student Council, Interact sponsor Thanksgiving meal
JAXON HITTLE

Sophomore Reporter

On November 20th, Student Council and Interact held the yearly community dinner in celebration of Thanksgiving for senior citizens in the community. Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Driscoll, the Nutrition Group, and 50 student volunteers put on the dinner for 200 people.

The dinner, always held around Thanksgiving, is meant to bring the community closer and give back to the elderly of Berwick. Every year, the turnout is decided by publicity. Mrs. Curry believes that "effective promotion is essential to ensure a good turnout, so contacting The Press Enterprise, as well as posting information on Facebook, is a priority, with

a press release indicating the date and time of the dinner, as well as how and where to pick up a free ticket."

Students were brought to set up, serve, and connect with the people who attended, most being from Student Council and Interact, who decorated the cafeteria to make it more welcoming to the guests. The dinner was also sponsored by the high school staff, and catered by the Nutrition Group. Regarding the dinner, Mrs. Curry said that the dinner "is a rewarding experience that not only provides a warm meal but also creates an opportunity for seniors to reconnect with old friends."

Overall, this year's Community Thanksgiving was a success for Berwick.

Find the message hidden throughout this issue! Be the first to bring this paper with the words circled and the completed message to Mr. Keefer in Room 8 to win a prize

Winter season perfect for frozen hot chocolate

Simple recipe for enjoyable drink this snowy time of year

AMELIA ZLOBIK
Senior Reporter

With winter now in full swing, it's the perfect time to enjoy a cozy and refreshing treat that still captures the magic of the season.

Frozen Hot Chocolate is a tasty drink that combines the rich flavor of hot cocoa with a chilled, frosty twist, making it perfect for snow days, holiday parties, or even a simple cozy night indoors.

This drink is an easy and festive option to share with friends and

family during the colder months.

This recipe requires the following ingredients: 4 cups of ice, 2 cups of chocolate milk, and 1 cup of powdered hot chocolate mix or 4 (1.38-ounce) packets of Swiss Miss Hot Cocoa Mix.

The first step is creating the frozen base. Begin by adding the 4 cups of ice into a blender, followed by the

2 cups of chocolate milk. Next, pour in the 1 cup

sure to secure the lid on the blender and blend

on high speed until the mixture becomes smooth, thick, and slushy.

If the texture is too thick, **you** can add a small amount of extra chocolate milk; if it is too thin, add a bit more ice and blend again until the desired consistency is reached.

Once the mixture is fully blended and creamy,

the Frozen Hot Chocolate is ready to serve.

Pour the drink into glasses and enjoy immediately for the best texture and flavor.

For an extra wintery touch, you can top it with whipped cream, chocolate shavings, or marshmallows. I chose to add whipped cream, chocolate syrup, and sprinkles!

With its rich chocolate flavor and icy texture, frozen hot chocolate is a simple winter treat that's easy to make and enjoyable to share during the colder months.



photo by Amelia Zlobik

of powdered hot chocolate mix or 4 packets of Hot Cocoa Mix. Make

Christmas music sets mood for holiday season

Sounds of season set by holiday playlist

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Christmas Music plays a huge role in the Christmas tradition, with tunes like "Jingle Bells", "The Christmas Song", "Silver Bells", and "Santa Claus Is Back In Town" all trademarks of the Christmas tradition. With singers like Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Nat King Cole singing all those wonderful songs, while other artists play a bigger part in Christmas music. Bing Crosby, a famous crooner from the 20s-30s, holds the title of

most listened to song in the world, with the song "White Christmas" selling over 50 million copies worldwide. The most sold Christmas album is by "the King of Rock & Roll," Elvis Presley, "Elvis' Christmas album," sold over 20 million copies worldwide with songs like "Blue Christmas" and "Santa Bring My Baby Back."

The music we love and enjoy originated in the 19th century in the Victorian era with Christmas carols like "Silent Night," which was written by Joseph Mohr in

1816. The most famous recording of the song was by Bing Crosby in 1935 and has been sung by many artists since. Christmas music has spread through many genres, like country, rock, pop, and more. With Christmas albums by Johnny Cash and Conway Twitty. Other genres like rock with artists like Chicago and Lynyrd Skynyrd. Christmas Music even brought artists like Chubby Checker and Bobby Rydell together to record the song "Jingle Bell Rock".

Christmas music holds a special place in people's hearts. Freshman Brennan Hess' favorite **Christmas** song is "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen", because he can play the song on his saxophone.

Freshman Gabriel Fernandez likes "Jingle Bells" because of the melody.

Freshman Brylee Remphrey enjoys "All I Want For Christmas Is You" because of the vocals.

Christmas music is one genre that brings many people together and lets them enjoy the same

songs. It brings families together, and some friends even go caroling. People also just enjoy the music while doing chores, running errands, or decorating for the season. Remphrey said that she likes to bake cookies and decorate for the season while listening to Christmas music.

Fernandez said that he enjoys relaxing while he listens to Christmas music.

People love Christmas Music because of the joy it brings to every Christmas activity and home.

New Grinch movie stands by quality of original

Heartfelt story of Christmas, family, redemption

CAIDEN HETKOWSKI
Freshman Reporter

Dr. Suess’ “The Grinch” was a Christmas movie about the classic character, the Grinch and his story. This movie explored themes like loneliness, the joys of Christmas, spending time with other people, and many more. This movie explored the Grinch’s personal life and how he dealt with different types of conflicts that he faced. It is definitely becoming a classic Christmas movie more every year.

In a town called Whoville, the inhabitants, Whos, loved Christmas. They had Christmas cheer unlike any other. Everyone was friendly and kind to each other as they knew how big of a holiday Christmas was. There was

one who hated Christmas with a burning passion, the Grinch.

The Grinch never liked Christmas. He grew up as an orphan and whenever a holiday came around, he had no one to celebrate it with. This caused him to despise Christmas. He hated seeing people be happy around the holiday time with their friends and family. He felt left out, so now he lives all by himself on a very tall hill right outside of Whoville with his little dog Max.

In one house, there was a little girl called Cindy Lou Who. She had two little brothers and a single mom trying to keep things together. Cindy Lou Who realized how stressed her mom is and she wanted to write a letter to Santa Clause to help her mom.

As she rode her sled down to the post office, she encountered the Grinch on his way to get some groceries. He told her that if she thinks the letter is so important, then she should see him face-to-face. She told her mom her idea to go to the north pole, but her mom said that it would take a month to get there, so she decided to trap Santa instead.

As Christmas approaches, the Grinch’s first plan to ruin Christmas for the Whos fails. This made him very mad, so he decided to steal the Whos’ entire Christmas. The Grinch and Max started training and planning on how they were going to pull off this stunt.

It’s Christmas Eve now, and the Grinch has made multiple gadgets to help

him, dresses up as Santa, and headed off to steal Christmas. His plan was working perfectly right until he reached the final house. It was Cindy Lou Who’s house. As he entered, he fell for a trap she set up.

Thinking it was Santa, she told the Grinch how she wanted to help her mom. This touched the Grinch’s heart, but he moved on.

The next morning, he woke up to hear the Whos singing their Christmas song, even with no presents or Christmas decorations. This made the Grinch’s heart grow three times as big. He sled down to Whoville with all of the presents and told the Whos that it was him who stole them and apologized. They all for-

gave him and Cindy Lou Who even invited him to attend their Christmas dinner, where he cut the first slice of ham and fully embraced the Christmas spirit.

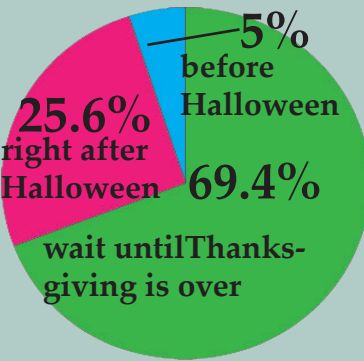
I think that Dr. Seuss’ “The Grinch” was a fantastic movie. I, for one, watch it every year, and it never gets old. I feel like it is a perfect Christmas movie. It is the classic bad guy turns good movie in the form of the Grinch. I really liked the voice actors, obviously with Benedict Cumberbatch and Pharrell Williams as the narrator. It was a good spin to the classic Grinch movie with it still feeling like a true Grinch movie. It is truly one of my favorite movies for Christmas time and I love watching it every year.

Holiday Survey

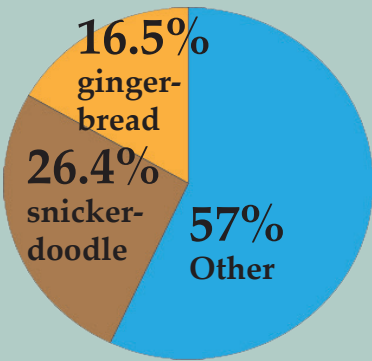
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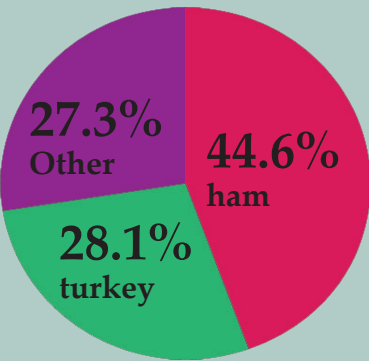
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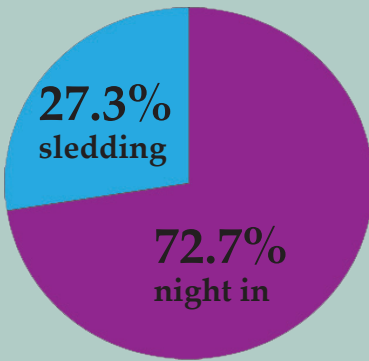
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Cozy night in or outside sledding?



Dawgs ready to make splash this season

Team recovers from loss of senior players

CALLIE SHULTZ

Photo Editor

The 2025 swim season officially began on November 14th with Head Coach Stacey Banyas and new assistant coach Stephanie Parker. The coaches began planning how to make their goal for the season become a reality based on the preseason results.

Coach Stacey Banyas said, "Our goal is to always continue to drop time meet to meet and try to get all athletes to districts." Starting off with the attendance of preseason changing between the days, they had to find their strategy for the best chance for each member.

With the preseason concluding, it is time for even more conditioning and determining what positions



photo by Abigail Burdsall

this season because I know my times will improve and hopefully I might win more events that I enjoy." The team wants to be in the events they enjoy, so beating times is an even greater reward.

When asked about how preseason had gone for him, Freshman Myles Lamon said, "The preseason was a nice warmup for the season, but it was not near the difficulty of Varsity."

Since starting off by easing back into the difficulty of the sport, the players had to prepare to get back to where they needed to be for their season.

Just like any sport, swim-

ming is about more than just trying to beat times and conditioning with different techniques. It's also about



photo by Callie Shultz

and how to keep improving as a swimmer." The team keeps the good thoughts and pushes each other, leaving a strong connection to guide them through events.

With all the changes and keeping the strong conditioning and mental preparation going through each practice, the team is adapting to the loss of their graduates. Junior Ashlyn Marshman said, "With losing 9 seniors last year, it has definitely been a large adjustment."

The team is attacking the player loss head-on and is adapting as needed to have an amazing season and attempt to reach their team goal.

Dawgs make playoffs with nearly undefeated season

Teamwork, dedication paved way for team's success

CALLIE SHULTZ

Photo Editor

For the football team, beating last year's record was the main focus for this season. Turning last year's losing record of 4-7 into an undefeated regular season and making it into the playoffs, it is safe to say they accomplished their season goals. They even made it to the district championship finals before losing with a record of 11-1 for the season.

The team had a lot of support from their advisors and coaches Chrysogonus Curry, Tyson Kelley, Colton Sidler, Nick Dawson, Brian Remley, Jason Lanning, Jorden Stout, Owen Shoemaker, Cos Curry right there with them along the way. They led the team

through the process of playing better for each next game, and taking their time to hone in on their plays.

Coach Curry said, "Our team did a fantastic job of

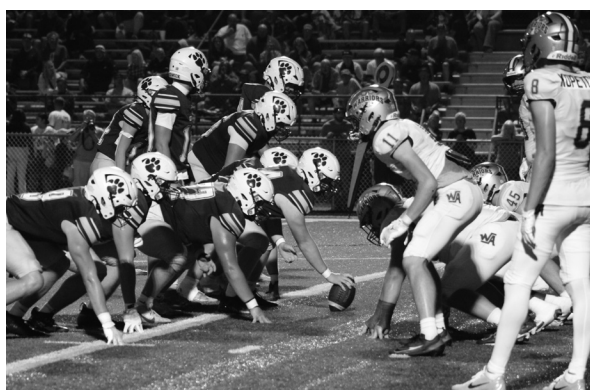


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ing them to keep the players at their best and take on any opponent they faced, no matter how tough the game was.

They were led with the motivation that each game is worth the fight. Wide Receiver Alexander Estrella said, "The mentality never changed because all the games were equally as important. We always said that 'it's the biggest one because it's the next one'." They had to make sure they were prepared and kept the same thoughts to keep the strength in the game.

One of the things they did this year was bring up the young talent of Brayden Cleaver, a freshman, to be their quarterback. Mak-

ing playoffs is a big deal, especially for such a young player, and Cleaver said that making his first playoffs as a freshman quarterback, "... meant a lot as a freshman

junior high. After the first couple of games, I settled in and just went game by game." The whole team adjusted together and combined all their skills no matter what the situation was.

They did not just combine their skills, they combined their minds. Linebacker Connor Roberts said, "We were a player-led team; we all held each other accountable throughout the season, and none of us let each other skip reps or take a play off."

This team worked together this season, and took every loss

and win as a group.

A loss or victory was never because of one person; it was always the team playing as a whole.



photo by Callie Shultz

Players run to the sidelines after a play.

to make it to the playoffs. In the first couple of games, I was still adjusting to the new speed, physicality, and skill level of varsity compared to

Esports team progresses to state comeptition

Teamwork, sportsmanship helps them succeed

JOSEPHINE MORGAN

Editor-in-chief

This year, the BHS Esports team is taking their competi- tion by storm. Their current 9-2 record not only reflects their skills and abili- ties, but also their dedi- cation and team- work skills. As their state com- petition approaches, the team and coaches are narrowing their focuses to achieving their seasonal goal of becom- ing PA State Champions.

Head Coach Julie Cerasoli-Kishbaugh reflected on her team’s re- cordso far in their season. She said that a key moment

for them was when the team won all three of their matches so far in the state tourna- ment, and “[advancing] to the finals which are in-person at Harrisburg University.”

She says that their next game will be against the number-two seeded team in the state, Northern Lehigh. Cerasoli said that her team previously defeated the number-one seeded team,

Biglerville.

Scott Hook, the Esports team’s other coach said, “The team has really improved their communication during the playoff matches. They

are con- stantly talking and letting each know what they are doing.” Scott Hook said that his has con- tributed greatly to

helping the team win their tougher matches.

Nate Hook, a senior on the team, agrees that their com- munication ability is key for his team’s suc- cess. This helps them to “[make] sure every- one’s on the same page, same goals..”

Nate Hook also said he feels “pretty good” about the state competition. He said that “we’re in the finals, and I think we have a shot at win- ning that.”

Overall, the Esports team is having a really good season so far, and with the State Championships fast ap- proaching, they hope they can keep their upward mo- mentum for the season.



photo by Josie Morgan

From left to right
Quinn Kishbaugh, Camden Nevius, Matthew Fenicchia, Esha Stetz, and Nathaniel Hook



photo by Josie Morgan

TOP DAWG

THOMAS DIBATTISTA

Junior Reporter

Ty’Meere Wilkerson

Senior Ty Wilkerson broke three records this year over the course of twelve football games during the 2025 - 2026 season. The first record was Single Game Rushing Yards Record set vs. William- sport. In that game Wilkerson had 24 carries, 390 yards, and 5 touchdowns. Throughout the season Ty also had 2,845 yards for the Single Season Rushing Yards Record and the Single Season Touch- down Record with 40 touch- downs. Ty said he knew



WILKERSON

that he was going to break records “...when all my brothers and I were work- ing hard.” Overall, Ty said that much work was put

into both the regular season and the offsea- son.

Julia Rauch
Junior Julia

Rauch hit a milestone this year during the 2025 - 2026 vol- leyball season, in the span of 22 games. Rauch hit 1,000 assists throughout the fall season and 7 team members received Wyoming Valley Conference Awards. Rauch has been playing volleyball since she was in 7th grade.

Rauch attributed her team’s victory to Coach Warner, who pushed them hard dur- ing this season.



RAUCH

Rauch also said, “I am so grateful to be able to play with a group of girls who aren’t just my teammates, but my family. We worked hard everyday, not for our- selves, but for each other.”

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Senior deadlines approaching

Guidance counselors comment on how to keep track

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As winter break approaches, many students, especially seniors are looking forward to a break from the stress of college applications, scholarships, trade internships, and all the other necessary items on the never-ending senior checklist. However, even though a break is coming up, it is important for seniors to keep some important dates and deadlines in mind to stay as on-track as possible, and to save themselves stress later on in the year.

College Admission Deadlines

Heather Melito, Guidance Counselor, has several dates for seniors to keep track of. For college-bound students, she said that “Every col-

lege will have individual deadlines. Schools that have rolling admissions may not have a specific deadline and will accept applications until [they are] full. Early Decision and Early Action Deadlines can be November 1, November 15, or December 1. Other schools may have deadlines on January 1.” For these reasons, it is important for seniors to keep close track of their application deadlines, as missing application deadlines can be detrimental to their efforts to get into their dream college.

FAFSA and Financial Aid
In regards to financial aid, Melito said that while the

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opened on Oct. 1, there is still time for students and guardians to fill it out. She said that

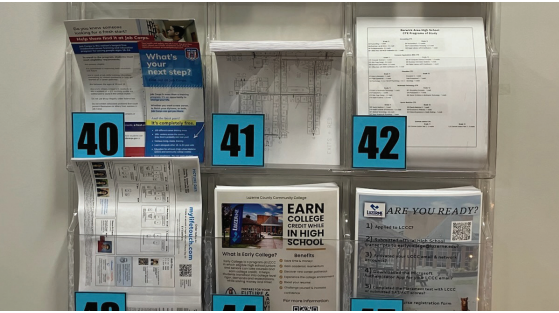


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families considering filing for financial aid through the FAFSA should be aware that the deadline is “Aug. 1, 2026, at midnight Central time (CT) for all first-time applicants enrolled in a community college, business school, trade

or technical school, hospital school of nursing, designated Pennsylvania open-admission institution, or nontransferable two-year program,” according to the FAFSA website. Melito said that all other applicants must have their forms submitted by May 1, 2026, midnight CT.

Scholarships

Melito said that the most important piece of information for seniors to keep track of is that scholarships each have unique deadlines for consideration, and some have deadlines relating to college acceptance decisions. “Many colleges will give automatic consideration for scholar-

ships based on the college application alone, but there may be a priority deadline for the consideration,” said Melito. This means that the sooner students apply, the better their chances of getting merit or need-based scholarships from their institutions. Interested seniors should see the Guidance office for more information about scholarship applications.

So, even though seniors are looking forward to upcoming holiday breaks, they should remember these important dates to ensure their post-high school life stays on track. Seniors are encouraged to see the guidance counselors or Mrs. Curry in the Guidance office if they have any questions.

What was your favorite Christmas present you ever received?



MADDY BIRK
Senior

“Money, because it is useful [for me to] get things I **want** with my present.”



CASSIDY KAMINSKI
Freshman

“A plane ticket to Florida because I got to spend time with my family.”



JAEDEN MCCOY
Senior

“I like to lift, [so my favorite is] a lifting belt I got two years ago.”



DESTINY SALCIDO
Junior

“My Barbie Dream House because I wanted it for two years.”



ALIVIA STONEROAD
Junior

“Probably my phone because it’s very useful and I won’t use it only once.”