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Say farewell to familiar faces

Mrs. Houck and Mr. Caro's retirement: It's no goodbye, it's simply see you later

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SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

Mrs. Houck

It's not time to say "good-bye" when an awesome teacher is leaving us, but instead "see you later." Mrs. Houck has been teaching at Saegertown High School for 34 years, and she's finally retiring at the end of this year.

Some students' and teacher's opinions on Mrs. Houck's retirement are pretty sad to see her leave. But she will still always be at all the sporting events!

"I feel sad about Mrs. Houck's retirement because she's my favorite teacher," seventh graders RJ Shay said. "My favorite memory in her class would probably be when she gives Parker the look when he asks stupid questions."

"I'm sorry, I feel terrible about her retirement. She's one of the greatest teachers I've ever had... She taught me and

my classmates to be great at math while allowing us to have a good time in her class," seventh grader Parker Adkins said. "My favorite memory in her class was probably like all the dumb things people say, including me. Like while we do problems everyday at the board and sometimes people say really dumb things that are really funny."

"I wish you could stay for just a few more years," seventh grader Rylee Bargar said. "My favorite memory in her class was probably all the bizarre conversations with Colt."

"I feel sad about her retirement, but I'm also happy that she's able to retire because that means that she can take time for herself and to do things that she enjoys other than teaching," senior Kaylee Reynolds said. "I know she loves her job, but I'm excited to see what she does next. I love how she is caring, she makes you feel safe, she's very understanding and very loving."

Learning support teacher Ms. Scott said, "I'm happy for her that she is retiring because she works harder at her job than most

people do. And she cares a lot and shows it," said Ms. Scott, learning support teacher. "My favorite thing about her is how organized she is, about EVERYTHING!"

"I'm very happy for her, cause she's been looking forward to retirement. She'll be able to spend more time with Brittany and her family," fellow teacher Mrs. Peters said. "I'm sad though because all of my math friends are leaving me. She is kind and helps somebody no matter what, without a second thought."

Peters also recalled Mrs. Houck's supportive nature. "I think the most supportive memory would be when my dad passed away, how much she supported me in terms of meals and just emotionally being there for me."



Mr. Caro

Saegertown's awesome elementary school principal is coming to the end of his career. He has been with us for 32 years and close to 25 years as a school administrator.

On his retirement, Caro said, "I want to see somebody come in, you know, with energy and be able to just carry the SHS pride on."

Some of the students' opinions on Mr. Caro's retirement show that they are pretty sad to see him go. One student, 9th grader Addie Orosz said, "[I'm] pretty sad to see him go, he was a really good principal. I always loved his enthusiasm, and I liked how he always said 'good morning' to me in the halls."

"I feel really sad about his retirement. Also he was my principal for every year of my elementary school," seventh grader Parker Adkins said. "He's always so ener-

getic and he allows for the school environment to be successful and striving to be the greatest they can be from the depths of their mind."

Seventh grader Rylee Bargar said, "[I'm] sad, because he was involved with the kids and maybe the next principal will." She also recalled one of her favorite memories, "When he took us outside and drew with chalk on the parking lot."

Mr. Caro's message he would leave behind at SHS would be, "We have an awesome school. We really have done a lot of great things over the years, looking at data, achievement and growth... out of 2000 schools in Pennsylvania, we're in the top 200. When you're looking at data, you're either here to win or lose, and I believe that we are winning. We have a great school, and I want that to continue."

We are really sad to see him leave but we are also very happy for him for all of the wonderful stuff he has done for us!

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Another successful Arts and Academics Night

By Jazmine Salomon

STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, May 22, Saegertown's Arts and Academics Night happened. The NHS (National Honors Society) introduction ceremony started at 4:30 pm, the art show started at 5 pm, and the band and chorus concert started at 6 pm.

For the art show, students that took art during the school year chose which art pieces they wanted to show that they made during the school year. The band and chorus students had a big show to show off their talent they honed over the school year. The two teachers that were involved in the event were Mrs. Granat and Mrs. Lyons.

"I am excited about it," art teacher Mrs. Granat expressed, "it's what we do every year. Having Mrs. Lyons on board this year, I feel that the Arts and Academics night is going to be very successful." Granat continued, "The students' work every year is always phenomenal, showing their best pieces they do throughout the year. It's usually set up really and people come to see the display, and the most important thing is that it gives people pride to show their work and how much they worked in the art room. That's not like academia, it's a different type of work. It showcases their talent outside of core classes. I hope to see everyone go to the Arts and Academics night

that evening, even if they aren't in art or band and chorus, just to support."

Mrs. Lyons, Saegertown's music and chorus teacher, also chimed in. "I'm very excited to bridge the gap between some of the other departments, like visual art and also the music department, as well as the NHS... I am so proud of my kids, they have worked really hard over the course of the past year to become better with their instrument and better at singing." Lyons continued, "The growth from December to now is like worlds different. It's so awesome, and I am so happy for them to hear the response from the community about what they have been

working on. I am also excited for the parents to see what they have been working on so we can charge forward to continue to make strides and continue to make a better music program. I think it helps build their confidence to feel like they have a place here at Saegertown."

The band performed the songs "Brace for Impact," "Rippling Watercolors," and "Centrifugal Force." The junior high chorus performed "Bonse Aba," "There Will Be Stars," "Storm," and "California Dreamin'." The senior high chorus performed "Sorida," "Wild Mountain Thyme," "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho," "Fly Away Home," and "Nyon Nyon."

"We can always strive to

do better in all we do, and I certainly hope to make the event grander next year for all who attend," Mrs. Lyons said after the event. "I was proud of the students in the concert, and I think that they did their best to showcase their skills. Arts and Academics Night felt as though the community could come together to recognize the true talent and dedication of our students at Saegertown while also having the students show off what they are passionate about in return. It was great to see the students sharing their accomplishments."

One last article: Goobye to the class that made me

By Claire Barickman

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The last four years in journalism have been an absolute rollercoaster with many ups and downs. Throughout my career, I have seen many changes, from large to small staffs, news advisors, and a wide range of issue releases, but at its core, journalism has always stayed a constant in my high school career.

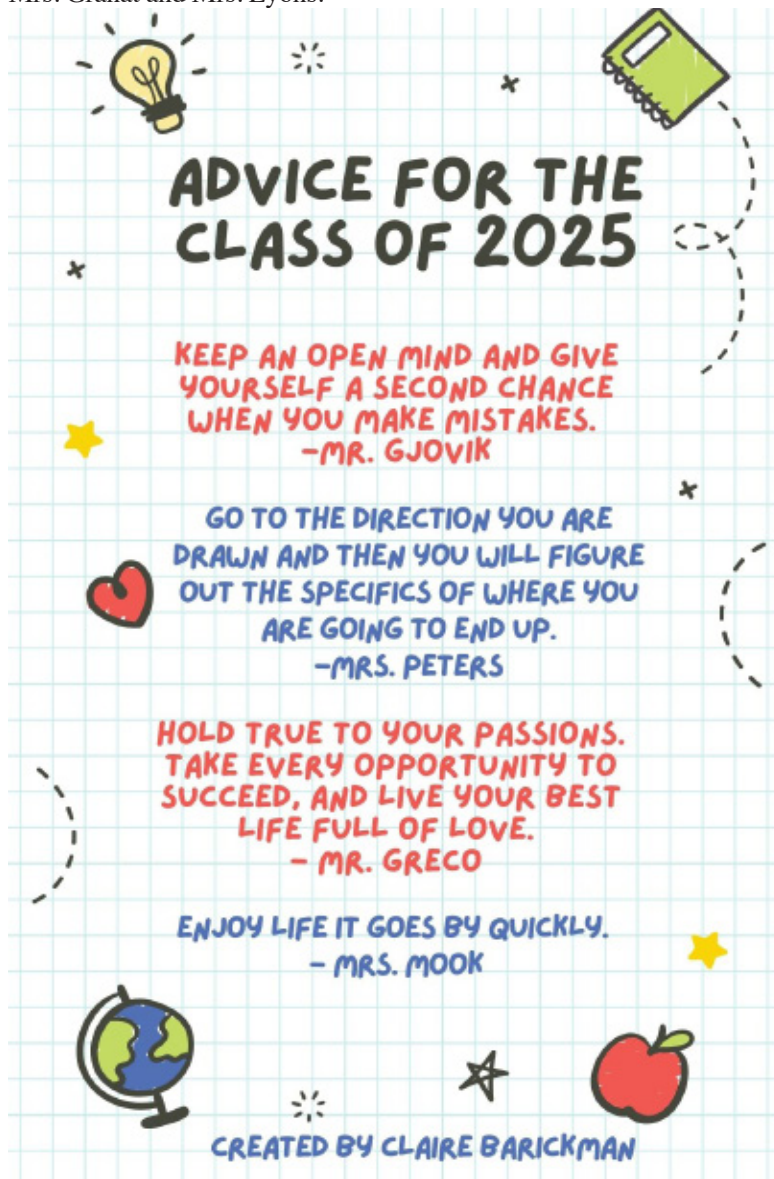
I first started journalism as a freshman, and I wasn't quite sure what to expect. All I knew going into my sixth period class was that I would be accompanied by my best friend, Camden, and my brother Evin, who was a senior. Despite the fact that I had no clue what I was doing, Mrs. Hetrick had faith in me that whatever I did would work out in the end. She trusted me to take over the social media as a freshman alongside Camden, and she never once questioned any of our crazy ideas. When we asked her if we could start a TikTok, she instantly said yes. As we ran around the

school finding random students to interview, we never imagined what would become of our silly little sports interviews that got barely 20 likes. As the year came to an end, I excitedly signed up to continue my journalism career.

Sophomore year, things began to change in the classroom. Halfway through the year, we lost our beloved advisor, Mrs. Hetrick, and the class was left scrambling to continue our work without an advisor. Luckily, that year we had great senior editors; without Brennan and Luthea, I'm not sure what we would have done. My love for writing continued to grow even as the class size shrank. With fewer than ten staff members in my junior year, along with a new advisor, what I was used to in journalism had changed. My workload increased as I continued to write more articles for each issue and eventually began to learn how to do layout for our printed issues. All of the blood, sweat and tears poured into the last three years had all been worth it; however, when I was given the position of Edi-

tor-In-Chief for my senior year. While being Editor-In-Chief takes a lot of hard work and effort, I am forever grateful to have been given the honor to lead this incredible program and work with all of these wonderful journalists over the course of the year.

As I complete this final goodbye, I will have written 80 articles over the past four years, helped complete the layout of at least 10 issues, and that TikTok account that "nobody even watches" has over 800 followers. I want to once again thank all of the editors who came before and helped form this program that I got to lead. I want to thank my fellow four-year journalists, Alaina Merchant, Kaylee Reynolds and Camden Gjovik for sticking by my side through these years and making so many fond memories. Finally, I would like to thank Mrs. Hetrick for always believing in me and helping to make me into the woman I am today.



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Is senioritis really hitting?

By Kaylee Reynolds

BROADCAST DIRECTOR

As you know the end of the school year has come to an end. People are saying their good-byes and good luck on their next big steps in life whether that be summer plans, jobs, schools, etc. but I'd say because of senioritis seniors are struggling with motivation to get anything done.

Senioritis is depicted as seniors feeling a loss of motivation to get through their last months of school as everything is coming to an end and no point is being seen in getting it done. Students seem to feel either depressed, fatigued, and or overwhelmed by doing any known activity involving schoolwork, often loading up on so much only to burnout due to the wave of

senioritis itself.

I can honestly say that senioritis is hitting hard as I myself have no motivation to do any schoolwork let alone even coming to school itself. This school year is coming to an end and I have never been more ready to graduate.

A funny thing to mention is that seniors who plan on attending college get to endure another lovely wave of "senioritis" as that time will come again. Yippee. Well, I guess that's all I have to say on this topic of discussion. I would write more about this, but man do I not have the motivation to do so. How the tables turn.

Well, good luck, and have fun reading this blurb on senioritis and how hard it is hitting us seniors. After writing this and painfully struggling to do so, I can say that it has hit hard.



One last bell: Seniors report their feelings on graduation

By Anna Bradshaw

STAFF WRITER

As we approach the end of the school year, we also sadly approach the end to familiar faces. Student Council members and normal students alike wave goodbye to their school years and say hello to college and adulthood.

Graduation is not just a ceremony, but a moment where students stand on the brink of their next great adventure, saying goodbye to late night study sessions and school dances to pursue their adult careers or college courses. But what do seniors think about being faced with their next adventure?

On a positive note, Student Council member Camden Gjovik wanted to share her experience. "I am really excited to be graduating and moving onto the next chapter," Gjovik said. "I am grateful for all this school has given me but I'm excited to see what's next." Gjovik also incorporated her feelings on leaving, saying, "I am going to miss all of the activities I did because they were always really enjoyable and kept me busy, but I'm keeping in contact with all the people I love so I won't really miss being at school itself. I'm more excited about what's next than sad

about what's past."

Much like Camden, Student Council member Claire Barickman expresses her thoughts on graduation. "I am very excited to be graduating." With a more solemn outlook, she continues. "While it is a little bittersweet that I am leaving, I am definitely excited to start a new chapter of my life... I will miss certain aspects of high school like seeing my favorite teachers and friends everyday. I am very excited to start college and try something new."

There are those who cry at graduation. While some are unbothered, senior Kaylee Reynolds gives her thoughts. "I feel very excited yet baffled that this is really happening. I swear just a blink ago I was playing on the playground and worrying about spelling tests and letters I sit on during reading time rather than what college I'm going to and what career I'd like to pursue." Kaylee continues, saying, "I will miss my teachers, classes, and friends I've made along the way through grade school and high school. Even though I will be very nostalgic and get a bit teary eyed I am very much excited for college and what it has in store for me. I cannot wait to broaden my education and skill to grow. I am also

taking part in theater in my upcoming college years, so that is something to look very forward to as I haven't done it before, and decided it is time for me to try something new and take these steps."

Senior Grace Worley ends with a positive and straightforward note: "I'm excited to graduate! I can't wait to meet new people and get out of the house. I won't miss high school. I'm ready to move on from this part of my life, though I'll miss a few very kind teachers."

As you can see, seniors have different takes on graduation. A common denominator is all seem to be excited to graduate and see what's in store for them next.



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Kiwi Tarts

Equipment Needed:

- Tart pan with removable base (11 inch, 27 – 28 cm.) or pie dish.

Ingredients:

- 7 ripe kiwis green for garnish, topping

CRUST

- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ cup canola oil or sunflower oil
- ¼ cup water
- 1 lime the grated zest
- 1½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt

CUSTARD

- 1 cup coconut milk
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 lime the peel
- ¼ teaspoon turmeric for color, optional

By Kaylee Reynolds

How to make:

MAKE THE CRUST

- Preheat the oven to 350 F or 180 °C. Line the bottom of your tart pan or pie dish with parchment paper, and brush the sides with oil.
- In a bowl, mix the flour with salt and baking powder. Set aside.
- In a separate large bowl, add the lime zest, water, oil, and sugar. Mix well with a spatula.
- Add the flour mixture to the wet ingredients and mix with a spatula until just combined.
- Compact the dough with your hands until it comes together, without working it much or kneading it.
- Transfer the dough onto the prepared tart pan and flatten it with your hands.
- Cover the bottom and the sides by applying pressure with the palm of your hand.
- Trim the little dough in excess, then make holes with a fork on the bottom and the sides of the crust.
- Bake the empty pie at 350 F or 180 °C for 18 minutes or until slightly golden.
- Let cool down for 15 minutes in the pan, then take it out and cool down completely on a wire rack.

MAKE THE CUSTARD

- In a sauce pan, off the heat, add milk, coconut milk, sugar, vanilla extract, turmeric, and lime peel.
- Whisk well until the cornstarch is fully dissolved.
- Turn the heat to medium, and stir until the liquid thickens into a creamy custard.

FILL THE CRUST

- Let the custard cool down slightly, about 10 minutes, while stirring to prevent lumps from forming.
- Next, pour the custard into the crust and spread it with a spoon.
- Peel and slice the kiwis, we like to do the rim with kiwi triangles.
- And fill the center with half slices. You can use any pattern you want.
- Serve the kiwi tart immediately or store it in the fridge for a couple of days.



A yearbook legacy of achievement

By Alaina Merchant

PANTHER PAW AND A&E EDITOR

Saegertown has had a yearbook since 1948 called the Pantherian Yearbook. Yearbooks serve as both historical records and reflections of the current year, capturing the people, events and milestones that define a specific moment in time. The Pantherian Yearbook is taken very seriously. Mrs. Mook has held the position for three years, initially without prior experience in managing a program or publication of this scale and responsibility.

During her relatively short tenure as the yearbook teacher and advisor, she has made remarkable progress, and many take admiration in the achievements of the students under her leadership. The Yearbook members have grown immensely from starting out with approximately 10 students to currently having 45 members, and next year it is expected to grow. The students and Mrs. Mook take on much responsibility for putting together a book that can hold memories for years to come. Having a

yearbook is a privilege and having an amazing yearbook is something you should always take pride in.

Mrs. Mook takes great pride in both the yearbook class and club, consistently striving for excellence in every aspect. She and her husband generously dedicate their time to capturing the highest quality photographs to showcase the students' experiences at their very best. The yearbook students then chose the photos they would like to be displayed in the yearbook.

This year's yearbook theme is "Small Town, Big Dreams," highlighting the big dreams students have as well as centering around the history of Saegertown High School. On January 24, 2025, Mrs. Mook and the yearbook staff organized a special tribute honoring the people who have made a huge impact on SHS, such as Mr. Bidwell, Coach Scott, and the Cannon Brothers, who are or were deeply rooted and widely represented throughout our community and high school.

Thanks to the commit-

ment of Mrs. Mook and her students, this year's yearbook has become a meaningful keepsake for families across town, a reminder of our roots, our growth, and the memories we share.

"Advising the yearbook has been an honor," Mrs. Mook said. "With great support, we turned challenges into a team success, capturing smiles and memories."



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Editor-in-Chief Camden Gjovik with finished yearbook

Elementary showcases Saegertown arts with musical menageries

By Brady Williams

OPINIONS EDITOR

As high school winds down with end-of-year activities, the fifth and sixth grade classes have been working diligently to prepare their musicals, "Madagascar Jr." and "Finding Nemo Kids." Under the direction of Mr. Jason Ashbaugh, these kids have put together two great shows.

The sixth graders debuted their production of "Madagascar Jr." on Friday, May 9. Madagascar is a comedy about four mammalian best friends who escape the Central Park Zoo, ultimately to end up on the movie's namesake island of, you guessed it, Madagascar. Alex the lion (Kalani Ah Wang), Marty the zebra (Tavon Wolford), Melman the giraffe (Lucas Muckinhaupt) and Gloria the hippo

(Erica Whalen) were all featured in song and dance in the musical adaptation.

For some juniors, this musical was somewhat nostalgic, as Madagascar was scheduled to be the sixth grade musical of their class, but was canceled by the coronavirus pandemic. A few juniors who were able to attend enjoyed it very much, and were glad that their canceled production was able to be performed.

The following Friday, the fifth grade students had the opportunity to perform their rendition of "Finding Nemo Kids," another musical adaptation of the better-known Pixar animated film by the same name.

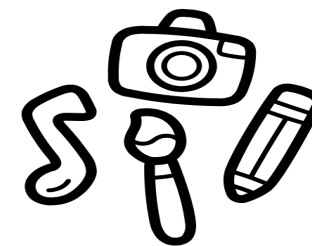
"Finding Nemo Kids" follows a nervous clownfish named Marlin (Jackson Retchloff) as he

goes on an adventure to find his small-finned child named Nemo (Olivia Williams), meeting other creatures, such as Dory the blue tang and Crush the turtle along the way. (Peercyn Whiteman and Jameson Leytrick, respectively) Throughout the musical adaptation, Marlin gains faith in Nemo and Nemo gains confidence in herself.

These wonderful experiences allow our elementary students to have a fun introduction to the arts. These productions also gave the seventh grade academic enrichment students a chance to help design and build the set pieces that were used in the productions.

"I think both shows were successful. I look forward to next year's productions!" said Mr. Ashbaugh. "Thanks to all faculty, staff

and parents who support us by donating time, talent and money to keep the shows going. I truly appreciate them all."



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Jackson Retchloff (Marlin), Olivia Williams (Nemo) and Peercyn Whiteman (Dory) in 5th grade production

Do these trends make me look old yet?

Do these trends make me look old yet?

By Kaylee Reynolds, Broadcast Director and News & Features Editor and Brady Williams, Opinions Editor

We all know nostalgia is big on giving us tears and good fuzzy feelings, and here are some nostalgic trends from the senior class's childhood that really bring us back.

First on our list of popular trends from kindergarten is dot markers. Senior Riley Zimmerman says, "They are good for kids. We still use them."

Next up on this list is the infamous nap time mentioned by Senior Jordan Deeter, a splendid time well-spent when little ones would curl up on inch-thick mats and snooze our little hearts out.

"Cause napping is cool, yo," Deeter said in defense of it. "[It] seems like we should bring back nap time to me."

Learning our A's-through-Z's? More like taking them is what senior Ava Swavey says about nap time, which was most popular to her. "Some people hated it while others loved it, but it is the one thing nobody forgets in high school," Swavey said. "[I] should've taken advantage of it while we had it."

In a world full of games, one game we can recall is Minecraft. "It was an incredibly popular video game that influenced and inspired our creativity," senior Frederick Smith said. "It was a lot of children's first experience with

the concept of unique creation, and it was fun."

"I feel like it is an amazing part of my memory that I will always look back on with nostalgia. Of course I see some of the flaws related to it now that I'm older, but it is still an amazing medium for expression," Smith said while looking back on the game and its many well-spent experiences.

Diving into our childhood came along with many songs, and one that can be recalled is Gangnam Style.

"In 2012, about the time we would have been in kindergarten, I remember the song Gangnam Style being released and everyone went crazy over it," an anonymous senior said. And just like any song, it eventually becomes stuck in your head, as this senior mentions. "It had a very consistent rhythm and a dance that blew up the internet." Now looking back on it, they think that it is "ridiculous."

"Silly bands, squinkies, twinkle toes, plastic princess heels, and One Direction" were what Lillian Oakes recalled when reminiscing on trending items that blew our little child minds. Looking back on it, these items really were popular. Many kids on the block had them, and once you saw them, you too wanted to get in on the fun. "I think they're fun and they should all come back," Oakes said.

Senior Lindsey Greco recalls "DS games, 'Jessie,' and 'Austin and Ally'" being popular as well when we were roaming the halls rocking Twinkle Toes and camo. Greco adds her reason-

ing for why they were popular, claiming, "Because these were fun games to play or fun things to watch." She also says that they are just purely nostalgic.

Did someone say "Let It Go?" Senior Bailey Craig says that "Frozen" was a popular hit as "it had just come out at the movies." She added, "It was my favorite thing back then. I had so many frozen toys."

What more could make our little hearts happy than delectable-tasting and cute-faced toys called Squinkies? "They were very cute and small and came in many different colors, shapes, sizes, and characters," senior Ethan Leytrick said. "Some of the older ones even had hair. They were also easy to trade with other kids too." When looking back on these adorable rubbery toys of delight, Leytrick feels that they're a "very nostalgic subject."

"I still have a few of mine," Leytrick said. "Looking back, I just find it so funny that when we were so young, some of our biggest worries were if we could trade for the toy we wanted."

Switching from rubber toys, we have the delightful Play-Doh. "It was so cool to our little selves," senior Bell Durr said. Looking back on it, Durr says she "misses those days." I bet we all miss our days when Play-Doh was the only "dough" we had to consume ourselves with.

Another fan of the magical Play-Doh is senior Natalie Halsey. Halsey says that it was popular due to its appetizing ap-

peal and delightful colors. When looking back on it, she feels that it is "still very fun to play with."

Okay, now explosions are fun, right? Senior Carter Beck says "Transformers" were all the rage when he looks back on his kindergarten days.

"The way the movies were portrayed, little kids loved the explosions and robot fights," Beck said. "I still love it and keep up with it from time to time even though I haven't seen any of the newest movies. I would say that's from a lack of time rather than a lack of interest."

While still on the topic of robots, we have some more to look into. Although these ones are furry and speak. Senior Kalista Belfiore mentions the infamous nightmare-fueled toys known as "Furbies." Belfiore says that they were popular because they made noises, which is funny because, looking back on it, Belfiore says that they are "definitely more creepy looking now than when I had one as a kid."

We also remember scooting around on the standard gym class scooters. Senior Mason Rossey brings up the popular and nostalgic gymnasium scooters. "They were so much fun and I loved riding those things; it was like skateboarding at school," Rossey said. "I feel sad about being too big for them now, but I loved those things when I was in kindergarten."

"Gotta Catch 'Em All!" is what many kids said out loud when playing this popular card game

known as "Pokémon." Senior Kai Mangold agrees as he says, "It was pretty cool." With its colorful designs and battles that were epic when taking a look back on it, Mangold feels that, "I'd probably still play 'Pokémon' to this day depending on what it is."

Rubber bands and funky animals were all the rage. Senior Garrett Crawford says that they were very popular. Why? Well, he mentions that, "Our little minds loved things shaped like dinosaurs or zoo animals and we loved slapping people with those bracelets," Crawford says. "I'm an adult and still love them. Yet they are not good at their jobs, but they are still fun. I still want them."

Going back to the childhood movies and TV shows, senior Brianna Moody mentions the popular series "Victorious." "It was an entertaining show and was on Nickelodeon," Moody said. "I still like the show."

According to Brandon Thompson, the game "Skylanders" was very popular when he was in kindergarten, as "it merged video games and toys by having a portal that you can put the toys on and they appeared in the game." Looking back, Thompson feels that it is "still super nostalgic. They were some of the first video games I ever really played, and I remember I would get super excited every time my parents would buy me a new character."

This was certainly a cornucopia of nostalgia as seniors shared memorable moments and things from their childhoods.



Senior Survey

What is your favorite memory from high school?

"Accidentally cracking an egg all over Mrs. Sample." -Bailey Craig

"Getting to help with track and field day at the elementary school junior year." -Camden Gjovik

"Winning the ProStart management competition for Culinary Arts in 2024." -Grace Worley

What is something you did in high school that was out of your comfort zone?

"Talking to new people." -Kiersten Newman

"That time I dressed like Shrek."
-Brandon Thompson

"Running on homecoming court."
-Jazlynn Oswald

"I chose a career. I picked to do tech and choose a trade which was a little scary at first but is the best decision I have ever made." -Mason Rossey

Who is your favorite teacher? Why?

"Mrs. Peters. I have never met a teacher that provides for a student in such a way that she does. I have so much love for her, and am eternally grateful to have experienced being her student. " -Brywn McLaughlin

"Mrs. Mook, she always looks for the best in people but she is also very truthful. I love how understanding she is and she just brings amazing vibes through the whole class."
-Alaina Merchant

Survey

What is your go to karaoke song? Why?

"My Way by Frank Sinatra. Absolute banger."
-Frederick Smith

"Unwritten by Natasha Bedingfield."
-Jazlynn Oswald

If you could be in any TV show or movie, what would you choose to be in? Why?

"Scooby Doo because I'll just get paid to find fake bad guys with a talking dog."
-Carter Beck

"Barbie. I mean come on a world run by girls where everything is pink. I would thrive there." -Claire Barickman

What advice do you have for underclassmen?

"Everyone and everything changes eventually. Find comfort and stability in the change."
-Ethan Leytrick

"Don't limit yourself to what you think you can do, high school is the best time to experiment until you figure out who you are."
-Claire Barickman

"Take it one day at a time and keep on going." -Bella Durr

What will you miss most about high school?

"I will miss all the friends I've made through the years as we head off to work or college as we become the adults we were taught to be."
-Garrett Crawford

"Probably how easy it is. This is likely going to be the smoothest part of my life and I feel I will soon be longing for the simplicity that once was." -Frederick Smith

"I will miss seeing my friends, the staff, and the excitement of the school dances, field trips, incentives, etc." -Kaitlyn Bauer



Senior Map

College:

Allegheny College:

Brandon Thompson, Claire
Barickman, Grace Worley, Wyatt
Burchill

Slippery Rock:

Brywn McLaughlin and Kaitlyn Bauer

Thiel:

Alayna Nale, Alaina Merchant,
Christian Chiaramonte and Kaylee
Reynolds

IUP:

Kai Mangold, Greg Kiser, Jazlyn
Oswald, Tessa Rice and Kalista
Belfiore

Gannon:

Ashley Bailey, Carter Beck, Lindsey
Greco, Natalie Halsey and Brianna
Moody

Pitt:

Ethan Leytrick

Pitt-Bradford:

Bailey Craig

Rosedale Welding:

John Childers

Hiram G. Andrews:

Kirsten Newman

Westminster:

Camden Gjovik

Akron University:

Elliot McWright

Global Powerline Academy:

Jordan Rhoades

SUNY Geneseo:

Frederick Smith and Jordan
Deeter

Penn State Behrend:

Demarcus Manning and Nolan
Hughes

Erie Community College:

Devin Ward and Kendra
Besanson

Pennwest Edinboro:

Lillian Oakes, Logan Corner
and Travis Huya

Grove City College:

Mason Boleratz

Clarion:

Rylie Braymer

University of Wyoming:

Riley Zimmerman

Robert Morris University:

Bella Durr

Cedarville University:

Gabriel Jordan

Kent:

Sierra Schwab

**Columbia International
University:**

Cora MacAdam

**Community college of
Allegheny:**

Garrett Crawford

Carlow University:

Maggie Aitken

Workforce/Others:

Jaitono McCurdy

Jazmyn Pisarchick

Jesse Morris

Ava Swavey

Aaron Shartle

Harmony Rossey

Kasey Ferguson

Bailey Hyden

Matthew Laperriere

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Valerie McGowan

Daylyn Hetrick

Raya Schlosser

Cayden Joliet

Jazmin Sample

Military

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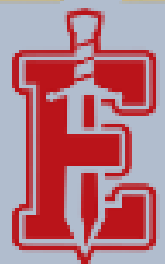
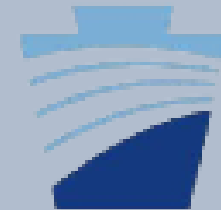
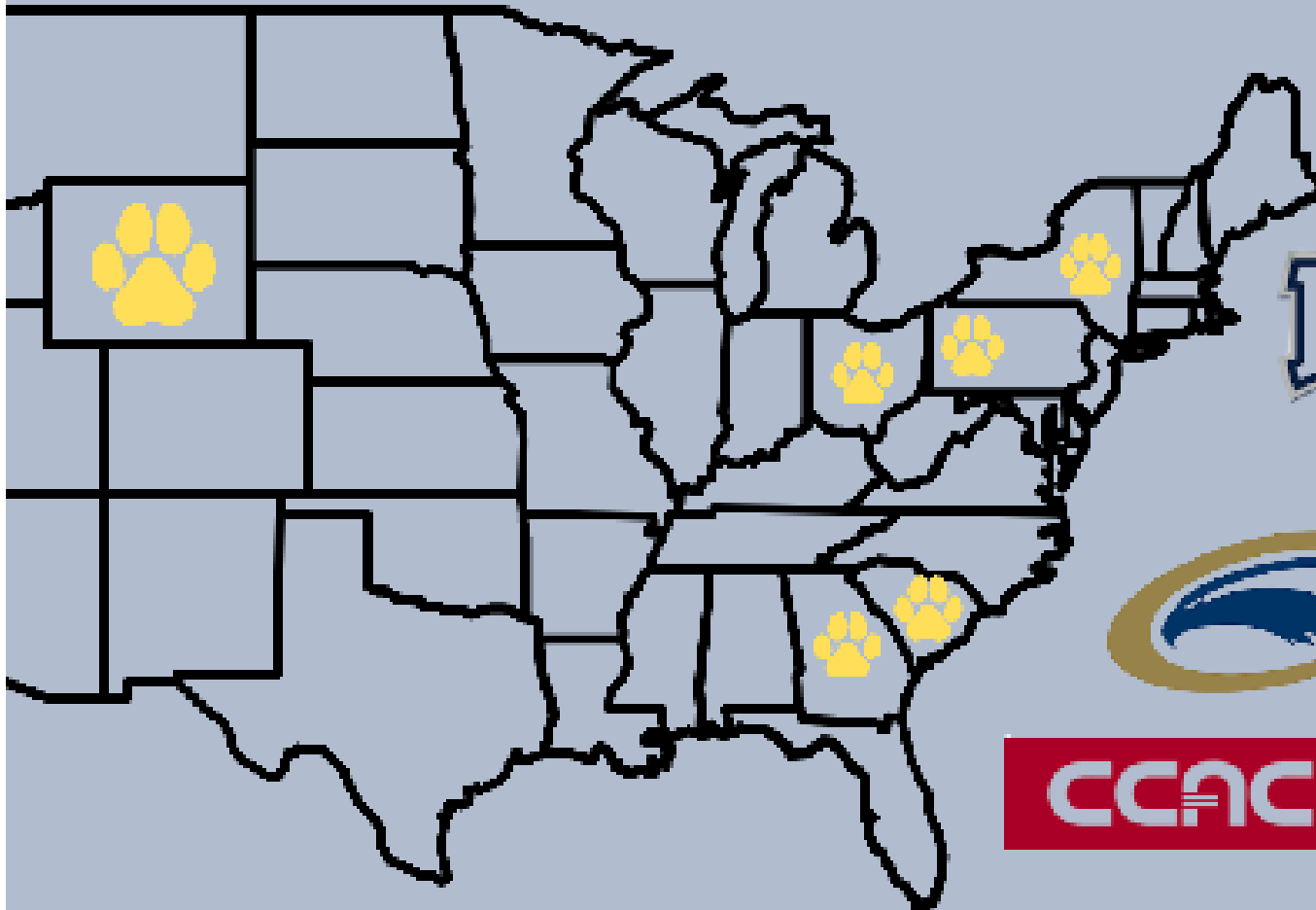


CONGRATS CLASS OF 2025!

By: Brandon Thompson



SENIOR MAP



Saegertown spring sports seasons sprout with success

By: Camden Gjovik and Camryn Harakal

Baseball

The Saegertown baseball team has shown great work on the field thus far. The team has defeated many teams and are tied for first with Lakeview in their region. Their season has come to an end after their second round of playoffs versus Greenville. They did however defeat Wilmington 10-0 in just six innings. The team will lose six seniors this season.

"I would say the biggest strength would be our bond that we have and our ability to hit the ball," senior DeMarcus Manning said. "I think we are one of the top teams

in the region and when we play our best no one can beat us."

Overall their season record was 15-3 which was a swinging success. Out of their six seniors, there are two going on to play collegiate baseball. Wyatt Burchill will be playing at Allegheny and DeMarcus Manning will be playing at Penn State Behrend.

Softball

The Saegertown softball team crushed the 2025 season. With all new coaching staff and many new, young players, the team managed to keep a steady record, finishing 11-5.

"The girls stepped up, played the game and we all became a solid team," said senior Natalie Halsey. "We held our own

with some super competitive teams and made it to the D10 semifinals which is absolutely amazing."

Freshman Hailey Obenrader is following in her sister's footsteps as an outstanding pitcher. Obenrader recently pitched the first six innings of a no-hit game. Sophomore Leah McGill has had multiple home runs this season and even accomplished two in one game versus Cambridge Springs.

The team lost in the District 10 semi-finals to Seneca on May 21, where they lost 9-0. They ended up in third place in their region. As the season ends, the team will say goodbye to two seniors, Rylie Braymer and Natalie Halsey.

Boys Volleyball

The boys volleyball team has had a great, steady season.

Playing a total of 16 games, they have only gathered three losses, leaving them with a record of 13-3. Their biggest adversaries thus far have been versus the Meadville Bulldogs and the Conneaut Lake Eagles.

The young team was full of potential and worked very well together, which allowed them to have a very successful season.

"Our greatest strength is our defense," says junior Mason Allio. "When we are playing good, it's hard for a ball to hit the floor on our side."

Despite their challenges, the team managed to be the runner-up in their region this year.

"We are overall happy with the position we are in," says junior Joshua Weaver. "The only team above us is Meadville, and they are a tough team and deserve the spot."

Most recently, Saegertown defeated CASH on May

22, allowing them to advance to State playoffs. This is a big deal for the Panthers, and they are very excited about the opportunity to be able to compete at the state level.

"We are going into the state playoffs, which is an amazing opportunity," says head coach Tim Houck. "It is special with this group because we don't have a senior on a team, so they will all have some experience for the future."

However, they aren't done with District 10 playoffs yet, as they will face Meadville at Allegheny College on May 28. Their state playoff games are to be determined based on the results of this game.

Seniors jump into the splash zone

By Kaitlyn Bauer

FEATURES EDITOR

The end of the year is near, but the games have just begun. Senior Splashin is an event in which all the seniors who want to play participate in a big game called Manhunt. The game is played using an app called "Splashin," in which the players log on and that is how the game is organized and assessed. The game can be played in several different ways. The common way to play is everyone plays for themselves; another way to play is teams, which is when you have a partner or a group of people. This year the game was played in teams, and the total number of teams was 24. In this game, you play using water guns to get people out. To get someone out, you must have video proof that you got your target out. There are safe zones and ways to protect yourself when you are out and about. There are usually three forms of "shields": the first are water goggles and swim float-

ies, and sometimes you can even use juniors as shields. Even then you can't be safe, there are specific periods called "purge" days in which you can get your targets out even if they have their floaties or goggles on.

The game this year began on April 28 of this year. There are obvious rules that are placed so that the game is played safely and organized. The standard rules are as follows: each player/team is assigned a target and becomes an assassin; the game continues until there is only one player of the team left standing, and every elimination

will be uploaded in video format to count. Some rules are made to keep safety above all; for example, you may not enter a person's residence or property without permission, you must use a water gun that does not look like or be perceived to be a real weapon and you may not get people out during school hours from eight in the morning to three fifteen in the afternoon.

The first group to get out was Brandon Thompson and Greg Kiser on the first day of the game at the Woodcock Dam park.

"It really sucked because I spent \$20 on my water gun," Thompson said.

The final group was Kaitlyn Bauer and Lillian Oakes who ended the game by getting their "targets" on time which was on May 19. It is common to usually pitch in money for the winners of the game; this year the Senior Class members who played decided not to do that.



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Senior DeMarcus Manning gets ready to swing



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Senior Rylie Braymer hits the ball

Wait, Disney actually made a good Marvel movie?

By Mason Bloeratz

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By Brandon Thompson

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This article contains spoilers for Thunderbolts

On May 2, 2025, the latest installment of the Marvel Cinematic Universe "Thunderbolts*" was released. Many people were skeptical of its release because of Marvel's mixed reviews on certain movies after the critically acclaimed "Avengers: Endgame" of 2019. Also, the lineup of characters seemed to leave fans doubtful of why the film was even created. However, "Thunderbolts*" ended up being a great movie and a huge turnaround that many praised. According to Rotten Tomatoes, it made 76 million dollars in its opening weekend. The site also gave the movie an 88% which is ranked 14 out of 36 Marvel movies.

The movie features many

anti-hero characters from previous Marvel films and TV series such as Yelena Belova, Red Guardian, Taskmaster from "Black Widow," Ghost from "Ant-Man and the Wasp," and Bucky Barnes and John Walker from "The Falcon and the Winter Soldier." These characters are forced to team up after Valentina Allegra de Fontaine, the Director of the CIA who hired them to clean up after her failed attempt to make a superhuman hero, tries to eliminate them as the last pieces of evidence against her in an attempt to not get impeached. This group of misfits has to become a team to take her and the main villain the Void down.

The movie has gotten a lot of advertising, and Marvel is going back to their old ways of taking time to make good projects instead of spamming them out for money. They are now advertising the movie as "The New Avengers*" which is a huge point in the movie, and especially in the MCU.

With the exciting upcoming projects, many think that the MCU is getting back on track to its glory days. Later this year, "The Fantastic Four First Steps" is coming out, followed by the Avengers movies in years to come. With Marvel dropping all the rushed shows and focusing on the important movies, most think that Marvel is back.



"Final Destination: Bloodlines" continues the franchise

By Kaitlyn Bauer

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Caution: Article contains potential spoilers for the latest "Final Destination" film.

The "Final Destination" franchise has had an enormous amount of creativity in the "gory" department of horror and action genre. It tells the tale of a never-ending story of famine and the end of family lines. The franchise of "Final Destination" began in 2000 when the first movie was released on March 17. The movie starts with the main character, Alex Browning, embarking on a trip to Paris. Alex sees a premonition of the plane exploding seconds after leaving the ground. Alex and seven others disembark the plane and they watch as his premonition unfolds to be true. They have es-

caped death, but not for long, and one by one they meet their fates. The last "Final Destination" movie was released on August 12, 2011. The franchise had a series of five movies up until now; a new "Final Destination" was released on May 16 known as "Final Destination: Bloodlines."

This sixth installation in the franchise has since received favorable reviews and critics, becoming the best-reviewed film in the series, and grossing almost 117 million dollars worldwide. The film follows college student Stefani who, after having recurring nightmares about the opening ceremony of a collapsing restaurant tower called Skyview, decides to return to her home after learning that her grandmother, Iris, was attending the ceremony. Stefani was then told that when her grandmother was at the tower she disrupted "death's design" by finding a way to prevent the collapse of

the tower, saving the lives of everyone there. Iris then exclaimed that because of this, death was now coming after all of the attendance in the order they should have died in the tower, along with their descendants who were never meant to exist. Stefani is skeptical of this information, but following the unnatural death of Iris, she starts to truly contemplate her grandmother's claim.

One reviewer on Letterboxd said, "Best film of the franchise. Tony Todd absolutely smokes his scene," speaking about a recurring character in the movies, after giving the movie four stars. The film has also received a 92% on Rotten Tomatoes, and a 7.1/10 from IMDb. All in all, the franchise has been thoroughly grown and has only improved. With all the love it's received, it's been confirmed that the world of "Final Destination" will not be ending with this latest installment.

The downfall (and potential rise) of beloved nu metal band

By Adele Pye

STAFF WRITER

In the year 1995, an American nu metal band from Santa Barbara, California formed, called "Snot." Their first album named "Get Some" was released on May 13, 1997 with 15 songs included. The band quickly took off, gaining success and making it on the news, until tragedy struck. On December 11, 1998, the lead singer of the band Lynn Strait passed away due to a fatal traffic collision along with his dog "Dobbs" who was the band's mascot, causing the band to disband. Twenty-three months later, the band released their final album on November 7, 2000, called "Strait Up" based on the lead singer's last name. The album was released and intended to be a tribute to Lynn Strait and his legacy. The track included clips of his voice in various interviews and sampled unreleased songs remixed by popular artists in the 90s such as Jonathan Davis (Korn), Serj Tankian (System of a Down), Max Cavalera (Soulfly), Fred Durst (Limp Bizkit), Corey Taylor (Slipknot), Ozzy Osbourne, and many more. Almost every person that

was featured in his album had a relationship with Lynn, which made the listening experience more emotional.

Almost 25 years have passed since his album was released, and the band Snot had multiple auditions and introduced the new lead singer of the band, Andy Knapp, who was previously in the band "Stronger Than Machines" on January 17, 2025.

Many fans have mixed feelings about the replacement of such an iconic role model in the music industry while others are happy the band is back on tour again. Not only was the decision to replace Lynn controversial, the band has also been making questionable decisions on the internet. The band is under suspicion of "selling out," putting in low to little effort in advertising, using AI and some low quality and lazy merch designs. Situations like this make you wonder, is the band really attempting to come back together to share music with the world? Or just another soulless cash grab? I think it's up to the fans to decide.

ADVICE TO SENIORS FROM KINDERGARTNERS:

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR THE SENIORS?

"Eat your dinner." "Don't forget to dress up."

"Always tie your shoes."

"Don't forget to sign up for activities." "Do your homework."

WHAT WOULD YOU TAKE WITH YOU TO COLLEGE?

"A family picture." "Your favorite necklace."

"A comfy blanket." "Your phone."

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH YOUR LAST SUMMER?

"Party." "Go to a water park."

"Go to a baseball game."

"Play at the playground." "Jump park."

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