



“I’m Comin’ Home, I’m Comin’ Home”

BY: STEFANIE JOHNDROW

On October 4, as Hopewell Township watched Homecoming Queen, Brae Geary, and her court in the annual Homecoming parade, Hopewell Community Park was arranging an evening full of fun, festivities, and togetherness.

For the first time ever, the Hopewell area came together as a community to celebrate Homecoming. People of all ages gathered around the lake at Hopewell Park and participated in activities such as corn hole and dancing, as a magnificent bonfire was lit. This made a lot of people wonder, “Why have we waited so long to do something like this?”

It was an evening enjoyed by most, and it is commended by many to be continued as a tradition. Hopewell senior Will Kapton suggests a school wide activity dedicated to the unification of Hopewell on Homecoming. “(Homecoming) is a major thing in the school. There should be more activities, because it’s getting you ready for the big football game. So every year we should try to do something different and fun. Instead,

we just do the same thing. We have the same speech; we should have more than just an assembly.” Fellow senior Rachel Beres agrees, “We really do just need more activities to do.”

So with the first ever Homecoming Bonfire having been a hit, hopefully the community will make a tradition of it. If not, perhaps a different activity could be arranged, like Kapton recommended, that could help bring the community together. Homecoming is the perfect starting point to form a bond within the community.

To begin, Homecoming is used to recognize a few individual senior girls that have represented Hopewell High School with class. To add to that initial excitement, the Homecoming football game always brings out the true “Viking Pride” in everyone, and no matter whom you are, it links us all. So, why not use Homecoming as a springboard to promote Hopewell Township as a unit? A sense of togetherness is something every community strives to obtain, and with the approval of the people of Hopewell Township, this opportunity to form a more perfect union should be seized.

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Voter ID Law Postponed

BY REBECCA HADDIX

It seems like the election has taken over the media. You can’t turn on the television without hearing a reporter talk about the candidates, or tune the radio without getting at least one political advertisement. The thing about the election that has most people talking, though, is the new idea for a law that states every voter

must have a valid photo ID to vote. This law will not go into effect

before this Election Day, but we can count on having to show an ID four years from now.

Why does this matter? After all, everyone who can vote has a driver’s license, right? Not necessarily: the elderly who can’t drive any more, and don’t bother to get their driver’s license renewed, the poor minorities who can’t afford a driver’s license, and young people who don’t have their license yet- none of them would be able to vote under this new law.

The Democrats believe this is why the Republicans want this law passed. Statistically, most of the people who would vote for Obama fall under this law.


On the other side of matters, the Republicans say that it’ll prevent voter fraud. After all, political parties in the past have been known to register dead people or family pets to vote on their side, which is something that the voter ID law would prevent.

According to CNN.com, however, lawyers on both sides admit there are no known cases of in-person voter fraud.


As the law currently stands, voters are permitted to show some sort of proof of residency, such as utility bills, bank statements, or tax records instead of photo ID. Also, poll workers are allowed to ask for photo ID if they feel it is necessary.

Pennsylvania is 1 of 31 states with some form of voter ID law in place. Most of these states have voting mechanisms for people lacking the proper identification at the polling place. Georgia, Kansas, Tennessee and Indiana require a photo ID to cast a regular ballot.





The Queen and Her Court



Pictured Left to Right: Kelly Burak, Taylor Spinosi, Amelia Mateer, Taylor Miller, Queen Brae Geary, Allison Domitrovich, Olivia Unen, Polixeni Chirgott



Girls Volleyball

BY:SAMANTHA MARCKIONI

The girls are at it again! Hopewell Lady Vikings Volleyball team, led by seniors Monet Smith and Sydney Belcastro, have conquered all of their tournaments thus far this season, including the eminent MAC.

If that isn't enough to grab your attention, they have also gone all section season undefeated. Despite the entire team sporting camo shirts that read "You never saw us coming", it is actually quite hard not to look at this group of impeccable volleyball players and not be impressed.

During the MAC tournament at the end of last month, the team beat their arch rivals, Blackhawk, in the quarterfinals, Moon Area in the semi-finals, and then overtook Mars 2-0 in the final.

Seniors Shatori Walker-Kimbrough, who had an astounding 24 blocks with 29 kills in the tournament, and Mackenzie Biggs were also added to the all-tournament team.

With a hopeful season ahead of them, the students anticipate seeing how much more these girls can accomplish.

Boys Golf Finishes Strong

BY:KRISTEN SPEZIALETTI

This year the boys accomplished an outstanding season. The Varsity Boys Golf Team made it through the regular season with an 8-4 record.

"It's the best we've done in our high school career," said Junior, Alec Schoedel, referring to the team's performance throughout the season.

The boys qualified for the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League's Championship.

In addition to the team's qualification, was Junior Brett Pompeani who qualified for singles.

The WPIAL's were on October 8 and 9. Neither the team nor Brett qualified for the next round of WPIAL's, but they showed great sportsmanship and effort. Good job, boys!



Brett takes a big swing in one of his matches this year.

No Hockey ...What now?

BY:STEFANIE JOHNDROW

This one is for all of the hockey fans out there. With the NHL lockout in place, these next couple of months are going to be relatively tough. To help you out, the Hi-Lites staff put together ten suggestions as to what you can do to help pass the time:

1. "Watch NHL Network 24/7."
- Zoe Carr
2. "Cry in a corner."
- Sammi Markioni
3. "Go into therapy."
- Stefanie Johndrow
4. "Keep calm and wait to hear 'It's a hockey night in Pittsburgh.'"
- Mackenzie Hartman

5. "Toilet paper Gary Bettman's house."
- Kelly McCallan

6. "Grow a lockout beard."
--Ty Richardson



7. "Master cricket"
-Taylor Skelton
8. "Spend time shaving (no playoff beards needed)"
-Brienne Miller
9. "Practice Juggling"
-Brian Zahn
10. "Clean my house."
-Mrs.Giroski

Putting to Victory

BY:STEFANIE JOHNDROW

Around Hopewell High School, if you hear the word "golf," you think Brett Pompeani. Pompeani is one of Hopewell's top varsity golf players, having finished the golf season with a score of 76 at WPIALs. Being knocked out of the semifinals wasn't the finish he had hoped for, but Pompeani's strive to win and determination are likely to lead to better luck next year.

A sport popular with the Pompeani family, Brett learned to play golf around age eight when his father,

brothers, and grandpa helped to introduce Brett to the sport. They taught him how to play, but he acquired the passion for golf on his own. Today, Pompeani says he tries to practice "everyday, for maybe five or six hours."

All of Pompeani's practicing has clearly paid off. Pompeani unfortunately lost to Beaver Falls' in the MAC's to Zach Miller, 73-72, respectively. "I only played with the kid once, so I really don't know what his game is like but I played a pretty solid round." said Brett. While no single match sticks out in his memory, bigger things are sure to come for this young golfer. Pompeani states, "I'm always trying to win."



All For One And One For All

BY: MACKENZIE HARTMAN

With the regular season coming to an end our football team has given us yet another memorable and exciting year.

In the 35-17 loss against Central Valley the boys truly showed us how dedicated they are to the team and the season. The back and forth action of both teams showed their courage.

With both teams eager to win, and the neon student section cheering them on holding a sign stating "I BELIEVE" Hopewell gave it all they could and pushed themselves to the final seconds of the game.

With many injured and unable to play the 35-0

loss against Freedom truly hit them hard. A senior player stated "I thought our season went pretty well. We started off slow, but finished strong. Despite all of our injuries we plan on making it deep into the playoffs.

We hope to have everyone back and ready to play for our playoff run. We are not trying to end our senior year earlier than we expect."

With hopeful ambition for the playoffs, the goal of the team is to keep moving forward and stick together through everything.

Steelers Injury Update

BY: RACHAEL KRIGER

David DeCastro,
Offensive Linemen
– Torn MCL

LaMarr Woodley,
Outside Linebacker
– Hamstring

Troy Polamalu,
Strong Safety
– Calf

Stevenson Sylvester,
Inside Linebacker
– Knee

Maurkice Pouncey,
Center
– Torn MCL

Marcus Gilbert,
Offensive Linemen
– Ankle

James Harrison,
Outside Linebacker
– Knee

Rashard Mendenhall,
Running Back
– Knee



Alameda Ta'amu was suspended for two games for being arrested in an 'alcohol fueled' chase, Coach Tomlin announced on October 16. "Due to his actions this past weekend we are going to be suspending him for two weeks. This suspension is without pay. He will not participate in any organized team activities, he won't be in meetings, he won't be on the practice field and obviously he won't be at our facility. Obviously it's a disturbing incident, one that we take seriously as members of this community and the organization which we are."

Girls Soccer Helps Kick Cancer

BY: STEFANIE JOHNDROW

In its second year, Hopewell High School's girls' soccer team hosted a "pink-out" game in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Taking place on October 1 at Tony Dorsett Stadium, the varsity Vikings raised a substantial amount of money for the cause.

Two years ago while head coach Martin Byrnes was perusing a soccer magazine and saw pink soccer balls. "I saw the pink gear and I thought, 'That'd be a really fun fundraiser to do.' It just kind of took off from there." Hopewell senior and varsity soccer player Courtney Sundy decided to take on this year's pink-out game as her senior project.

Standing 8-0-1 in the Section 3- AA, the Viking's 6-2 win over Blackhawk was, in part, thanks to juniors Stephanie Lias, with a hat trick, Lauren Krawchyk, with two goals, and Erica Aires with one additional goal. Although the girls presented an amazing performance, Byrnes admits he was a little disappointed by the two Blackhawk goals. "They could have been prevented. Yeah Blackhawk has a good team, but I was hoping we could be the kind of team to shut out teams like Blackhawk." Byrnes continued, "Nevertheless, I think that we did play rather well. Erica's and one of Stephanie's goals were corner kicks, and those were things we struggle with, so it was good to see that."

A night dedicated to a good cause, and a good game, this year's pink-out was a success!





How to be an Educated Voter

BY: LAUREN ZAWATSKI

When November 6 rolls around, the last thing you want is to be clueless as to who to vote for. Everyone who is voting must have the necessary information in order to make an educated decision. Here are President Obama and Governor Romney's stances on some key issues.

President Obama's Views

On the economy:

He tried to combat high unemployment by creating an \$800 million stimulus package. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the package cut unemployment by 1.8%. He also wants to grow the economy from the middle class out.

On education:

He approved waivers that rid states from the No Child Left Behind laws, and received approval for a college tax credit worth up to \$10,000 for four years. Additionally, he created the Race to the Top initiative, which administered \$4.5 billion in competitive grants in exchange for creating "innovative plans to improve teacher quality and student achievement."

On debt:

One point that is central to his plan for debt is to let President Bush's tax cuts expire for couples who make

over \$250,000, which is said to generate over \$700 billion over ten years.

Governor Romney's views

On the economy:

Romney wants to lower taxes and have fewer regulations. He also believes that Obamacare should be repealed. He wants to cut federal spending as well.

On education:

His plan for education, "A Chance for Every Child" stresses school choice, accountability and ensuring qualified teachers are in each class. Romney also desires to simplify federal financial aid, and wants to return to bank-based student lending. He also calls for adjustments to "refocus Pell grant dollars on the students that need them the most."



On debt:

Romney's plan for reducing spending includes repealing the health care reform, cutting funding to Planned Parenthood, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and cutting foreign aid.

This information just skims the surface of all that is available on each candidate's views. Votesmart.org, and knowmycandidate.org are some reliable sites that can provide additional info on both candidates. Also, debates between President

Obama and Mitt Romney have begun well. Tuning in to watch them will also hopefully be of assistance in your decision on who to elect as our next president.

New Faces

BY: RACHAEL KRIGER

Last month, Hopewell Hi-Lites profiled new teachers Miss Crossey, Mrs. Quigley, and Miss Tranelli. Being profiled this month are, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Stright, and Miss Suprak.

Miss Lewis is a former Seneca Valley Middle School and Pine Richland High School teacher. She teaches all levels of German. Lewis is an avid reader and writer, and also participates in shuffleboard tournaments any time she can. She arrived at Hopewell on October 1 and says, "I've only been here for a while, but I feel like I will really like Hopewell. The students are great and the staff has been welcoming and really helpful." Lewis is from Butler and went to school at Butler High School and furthered her education at Allegheny College. Recently, she attended the University of Pittsburgh.

Miss Suprak came to Hopewell in August and teaches learning support. She says the students are very welcoming and the staff is as well. She taught at an alternative school in Pittsburgh for the past five years. Suprak went to high school at Penn Hills, and attended college at both Geneva College and Slippery Rock University. In regards to her time at Hopewell thus far, Miss Suprak says, "I like it here. I have enjoyed getting to know the faculty and the students." In her free time, Suprak enjoys gardening, painting, making pottery, and helping to coach the girl's basketball team.

Mrs. Stright came to Hopewell about a month

ago to teach Biology. She enjoys her students and says, "The staff has been so kind and helping." Stright went to high school at Shaler Area in Pittsburgh, and went to college at Towson University in Maryland, as well as Stony Brook University in New York. She also traveled to Michigan to get her Masters from Marygrove College in Detroit. Stright also taught in Detroit at Southgate Anderson High School. In her spare time, Stright enjoys fitness and exercise. She has competed both half and full marathons. Stright grew up enjoying gymnastics and is currently looking into competing in Cross Fit competitions.





Principal's Corner

BY: DOUGLASS ROWE



You Miss School, You Miss Out

As you may know, I am fond of sports related proverbs. Here is one that I am particularly fond of:

You can't make the club from the tub. Translation? If you are constantly in the training room tub and missing practice, then you won't make the team, or at least you won't play very much, or be very good. Since everyone is not an athlete, there is a more practical application – you miss school, you miss out.

But what do you actually miss when you miss school? Obviously, students miss instructional time, assignments, skill building and practice, knowledge, socialization, and much more. But this year, there is more to miss than ever. Students who consistently miss school, or consistently are suspended will be subject to social suspension and thus will be rendered ineligible to participate in all extracurricular activities.

Why social suspension? While we want all students to succeed in sporting endeavors, go to dances, march in the band, perform in the musical, etc., we want students to be successful in the classroom more and the first step to success is being present.

Social suspension is not punishment. TOC, out-of-school suspension, Saturday detention; these are punishments. When a student goes on social suspension they are giving up privileges. Privileges have responsibilities attached to them. For Hopewell students, those responsibilities are simple: be in school, and do the right thing. Do those two things and you won't have problems.

But why social suspension? Isn't it a bit much? Maybe. But since one of the purposes of high school is to prepare students for life in the real world, do me a favor. Ask your boss (or ask someone who has a job to ask their boss for you) what would happen if you called off work five or six times in less than nine weeks. Or better yet, ask them what would happen if you just didn't show up at all. If there would be no repercussions, let me know because I have

always wanted to go to Neverland.

The message is clear; we want you to be in school because we want you to be successful. You can't do that if you aren't here. Plain and simple.

And your date for the semi-formal wants you to be in school too.

Upcoming Events:

Thanksgiving Food Drive starting on 11/5 - 11/15

School Closed: 11/12 Veterans' Day

11/22 - 11/26- Thanksgiving Break

11/17 Language Clubs Field Trip to the University of Pittsburgh Nationality Rooms

Newsflash: You're Not Invincible...

BY: STEFANIE JOHNDROW

The average price of gas is \$3.88 per gallon. The price of taking someone's life? That can't be paid. In 2010, 3,092 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver, and an additional 416,000 were seriously injured. To help prevent any of Hopewell's students from participating in such reckless behavior, assistant principal Mr. Rowe jumped at the offer, made by All-State, to bring in a distracted driving simulator. The week of October 8,

Hopewell students had the opportunity to try the program out.

During the simulation, students sit in front of a screen where they are given a steering

wheel and the appropriate gas and brake pedals. The simulator has students "drive" while texting—

using a mouse to type out the text messages—and challenges them to maintain the speed limit, and stay within their designated lane. According to distraction.gov, sending and/or receiving a text message requires the



driver's attention to be taken away from the road for approximately 4.6 seconds. The amount of distance covered within this time limit is equivalent to driving 55 mph down the length of a football field. Teens may think that this is not a huge amount of space covered, and that they will be able to react in time. However, statistics from edgarsnyder.com show that driving while distracted lessens your brain activity by 37%, causing your reaction time to be equivalent to that of a 70-year-old.

All-state's representative Darius

Carlins, who also assisted Hopewell students with the simulator, says this program is available to schools throughout western Pennsylvania. Their goal is to help teens to understand how risky driving while distracted can be, and hopefully reduce the amount of fatalities due to unsafe driving. Carlins gave a message to all young drivers, saying, "Even if you think you can take your eyes of the road for a few seconds, don't. You aren't an experienced enough driver, and even people who have been driving for a long time shouldn't. You don't want the weight of taking another person's life, because you were being careless, on your shoulders."



Around the World

BY: RACHAEL KRIGER & MARY JANE HOUSTON

North America

The National Hurricane Center said there is a 70% chance that the weather disturbances in the Atlantic will form into Oscar, the next Atlantic hurricane. Fourteen storms have been spotted, eight of which formed into hurricanes.

The popular, and long waited, iPhone 5 is finally here. The new iPhone was released in mid-September.



Mike McQueary, a testifier in the Jerry Sandusky sex abuse case and former Penn State assistant coach, is suing Penn State University. McQueary filed a whistleblower claim, saying that he was the only assistant football coach not invited to be interviewed for employment with the incoming new head football coach after longtime coach Joe Paterno was fired amid the Sandusky scandal.

Asia

On Monday October 1, two ferry boats crashed on Hong Kong's Lamma Islands killing 36 people and throwing more than 100 into the sea. Twenty-eight were killed at

the scene, and eight died at nearby hospitals, according to CNN. Although the rescue boats saved nearly 130 people at the scene, authorities believe that there are still people missing from the two boats.

In a video uploaded on YouTube, Austin Tice, an American journalist last seen in Syria, is blindfolded and in clear distress. Tice went missing around mid-August. Marc Tice, father of Austin, made a statement to CNN saying, "Knowing Austin is alive and well is comforting to our family. Though it is difficult to see our eldest son in such a setting and situation as the one depicted in the video, it is reassuring that he appears to be unharmed."

Europe

The economy in Spain is down, and rioting measures aren't helping. Since September 26, there have been 22 arrested. "We have you surrounded," some demonstrators sang, "We have no fear."

This month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month! To start the month right, on October 1, London lit up parts of the city in pink, including the Tower of London and the HMS Belfast, among others.



Africa

A woman claimed she was raped by two police officers on September 3 inside her car in Tunis, Tunisia. The woman's lawyer said that the victim was in her car with her fiancé and two officers raped her while the third took her husband to an ATM to extort money from him. The woman, after filing a complaint, was charged with public indecency.

Senior Spotlight

BY: KRISTEN SPEZIALETTI



October's Senior Spotlight is Ronnie Debiec. Ronnie is involved in multiple extracurricular activities and is enrolled in many advanced classes. He has been swimming for a total of nine years, and has been on Hopewell's Varsity Swim Team for all four years of high school. Ronnie is Treasurer of the Spanish Club, is in Student Council, and he is also an altar server at his church.

Ronnie has been a lifeguard since he was 15-years-old and works as a lifeguard at the Clearview Pool and the Hopewell Junior High pool. Ronnie is currently taking Advanced Placement Chemistry, World Literature, Spanish IV, Advanced Placement Calculus, and Advanced Social Studies. Congratulations, Ronnie!

October Students Of The Month

BY: MACKENZIE HARTMAN

The 2012 October students of the month have been announced. Congratulations to sophomore Nicole Webster and senior Josh McElhane. After given a survey about themselves they responded to the following:

Q: If you could meet one person who would it be?

a"Probably J.K Rowling, she was one of the first authors to really become famous from writing a book"- Nicole Webster

Q: What is your favorite subject?

a"History, because I enjoy learning about how we became who we are"-Josh McElhaney

Q: What are your plans for after High School?

A:" I plan to go to college for a double major in Marine Biology/ Biology and Art"- Nicole Webster

A: "Attend either Slippery Rock or California University of Pennsylvania to major in Sports Management"-Josh McElhaney



Voices



They're Back!

BY: TY RICHARDSON



"When I was little I had a Furby in my toy chest; every night it would go off, until one day, I had my mother go in, and take out the batteries from the possessed ball of fur. As I went to bed that night, I heard the small Furby continue to chant its evil rituals," said, Hopewell Junior, Samantha Marckioni. As a child most of the kids in high school today had these little electronic fluffballs called 'Furbies'. The creatures were first released in 1998, selling 1.8 million units, jumping to 14 million units in 1999. According to The Inquisitor, "within its first three years (Furbies) managed to get itself banned from the Pentagon, as a threat to national security." How could these little things be that much of a threat? They could speak and move their eyes, ears, and mouth.

I, for one, thought they were some of the creepiest toys. Some even used to wake up in the middle of the night and scare kids. I believe that is why they ceased to exist until 2012. The Hasbro company stopped selling Furbies

until now, because the first generation to have them is all grown up. However, this new generation of kids will soon have nightmares and terrors about the secretly scary fluffballs. Now they are returning only to add more technology and make them more interactive, including more expensive LCD eyes and an iOS app for I-pads, I-pads, and I-phones, starting at \$60.00. With the App, kids can make the Furby do a wider range of motions than previous versions of the toy and even comes with a built in translator, so kids can understand them.

Dear Dr. Stef,



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With election season in full swing, politics is a constant topic of conversation. The problem is, many members of my family have different, deeply held political ideologies. I usually just keep quiet, but occasionally, someone will say something I passionately disagree with and I have to speak up. How do I express my beliefs without losing the respect of the people I care about?

Sincerely,

Politically Perplexed

Dear Perplexed,

I would first of all like to acknowledge and congratulate you on the fact that you *don't* share the same political beliefs as your family. Currently, many young adults discussing the election just spit out word-for-word what they hear from their parents' mouths. So, the fact that you are able to explore and comprehend different political beliefs is a major thumbs up!

In saying so, if you are strong in your beliefs, you should have no problem defending yourself against opposing views. However, try to remember that your family are not the ones running for president. Therefore, it's useless getting heated when holding your own mini political debates. If you do find yourself in the middle of one of these debates with your family, just keep calm when expressing your views. Yelling never helps to clarify a situation, and often when heated, things are said that aren't necessarily meant. Be respectful of other people's opinions and views, and just hope they'll be respectful of yours! There will always be those "extreme Democrat" or "Republican die-hards" that will never admit when they're wrong, but if you are able to voice your opinion clearly and calmly, and show that you are educated on not only your position, but the position other's may have on a topic, I imagine you would

gain respect from your family, not lose it.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stef

Educated Voting

BY: REBECCA HADDIX

In our country, every vote counts when it comes to electing our next President. Why, then, do so many people simply ignore the concept of the election until the week before? Why do so many Americans brush off the future of our nation, not bothering to learn the facts before building an opinion?

Hopewell, some of us are at the age where it is our responsibility to determine the future of our nation. Not only is it our responsibility, but our civic duty. If we are stuck with a President that we don't like, it's our fault for not caring enough to educate ourselves.

For the majority of students who aren't 18 yet, it's still important to be informed. You need to have your opinion and facts to back it up in case someone asks you.

I know from experience that debates and the news seem boring, but the issues that are discussed and defended are imperative to our country's future.

It seems like teenagers often get it into their heads that it's not their responsibility to be educated- that they can just adopt the ideas of their parents or let the older generations to determine elections, but our parents and grandparents won't really be the ones paying for these policies. It will be us giving up our paychecks, and in the future, our children and grandchildren. It's our time, our money, our rights and our freedoms that we're voting for. It's time for us teenagers to stop treating politics like a joke, to step up and accept our role as the future of this nation.

REMEMBER
 Dodgeball Tournament:
 Wednesday Nov. 7
 6:30 in the Main Gym
 Admission is \$2.00
 Teams must have 10
 players
 \$2.00 per member;
 \$20.00 per team



Halloween Showdown

By: Samantha Marckioni vs. Stefanie Johndrow

Fight for Your Right to Caaaandy.

Trick-or-treating has become a tradition, much like cutting the turkey on Thanksgiving, and ripping through presents under the tree at Christmas. I'm not too old for presents or turkey, so why should I be too old to trick or treat? Going in a group with my best friends, dressing up, and going around neighborhoods are some of the fondest memories I have. Granted, we're not always welcomed at some houses as we once were when we went around as children, but it never stops us from going and having a good time. As a generation, we're constantly scolded for acting older than we actually are, yet, here I am, being rejected for a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup



from the old lady down the street, because I'm "too old". Why should I be denied the privilege? We're only young once, and we could be out doing much worse things on Halloween night, than asking our neighbors for candy.

If you are trick or treating, at least have the decency to put on a costume. Since you are older than you once were, get creative and make one, or spend money to buy one. Either way, if you have an amazing costume, there isn't anyone who will send you away. So get out there, and fight for your right to eat candy. Be safe, have fun, and be considerate of the children who are trick or treating as well!

You Still Trick-or-treat? That's Awkward.

Every single Halloween, as I'm walking with my younger cousins around my neighborhood, helping them to trick-or-treat, I experience that awkward moment when I run into a couple of kids that I go to school with. It isn't that they're helping out their younger cousins, too; it's that they're all dressed up in costume, going door to door asking for candy. I mean... really?

I stopped trick-or-treating as soon as I got to high school; I just no longer saw the point in getting dressed up and asking people for candy. Frankly, I found it a bit embarrassing. I understand that the majority of my peers that continue to trick-or-treat think it's "fun" and

that it's free candy, so why not? But at what age does it become inappropriate to go trick-or-treating? I personally believe as soon as you get out of middle school it needs to stop. We are at a point in our lives where we are preparing for college, our futures, and most of us are trying to gain enough respect to be taken seriously. How seriously are you going to be taken if you're dressed up as some doofy character asking your elderly neighbor for candy? I guarantee they don't even want to see you in that said costume, you aren't cute.

This brings me to my next point, I find it sort of creepy that 16, 17, and 18-year-olds would enjoy running around the neighborhood with children and toddlers. Why wouldn't you rather go to a Halloween party? You can still dress up, but it would be in a more mature setting. As we enter the next phase of our lives—hopefully for most of us this is the phase where we turn into adults—Halloween parties are much more socially acceptable.

So, to everyone that still trick-or-treats, I think it may be time to reevaluate your life. Ceasing to trick-or-treat is a great start toward transitioning into adulthood.

“Grind My Gears”

BY: TAYLOR SKELTON



The Game Life

Hey there Hopewell! I'm back to share with you what really grinds my gears. Lately, kids all over high school have become absolutely infatuated with the pointless, *Game of Life*.

One day, while enjoying my lunch, I peered around the room to see several students

gazing in my direction, I turned around to see what all the hubbub was about. Lucky me, a bony freshman is on the ground attempting to perform pushups. First of all why would you EVER touch the floor? Anywhere. Especially somewhere that everyone eats like animals. Afterwards, the freshman got up, sat down, and continued to eat his lunch. Restraining the urge to offer him some hand sanitizer, I sat stunned.

Throughout the day, I witnessed several other pathetic attempts at pushups in all kinds of places from the library, to my physics class. Finally, wondering what had infected the minds of my peers, I asked someone simply what the heck was going on. First I got "the look," and then I

was told that they could only share the game and details with me if I shook on it and agreed to play. I shook my head and retreated, regretting even trying to get inside the minds of these "players". When it comes to the game of life, I'll stick to the board game.

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Pumpkin Ginger Cupcakes

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 (3.4 ounce) package instant butter-scotch pudding mix
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/3 cup finely chopped crystallized ginger
- 1 cup butter, room temperature
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree

Directions

1. Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease 24 muffin cups, or line with paper muffin liners. Whisk together the flour, pudding mix, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, ground ginger, allspice, cloves, and crystallized ginger in a bowl; set aside.

2. Beat the butter, white sugar, and brown sugar with an electric mixer in a large bowl until light and fluffy. The mixture should be noticeably lighter in color. Add the room-temperature eggs one at a time, allowing each egg to blend into the butter mixture before adding the next. Beat in the vanilla and pumpkin puree with the last egg. Stir in the flour mixture, mixing until just incorporated. Pour the batter into the prepared muffin cups.
3. Bake in the preheated oven until golden and the tops spring back when lightly pressed, about 20 minutes. Cool in the pans for 10 minutes before removing to cool completely on a wire rack.



5 Most Ghoulish Games

BY: BRIE MILLER

5. BioShock

Set in the 1960's the main character Jack must explore the underwater city of Rapture, while fighting against mutated people and mechanical drones that now populate the city. The game incorporates role-playing and survival elements that go along with the 1960's setting, as well as offering an ending based on your morals through the gameplay.

4. Dead Space

Set in 2414, a systems engineer named Issac Clarke ventures

through the necromorph ridden halls of the distressed mining starship he was sent to fix. The third person game offers strategic dismemberment, where the player must focus on removing limbs instead of attempting head shots.

3. Resident Evil 4

Leon must travel to a rural town in Europe to rescue the president's daughter after she was kidnapped by a secretive cult. The game focuses on shootouts in large areas and large crowds.

2. Silent Hill 2

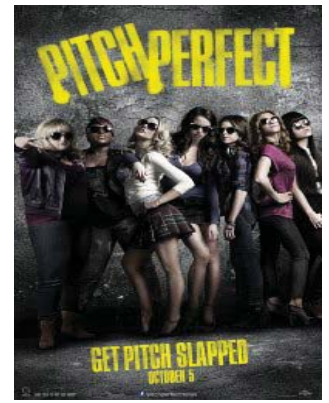
After receiving a letter from his deceased wife, James Sunderland travels to Silent Hill with his new companion Maria. While scouring the town for clues he must fight against the monstrous residents.

1. Amnesia: the Dark descent

Being an exploration-based adventure game played from a first-person perspective, Daniel must explore a dark and ominous castle. Along with keeping up with his health during the game you must also manage his sanity for extended periods of time, staying away from monsters and avoid traumatic scenes. Another factor of this game is that it offers no weapons, you can only stay out of the line and run away.



Pitch Perfect



Rating: Five out of Five stars

BY: ZOE CARR

"Organized nerd singing? This is great!", says Jesse, a main character. *Pitch Perfect* follows Beca (Anna Kendrick), a freshman at Barden University who dreams of going to Los Angeles to be a producer. Her father disapproves of her dream, and after a month of school, he sees that Beca is still unhappy; he tells her that if she can join a club and attempt to make friends, he will pay for her to go to Los Angeles to fulfill her dream. After an awkward run in with Chloe (Britney Snow), Beca sees no other option than to join The Barden Bellas, the school's all-girl a cappella group. During the movie, you see them perform at regional's, state finals, and then just when you think they won't make nationals, they do. The plot line not only is about finding happiness and friendship, but there is also a love story.

Pitch Perfect is a great movie to see. Right from the beginning your eyes are on the screen, and they don't roam until the ending credits. With a great cast and amazing story line, it is no wonder that *Pitch Perfect* is a hit!



The Boys Next Door

Five/Five Stars

BY: ZOE CARR

The Boys Next Door, by Jennifer Echols, is set in the beginning of the summer and focuses on the main character, Lori. Lori has decided that this will be the summer that she gets Sean Vader to notice her, but there are a few obstacles to hurdle. The biggest problem that Lori faces is the fact that Sean doesn't see her as anything more than a sister, which isn't surprising having grown up together. When Lori sees that her plan for catching his attention is failing, she decides that she is going to make him jealous with his own brother! Adam Vader has been Lori's best friend since they were young, and now that he is recently single, Lori decides he is the perfect man for the job. Hanging out with Adam for appearances seems to be working for a while, but when they both realize that they have more than friendly feelings for each other, Lori decides to end their "relationship" before anyone gets hurt. That decision makes everything worse. It's almost halfway through June, and Lori still hasn't made a major impression on Sean, and to top it all off, Lori and her best friend aren't on speaking terms. All is better though, when Adam makes it up to Lori on the day of the annual wakeboarding competition and Lori realizes that Adam is the one she wants to be with.

The Boys Next Door is definitely a good read. Not only is it romantic in that cheesy, teenage way, but

it also makes you consider how you can have hidden emotions for even the most unexpected person. Jennifer Echols brings the story to life with vivid details, so you feel like you are experiencing the summer with Lori and the boys.

1. Gangnam style



BY: BRIE MILLER

These are Hopewells Top 10 Costume ideas for 2012. Most come from pop culture and TV. Each year there seems to be less and less frightening costumes.

2. Facebook
3. Fin and Jake
4. Slender Man
5. Honey Boo Boo
6. ERMAHGERD girl
7. Presidential candidates
8. Olympic Athletes
9. Avengers
10. Walking Dead

Fall Forward With Fashion

BY: ZOE CARR

The weather is getting cooler and the leaves falling aren't the only major changes to the fall season; fashion is another major thing that will change. Out with shorts, tank-tops, and any type of open shoe; in come the nice, comfy sweatshirts, those favorite jeans, and furry boots. Here is a list of things that could spice up your wardrobe so you don't fall short of the perfect outfit!

Peter-Pan Collared Tops are super cute right now. The collar adds just enough to soften your look. You can pair these tops with jeans, or maybe even a skirt, just don't forget those tights!

Sweaters are another big trend this year. Of course, they normally are, but to change things up this year, find one with a pretty design, or maybe colorful stripes. Just because it's comfortable doesn't mean it has to be boring!

Lace Dresses are also huge this season. These allow you to look very girly, yet season-appropriate. Throw on a leather jacket or blazer and pair it with a fun, printed scarf to complete the look.

Brown is one of the most popular colors for fall this year. Whether it's a pair of boots, or a long sleeved shirt, you cannot go wrong with brown!

Burgundy Lip Color really adds a classy pop to any outfit. The biggest suggestion when picking out the color, is that you don't get it too dark, because it will make your skin look paler.

Hopefully, these tips help you find your perfect fall style!



Green Day: Uno



BY: TY RICHARDSON

Growing up, every child's headphones blared the sounds of the newest Green Day hit. Over the past 25 years, they've sold millions of albums, and toured all around the world. Green Day consists of Billie Joe Armstrong on guitar and vocals, Mike Dirnt on bass, and Tre Cool on drums. Their newest CD, "UNO!" is one of three being released this year

and the beginning of next year.

From listening to "UNO!" it is clear that this CD is different from their past two. "American Idiot" and "21st Century Breakdown" were two very political CDs. "UNO!" goes back to their punk roots, while also throwing some different sounds in their too. The fastest song on the CD is "Let Yourself Go," which the band played at the 2012 MTV Video Music Awards. Another single released from the album, "Oh Love," shows the softer side of Green Day. This CD is great for new listeners of Green Day, and punk rock in general. I give this CD Four out of Five stars.

Tots to Teachers

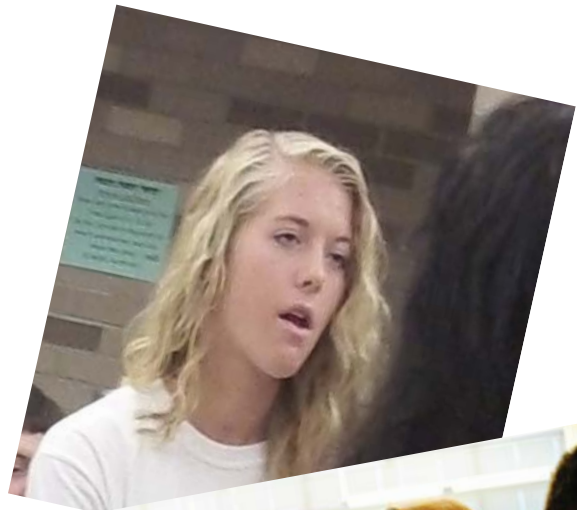
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Hopewell Hi-Lites staff has conjured up a new section for our newspaper, "Tots to Teachers." This section will be included in each issue, and it will consist of several baby pictures of current teachers at Hopewell High School. We strongly encourage teachers of every subject and grade to send in a copy of a baby photo to be included in the paper. Enjoy!

1) Ms. Giles

SURPRISE, YOU'RE IN HI-LITES!



Riddles

- 1) I'm sometimes full, but I never overflow.
What am I?
The moon
- 2) How many birthdays does the average man have?
One a year
- 3) Why can't a man living in the USA be buried in Canada?
Because if hes dead he cant be LIVING anywhere
- 4) How far can a dog run into the woods?
Halfway, then hes running OUT of the woods.
- 5) You have 12 black socks and 12 white socks mixed up in a drawer. You're up very early and it's too dark to tell them apart. What's the smallest number of socks you need to take out (blindly) to be sure of having a matching pair?
3 socks.



Halloween Wordsearch

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