



The Crimson Courier

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Editor in Chief Note

By: Erica Brown

Hello, readers of the Crimson Courier! My name is Erica Brown, and I'm your Editor-in-chief for the 2019-2020 school year. I'm very excited to start my journey as this year's editor, and I can't wait for you all to read the amazing articles we have for our first issue of the year. It's crazy to think that this is my final year as a writer and editor for this wonderful paper. It seems like just yesterday I was writing my first ever article for the Arts Section my freshman year, and now I'm here, a senior in high school. Overall, I cannot wait to see what this year has in store for us here at the Crimson Courier!

Every Student Every Day

By: Erica Brown

Throughout this year, it hasn't been uncommon to see the picture for Every Student Every Day Initiative around the school and community. Have you ever wondered what it meant? This is a national program created to end chronic absenteeism. This is



something that is being taken seriously for the 2019-2020 school year. Here at Dunmore, at the end of each month, students with perfect attendance for that month are eligible to put their name in a

drawing. One student is chosen from each grade and their award is a dress down day every Monday for the next month!

Assistant Editor Note

By: Madilyn Cianci

As a senior, I have been hearing the phrase "This is the last time I'll _____." That phrase is a lot to take in, especially when it you can remember the first time so vividly. I have heard that phrase many times during the football cheer season, with the start of the Mock Trial season, and now, with Newspaper. This is the last time I'll write a fall issue. But, it is my first issue as the Assistant Editor-In-Chief. This is a title that means a lot to me because the Crimson Courier has been with me all throughout my high school career. I mean, it seems like yesterday I was writing under Kaitlin Ahern for the Middle School Section!



I do not want to make this a sappy note, but this club has helped me in more ways than you can imagine. Being a part of the newspaper has helped me build confidence in my writing, which has been really important regarding my college application process. I cannot thank Mrs. Summers and my fellow writers for everything these past four years. I was always so proud when holding the copy of the paper every season and seeing my name under the list of writers, or for the last few years, as an editor of that section. Putting a lot of work into something like this and being able to hold the finishing product in your hands means a lot, even more now that I know that feeling will soon come to an end.

News

Editor: Benjamin Amaya

Staff Writers: Raj Gandhi and Giovanni Stivala

Homecoming By Raj Gandhi



It's that time of the year, where Dunmore High School's Senior Girls compete

to be this year's Homecoming Queen. The ceremony of Announcing a Queen takes place during a football game at halftime, with the Cheerleaders, Crimsonettes, and Twirlers forming a pathway for the contestants, on the field. Additionally, the Marching Band stands in formation, ready to play 'Oh Pretty Woman' by Roy Orbison. Now, at the time of publication of this article, it has been more than a month since the student body voted for a new queen, but it is never too late to write about such a proud moment for the winner. Now speaking of the winner, who won? Well, that would be- Bell Pendon! Part of the DHS Marching Band, Football Cheer, National Honors Society, etc. Bell Pendon has truly won the hearts of Dunmore High School. Once again, congratulations to Bell as well as the other well-deserving contestants.

Dunmore Trash Can By Benjamin Amaya

At Dunmore High School, we mourned the loss of the Dunmore Marching Band's favorite trash can "Trashrick." Trashrick the trash can served the Dunmore Band through band camps for years, but many do not give the trash can a proper service, for all that it has served the band. We shall, at the Crimson Courier,

The Story of the Hoppy School Tradition By Giovanni Stivala



Last school year, I jokingly designed and ordered 100 small cards with our principal, Mr. Hopkins, dressed up as a pumpkin with the caption "Have a Hoppy Halloween". As a result, students named them

"Hoppy Cards," and they began to gain popularity. Almost the entire school, including Mr. Hopkins, was informed of the cards at the 2018 Spirit Week Jeopardy Game, and since then I have made several more, including Christmas, Valentines Day, Graduation, and 2019 Halloween ones. I have also made a Hoppy Card Instagram account with more edits of Coach Hop in various costumes and scenarios, along with information about future cards. As of now, Mr. Hopkins has appeared as the Christmas elf, Frankenstein's Monster, a Dunmore graduate, a Dunmore football player, a "Hoppy Meal" and much more. I never meant for it to happen, but it seems to have become a new school tradition that many people at DHS expect around various holidays each year. Do you have any of the Hoppy Cards? Be sure to get some, and have a Hoppy school year!

forever immortalize Trashrick, for his service in taking our trash. At the Funeral, His brother, Canny, the recycling can, made an amazing speech about his wonderful life

- "Rattle-Rattle"

We shall never forget Dunmore band's beloved trash can, Trashrick.

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Opinions

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Perfection Is Overrated (and Here's Why)

By: Mikhail Fabi

"Perfect." You see the word everywhere, and probably use it every day, too. That's the end-goal that everyone tries to reach. You strive for it every day. You hear it from your parents, teachers, coaches, and sometimes even friends.



Practice makes *perfect*, right? Well, only to an extent. Here's why that statement has some mistruth to it.

Perfection is different for every single person. Your ideal thought of perfection may not be the same as someone else's — which is why we need to stop pushing the “perfect agenda” on ourselves daily. For example, it's okay to not get a perfect score on that test you studied really hard for. There is absolutely nothing wrong with needing to take a break once in a while. This is something that I, myself, am still trying to get into the habit of. Overworking yourself can be as harmful to your mental and physical health.

Considering that it's still the beginning of the year, it is *very* easy to overwork yourself during the autumn months. Of course, there's nothing wrong with wanting to succeed in all your classes and extracurriculars, but you can do that without burning yourself out. One thing that I did learn, though, in my countless nights of pulling all-nighters, is that done is better than perfect. Unfortunately, we can't always create something up to the quality that we want it to be. That feeling of frustration is very hard to

overcome, but once you step back and realize that everything can't always go your way, it becomes a lot easier to accept it. So if you feel that you are starting to feel stressed, or trapped, or burned out, do yourself a favor and step back, and *breathe*. It is a lot easier said than done, but trust me, it will help you in the long run.

Cats vs. Dogs

By: Danyelle Tech

Which is the better pet? Ever since I was young, I always thought dogs were supreme in this sphere, however, a short five years ago, I got my first cat, and since then, my opinions have been uncertain.

Many studies show, along with many cheesy stories, that a dog is a man's best friend.

However, depending on the person, a cat is the ideal pet. Dogs tend to have a higher level of intelligence, bonding, and obedience. While cats can be affectionate



and attentive, they tend to become more bored and in need of an escape from their owners.

Whatever your opinion, the best pet for you depends on your personality and needs. If you have a lot of free time, a dog might be a perfect way to spend your time, but if you are a busier person, a cat might be the best companion. Whatever your decision, both are different types of animals that will provide you with some company and a new best friend.

Sports

Editor: Caroline Nolen

Staff Writers: Lauren Grippi, Katherine Hopkins, Rebecca Lucas

Football

By: Caroline Nolen

Throughout the season, the boys have put on a great show with the amount of effort they have contributed this year. Under the direction of Head Coach Kevin McHale, they hold a 7-5 record and received the District Title for the 6th year in a row. We congratulate the team and marching units on a successful season!



Girls Tennis

By: Lauren Grippi

Returning to the court for yet another year were sophomores Maggie McNally and Ally McNeff, juniors Victoria Griffiths, Katie Mckitish, and Bella Zeller, and senior Lauren Grippi. In addition, the tennis team welcomed their new teammate, Lilly McDonald. Although the team as a whole did not win any matches, each individual player had some of their own victories. As Winston Churchill once said, "Success is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm," and the tennis team proved that statement to be true. They worked hard every day at practice and went into each match with a positive outlook. Although some people would consider the Girls' Tennis Team to be unsuccessful, the players disagree. The strong bond developed between the teammates proved to be the greatest win. Being my last year on the team, I hope to wish

both the coaches and all the girls good luck in their future seasons.



Girls Soccer

By: Caroline Nolen

This year, the girls' soccer team was very successful throughout their season. They endured many victories against some of their rivals, such as Montrose and "the school up the street," as Coach Lac would say. The team this year was led by their seniors and fantastic underclassmen. As a graduating four year player, I am confident in saying that the team is 100% in good hands, and as the girls welcome a new coach next year, I wish them all the best of luck.



Sports

Golf

By: Rebecca Lucas

The golf team had an exceptional season this fall with the help of the new coach, Bob Coyle. The boys' golf team finished second in the district with a record of 14-3. The team was led by starters, Owen Haggerty, Frankie Ruggerio, Will McHale, Jake McNeff, Alec DeSando, and Aiden Sload. In addition, the girls' golf team also finished the season as second in the district with the best girls golf record in school history, 10-1. The girls' team was led by starters, Rebecca Lucas, Ciera Toomey, Maddie Valvano, Elle King, Abby Longo, and Katie Capooeci. Owen Haggerty, Frankie Ruggerio, Ciera Toomey, Rebecca Lucas, and Maddie Valvano were able to continue their season this fall while earning a spot to play in districts. Ciera Toomey had a remarkable season of her own by earning a low score in pre-districts as well as placing 5th in the Jackman Tournament. She also placed second in districts, allowing her to move on to regionals, where she placed 10th. Great job to both teams, and Go Bucks!!



Boys Soccer

By: Caroline Nolen

The boys' soccer team had an outstanding season this year with their almost undefeated run. Led by seniors Paris Alunni, Alvin Binu, Ian Gratkowski, Joey Mandarano, Rushi Patel, and Matt Sirotnik, the

boys were able to make it all the way to the first round of playoffs. There they had a tough match against Lake Lehman, which unfortunately ended their season. Congratulations to the team and their coaches on their great season!

Volleyball

By: Katherine Hopkins

The girls' volleyball team led by seniors Madison Crusier, Jillian Desando, Jordyn Marichak and I, finished with a 14-6 record this season. The team bounced back after a rough first half of the season and was determined to reach the district final. The lady bucks finished their season against the district champions Holy Redeemer at North Pocono High School. Our team thanks our students and community for your ongoing support throughout the season, we couldn't have done it without you guys!



Cross Country

By: Caroline Nolen

Katie Hilson and Suleiman Qarmount were the two seniors that led the boys and girls cross country team this year. This season also happened to be Coach Vince Feador's 50th year coaching and he was well rewarded with the joy of his Junior High Boys going undefeated throughout their season. Congratulations to both teams and their amazing coach!

FEATURES

EDITOR: MAGGIE McNALLY

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Movies with Maggie Fall 2019

- 1. Doctor Sleep (November 8, 2019):** Doctor Sleep, the sequel to “The Shining.” The movie follows Dan Torrance, who is now an adult, as he meets a young girl. The young girl and Dan have similar powers and try to protect themselves from a cult that goes after children with powers. This film features famous

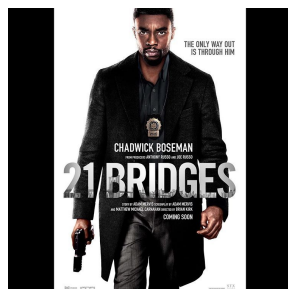


actors Ewan Gordon McGregor and Rebecca Ferguson.

- 2. Charlie's Angels (November 15, 2019):** A systems engineer blew the whistle on a dangerous, new technology, so Charlie's Angels get called from all across the world to help protect society. This film features actresses Kristen Stewart, Naomi Scott, and Elle Balinska, and is directed by Elizabeth Banks.



- 3. 21 Bridges (November 22, 2019):** A detective in the NYPD is given a shot at redemption. Going into a massive manhunt, he discovers a massive conspiracy



theory, linking his fellow cops to a criminal empire. During the manhunt Manhattan is completely locked down, closing all of the entrances and exits to the City. This film features actors Chadwick Boseman, Taylor Kisch, and many more!

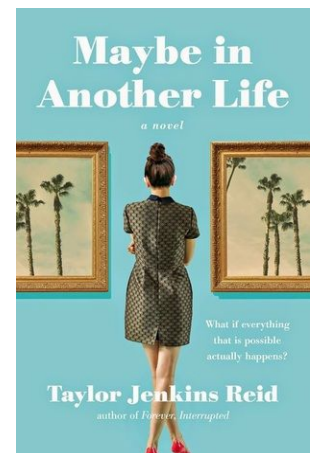
Maybe in Another Life Book Review

By: Erica Brown

Ever make a choice and wonder what would have happened if the opposite decision was made? This is the question that haunts readers as they power through Taylor Jenkin Reid's novel, *Maybe in Another Life*. This novel follows twenty-nine-year-old Hannah Martin, who is still searching for her purpose in life since graduating from college. Continuing her journey to find purpose, she decides to move back to her hometown of Los Angeles, where she moves in with her best friend, Gabby. The first night that Hannah is home, Gabby decides to take her to a club where she sees her ex-boyfriend, Ethan. As the night continues on, and Hannah prepares to

leave, she is given two options. She can either have Ethan drive her home or go with Gabby. This is where the novel splits into two perspectives, one being her choice to go with Ethan and the other with Gabby.

Overall, this novel is perfect for people who are struggling with a change in their lives or just need reassurance that things are going to turn out okay in the long run.



FEATURES

Fighting for a Cause

By Emma Pasko

As some of you may know, October is known as Breast Cancer Awareness month. Stores and businesses put out pink ribbons or come out with pink apparel to show support, but what is really behind all of this? Breast cancer can occur in women and men. There are many types of breast cancer: ductal carcinoma (the most common), lobular carcinoma, inflammatory breast cancer, triple-negative breast cancer, and recurrent breast cancer. Good ways to get tested or checked for breast cancer are performing self-checks, which will then lead to going to the doctor, getting mammograms, breast MRIs, and ultrasounds. Different treatment options for breast cancer are surgery, radiation therapy, and systemic therapy, which includes chemotherapy, hormone therapy, or targeted therapy. Behind those two words “breast cancer” lies stories of hardship, struggle, strength, and survival. Behind those words lie an estimate of 268,000 women in the U.S. who will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, 62,930 women who will be diagnosed with situ breast cancer, and 2,760 men who will be diagnosed with breast cancer. This year alone there is an estimated 42,260 deaths (500 men and 41,760 women) because of breast cancer. Currently, there are more than 3 million women in the U.S. who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. It is truly devastating to hear how many people go through this, but these men and women are strong, powerful, beautiful, inspirational, and so much more. We should care for breast cancer awareness not only in the month of October, but we should bring it through the whole year and forever.



Under the Sea: The Little Mermaid LIVE!

By Maggie McNally

On Tuesday, November 5th, ABC televised The Little Mermaid Live. This starred celebrities Auli'i Cravalho as Ariel, Graham Phillips as Prince Eric, John Stamos as Chef Louis, and Shaggy as Sebastian. The spectacular display included live performances with the new cast mixed with clips from the original classic. There was also a special guest appearance by Jodi Benson, who voiced Ariel in the 1989 Original Movie. Disney also has a Live Action Little Mermaid adaptation in the works starring Halle Bailey.



Arts

Editor: Bell Pendon

Staff Writers: Erica Brown and Najuk Patel

Celebrate Sober Art Competition

By: Erica Brown

It is that time of year again! It is time for entries to be placed for the annual Celebrate Sober Competition, hosted by the Lackawanna/Susquehanna Office of Drug and Alcohol Program. This contest asks students grades 9-12 to design a holiday or wintery theme that spreads the message of celebrating sober. This year, Dunmore was fortunate to have five students as finalists in the contest! Those students are seniors Maria Micciche, Briana Catanzaro, Maddy Senatore, and juniors, Sierra Sherman and Hadassah Schork. These students will be honored on December 4th at the Scranton Cultural Center where one will win the opportunity for their artwork to be displayed on a billboard. Keep up the good work!

The Great Cellphone Catastrophe

By: Najuk Patel



With the new school year of 2019-2020, comes the new fall play! As the Drama Club was taken over by Ms. Carlier and Dana Jackson this year, they have chosen to put on a local play that takes place right here in Dunmore, PA! The fall play is called *The Great Cellphone*

Catastrophe, and it was written by Micheal Pavese. Michael Pavese is a local playwright and wrote the play that the Crimson Company will put on stage this year.

Even more exciting is that the current Drama Club members will be the very first to put these characters in *The Great Cellphone Catastrophe* on stage! The show dates are November 21st, 22nd, and 23rd at 7 PM in the DHS Auditorium. \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. The cast and crew have been working diligently towards making this play as great as it can be. Make sure to check out this wonderful production this holiday season!

Bucks on Plows!

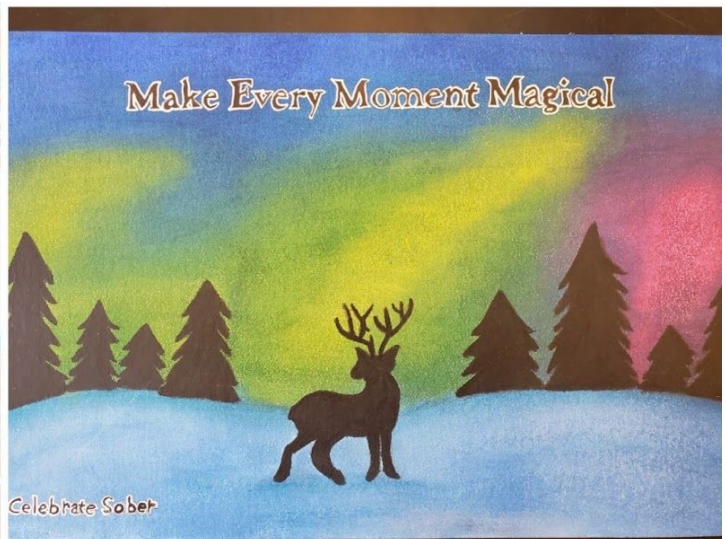
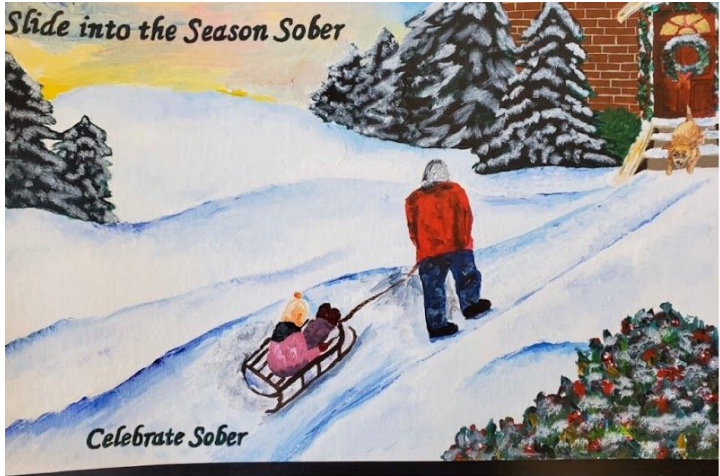
By: Bell Pendon

In mid-October, art students Angelina Bellucci, Erica Brown, Briana Catanzaro, Maria Micciche, and Anna Talutto were supervised by Mrs. Hogan to paint a plow for PennDot. This was a competition hosted by PennDot for artists to represent their school on a plow! There was only one requirement, in which the slogan had to be

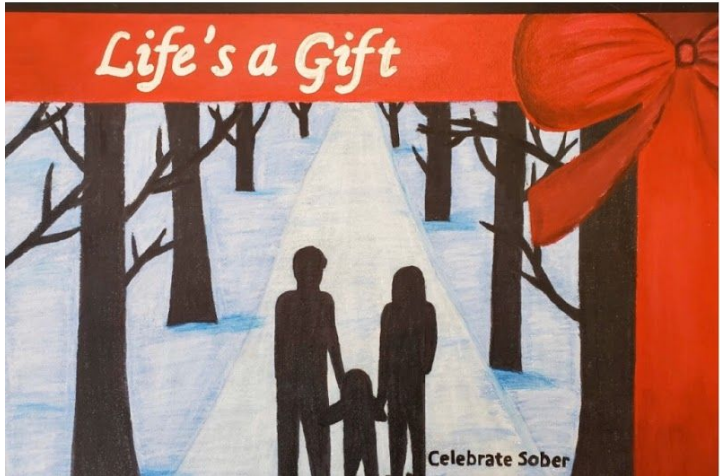


“Don’t rush in ice and slush!” For two days, these students used their time actively to paint the plow that represented Dunmore. With the five students, their artistic abilities came together to create the beautiful plow seen below.

Erica Brown, one of the artists, stated, “It was a fun bonding experience for all of us.” Maria Micciche, another artist who worked on the plow, said, “It was an experience where we could express our artistic abilities physically.” Both are grateful for PennDot and the opportunity.



STAY WARM, STAY COZY.



CELEBRATE SOBER

Middle School

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Staff Writers: Danyelle Tech, Molly Sheets, and Erica Brown

New Opportunities in the Crimson Company

By: Molly Sheets

The Crimson Company, also known as the Drama Club, has always been an exciting and important organization at Dunmore High School. For years, the club has been exclusively for high schoolers in grades 9-12; however, this year the club is opening up new positions and opportunities for eighth graders! As a member of the Crimson Company, students will have the opportunity to join the cast and crew of the upcoming spring show, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. Members of the cast perform on



stage, and will be acting, dancing, and singing. As a member of the crew, students can join lights, props,

makeup, sound, and even help build the set. The Crimson Company is full of opportunities for new friends, experiences, and fun. If you are interested, contact Miss. Carlier or one of the following drama club officers: Bell Pendon, Najuk Patel, Ian Gratkowski, and Erica Brown. Sign up soon, you will not regret it!

New Year, New Opportunities

By: Erica Brown

With the start of the new school year, there has been an increase in middle school clubs. In addition to the creation of the Middle

School Health Careers Club last year, middle schoolers are now able to join the Service Club. In fact, the Middle School Service Club just held their first fundraiser where they held a sock donations for a local nonprofit organization. The future is bright for the Middle School Service Club, for it is a great way to help middle schoolers get involved in the community.



Annual Halloween Parade

By: Danyelle Tech

On October 31, the entire Dunmore School District was able to dress up and celebrate Halloween with a parade as well as an early dismissal. Every year, grades kindergarten through sixth participate in the parade around



campus. Parents, friends, and family of the students come to watch and support the children of the Elementary Center.

Along with friends and family, the middle school and high school students are also allowed to watch and cheer on the students. As a high school student, I would say the parade was a success and everyone looked great!



