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## 2025-2026 Homecoming Preview

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Every year, Saegertown High School hosts an annual homecoming dance where grades 9th-12th attend. The student council decides on a theme for the dance, and this year's theme was chosen to be the "Star Wars" inspired "A Galaxy Far, Far Away"

Ticket sell prices are \$10 if purchased before or \$15 at the door of the dance. Tickets are available to be purchased two weeks in advance before the event outside of the cafeteria at SHS. This year's candidates for homecoming king are Donivan Mascitti, Jace Digiacomio, Luke Young, Mason Allio, Ryder Bailey, and Xander Brauen. As for queen, the candidates are Brooke Newman, Camryn Harakal, Celina Price,

Lauren Wright, Margaret Hughes, and Megan Yurisc. Voting will open after the formal homecoming assembly. Winners will be announced before the homecoming game on Friday, October 3rd. Grade levels allowed to attend homecoming are 9th-12th. Students are allowed to suggest songs for homecoming through a QR code that can be scanned and a poster around the school building.

Two candidates were pulled apart and asked about how they feel about homecoming this year. The first person interviewed was Brooke Newman. She was asked if she was nervous about anything being one of the candidates for homecoming queen, and this is what she had to say: "I'm nervous about the skit I have to do in front of the school during the homecoming assembly." Which

is fair; who wouldn't be nervous? She then was asked about how she feels about the electoral process, and she answered, saying this: "The election is fair in technical terms: it's just a Google form, but otherwise it's really just a popularity contest."

After our interview with Brooke Newman, we were able to get ahold of our second homecoming candidate, Meghan Yurisc. She was asked the same series of questions as Brooke had been asked. She was asked about how she feels about being a homecoming candidate, and this is what she had to say: "I'm not really nervous; I think it'll be fun." That question was followed by asking her how she feels about the electoral process; this is what she had to say: "I think so; everyone gets a free vote." I asked her if she had anything else she'd like to add, and she said, "It's gonna



*Courtesy of Student Council*

be fire."

As a final note, Saegertown High School's Homecoming will be held on Oct 4th, 7:00PM-9:00PM in the cafeteria.

Remember to vote for the homecoming's king and queen on your iPad after the formal homecoming assembly!

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## A Warm Welcome To Some New Faces

**Anna Bradshaw**  
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As a new year of Saegertown begins, so does a flood of new faces. Not just students you see, but new teachers as well. This year at Saegertown High School, we welcome two new teachers, and one returning teacher to the building.

Ms. McGarry is one of our new teachers in the building this year, and is in fact a very first-year teacher. When posed with the question “how does it feel to be a first-year teacher,” she responded, “As a very, very first year teacher, it’s ... overwhelming. But the motivation is at its

highest and I want to see everyone be successful.”

Even though she’s a first-year teacher, she doesn’t let her nerves get the best of her while she’s teaching. Noticing this, she was asked in her interview, “How do you like teaching so far, and when did you find out you wanted to be a teacher?”

“Of course I love teaching. I knew I loved teaching before I even started. My love for teaching is only gonna grow from here. I didn’t know what I wanted to do until my senior year of high school. Once that happened, I was a part of founding a tutoring program at my high school, and through that I fell in love with math and tutoring and I just knew I wanted to do it for

a living.”

Finally, Ms. McGarry said, “What I’m looking forward to most this year is seeing all my students succeed. To see all those lightbulb moments that my students are gonna have, and I’m excited to see the growth that my students will have.”

Our second new teacher this year is Ms. Shissler. Ms. Shissler is the 11th grade government teacher, as well as 7th grade science, and she teaches the 7th and 8th grades for academic enrichment as well. When asked about her opinion on the school thus far, she responded, “I like the school so far. I have never really lived in Saegertown before. I am new to PENNCREST and I really, really like it. I enjoy the stu-

dents, enjoying all the challenges of teaching different topics. It’s been good.”

Shissler also noted that she enjoys the challenge that comes with teaching all of her classes so far. She is notably eager to improve alongside her students and hopes to have a fun year. Finally, Shissler was asked if she’s ever taught before or if this was her first year, similar to McGarry’s.

“I have taught before, this is actually my 5th year teaching. It’s my first-year teaching government. Before I was a 6th grade science teacher for four years in New Hampshire.”

Mr. Roesch is our returning teacher this year. He has come back from teaching cyber and will be joining us this year in

person. In his interview he was asked, “How do you like being back in Saegertown?”

“It’s a nice change from cyber, where I was. I like being back in the school environment teaching students in person.” When asked, “What did you teach the first time you were here?” he answered, “Biology.” He was asked, “What do you teach now?” He answered, “math.” Another question he was asked was, “Do you like the subject you’re teaching right now?” He said, “Yes, I like math a lot.” He was asked, “Do you like your classes?” He answered, “Yes I enjoy them.” He was asked, “What’s your favorite subject to teach?” He answered, “I like them all, cause I can teach biology, chemistry, or math.”

## No Cell, Bell To Bell Updated Phone Policy

**Vladimir Petrie**  
*Website Editor*

The updated phone policy at Saegertown High School requires you to keep your phone away for the entire school day, excluding lunch. The policy was created to enable students to concentrate fully on instruction without digital distractions. Now, of course, some students aren’t happy with the new rules because they like to look at their phones at the beginning or end of class, and now they can’t do that. However, from firsthand experience, the new policy has started helping kids excel at school. Students have been paying more attention in class and have been less attached to their phones, engaging in more social

conversations instead of hiding behind a screen. Some students get anxiety or pressure from being on their phones too much, and this new policy has helped lessen that. Cyberbullying is also getting less and less common due to people being unable to converse with each other across classes. Students can have better relationships with their teachers without them getting yelled at to put down their phones. It helps teacher-to-teacher connections by increasing face-to-face conversations. Some feel that the policy is a little harsh on the rules by banning all phone usage, but others feel that it is an understandable change.

The places phones are prohibited from are classrooms, restrooms, locker rooms, ISS/Refocus rooms, during safety

lockdowns, fire drills, in school offices, or in hallways between classes. The only acceptable place you can have your phone out is during breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria. Cell phones also must be turned off and stored in lockers before homeroom begins. If you are caught with your cell phone out, it will be held in the office until the end of the day. On the second strike, it is the exact same punishment plus 1 day of detention. Strike three results in a 3-day detention, and any other strikes result in disciplinary consequences. On strike four and every strike after that, your phone will be held in the office, there will be a parent meeting, students will get assigned ISS, and the parent will then have hold of the phone.

In conclusion, the school’s

new policy is pretty harsh on the phone usage, but it is for the best of the students’ well-being

because they are off their phones while in an educational environment.

- **Enhanced Learning Focus** - Students can concentrate fully on instruction without digital distractions
- **Improved Social Interaction** - Face-to-face conversations and relationship building increase significantly
- **Better Mental Health** - Reduced anxiety and social media pressure during school hours
- **Increased Physical Activity** - More engagement in recess, sports, and movement activities
- **Academic Achievement** - Studies show improved test scores and classroom participation
- **Reduced Cyberbullying** - Fewer opportunities for online harassment during school hours
- **Stronger Teacher-Student Relationships** - More meaningful connections without technology barriers

### NEW CELL PHONE POLICY - EFFECTIVE AUGUST 27, 2025

Beginning on the first day of school, the following expectations will be in place:

#### Cell Phone Storage Requirements:

- All cell phones must be turned OFF and stored in student lockers before homeroom begins
- Phones must remain in lockers until the dismissal bell rings
- Cell phones are permitted during lunch period only, with staff discretion

**Prohibited Areas:** Cell phones are no longer permitted in classrooms, restrooms, locker rooms, ISS/Refocus rooms, during safety lockdowns, fire drills, in school offices, or in hallways between classes.

*Photo Courtesy of SHS*



## President Barack Obama's Visit To Erie

**Sophia Pacak**  
A&E Editor

The 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama, returned to Erie, PA, on September 16, 2025 for a speech to the citizens. Born and raised in Hawaii by his grandparents, Obama had quickly risen to the top with peace on his mind, working through college and moving to Chicago where he worked with a group of churches to help rebuild close communities devastated by the closure of local steel plants. With positive changes, he went to law school in 1988, where he graduated magna cum laude and won election as the first African-American president of the prestigious Harvard Law Review for the academic year of 1990-1991.

On November 4th, 2008, Mr. Barack Obama was elected as the 44th President of the United States, where he won many more

votes than any other candidate in history. Now, as he lays off his presidential duties, he comes to preach on AI, Charlie Kirk, Palestine, Israel, and much more, hoping to spread the word to crowds all eager for his appearance once again.

"I like the history that he made for being the first African-American president," states Madelynn Ream, an 8th grader of SHS. "He made the world a better place through his elections, and chose peace."

As of his speech, his topics involved deeper with the case of Charlie Kirk's death, the evolution and opinions of the topic of AI, the Middle East, Pope Leo, his infamous tan suit, the topics of the 2012 Sandy Hook shooting and his feelings on violence, and even the events occurring with Palestine.

"Sandy Hook was, I've said before, probably the worst day of my presidency," Obama stated

while in Erie. "It was two days after these beautiful six-year-old kids were shot and killed that I was with their families, and it was wrenching. It's the only time I saw a member of my detail cry while they were standing guard during my speech."

During Obama's speech, three agitators interrupted the man's conversation - and he had only responded to one. "There's no point in shouting at me about it. I'm not in charge of foreign policy, currently," states Obama to a heckler, who challenged him about U.S. policy on the humanitarian crisis in Palestine. "Those who carried out October 7th had something in their minds that said, 'these families, these women and children that we are going to slaughter in cold blood, are less than us. We are justified in perpetrating that kind of brutality.'"

If you're interested in watch-

ing the full conversation, it is currently available on YouTube under Barack Obama's channel, with the video titled, "President

Barack Obama in Conversation with Steve Scully. Jefferson Educational Society."



Barack Obama speaks at the JES 2025 global summit in Erie

## A Delightful Scare Is Coming To Town: Erie Horror Fest

**Rorie Howles-McBeth**  
Social Media Editor

The Eerie Horror Fest will be held at the Warner Theatre this Friday, October 10, through Saturday, October 11, in downtown Erie, PA. This event will be every horror fan's favorite couple of days with movies, vendors, workshops, panels, industry guests, and much more creepy fun. The reason for this event is to spread the love for the horror genre. On the website, it has been revealed that so far that some of the special guests coming include Josh Ru-

ben, director of Hearteyes, and Adrienne Barbeau of The Fog and Creepshow.

When it comes to passes that you can get, there are several options. The all-access pass is \$53.54. A Friday-only pass is \$29.34. The Saturday-only pass is \$34.49. There's one more option: the Saturday morning shrieks with a trick-or-treat half-day pass, which is only \$19.04. With the half-day pass, you can bring your kids in their costumes for a special screening of Disney's 2003 film The Haunted Mansion. There will be trick-or-treating in the Warner

Theatre after the film. ("Eerie Horror Fest," 2025)

There are going to be so many different screenings of different types of horror movies with so many different subgenres, including cartoons, thrillers, slashers, and many more. Some of the vendors include an oddity shop called The Ravens Nest Oddities and Curiosities, a jewelry shop called Creatures Crypt, a leather craftsman's shop called Mother Heffer Leatherworks, and so many more amazing vendors.



## The Way Back To Recovery

**Sophia Lilly**  
*Social Media Editor*

Back in May 2025, Saegertown Alumni and Meadville Central Fire Department Michael “Mick” Lilly had an accident involving a tractor that has sadly left him paralyzed and currently in a wheelchair. His family says that “he is strong and will overcome this.”

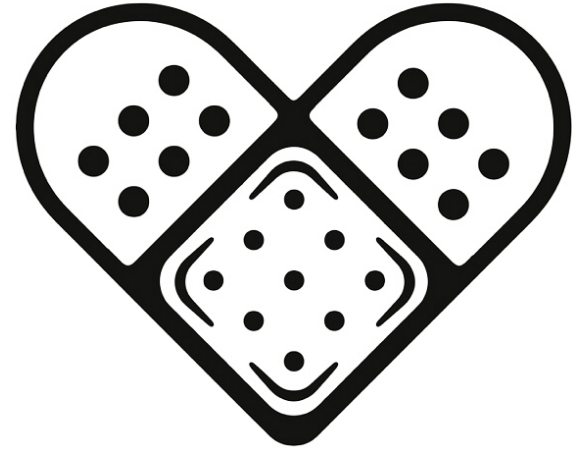
Being the niece of Mick, I know it will be a long journey to recovery, but I am sure he will overcome this with the support of friends and family. But for now he is home with his wife and spending time with his family and being surrounded by those that are willing to help

whenever and in whatever way they can. The love of family and friends is something truly special, especially in a time of need when it’s most important to be surrounded by love.

Furthermore, it is amazing to see the pull-through of the community showing up when there is a dire cause at hand. There are benefits in being surrounded by such a loving and caring community and seeing just how many people were willing to show up to support him and his family was such an amazing thing to witness. It is inspirational how strong he has been throughout this long journey of recovery.



*Courtesy of Sophia Lilly*



## Making Thrash A Blast

**Aleigh Powell**  
*Opinion Editor*

Looking for something new to listen to? Then Landon Unger and his friends’ band is the perfect band for you! But just a warning, this music is gonna thrash the whole room.

Tinted Memories is coming out with a new single entitled “A Reawakening” coming out within the next few weeks along with their debut record which will be released within the next few months. Tinted Memories is going all out on all platforms to release their music including, Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon Music, and Pandora. But before the music, came the idea.

“We met in a music store and started hanging out,” Landon starts, before he tells me that he and all his friends came up with

the idea to make a band, telling me he “was the one who brought up recording original music and getting it put out.” And ever since April 2024, Landon, Nolan, Bode, Gibby, and TJ have been singing and playing thrash metal. With Landon singing, playing guitar, and producing the music, while Nolan plays drums, Bode and Gibby playing guitar, and TJ on bass. When Landon was asked about his personal experience and interests in the band, I found out a few things about him, including how he likes to write lyrics about anti-war. When asked his favorite part about being in a band he responded, “I love every part about it. Touring, collaborating, writing, and the overall experience.”

Beyond the singing and playing of the band, I have recently

learned that Tinted Memories has t-shirts being made upon request. So if you’re a fan of thrash metal, or you’re looking for something new to listen to, Tinted Memories may be just what you’ve been looking for. So keep waiting for their music, because I promise you, it’s worth the wait. And if their music inspires you to start your own band, Landon is here to remind you to, “Make sure you have hearing protection, and, overall, just enjoy the experience.”



*Courtesy of Landon Unger*



## Decorating For A Frosty Occasion Paint The Plow

**Anna Bradshaw**  
Editor-In-Chief  
**Aurora Petrie**  
Managing Editor

While the season hasn't started, winter shows up in the blink of an eye. With winter comes dangerous weather, and with the weather comes people in our communities who run snow plows to keep our roads clear. So why not make it fun?

For the first time ever, Mrs. Granat, our art teacher at Saegertown High School, is entering the "Paint The Plow" contest. During our school's Thursday WINN periods, Mrs. Granat takes her students interested in the contest outside to the parking lot and has them work on painting and designing the plow for the competition. The "Paint The Plow" contest is a safety outreach program run by various state and local

departments of transportation, like PennDOT and ODOT, where high school students and community groups decorate snowplow blades with creative, safety-themed artwork.

PennDOT, on its official website, states, "All schools are encouraged to participate in the Paint The Plow program. It is a way for schools and PennDOT to partner to let students' creativity bring awareness to the important work plows do during the winter months."

The 2025 theme, issued by [pa.gov/paint-the-plow](http://pa.gov/paint-the-plow), is "Don't race. Allow some space," and when Mrs. Granat was asked her opinion on the theme, she replied, "I think it's been easy to draw. I thought it was nice that we tried to incorporate the ideas of the entire group that wanted to participate." Of course, working with a group of middle school and high school students

isn't always easy. Knowing this, Mrs. Granat was then asked about her group of students and how they all worked together—the group consisting of ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders. "Yeah, everybody has their own little section for painting or drawing and have gotten along well."

Painting a plow, or any other surface other than paper, will typically require a specific kind of paint, aside from acrylic or oil. Given that such paint is rather expensive to buy in even small buckets, Mrs. Granat was posed with the question, "Is this costing you any money personally?" to which she replied, "No. We already had the paint, and Dr. Howick paid for the couple cans of paint we needed that we didn't have enough colors of. So I have enough supplies here to sustain the project."

Now, the million-dollar

question we've all been wondering: does our art teacher believe our school will win? "I hope so. I think they're [the students] doing a good job so far. I believe we have a strong chance of winning the contest."

As a closing statement, Mrs. Granat was finally posed with the question: "What's your favorite part of entering these art competitions?" as she has often helped to enter students into

Meadville Council of the Arts competitions as well, and replied, "I just want to see all my art students do something in real world situations that deal with art or competitions. To see them win or realize what they can do out of school on their own someday."



*Courtesy of Mrs. Granat*

**DON'T RACE. Allow some \_\_\_\_\_ SPACE.**



## Is Homecoming Overrated?

**Trinity Gohn**  
*Features Editor*

Have you ever been to a school dance when you were in elementary school? Do you remember all the fun that you had while you were there? It allows you to let loose, be with your friends, and most importantly, get out of your shell! But as you get older, there are not really any dances that students are able to participate in. That's where homecoming comes into play!

Some people think homecoming is overrated because of prom being in your eleventh and twelfth grade years. There's no point in having an extra dance before prom, right? But in my opinion, homecoming is something that students should be able to attend. "I think it's a good thing because it gives you memories for the future," says Claire Harrison, a student at Saegertown High School. "It's a school tradition, so why would anyone want to get rid of it now? It's just a fun thing kids are able

to do," said Kaiya Levesque, also a student at Saegertown High School.

Homecoming is a dance students can ask others to go to or just go by themselves. It's similar to prom, but it's more for grades ninth and up. Since there are not really any dances ninth and tenth graders can go to, this is a perfect opportunity for them to get to know what high school will be like. It's also a good way for students that just came into the high school to meet new people and explore the school.

It allows them to feel included as well.

Say if you like a certain someone and you want to be able to talk to them, ask them to homecoming! It's a good way to communicate with people. You can dress up, look your best, bring your friends or a date, dance, and take a bunch of pictures. Who wouldn't want to go to something like this?

Homecoming is such a creative and fun way for students to express themselves, especially because there are themes

students can dress up as. They can think of creative ways to make an outfit that follows the theme. Homecoming is such a great thing for kids to be able to participate in.



*Courtesy of Trinity Gohn*





**Club® Stuffed Acorn Squash**

Take advantage of fall produce with this delicious and colorful dish.

**Ingredients**

2 medium acorn squash	1 cup milk
½ cup finely chopped onion	2 cups Club® Original Crackers
¼ cup finely chopped green bell pepper	1 cup finely chopped ham
2 Tbsp. margarine or butter	½ tsp. dry mustard
4 tsp. all-purpose flour	¼ tsp. hot pepper sauce

**Directions**

1. Lengthwise cut squash in half. Remove and discard seeds. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. In 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray arrange squash halves, cut side down. Bake at 350°F for 50 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in medium skillet cook onion and bell pepper in margarine or butter until tender. Stir in flour. Gradually stir in milk. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture thickens and boils. Stir crackers, ham, mustard and pepper sauce into milk mixture.
3. Turn squash halves, cut side up. Spoon cracker mixture into cavities. Bake at 350°F for 15 minutes more or until lightly browned.

# — ASK ME — ABOUT MY DAD JOKES


**WHY WAS THE TEENAGERS  
REPORT CARD WET?**  
**IT WAS BELOW  
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Imagine an imaginary  
menagerie manager  
managing an imaginary  
menagerie.

Why did the old man  
store his newspapers  
in his fridge?

Because he wanted  
the freshest news

*Did  
you  
know  
cat's  
favorite  
color is  
purrrple*



## Happy Gilmore 2:

### Did The Long Awaited Sequel Live Up To The Hype?

**Lincoln Flowers**

*Panther Paw Editor*

Happy Gilmore 2 is a sequel to the beloved 1996 "Happy Gilmore" golf comedy. Some people love it, some hate it. Adam Sandler's return seemed to strike interest in everyone who found themselves loving the previous movie in the Happy Gilmore sequel.

Netflix first announced in May 2024 that the legendary Adam Sandler would be making a return as Happy Gilmore. With many people excited about the movie, its release date of July 25, 2025 was long awaited

and very exciting for many. Did the eventual movie live up to its hype though?

Some reviews show it is loved by some, while some show that it was a huge let down for others. One critic on Rotten Tomatoes in support of the movie writes, "While it didn't quite live up to the magic of the first one for me, it was still a thrilling ride!" Among the vast variety of reviews, very few fail to mention that Happy Gilmore 2 lacks the magnetism that the first Happy Gilmore movie had. Another critic writes "The sense of if-it-ain't-broke-don't-fix-it suits a movie with no great aim but to call back to the original," in a

way summing up what everyone else seems to be thinking.

While there are things to enjoy about the movie, it appears to have been a huge let down for many people. The movie captures the nostalgia of the original in some parts, but reportedly seems to be forced in other areas. Another person writes, "It made me chuckle twice but didn't justify itself as a movie for me. I'll just pretend this doesn't exist." Furthermore, some people feel that the vast number of celebrities, many of which are not actors by trade, bring down the movie as well. While celebrities are fun to see in any movie, many people feel

that there were simply too many appearances in Happy Gilmore 2, and most of them did not belong in the story.



<https://stupiddope.com>

## Switch 2 Is It Worth The Money?

**Kaiya Kevesque**

*Social Media Intern*

The Nintendo Switch 2: is it worth the money, or should people just stick with the Nintendo Switch? Well, let's look further into the different Switches and see what is better and worth your money.

Let's start off with the basics. The Nintendo Switch was created and designed by a team of inventors led by Yoshiaki Kozumi. It was released on March

3, 2017. The Nintendo Switch is older, whilst the Switch 2 is obviously newer. The Switch 2 is bigger, with a 7.9-inch display, while the original Switch features a 6.2-inch screen. Another noticeable improvement is the redesigned kickstand, which covers the entire back of the console and can be adjusted to multiple angles. Let's get into the graphics of these two switches. The Switch 2 has 10x the graphics performance compared to the original Switch.

Some people who have bought the Switch 2 have given their opinions on it; here are

some examples. Mr. Steiger says, "I bought the Switch 2, but I honestly don't know if it's worth the money. It's not all that different, to be honest. Although, to be fair, I have enjoyed playing the new Mario Kart with friends."

Some games that are on the Switch 2 are "The Oregon Trail," "Crisis 2 Remastered," "It Takes Two," "Cyberpunk 2077," "Hyrule Warriors: Definitive Edition," "Mario Kart World," and many more games. These games will make the Switch 2 much more popular. For example, "The Oregon Trail" offers a modern twist on the classic game, providing an immersive experience with procedurally

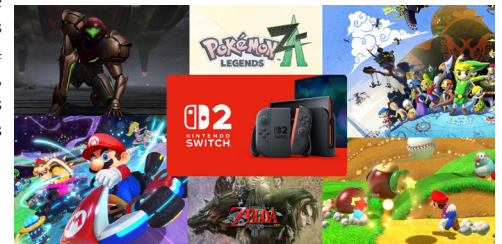
selected random events that affect the party's fate and future game events. Players can build and name their party, manage their inventory, and navigate an untamed frontier with various challenges and dangers. It includes hunting mini-games and a fishing mini-game. Another game is "Mario Kart World," a racing game that offers an open-world design, off-roading techniques, an elimination mode, and unlockable costumes for the playable characters. The game supports up to 24 players, twice as many as

previous Mario Kart games.

Some upcoming games that are coming out for Switch 2 are "Beholder 2," "Hogwarts Legacy," "Hunting Simulator 2," "Little Nightmares 3," "Gear Club Unlimited 2," and many more. The description for "Hogwarts Legacy" for example is that it's an optimized version of the open-world action RPG, featuring improved graphics, faster loading times, and smoother gameplay compared to the original Switch version.



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## What's New In The Music Industry?

**Caleb Croll**

*Panther Paw Co-Editor*

Over the summer of 2025, multiple milestones have been reached for numerous artists and creators. There are albums released or upcoming, awards won, shows and tours, you name it. These events that have happened in the music world very recently, along with what to expect in the near future, have a significant impact on the industry.

Sabrina Carpenter, a well-known and loved pop artist, has recently released a new album called "Man's Best Friend." The album was released on August 30, 2025. The following week of September, the album

reached #1 on Billboard 200. This marked the biggest opening week for any female artist. The album features the songs "Manchild," "Tears," "My Man on Willpower," "Sugar Talking," "We Almost Broke Up Again Last Night," and "Nobody's Son," to name a few.

Another incredibly famous artist, Taylor Swift, announced on August 13, 2025, that she is releasing an album titled "The Life of a Show Girl." This album is expected to be released on October 3, 2025. "The Fate of Ophelia," "Elizabeth Taylor," "Opalite," "Father Figure," "Eldest Daughter," "Ruin the Friendship," "Actually Romantic," "Wi\$h Li\$t," "CANCELLED!" "Honey," as

well as the title track, "The Life of a Showgirl," which features a collaboration with Sabrina Carpenter, are the songs supposedly featured in the album.

Post Malone, a well-respected and known country singer and artist, is expected to release a new album some time later this year, keeping consistent with his trend of releasing one album a year that was set in 2022. However, this year he is also rumored to be going on tour along with the album's release, yet nothing has been confirmed.

On September 7, 2025, the Video Music Awards (VMAs) ran on live TV. The award ceremony featured multiple live and recorded performances

and gave out over 20 awards to nominated artists and singers. These performances were done by Lady Gaga, Doja Cat, Post Malone, Jelly Roll, Sabrina Carpenter, Tate McRae, J Balvin (with DJ Snake), Alex Warren, Conan Gray, Busta Rhymes, Mariah Carey, Ricky Martin, and Sombr. There was also a performance done by Steven Tyler, Joe Perry, YUNGBLUD,

and Nuno Bettencourt that paid tribute to the late artist Ozzy Osbourne.

The year still goes on much like the music industry, and many updates and events are still yet to happen. Keep your eyes, or ears, peeled for any other thing you may want or need to know about the future of music.



*Wikipedia.org*

## New Shows & Movies In 2025

**Claire Harrison**

*Broadcast Director*

Are you wondering what to watch this year? There are some interesting shows that are coming out this year. Let's look at just some of the shows and movies that are coming out or have come out already.

One of them is the live-action "How To Train Your Dragon," which came out on June 13, 2025. Starring Mason Thomas as Hiccup and Nico Parker as Astrid as the main characters. The rest of the cast is Julian Dennison as Fishlegs, Gabriel Howell as Snotlout, Bronwyn James as Ruffnut, and Harry Trevaldwyn as Tuffnut. How to Train Your Dragon was made and written by Dean DeBlois, who wrote and directed the film. He also co-wrote and directed the animated movies. The movie was based on

the book originally by Cressida Cowell; the first book was published in 2003 and was adapted into a series and movies. Kaiya Levesque says, "It was cute, but the characters were not accurate. Otherwise, it was a really cute movie and is worth watching."

Season 2 of "My Life with the Walter Boys" came on Netflix on August 28 with ten episodes. The original season came out on December 7, 2023. The reason why they didn't come out with season 2 right away is that creating a series is a long process. The show stars Nikki Rodriguez as Jackie, Noah LaLonde as Cole, and Ashby Gentry as Alex. Sarah Rafferty as Katherine and Marc Blucas as George, and they played his parents.

The rest of the cast is Johnny Link as Will, Corey Fogelmanis as Nathan, Connor Stanhope as Danny, Dean Petriw as Jordan,

and Alex Lefler as Parker. The series was based on the books by Ali Novak and Jason Priestley, and Jerry Ciccoritti directed most of the films. And the series was created and developed by Melanie Halsall. Bella-Grace Boesch says, "I like 'My Life with the Walter Boys.' I like Cole and Jackie together. I don't like Alex; he is jealous of Cole and Jackie because Jackie has more feelings for Cole, I feel."

More movies that came out include "Superman," "28 Years Later," "The Fantastic Four: First Steps," "Thunderbolts," "Snow White," "A Minecraft Movie," and "Jurassic World: Rebirth." Some new shows that also came out are "English Teacher," "Matlock," "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," "Nobody Wants This," "The Valley," and "Long Story Short."



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## A Look Into Fall Sports

**Quinton Burchill**  
Sports Editor

### Saegertown Football

The Saegertown High School football team is having a rough start this season. So far, the Panthers' record is 2-3. On September 19, the Saegertown Panthers had a magnificent win against the Union City Bears.

Saegertown has lost several star players due to season-long injuries, including Cameron Staats, Blake Burchill, Milan Harrison, Cru Scott, and Oliver Moody. Some Panthers believe they should win the next three games; they sound pretty con-

fident about these upcoming games.

Saegertown Panthers Quarterback William Shaffer gave us a few words about their season so far. William Shaffer said, "We have played some pretty tough teams this season so far, but we hung with them. I am expecting us to win the next three games."

### Saegertown Golf

The Panthers golf team is having a magnificent season this year. The Saegertown Panther golf team is the region champions. Saegertown's varsity team includes Senior Ryder Bailey, Senior Everett Gardner, Senior

Mason Allio, Senior Sutton Treziak, Sophomore Mason Gjovik, and Sophomore Tyler Cherpak. The Saegertown Panthers golf team beat Union City, their rival this year. Freshman Mason Zimmerman said, "Our season is going well, and we are winning a lot of tournaments." The golf team is really improving this year. Mason Gjovik is having a great season.

Senior Mason Allio added, "I think we are doing pretty well this season. We are definitely doing a lot better than last year." He also gave us some more information. "I am doing pretty horrible this season, but the team is good this year." Mason added

on and said, "I think we have a really good chance of going to states this year. I definitely feel good about this year for our golf team."

### Saegertown Cross Country

The Saegertown cross country team is onto a great season. As of September 25, the team has participated in five competitions, including an invitation in Hershey. Several runners have medaled at these events, including seniors Josh Weaver and Camryn Harakal, as well as sophomores Reese Digiaco and Myla Bland. Despite a loss

under the belt of each team for the season, there's looking forward to districts at the end of October and the chance to qualify for the state meet in Hershey that comes with this.

"All runners are working hard and putting in about 5-8 miles or more at most practices," cross country coach Timothy Houck added. "We are always looking for more runners to join us every year. It is one of the most supportive sports out there."

Houck also added that the junior high girls team is currently undefeated, with eighth-grader Addisyn Spencer medaling.

# 2025 Saegertown PANTHERS FOOTBALL

AWAY		HOME		
<b>22 August</b>  <b>Seneca</b> 7 PM (A)	<b>29 August</b>  <b>Eisenhower</b> 7 PM (H)	<b>05 September</b>  <b>Lakeview</b> 7 PM (A)	<b>13 September</b>  <b>Cambridge Springs</b> 7 PM (H)	<b>19 September</b>  <b>Union City</b> 7 PM (H)
<b>26 September</b>  <b>Mercer</b> 7 PM (A)	<b>03 October</b>  <b>Maplewood</b> 7 PM (H)	<b>10 October</b>  <b>Greenville</b> 7 PM (A)	<b>17 October</b>  <b>Cochranon</b> 7 PM (A)	<b>24 October</b>  <b>Northwestern</b> 7 PM (H)

Eastern PA FOOTBALL



Above: September 19 Football game Photo Courtesy of SHS Football Boosters. Below: September 1 Football game Photo Courtesy of SHS.



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**Saegertown Soccer**

The Saegertown boys soccer team is having a rough season. With thirteen players, they currently have a 1-7-1 record, taking a victory over Corry Area High School. According to Saegertown teacher David Gjovik, every game they've played has been close, showing that they're strong in spite of the challenges.

In addition, a number of Saegertown girls have joined forces with the Cambridge Springs girls soccer team for this season. This

season, according to MaxPreps, the Cambridge Springs girls soccer team has a 3-6 record.

Rachael Weaver, manager for the cross country team, gave us some insight on their current season. Weaver said, "I feel like the season is definitely going well and I am pretty confident about this season. I think a good group of girls will make it to states like a bunch of them do every year." She also added, "A couple seniors should make it, but there is a bunch of freshman boys that joined the team this year."

**Saegertown Volleyball**

The JV and varsity volleyball teams are also in full swing. As of September 24, the varsity girls season record is 4-3-1 (W-L-T). Lauren Wright from the Saegertown Panthers girls volleyball team had a few words for us. She said, "I feel like we are doing pretty good this season. We are getting along." Wright added, "I am doing good this year; I had a lot of kills..."

Manager Miley Manning had some words for us as well. "I

definitely feel like we are getting along and playing to the fullest... I feel confident that we can make it to the D10 championship." It sounds like the Saegertown Panthers girls volleyball team is pretty confident this year.




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