



# The Crimson Courier

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## **Summer 2023 One Last Time**

**By: Ayman Mounota**

Thank you readers for staying with me and the amazing writers I had the honor of working with. I can not believe this will be the last time that I will write for the Crimson Courier. I am not scared of the path of this newspaper because I will leave knowing it is now in trusty hands. I have no doubt that Savannah Lockwood will be a great editor-in-chief. She has already started cracking down on her new position. She will be spectacular, and I will be snatching the Crimson Courier from my brother whenever the spring issue for next year comes around!

## **Wrapping Up the School Year**

**By: Savannah Lockwood**

To start, I want to appreciate the honor of being next year's Crimson Courier editor-in-chief. Can you believe that the end of the school year is already right around the corner? We are rapidly approaching the close of the 2022-2023 school year and to say the least, it's been a long, eventful nine months. A lot has been accomplished in the short 180 days we've attended school and there's so much more to come.

Recently, AP exams came to a close and Keystones wrapped up as well. For many, this is the signal that the school year is over. Students have been working hard all year and show eagerness for summer to arrive. The end of the school year of course comes with a variety of activities and fun events. The seniors have worked very hard this year to revive the once-annual Six Flags trip as one last hurrah for the senior class as a whole. In addition, the French Club made big plans to take on a day in New York City, and the Spanish club will made their way to Washington D.C. The elementary school's Track and Field Day was also a great hit!

The end of the school year here at DHS has a busy schedule but it is filled with with mentioned events, sports calendar photos, graduation preparation and most importantly, memories.

Our seniors, with a special mention to our student body president Cal Talutto and the student council, have accomplished a great number of goals set at the beginning of the school year. As they finalized their graduation there were many celebratory events planned like class night, awards night, and the sports breakfast. All good things come to an end and now it's time to send our seniors off with a warm farewell and welcome our rising seniors with support.

Although the school year is ending, there is still a good deal of plans for the summer. Señorita Cooper and students will go on the semi-annual trip to Spain at the end of June into July. Mr. Lucas and the yearbook committee will be spending a lot of time in the summer formulating the yearbook and preparing for the coming school year. In addition, the cheerleaders have performances planned for the St. Rocco's and Sherwood festivals this coming August. The football team also puts in a lot of work in the summer as they prepare for the season.

As one door closes, another one opens. Sadly, we have to say goodbye to this school year and get ready for the next. My advice to you is to utilize the time in the summer while you have it. For next year's students, don't procrastinate summer reading, but also make sure you are setting aside some time for yourself, the key is to find a balance. To our graduating seniors, use this summer to live to the fullest before starting your lives out in the real world and mentally prepare yourselves for the next big step of your lives. You will all be missed and we wish you the best of luck for your future. Goodbye for now DHS, see you next year!

and bond over the great food. There are also many places that offer cultural learning and other experiences. It's such a great way to spend a day with your club members and classmates. Personally, I'm looking forward to all of the great things that I will experience on this trip. If you are also a part of the Spanish or Culture Club, make sure to sign up for the Washington, D.C. trip next year to have the time of your life. You won't regret it!



### **Dress Code Debacle**

**By: Maggie Jimmie**

Recently, a new dress code policy was proposed for the 2023-2024 school year for the Dunmore School District. The purpose of this new policy is to ensure that students are dressed appropriately for learning, to further enhance the classroom dynamic, and to ensure the safety of the district as a whole. Many concerned students and guardians attended the school board meeting on May 5th to offer their thoughts on the matter. Giulietta Escobar and Cecelia Amico, the upcoming president and vice president of the class of 2024, presented a petition that addressed concerns about future uniforms. The petition mentioned many points, such as how uniforms conflict with self-expression and individuality, and how the dress code appears to be geared toward female students. They suggested that a dress code similar to the one that we already have be thoroughly enforced, proposing the allowance of clothing like sweatpants and leggings. Another student in 6th grade explained that when the relaxed dress code was implemented, his grades actually

increased. Many worried parents also brought up concerns that they have about the proposed dress code. One parent brought up the financial burden of dress codes, as one uniform can cost around \$100. Another parent mentioned that she had been bullied in her youth due to the lack of brand names on her uniforms. Another point that was mentioned by a guardian was a possible issue concerning children with sensory issues. She claimed that these children perform better in softer materials, and uncomfortable uniforms can cause children to fidget and become distracted, increasing behavioral issues. Overall, there has been a lot of debate over this proposed policy. The school board decided to think the matter over and vote on it at the next meeting. Whatever the outcome, a lot of thought and concern was put into it, and everyone brought valid reasoning. The passion brought forth by students, guardians, and administrators was extremely admirable, and is sure to pay off!



### **A New Drama Club Tradition?**

**By: Breanna Ramos**

The time has come when the spring musical has ended and a whole group of people have to say goodbye to seniors they look up to. This year, the last show ended differently than in previous years. The drama club representatives decided to give drama seniors a big send-off by doing a senior night. "If sports do it, why can't theater?" said Mrs. Carlier the night of. Certain representatives collected notes from each member of the drama club, put them all in a little box, and gave it to a certain senior that they have connected with throughout the season. The water-works were real. Within the drama club, everyone feels safe with each other, it seems like a big family. Ending the season in this way was a way I was not expecting, and it will leave those seniors great memories.

# Sports

Editor: Loren Spudic

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## Lady Bucks Bring It Home

By: Savannah Lockwood

On March 23, 2023, your very own Lady Bucks competed for the PIAA Class 3A state championship at the Giant Center in Hershey, PA and in the end, returned to the Bucktown with a victory. After a devastating loss in the 2019 championship game and a dent from the pandemic, the Lady Bucks came back better than ever for the 2022-2023 season. The members of the team along with coaches and managers worked tirelessly throughout the season to accomplish this goal. The Dunmore Lady Bucks now stand as a lively symbol of triumph and perseverance in our 9-square-mile town.



The enthusiasm and eagerness began the moment the girls won the semi-finals against Lancaster Catholic helping the town finally find their spark as a family again. The whole Dunmore community erupted with excitement and immediately began preparing for the big state chip. Many came together to create fun Hershey-themed t-shirts along with raising donations for student

buses to attend the event. With only three days to prepare for a long-awaited trip to Chocolatetown, the people of Dunmore collaborated with each other to create an unforgettable experience that will go down in history. Hundreds of family members, teachers, friends, students, and followers traveled to Hershey to support the Lady Bucks in the most important game of their high school careers. Next to their impeccable skill, many believe it was the love and support from their hometown that helped the LBs achieve a fulfilling win.

There's nothing like a big win followed by an enormous amount of celebration and festivities. The very first one was the late-night welcome home parade from Hershey. In about just two hours' time, the streets of Dunmore were filled with fans from the highway exit to the high school. As the team bus was escorted by cop cars and firetrucks, the people in the streets cheered endlessly with raining support for the new state champs. After a long, eventful night, the team didn't get much sleep when being invited to do an early-morning story on WNEP Newswatch 16. The community festivities continued throughout the week. The day after the big win, everyone came together for a parade through the town with a celebration at the high school football field. Coach Toomey, a first-year state champion coach, and many team players spoke at the event expressing their joyous feelings over their big success. Throughout the following weekend, more people joined together to celebrate the win with a block party at the Dunmore Community Center.

For the next couple of months, the Lady Bucks received great opportunities from the state and attended many events including a meeting in



Harrisburg, PA with Rep. Mullins and lunch in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Each of the girls on the team along with their two managers were honored with their very own national day in the state. The Dunmore Lady Bucks proved the true meaning of hard work and determination by never falling short on the road to victory. Not only will the day they won the championship go down in history, but all of the successes to follow will as well. The way the community came together in this time of jubilation reveals that there truly is nowhere like Dunmore. We are a family and we will continue to support each other until the end of time. The Lady Bucks state championship helped the town regain its pride as a community and find a sense of family within each other. Congratulations to our Lady Bucks! May there be many more victories to come!

### **The First Sophomore Miss Buck**

**By Krithika Krishnan**

Congratulations to our new Miss Buck Mia Irving! As everyone knows, Miss Buck is a huge representation of our school and it's that time of the year to vote for the new Miss Buck for the 2023-2024 school year. At the end of the year, students vote for a new candidate who they believe will best represent our school. The students have to take into consideration many factors in choosing a candidate. Mia is a freshman and is the first freshman candidate to get named Miss Buck. Mia has been a majorette for almost 8 years. She says, "I have always wanted to be Miss Buck since I was a little kid. I am so excited for such an amazing opportunity and I can't wait for it!" We know Mia will do such a great job in the future as Miss Buck!

### **Running to States**

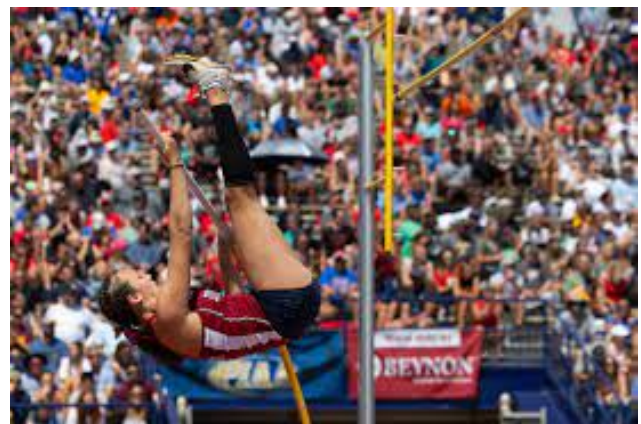
**By Loren Spudic**

The 2023 track season has shown to be a memorable one! Not only have school records been broken, but it also marked the last one coached by beloved Coach Fedor. A sophomore member of the girls' team, Sydney Harding, says, "I know I, and

the rest of the people who run track and field, are very upset about Coach Fedor retiring.



He has been such a positive influence on the track team, is so motivating, and is such a great coach and person." His 53-year career certainly ended with a bang. Not one, not two, not three, not even four, but five Dunmore track stars will be representing our school at states! Maura Michalczyk qualified by placing second at districts for pole vaulting. Tommy



Clark, as a sophomore, won the PIAA District 2 AA 1600-meter run by 5 seconds with a time of 4:31.46. In addition to this, Tommy Clark, Cole Fangio, Domenic DeSando, and Cory Domiano placed first in the 4x400 with a school record-breaking time of 3:30.49! If that isn't impressive enough, three of the four runners are only sophomores! When asked what he credits this incredibly successful season to, Fangio said, "I would like to credit my success this year to all of my coaches but most of all my teammates. I have never run a 4x400 before and if they weren't pushing me in meets or practices and waiting for my handoff at the line I think my performance wouldn't be as strong." As Cole is one of the sophomores who completed this feat, he still has two more years to show off his impressive skill. He says, "Some of my goals for next year are to

improve on my individual events and compete better in the next year, and next year our 4x400 goal will be to beat our own school record because we will be the same 4x400 team returning.” I know I’m not the only one anticipating the outcome of these inspirational athletes' track careers.

*State Outcomes*

*Pole Vault - Maura Michaliczyk 8th place*

*4x400m - Cole Fangio, Domenic DeSando, Tommy Clark, Cory Comiano Prelims 25th place*

*1600m - Tommy Clark 21st place*

Congratulations on representing Dunmore and your outstanding performance!

# Features

Editor: Julianna Grow  
Staff Writers: Krithika Krishnan

## Dunmore Band Goes to Florida!

By: Krithika Krishnan

At last, it comes to the time where the Dunmore High School Marching Band got the honor to perform at Disney World and Universal Studios. This is a tradition our Marching Band gets to experience every fo



ur years, and 2023 was definitely a year to remember! Since we have performed at Disney's Magic Kingdom for many years, this year we performed at Universal Studios. We performed an arrangement of "Theme from Spider-Man" and "New Divide" in the streets of Universal. We were led by Drum Majors, Michelle Sanders and Alexis Cherney, in this year's parade. Without the Band Directors Mrs. Zywicki and Mrs. Brown hard work and dedication towards practices, this trip would not have been possible without them. Even though our trip was short, we definitely all enjoyed our time there and had the honor to represent Dunmore High School.

## Building Relationships

By: Ayman Mounota

One key fact of the human species is that we need each other. No matter how independent you are, there will always be moments when you need to depend and count on one another. Building relationships is an important aspect of human interaction that goes beyond just making friends. It

is not just something that applies to our personal lives. Relationships are just as important in academic and professional settings.

Relationships are key to creating a positive environment for learning. A study conducted by the National Education Association found that positive relationships between students and teachers lead to better academic performance and less behavioral issues. Students who have positive relationships with their teachers feel more motivated and confident in their abilities, leading to better engagement in class and improved grades. We all remember teachers that truly had an impact on us.

Building professional networks, conducting informational interviews, and internships are all excellent ways to establish relationships with professionals in your desired field. As the seniors leave once again, we will need to connect more on our own. No one can hold our hands and show us every step of the way. We need to make relationships and find people who we can depend on to help us find what we are looking for or guide us on the right path. Many students also develop close friendships with their peers in college. These relationships give students a support system and create a sense of community on campus.

Whether it be in education, career, or personal life, positive relationships contribute to happiness and well-being. So, don't underestimate the importance of building and nurturing relationships in your life!



# Features

Guest Writers

Flashback Articles, ChatGPT, and more

## Featured Flashback Article Pride

By: Ian Gratkowski

Think about something for me: your pride. No, not your pride in your possessions or grades, but pride in other areas. For example, are you proud of how you have treated everyone you have interacted with in the past year? Are you proud of how you have treated your friends? Your family? Are you proud of the effort you have put into your schoolwork? Are you proud of your effort in your practices or rehearsals?

I am willing to bet you can not honestly answer yes to all of those. Very few of us can. But, if we all worked a little harder on being able to be proud of things that matter, wouldn't society be better? Wouldn't people treat each other better? Wouldn't our work ethic improve? It's not hard to accomplish this, all we have to do is do something small we can be proud of each day. Let me end by asking you one final thing, are you proud of something you have done today, if not, why not change that?

## Why do our articles matter?

Guest Writer: Mrs. Summers

At the Crimson Courier, editors are very selective with the articles and topics. Everything produced must follow the mission statement. Have you ever wondered what that is? Here is the mission statement:

*"The Crimson Courier is Dunmore High School's only student-run newspaper, dedicated to giving a voice to Dunmore's student body. The staff aims to create an informative and entertaining newspaper that focuses on our high school and community. We voice a positive message, and maintain on highlighting all aspects of student life."*

We welcome all teachers, staff, coaches, and club advisors to submit any article ideas to us. If you have pictures or events you would like publicized, contact our Editor-in-Chief, at [dunmorenews@gmail.com](mailto:dunmorenews@gmail.com) or [summerm@dunmoreschooldistrict.net](mailto:summerm@dunmoreschooldistrict.net).

## Headline: AI Takes the Spotlight: High School Newspaper Articles Written in a Flash!

Byline: [Your Name], Staff Writer  
(ChatGPT)

[City, State] - The world of high school journalism is experiencing a thrilling makeover as Artificial Intelligence (AI) takes charge of writing newspaper articles. AI algorithms, like speedy wordsmiths, generate top-notch and error-free pieces in record time. This revolutionary technology turbocharges efficiency, freeing up student journalists to dive into creativity and investigative reporting. Unveiling a new level of objectivity, AI-generated articles eliminate bias, guaranteeing fair and accurate news coverage. With AI's personalized touch, every reader gets a unique experience tailored to their interests. High school journalism is embracing this AI-powered transformation, forging a thrilling path into the future of news writing!



# Features

## Teen Summer Jobs

By: Staff Writers

If you find that you are short on cash for the summer, it is not too late to get your side hustle going. There are many available options if you only put yourself out there and show up. Once you decide what you want to do, you might want to develop a Venmo account and a business card so you can get paid and so you can spread the word about your business.

Some ideas include:

- Babysitting
- Lawn Care
- Car Washing
- Offer to pick up grocery orders or drop off thrift items at the thrift store.
- A handy helper - be available to do “odd jobs” for someone around the house
- Dog sitting or Dog Walking
- Tutoring
- House cleaning



What do you call a snowman in July?



A puddle.

## Summer Word Search

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SUMMER  
SUNGLASSES  
SUNSCREEN  
SUNSHINE  
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VACATION



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# Opinions

Editor: Alex and Collin Blasi  
Staff Writers: Collin Blasi

## Winter Vs. Summer

**By: Collin Blasi**

For many people, they prefer either the winter or the summer for various reasons. Whether they are associated with happy memories, a preference based on where they live, or whether they prefer the hot or cold weather that they each are associated with. I hope to highlight why both sides are great, and then make a decision as to which one is better.

One reason why winter is better is that students can get snow days, which can make a day when their stressful test is forcibly moved back a day, giving them more time, which means it can help improve their grades. Another reason why winter is better is the atmosphere that the winter can provide. Especially in Pennsylvania, where we can either get 1 inch in winter or get slammed with 3+ feet of snow, it can create a nice layer of snow that is nice to look at. A con with winter is that with the snow, it means that someone has to shovel it. When you are shoveling it, the ground is a slushy mix of snow and water, and the brutally cold temperatures we get don't help and it makes it uncomfortable when you are trying to get done as fast as possible.

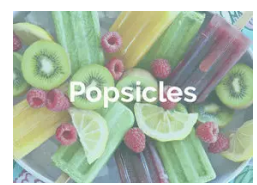
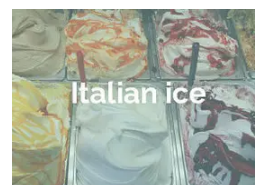
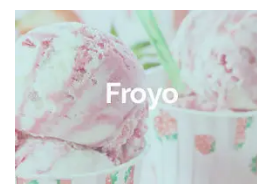
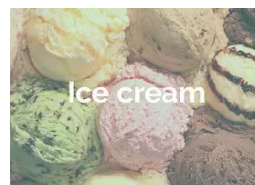
One reason why summer is better is that in the summer, students get to go home for about 3 months, meaning that they won't have to worry about school for a while, and it relieves them of stress for a small amount of time. Another reason why summer is better is the fact that you can stay home and do

almost anything you want to. During the summer, if you wanted to, you could stay home and play video games your entire summer, or go on your phone and scroll through your social media apps. One con of summer is that the sweltering heat can seem never-ending. Depending on the summer, we can either get amazing 75-degree days or get near 100-degree days during the middle of July.

Overall, I think that summer is better than winter because there is more consistency with not having to go to school during the summer. After all, students get around 3 months off for the summer, rather than a week for Christmas plus the potential snow days that are not guaranteed every year. Another reason why summer is better is that almost every student looks forward to it so that they can travel with their family, with their friends, or stay home and have a good time.

## QUICK POLL:

**What is the best frozen treat for summer?**



# Arts

Editor: Julia Noto

Staff Writers: Izzy Rought, Breanna Ramos

Photo Chief: Izzy Rought

## When You're an Addams.

**By: Izzy Rought**

Earlier this month and during the final week of April, our very own Crimson Company performed *The Addams Family*. I was fortunate enough to see the behind



the scenes of this show and I even got to be a part of it. If you were wondering how I got to be a part of it, I played the role of Thing or “the hand” as many called it. It definitely was an experience. When my senior friends graduated last year, I had no idea who I would talk to in this club for years to come.

Thankfully, the role that my friend received brought not only us a lot closer, but it also allowed us to get closer with two underclassmen. This show brought many closer and many gained new long lasting friendships. I don't think anyone in the cast and crew will ever forget this show. Many who came and saw the show had nothing but nice things to say about it and some even came more than once.

Knowing that this show was practiced for 5 months and everyone saying that it was amazing really shows that our hard work paid off. Full Disclosure: This really was an Addams Family musical. Thing out.

## Our Final Bow!

**By: Julia Noto**

As our 2022-2023 school year comes to a close, so does another successful year for the Dunmore Crimson Company. Our spring musical, *The Addams Family*, was a major success. The entire cast and crew had so much fun performing at each and every show. I was fortunate enough to portray the role of ‘Wednesday Addams.’ I had an amazing time over these past few months, and I am so grateful towards everyone who put in so much hard work. This experience will stay with me long beyond my time at Dunmore High School. Being on stage in front of a crowd is an other-worldly feeling. One of the many highlights leading up to the show was our fundraising events. The ‘Kooky Spooky Pizza Party with The Addams Family’ was a big hit with many younger children in our community and surrounding areas. The Drama Club looks forward to hosting more



events such as this in the upcoming school year, so be on the lookout! If you have not already, please follow @dhscrimsoncompany on your social media! Our senior members will be incredibly missed, and we all wish them the best. We can't wait to make our return to the stage next year, and we hope to see you there! Have an amazing summer, the world is your stage!

# Middle School

Editor: Brigid Ahern  
Staff Writers: Brigid Ahern & Loren Spudic

## Hard Working Middle Schoolers are Rewarded for Their Efforts in the PSSAs

By: Brigid Ahern



This past April, 7th and 8th grade students took their PSSAs. I think we can all agree that now that we are in high school, we'd all like to forget about those tests. Taking the PSSAs is no walk in the park, but recently our middle school students were given some things that allowed them to look at a brighter aspect of the whole process.

Over the past couple of weeks 7th and 8th grade students were rewarded for their hard work. Not only were they given the treat of ice cream, but they also were given pizza from Nina's. In addition, students participated in a field day full of fun games and outdoor activities! The events included kickball and a classic game of dodgeball.

Middle school teachers nominated students, who were recognized as putting in a special amount of effort for the chance to win a prize. Prizes included gift cards to local eating establishments and gift certificates for takeout food in the office with a friend. Students who exhibited extra effort while taking the PSSAs also received two tickets to a Railriders baseball game.

While I can't say that I'm not at least a little jealous of the perks received by the current students in the middle school, I can honestly say that these

rewards were well-earned! Like those before them, they earned these privileges through the blood, sweat, and tears that they put into the PSSAs.

## The Middle School Dance

By: Loren Spudic

The eighth-grade dinner dance is one of the most anticipated nights for every middle school student. It celebrates the end of the transition from elementary school and means that high school is only a summer away. Usually, this event takes place in our gymnasium, but this year's dance was different from any other before. Not only was it at La Buona Vita, but it even had a surprise guest DJ! None other than Ms. Carlier herself! All the students had a blast seeing their teacher on the dance floor with Mrs. Worozbyt by her side. Ms. Snyder also played a massive role in the events of the night. She organized so that every eighth-grade teacher picks their top student to give out a subject award to. It definitely made the experience all the more memorable. To capture this fine time on camera was the one and only Rich Banick. These eighth graders really had it all for an unforgettable send-off into their high school careers. Only four more years to go!





