



# The Grinson Courier

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Hello everyone! I hope the winter has been treating you well. We are back with another issue for you. Before you start reading the amazing articles, we have prepared for you, I wanted to shed some light on the junior and senior students. These two years are extremely important regarding the deadlines for scholarships and applications. Please keep up to date. College admissions are quite a hassle. Please confer with your guidance counselors. They would love to help, so do not be afraid to reach out. I wish everyone the best.

## Chess Club

By Ayman Mounota

With the sudden rise in Chess's popularity, students are playing and learning to play more than ever. The older generations are laughing at us since they have grown up playing chess. They are brushing off their chess skills and playing with their children and students. Chess creates higher-level thinking. According to [news.cehd.umn.edu](https://news.cehd.umn.edu), Chess training, and practice also helps improve general cognitive ability and scholastic achievement, especially in mathematics.

It is a good thing that 8th grader, Tazrian Aronno, has taken the initiative to start the club. He had learned how to play last year and practiced every day. I have the pleasure of being forced to play chess every week. This middle schooler plays it at the gym treadmills and at the movies.

The member had a competition for officer roles. Congratulations to Anthony Yerka and Adam Badyrka! We have Jatan Avasatthi, Ian Fong, Evan Mizenko, Antonio Geritano, Chiranth MS, Mir Patel, Aiden Kopacz, and Lucas Vullo playing chess to the right.

It is exciting to see middle schoolers step up. Unfortunately, I will not be here to see the good they will do for our school, but I will be cheering them on as they journey through their high school years.

Thanks to the moderator, Mr. Robokamp, I mean, Mr. Rennekamp, Chess Club is now official! They have monthly tournaments and are planning bigger events in the future.

I am so excited to see the effect the new interest will have on the Dunmore School District. No matter the age, everyone should try learning chess.



# Sports

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## Lady Bucks: Road to Victory

By: Savannah Lockwood

Once again, the Lady Bucks have shown their talent and given Dunmore the pride they long for each basketball season. The girls are currently undefeated in the regular season and have two losses from outside games. With a short amount of time until the playoffs, they continue to strive and

encouraging each other. From practice to the sidelines to the court, the girls constantly motivate and lift each other up. Despite their loss in the Lynett Tournament, the Lady Bucks are keeping their heads held high while performing a victorious season.

Win or lose, the Lady Bucks maintain their spark and ambition as a team. They are bonded through



work endlessly to improve their skill.

The team has seen a lot of change this season. Unexpectedly, former Coach O'Brien, a highly respected coach of the girl's basketball team for many years, resigned before the start of the season. The basketball team and the Dunmore community as a whole have welcomed current Coach Toomey with open arms. As it may be an adjustment for some, many team members easily adapted to Coach Toomey as they have experienced her coaching throughout the years. She and the Lady Bucks are on the path to promising accomplishments.

We see the Lady Bucks succeed due to their dedication and most importantly, their teamwork. The girls all work so well with each other by communicating, working as a team, and

the game like no other team in Dunmore. With part of the regular season left before playoffs, they have the potential to show beyond doubt as they make



their way toward reaching further goals. The Dunmore community is eager to see what they have in store and no matter what, the Bucktown will always be proud of their Lady Bucks. Go LBs!

## Silent Night Game

By: Krithika Krishnan

Following up on last year's successful Silent Night Game. The Dunmore Bucks had conducted their Silent Night Game Basketball Game. You might be wondering what is the purpose of this. The silent night game is a charitable event that Dunmore High School participates in. Everyone on Dunmore's side brings an unwrapped stuffed animal to the basketball game. One of the main rules of this event is that the crowd remains silent until the Bucks score the 10th point. The crowd then throws the stuffed animals on the court. The cheerleaders will pick up and later on the toys will be donated to the Dunmore Police Department.

## Dunmore Bucks Swim Team

By: Addy Toole

Led by captains Maura Sheets, Giulie Escobar, and Catherine Gilhooley, the swim team has had many successes over the season. Maura Sheets has been very successful over the season. She placed third in the 50 free and the 100 free at Les Richards. She has also made districts for this season. Giulie Escobar, Catherine Gilhooley, Colleen Blockberger, Reagan Kearney, and Anthony Bonavoglia have all had many successes throughout the season as well. We wish Maura good luck in Districts!

# Dunmore Bucks

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TENNIS  
DRAMA

# Opinions

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## Should We Keep Our Clothing Policy?

By: Collin Blasi

Our school's current dress code is looser than ever before. Instead of uniforms and polo shirts, you can wear comfortable clothing which wasn't possible beforehand. I am hoping to give insight as to why the current policy is good, but also bad. And in the end, I hope to convince you with my final verdict as to whether Dunmore Jr./Sr. High School should keep their current clothing policy.

The current clothing policy is in place due to the Coronavirus pandemic, which started in March 2020, and since then the world has never been the same. In 2021, the school had a mixture of virtual and hybrid classes. They allowed students to not have to wear polo shirts, khaki pants, skirts, and other forms of formal clothing. The reasoning behind this was to allow parents to save money on their kids' clothes for school. In my opinion, this was a win-win situation because the kids are comfortable in what clothes they are wearing, and the parents can save money.

Currently, the clothing policy allows for comfortable clothing such as sweatpants, hoodies, crocs, and many others. However, that doesn't mean there are absolutely no restrictions. For example, you cannot wear articles of clothing that depict themes considered obscene, gory, vile, etc. In this case, this restriction is fine because just across the campus is where the elementary school kids go, and if they see a gory shirt, they might get scared and potentially scare them into getting their parents involved.

Before the pandemic, the clothing policy affirmed that one had to wear khaki pants or shorts/skirts, and a polo/collared shirt. The main reason we followed this policy was to make our students look more proper and uniform for people that aren't in the school often. It also made students not feel as left out due to everyone having to wear similar clothing in the past.

In conclusion, the current clothing policy should remain in place for the foreseeable future because it not only makes students feel comfortable in school but also allows them to focus more in class instead of itching at their clothing and feeling uncomfortable in class. It also allows students to show their interests outside of school by simply wearing an article of clothing with their interests on it. As a bonus, it allows teachers to see students focus more in class, and potentially even receive higher grades as a result of the students being more comfortable in class.



## Why We Need More Stimulating Curricula

By: Nicholas Creed

With the commencement of the third quarter, Dunmore students are inching closer to the end of the school year. I can assume that by now, everyone has fallen into their own quotidian routine. Patterns can be good for some, but for others, they can be problematic.

According to Oxford Languages, the psychiatric definition of dissociation is the “separation of some aspects of mental functioning from conscious awareness, leading to a degree of mental dysfunction or to mental conditions including dissociative identity disorder.” Many people struggle with dissociation, whether on a small or large scale. Mild examples of dissociative habits in school include rereading a page or assignment after not comprehending the content the first time around or zoning out in class and not realizing you missed a whole lesson until after the fact. These two examples are quite common among students and not typically harmful to one’s academic progress. But, for the ones who struggle with this often, I have a simple, one-word solution: stimulation.

The aforementioned routine we undergo each day does not necessarily help this problem. Repeating the same day over and over can become mundane and monotonous. With more variety in our schedules, we can promote higher concentration levels. A solitary rotation period is not enough; We need excursions and activities that vary. Some classes in our school are naturally more stimulating than others. This can be due to the teacher’s syllabus design or even just the teacher’s personality. Nevertheless, we can benefit from more interactive classes.

Another way we can be stimulated is by doing the exact opposite: resting. I could not count the number of times I dragged through the school day just waiting to get home to lie down. Part of this is due to my horrible and potentially dangerous sleep habits, but I feel like if we had more breaks in school, it may increase productivity. Many other school systems promote breaks and allow students to have the freedom to decide what to do with their time.

Dunmore is a great school and we have a lot of systems in place to benefit our students, but there is always room for improvement. I would like to see an environment in which we encourage student autonomy

and create more interactive classrooms in an effort to increase student engagement.



# News

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## St Patrick's Day Parade

**By: Julianna Grow**

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Scranton's annual St. Patrick's Day parade is known to be one of the biggest St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the whole country. It's ranked second largest! Every year it is held on the Saturday of the weekend before St. Patrick's Day, and people spend months preparing for it.

Parade day starts with a 10:00 AM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, which is followed by the Brian. P Kelly Memorial 2 mile footrace at 11:00. Then, at 11:45, the parade kicks off. The 12,000 participants including high school bands, bagpipers, step dancers, and other Irish groups provide great entertainment for the thousands of attendees. The year with the highest number of people was the 2008 parade, with around 150,000 people! This parade even featured well-known celebrities such as Hillary Clinton, Andy Buckley, and Bertie Ahern. The large and spectacular parade has been taking place since 1862 and will continue to thrive for many more years.

This parade is a unique experience that only Scranton offers. It's largely agreed to be one of our most beloved traditions. From the elaborate performances to the large attendance, I'm sure you won't find anything like it elsewhere.

## The Ski Club

**By: Maggie Jimmie**

Many students that attend Dunmore High School can agree that our school's clubs are the most enjoyable part of school. This year, the beloved Ski Club made its return just in time for the prime skiing season. The Ski Club is advised by Mrs. Ondek who has been in charge of it for 10 years. She first took up the position when she noticed her

son, who was approaching middle school, was taking an interest in skiing. When the club was first formed, participants took a bus up to the slopes together on one specific day. However, this method was too difficult for students involved in other extracurriculars, and soon there weren't enough kids to fill the bus. Now, the club offers discounted tickets on the day of the student's choice. This new method catered towards students' wants and needs, and was quickly proven successful. When students saw they weren't restricted to skiing on a specific day, the number of individuals in the Ski Club quickly increased. The Ski Club is open to any student in grades 7-12. Anyone interested in joining can find more information on the google classroom page, which is posted on the art room door. If you're planning on utilizing the club's amenities, remember to be responsible and safe on the slopes!



# Features

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## A Taste of Home

By Ayman Mounota

I used to live in Bangladesh for 6 short and fading years. There are very few definite memories I have left of the beautiful country, but my body and senses remember so much more than my brain. There used to be an open vendor near my aunt's house and really all over the country. People of all ages would go to these and grab a snack after school and work. Every time I went out with any of my family members, I would get these sweet bread that you would find at these vendors. I think I had forgotten all about it until we went to visit in 2019. I tasted these bread snacks again and the comfortable feeling came rushing back. I couldn't remember exactly what I was doing, but a sense of security would be instilled inside of me. Now that I was old enough, I remember the feelings and always look to taste the sweet bread. I haven't visited Bangladesh, and it is 2023. Whenever I go out, I always look for something that matches the taste of the bread from home. My parents spent so much just on bread that eventually went to waste because I could never find the same bread. Then it came to me. It wasn't that I couldn't find the tasty bread. Maybe many of these bread from the stores here are the exact same bread. It was the environment that gave me security. I have been looking for that in the US. I need to be with my cousins or my grandfather. I need to be taking it off the strung-up bread pile. The light clear plastic bag is filled with 3 bread pieces. I need to peel off it satisfyingly. I need to be walking back to my father and be able to hold it as we ride on his motorcycle. It wasn't the bread, it was the yearning to go back to my childhood. Some of my friends have similar objects. For example, you are trying to find that one game that you played once but you can't remember what it was. Next time when you are searching for something but nothing will fill the whole, know that

it may be because you are searching for something intangible.



## Mental Health: It's Time to Take Action

By Alex Blasi

- What is Mental Health and Why it's Important

According to the CDC, mental health includes emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood. Mental health shouldn't be taken as a joke, but in fact, more serious than anybody's physical health. Trying to lose weight and not having a good headspace means that you're most likely going to give up after a little bit. If you're not in a good mental state, then your body will be affected. If nobody takes action on your mental health, then you will be suffering the consequences of that, which is why mental health is a ticking time bomb.

- Ways to Seek Help

Millions of people, days are getting the help they need and deserve. Nobody deserves to get depression, anxiety, mental abuse, etc. There are solutions to your problems, even if they take forever

to find. Once you get the help you need, that's when you will be seeing the positive effects, from little to nothing too life-changing. Your mental health will be improved after a few days since it's never going to happen overnight. If you're still contemplating getting help, please call

**PA Support & Referral Helpline:  
855-284-2494 or 211.**

**Suicide & Crisis Helpline: 988**

## **Lana Del Rey News**

### **By Tommy Pavlowski**

Lana Del Rey is in her wordy era with her new album title, which is the longest album title in her career history. Lana Del Rey's new album is called *Did you know that there's a tunnel under Ocean Blvd*. In January, Lana dropped the release date of the album with the number of songs. This new album will have 16 amazing songs and I know that all the true Lana Del Rey Stans are so incredibly excited for some new music. The original release date was set on March 10th, but it was pushed back to March 24th because Miley Cyrus decided to release her album on March 10th, too. Del Rey previously released the title track as a lead single on the 7th of December. The song was a beautiful orchestral song, which is something Lana always executes perfectly. She wails out, "When's it gonna be my turn?" which is a reference to the song *Hotel California*. Lana also released another song on February 14th titled *A&W*, a song that was targeted towards her ex-boyfriend. The irony of this was that it was released on Valentine's Day. The song *A&W* starts off as a slow indie pop song and as the song goes on it becomes an upbeat techno-pop song. *A&W* has a lot of vibes from her former albums when she used to record under the name "Lizzy Grant." I hope we get a lot more music with these vibes because it is absolutely amazing. This album will be produced by a dear friend of Lana's, Jack Antonoff. Jack has previously worked with Del Rey on the album *NFR*, an album that was nominated for multiple Grammy Awards. Unfortunately, she did not win a Grammy, but she was 100% robbed of winning.



During the time building up to her new album release Del Rey has become a very popular artist in the press lately. Lana was just photographed and interviewed for the March Issue of Interview Magazine. The magazine consists of an interview between Lana Del Rey and Billie Eilish, I know what a random but iconic duo. In the interview, Billie Eilish shows so much love for Lana and all of her music. The interview was spectacular and I hope these two amazing artists collaborate one day.

## **Drama Club Crew Teams**

### **By Cassidy Jezorwski**

By being the Chief of Props, I have gained many interesting experiences. We have fun in Props along with getting serious when needed. Cassidy Jezorwski, Kelsie Bidwell, and I have been working on pulling props as well as cleaning the prop room. We have amazing members such as Carson Jones, Alayna Miller, Ryan McMynne, Brianna Hendricks, and Adam Jones. Some of the recent things we have "pulled" for the show (a theatre phrase that means "to gather") include some potion bottles and a chest filled with coins. I asked Adam Jones his opinion on how Props are going he said "I love it here and helping out [the Props team] is amazing." I have also gained the opportunity to speak with two of the members of the wardrobe team, Emilia Gabello, and Olivia Finan. I asked them what the Wardrobe team is like and how they think the



Costumes are going. Olivia said, "We have been making great progress with the costumes thanks to the help of everyone in the Wardrobe crew along with the cast and the directors." Emilia said, "Costumes are going well, very challenging with a big ensemble/ cast but it's nothing we can't handle. As a mostly underclassmen-run department, we can face obstacles from time to time but everything always works out in the end and it's always a pleasure to be working with my fellow classmates on something we love" Olivia said. I also got to see the suggestion rack. To me, it looks like they are making excellent progress with the wardrobe choices. We all work together and help make the show come alive in a way. I believe each crew team comes together to make a great show. There are so many different parts to the performance and many people doing all different things like acting, moving set pieces, pulling props, choosing costumes, testing mics, and changing lighting. We are all important in our own unique way.

### **The Northeast's Snow Drought**

**By: Shamus Hinton**

Have you checked your weather app or been outside recently? It seems as if we are only getting rain instead of snow. The temperatures have also been warmer as well, so what's the explanation for this odd occurrence? Especially since this winter is rumored to be a very snowy one. Although it may be too early to call this loss of snow, mainly because February is an extraordinarily snowy month. Oddly enough Philadelphia could have a 'snowless winter' according to some articles. The more northern states always reported less snowfall coming in. Then what would be the cause of this snowless January?

One cause of this is the fact that we have gotten 8 degrees hotter than before. Obviously, this creates warmer weather and that means more rain instead of snow. However, it's also the precipitation; New York City reportedly has less than 60 percent of its normal precipitation this month. All this, however, it seems that the more substantial snowfall would be pushed in the further months ahead; weather is pretty unpredictable. We could be seeing snow storms as far as

March if this whole ordeal keeps going on, which could be lucky or unlucky for some people. This also reasons with the fact that we only have received 2 snow days, and we're halfway into winter. If any snow does occur, make sure to be aware of ice; and stay safe!

### **Slothy Winter!!!!**

**By Eva Patel**

When we think of a sloth, the first thing that springs to mind is a sluggish animal. That's how everyone feels in the winter. LAZY!!!! We all do, and I doubt anyone will argue otherwise. Who wants to get up early and do stuff on a chilly winter day? All we want is a cup of hot chocolate and our warm and comfortable beds. The most difficult aspect of cold winter days is staying active and not procrastinating on our tasks. We don't feel as energized as we do on summer days. Well, procrastinating is simple, but not procrastinating is difficult. We typically leave things for Sunday nights, especially on weekends when we simply want to relax and not do any schoolwork. We just watch our favorite series or movies on Netflix or elsewhere. So, here are a few tips to avoid feeling sluggish and procrastinating on our work, as well as being sick.



First and foremost, exercise or practice yoga. Both of these sorts of workouts may be done at home if getting out in the cold is difficult. They are excellent for combating winter laziness. Exercise is essential because it keeps us warm and increases our immune system, keeping us from catching the flu or cold. If you feel like your weekend is flying by, consider reading a book. Reading books may help

us feel as though time has stopped, and it can also help us detox from technology for a bit. Baking, keeping a diary, scrapbooking, building a wreath, or creating a playlist are all good ways to keep yourself energized. There are plenty of others. Second, when it comes to fighting the flu and cold, we should have a nutritious diet, avoid stress, get enough sleep, and take multivitamins every day. All of these things, coupled with regular exercise, play an important role in keeping us healthy and energized. Many people believe that taking vitamins is unnecessary, yet it is the most crucial aspect since it stops us from being deficient or sick.

## **Club Insights**

### **By Breanna Ramos**

Clubs, we all love them, and here at Dunmore; there are many clubs you can join. For starters, there's Mock Trial. Mock Trial is the perfect club for you if you enjoy looking into the inside of the court. Every year the PA Bar Association creates a fictional case for the mock trial teams. Cases can range from theft to full-on homicide. Once chosen, each school gets the case files, which include witness statements, evidence from the case, and lawyer papers. Mock trial teams will then pick 6 lawyers and 6 witnesses, 3 for each side (defense and prosecution). When that is all settled school teams will start gathering their materials for each side of the case. The team will then get picked for a certain side and go into the courthouse to compete against a different school. If you have an eye for being a lawyer or have an eye for court in general, this is the right club to join.

Dunmore has introduced some new clubs recently. Two of them are True Colors: GSA and E-Sports club. To start, True Colors: GSA stands for Gay Straight Alliance. This club is a safe place for anyone in the school that is a part of the LGBTQ+ community. The club was made by one of our freshmen and currently has 3 officers, our president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer. The club tries to hold an event every month. Second, we have our E-sports club, if you need to know what it is, it's Dunmore's very own gaming club! The club meets every Thursday after school in room 124 and each meeting lasts until 5 o'clock. The club is open to all students in middle and high

school. In the gaming club students can gather to play multiple different games like super smash bros, just dance, call of duty, Mario party, and more. If you're looking for a casual club with friendly faces, come and join!

## **Spirit Week**

### **By Tommy Pavlowski**

There is no doubt that everyone's favorite week of school is Spirit Week. Spirit Week is a week filled with competitive games against the four grades in the high school. Whichever grade has the most points at the end of the week is the Spirit Week champion; points are earned by decorating the hallways, dressing up for the themes, and winning the various games. The games are usually Jeopardy, Family Feud, Talent Show, Minute to Win It, and Anything Goes. The Talent Show is a really fun event where each grade can show off its unique talents to a panel of judges. Last year the judges were Mr. Mills, Mr. Biagoli, Mr. DeSando, and Miss Beavens. All of the judges did an amazing job and were definitely qualified for the job. Minute to Win It is filled with games such as flip cup, chug a half gallon of milk, eat a box of Krispy Kreme donuts, whip cream toss, and so many other fun games. For those of you who do not know, Anything Goes takes place in the gym where the grades compete in gym games such as hungry-hungry hippos, obstacle course, three-point shootout, and many more action-packed events. This year's theme for the hallways will be Cartoons. The seniors have chosen to do Spongebob Squarepants as their hallway theme. I can't wait to see all the creative hallway designs. I think it is safe to say that everyone is so excited about an amazing spirit week. Good luck to all of the grades, but we all know the seniors will be winning every day and especially the hallway decorating contest.



# Middle School

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## The Personal Logo Project

**By: Loren Spudic**

Walking down the Middle School hallway, you'll see an array of students' graphic design work. What you're looking at is their self-expression. One of the lessons Mrs. Telnock teaches as a part of her



Graphic Design unit is logo design. She says, "Logos do not just sell a product or service of a business, they identify, introduce, and impress potential customers." In a completed project you'll see the carefully crafted logo next to two paragraphs describing the importance and intention of every element. Not to worry, students know their finished product will be displayed from the very beginning. What they probably don't know is how beneficial an assignment this is. Middle School is a transition period where many are still navigating the maturity adjustment that comes with graduating from elementary. To build a strong foundation, this project helps students see what they believe is significant in their lives. Then, show it off to some of the scariest critics, their peers. So when walking down this hallway of artwork, I encourage you to appreciate the bravery of these students who put their hearts on their sleeves for DHS to see!

## Adopt an Angel

**By: Brigid Ahern**

I think we can all agree that receiving a present, especially around the holidays, can mean the world to a person. It is a wonderful tradition that can show someone there are people who truly care. Unfortunately, not everyone is privileged enough to have a gift-filled holiday. Miss Snyder and her students, with the help of the Lackawanna County Office of Youth and Family Services, set out to make a difference for a number of children who would otherwise have been giftless these past holidays. This year, the 8th grade raised over \$1,200 in donations to buy gifts for those whose ages ranged from 7 to 13 years old.



Miss Snyder and several of the 8th grader teachers accompanied the students to Target, where they purchased several gifts based on lists the children made. Each list provided a general idea of the things each child liked. Of course, what's a gift without gift wrap? Keeping this in mind, the generous good deed doers hand-wrapped each gift with care after their shopping spree was complete.

Many in the freshman class, including myself, were the first group to participate in this worthwhile project last school year. Although we had lots of fun during our evening

field trip to Target, we all took the role of searching for something special for each child quite seriously. We put our best effort into finding the perfect gift for each of the children who provided wishlists.

This project is called "Adopt an Angel." While this is certainly an appropriate name for the children who received gifts, I say that all who took the time to make this possible for complete strangers are also true angels. They are the beings who look out for others. Thank you all who made this possible.

## Annual Cookie Exchange

**By: Loren Spudic**

"Mrs. Telnock's Annual Cookie Exchange" is a uniting event for all middle school students who wish to show off their cookie-making skills. Every year, it takes place about a week before Christmas break. Most recently this was December 19, 2022, due to snow days. Each participant bakes three dozen cookies which are sampled with the gallons of milk provided. All recipes used for the event are put together to make a cookbook for every participant and others who show interest in the event! The last exchange had thirteen bakers who



gathered in Miss Dempsey's room to celebrate the joy of baking.

# Arts

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## Holiday Art Comes to the *Dunmore Corners!*

**By: Izzy Rought**

Over the holiday season, Art 3 students and a few senior Art Club members painted holiday cartoons at the Dunmore Corners under the supervision of Mrs. Hogan, Mrs. Jimmie, and Mrs. Ondek. This event started 6 years ago when councilman Vince Amico asked if the Art Club and the Art 3 classes could make the Dunmore Corners businesses festive in preparation for the first annual Bucktown Christmas tree lighting. Mr. Amico, who now is the Borough Council President, still organizes the activity, giving a list of willing businesses to Mrs. Hogan. Each student chooses a picture for their assigned window and they brave the cold each year to paint the windows of those businesses that are participating. Here are some of the windows that were painted by students:

our events, our student actors, artists, and support team. The Crimson Company has recently begun



## *Crimson Company Goes Social!*

**By: Julia Noto**

The DHS Crimson Company is pleased to announce that we have started an Instagram and TikTok page to showcase our student members, and to keep the community informed about our events. The content of the pages will be managed by some of our hard-working officers. Log on and learn more about

rehearsing for our spring production. We are excited to bring *The Addams Family* to the DHS stage. In the upcoming months, expect to see exciting content about the show! Join us online and in the theater. Follow us at @dhscrimsoncompany on both TikTok and Instagram. We appreciate your support and hope to see you in the spring!