



The Crimson Courier

That Fresh Spring Feeling

By: Savannah Lockwood

Just like that, we are moving from shivering to sweating! Recently, we have experienced some unusual weather for the spring in NEPA, which signals that warmer, brighter days are approaching. Also acting as a symbol of spring, we have finally turned the clocks forward marking the beginning of daylight saving time. For me, springtime has always meant a fresh start and I would like to share some ways it could be for you too. One popular activity is spring cleaning, which serves as a great way to be out with the old and in with the new! On top of this, it is a great opportunity to round up unused items and donate to local donation centers such as Goodwill or The Salvation Army. Much of the time, as warmer weather nears we become more motivated. Staying productive and engaging in activity are more ways to maintain the motivation provided by springtime. Some ways to do this are becoming involved in spring sports, such as track, baseball, or softball, participating in outdoor volunteer activities, or simply going on daily walks. The winters can be tough on one's mental health due to the heavy school workload and seasonal mood changes. However, right now is a great chance to prioritize having more good days than bad days by establishing things to look forward to and embracing that fresh spring feeling!

Let's Celebrate!

By: Savannah Lockwood

Similar to the other seasons, spring has its own distinct holidays. Celebrated in early spring, St. Patrick's Day is a very prominent holiday in our area that commemorates the death of Saint Patrick, who was the patron saint of Ireland. The St. Paddy's Day parade in downtown Scranton, shining with green, orange, and white, was a major success this

year as it is every year. However, the 2024 Parade Day will always be special to many Dunmorians as our very own Mr. Michael O'Malley was its president! The Dunmore Football Cheerleaders, Dance Team, Crimsonettes, and Miss Buck also participated in leading the parade.



Then,

there is Easter, a significant Christian holiday, which honors the Resurrection of Jesus by ending the period of Lenten where fasting takes place. Common Easter traditions include feasting, egg decorating, late-night vigils, flowering the cross, and more. Another holiday that happens to take place during the springtime this year is Ramadan, a sacred time for Muslims. Ramadan commemorates the Quran, the Muslim holy book, first being revealed to their prophet Mohammed. It is a month-long holiday where fasting takes place each day from dusk till dawn. During the fasting period, even water is prohibited as this serves as a duration of self-improvement, spiritual discipline, and increased worship. One more spring holiday is Passover, a Jewish holiday that honors the Hebrews' liberation from slavery in Egypt. It is an eight-day holiday where the holy days involve feasting, special prayer services, and relaxation. While there are more holidays for various cultures and ethnicities during the spring, these are merely a few that are celebrated by Dunmore students!

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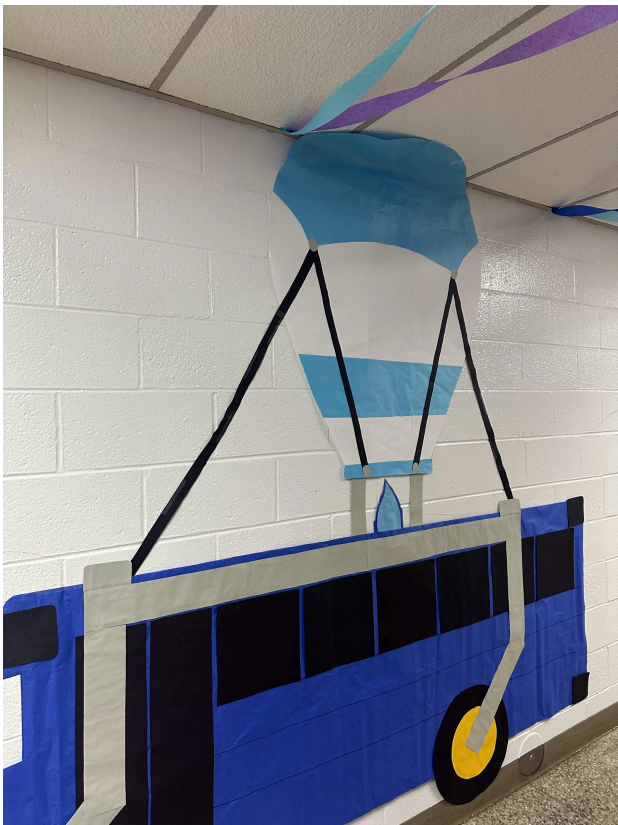
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Spirit Week in Review

By: Izzy Rought

This year's Spirit Week is certainly one for the books! From the new events to some smashed front teeth, everyone had their own fun! Each class came out and gave their best to attempt at taking home the victory, but yet again, the seniors took the crown. Although some grades had a better turnout in terms of their classmates helping out, those who participated in decorating the hallways did a great job. The outcome of a hallway's appearance depends on who shows up, so make sure you come out and support your classmates next year! Personally, I know this isn't the Opinions section, but I have to say that the Junior hallway looked the best.



Some of the new events we had this year that had been mentioned in the last issue turned out to be very eventful and exciting! The new Musical

Competition had many different categories with little spins hidden inside each of them. Many might say that this event was rigged by the seniors, but what part of Spirit Week isn't rigged? Hopefully, this year's junior class can come together and work hard to make the next Spirit Week the greatest of them all. If you have doubts, you are just going to have to wait until next year's issue to see and hear about what we have in store!



Spring Getaways

By: Sydney Harding

At Dunmore High School, spring is always a busy time. Between fun field trips, AP tests, and regular spring events, it gets very hectic. Like last year, the French club is taking a trip to New York City this May. The seniors and Mr. Lucas will also be taking their annual class trip to Six Flags. Mrs. Garraoui and a few other chaperones will be bringing the French Club to New York City on May 24th. The club took this trip last year, and members claimed to have had a great time. They plan to visit the Statue of Liberty, eat and shop at Le District, which is a French Market, and visit some popular New York City landmarks. Similar to last year's

trip, it is again going to be Fleet Week in New York City when the club is there, which is when the city honors members of sea services. Taking the ferry across the Hudson River to Liberty Island is an incredibly fun experience, especially during this significant time!



The tradition of the senior's Six Flags trip was revived by the graduating class of 2023 last year. It is something for every senior class to look forward to, and I hope this tradition is carried on for years to come. Six Flags is an amusement park located in New Jersey. The seniors will spend their day riding roller coasters, like King Da Kah and Medusa. Both of these trips, along with others, are great ways to bond with your classmates and have a fun day out of school!



Spring Services

By: Maggie Jimmie

The Dunmore High School Service Club has done a fantastic job keeping up with their generous efforts throughout the school year. The club, led by Mr. Jones, kicked off the spring season with their "Valentines for Vets" program. Members collaborated with the Art Club to channel their inner artists and design Valentine's Day cards. The creative valentines were then delivered to the Gino J. Merli Veterans Center to brighten the veterans' Valentine's Day.



Along with "Valentines for Vets," the club will also participate in their "Adopt a Grandparent" program. Club members will create care packages for residents of the Dunmore Healthcare Center. The packages are to contain items that the seniors will enjoy, like crossword puzzles, coloring books, socks, nail polish, and playing cards. The packages will be delivered to the nursing home by each member, who will be able to bond with their "grandparent" over the deed. This event will surely liven the spirits of the seniors at the nursing home, and provide club members with an extra boost of joy after being able to interact with their new "grandparent." Overall, the Service Club has had a very successful year, and we anticipate the great events that they will create next year!

Sports

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The Sports Breakfast

By: Krithika Krishnan

It's truly remarkable to see how the school year has unfolded with so much excitement and energy. As we approach the end, it is time to recognize and honor many of the talented student-athletes. Dunmore High School hosts the highly anticipated sports breakfast every year in May. This tradition has been a part of the school's culture for many years, serving as a momentous occasion to recognize and applaud the exceptional achievements of our talented athletes.



Sports Breakfast 2023

The sports breakfast provides a platform to honor the graduating senior athletes who have contributed to Dunmore High School's successes throughout the year. Some of the sports include Football, Soccer, Tennis, Basketball, Baseball, Softball and XC. It's a heartfelt celebration filled with joy, pride, and a sense of accomplishment. This event allows the entire school community to come together and express their gratitude for the dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship displayed by these remarkable individuals. Many of the coaches and teachers gather to bid farewell and

offer their best wishes to the graduating seniors. This marks the end of an era for these athletes as they embark on new adventures and pursue their dreams beyond high school. Once again, congratulations to all the senior athletes. We wish you nothing but the very best in all of your future endeavors!

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

By: Olivia Santarsiero

With Spring just around the corner, it's time for some baseball! The boys will start full conditioning for the start of the new 2024 season after practicing throughout the Winter. The baseball team experienced a great season last year, so this season is highly anticipated with hopes of great accomplishments. Though the team is down a few seniors from last year, they're excited for new people to come and join.



This year, Dunmore hosted the first scrimmage on March 20th as well as the first game opener on March 25th. Make sure to come support

our boys throughout the season! Hope to see you all there! GO BUCKS GO!



Boys Tennis Is Back to Serve

By: Loren Spudic

As the warm weather approaches, the boys' tennis season arrives! After a long winter break, Dunmore's boy tennis team is ready to defrost their rackets for another great season. They'll be led back by captains Conor Roberts, Thomas Bown, Domenic Desando, and Kamran Zia starting March 4th.



Coaches Ehnot and Biagioli have high expectations for this year's season. When asked what he's most excited about, Coach Ehnot said, "I'm most excited for us to compete for a league

championship. I feel we have a strong core group as well as a few newcomers that are going to give us a huge competitive advantage over our league opponents." Throughout his coaching career, he has been able to witness the substantial growth of those who are guided by his instruction. He says, "My favorite part about coaching tennis is the development of the players. I feel each player has grown drastically over the course of the last few seasons and it has shown during our competitive matches." As a member of the girls' tennis team, I have to say that Coach Ehnot does a wonderful job at motivating players to push themselves to new limits.



If joining this committed team interests you, take the opportunity! Coach Ehnot says, "If you are willing to try something new and put forth the effort, you will become something you didn't think you could. Our team has a great group of guys who are fun to work with and play together. If you're interested in joining a fun and competitive team, feel free to try out." Conor Roberts, one of the captains, said he never imagined how much he'd end up enjoying the sport until he joined the team.

Even if you don't think tennis is the sport for you- which it definitely is- make sure to cheer on our boys at their matches! They'd love to have a crowd at their home games to support them on their triumphs. Good luck to the team in your upcoming matches! We're all excited to see what you serve up this season.

Features

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Things to Look Forward to in 2024

By: Julianna Grow

Every new year brings new things to look forward to. Obviously, everyone has different interests but here are some things I think we can all be excited about this year!

Of course, there will be new movies and music. For movies, we have Dune 2, Bob Marley: One Love, Inside Out 2, Wicked, and so many more. In the world of music, many rappers are rumored to be dropping new albums. These artists include A\$AP Rocky, Future, Flo Milli, Playboi Carti, Megan Thee Stallion, and more.

Some things more relevant to our society are the Olympics and a return to the moon! These are all things that don't happen often and are always very historical events. It's been over 50 years since the last time we visited the moon, which took place in 1972. The Olympics will be held in Paris, France from July 26th - August 11th.

Overall, this year has many amazing things to bring. Even personal accomplishments are something to look forward to! No matter what your year has planned for you, it's important to stay positive and always look for your advantages in life. Happy 2024!

Spirit Week 2024

By: Julianna Grow

The Dunmore School District has once again made Spirit Week an amazing experience! So many people were willing to participate and try their best in different activities. Every grade

really showed their school spirit and it seems as though everyone had a great time! The most popular events were definitely the Chick-fil-a Challenge, Tug of War, Volleyball, and the Milk Chug. Seniors ranked first, Juniors second, Sophomores third, and Freshman fourth. Let's make next year even better!

Solar Eclipse

On April 8th, the Northeast region of the US



will experience a once in a lifetime event. A total solar eclipse will stretch from parts of Maine down to Mexico. This rare event has drawn eclipse hunters from all over the world. The closest region to see an eclipse in totality from

Dunmore is Syracuse. Hotels and restaurants have been booked for months. Travelers to the different totality regions are advised to arrive very early and plan on staying very late. The state of Maine even issued an advisory to those traveling to the rural parts of Maine. They suggested to ensure that vehicles are properly fueled, travel with extra blankets and coats, and to avoid the use of electric vehicles at all cost.

In Dunmore, we will be able to witness nearly 96% totality. The Dunmore School District has allowed its students flexibility in attending school so they might be able to witness the spectacle. Although our hard-working teachers have planned lessons for us the eclipse, many students have chosen to see it for themselves. Be safe and make sure you wear your eclipse glasses!

Opinions

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Why Rain Reigns Supreme

By: Collin Blasi

There is a debate as to which season is the best, and this disagreement comes down to a few factors. Some of the factors are whether you prefer the hot or cold temperatures, whether you like the day or night better, or whether you like snow or rain better. I prefer rainy weather for a multitude of reasons, but I will only list a few important ones. The main reason for me is that,



unlike snow, you don't have to shovel rain. In the snow, you have to wear gloves and boots, then grab a shovel to start shoveling. In the rain, however, you don't need to shovel anything. Another reason why rain is better is that the temperature has to be somewhat warm for rain to form, unlike snow where it must be very cold. Lastly, rain helps cultivate many of the foods we eat on a daily basis. From helping plants grow to providing food for livestock, rain plays an essential role in helping our ecosystem stay balanced. Snow usually kills many of the plants due to freezing them over.

In conclusion, rain is better because it allows plants to grow, shows signs of warmer weather, and you don't have to work hard to get rid of it by shoveling.

Why Snow Topples Rain

By: Alex Blasi

Snow is a lot better than rain since snow is limited to states like Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Washington, New York, Vermont, etc. Snowy weather comes with a ton of fun activities, like snowboarding, tubing, sledding, snowball fights, and many more. One of the most exciting things as a kid was waking up in the morning and realizing that there was a snow day, which meant no school. Snow only comes from late fall to early spring, compared to year-round rain, and nobody likes rain since it dampens everything. Sometimes when it's cold outside, warming up inside a blanket, wearing comfy clothes, or drinking hot cocoa makes you feel comfortable and want to maintain that cozy feeling.

Snow has multiple forms, such as squalls, blizzards, sleet, and flurries.

Whenever it is pouring rain outside,

a lot of people try to avoid faster drivers since they can drive over a massive puddle of water, which could make all of your clothes wet for the whole day.

In conclusion, snow is better due to its fun activities, exciting moments from being a child to an adult, being able to enjoy comfort, and being limited to some states. Also, without snow, the most popular holiday, Christmas, wouldn't be as special as it usually is.



Middle School

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Project Able

By: Brigid Ahern

We all are different. Some of us are more physically coordinated or athletic than others. Others simply do not have physical flexibility or stamina. Some people take a longer time to complete a math problem while others get it just like that. One way or another, we're all differently abled. Keep in mind that everyone's differing abilities are not always considered to be in the same category; some affect one's life more than others. The point is: yes, we are different, but at the end of the day we are also the same as we all have hopes, dreams, and lives that we are trying to survive.

The name is Project Able. Do you remember those categories mentioned earlier? Well, Project Able has a goal to bring different people of those groups together to forge a support system in which hopes are high, dreams are achieved, survival is obtainable, life is manageable, and people of all categories thrive. Together, students who are a part of Project Able see and feel what it is like to have various disabilities ranging from physical disabilities, learning disabilities, visual disabilities, etc. They also help individuals with such disabilities navigate the world around them, while embracing their unique conditions. Project Able is partially

based at the Center for Independent Living (CIL). Recently they visited Dunmore Middle School. There were a multitude of events showcasing the project, which took place at our very own middle school. Activities included showed students how to navigate mobility barriers, visual setbacks, and learning obstacles. The events carried out on this day were all done by students as they were



embraced with compassion and determination. Can you open a lock or latch of some sort? How about with some kind of disability or condition that would complicate such tasks? I will answer for you. You would be able to no

matter how able or unabled your body may seem. It is simply a matter of learning how. Can you zig-zag between orange traffic cones? Can you do so with some kind of disability or condition that would complicate such tasks? Could you do it if that condition put you in a wheelchair? I will answer for you. You would be able to. We, as a diverse species, have capabilities of many kinds. There will be setbacks and difficulties, but if there is one thing Project Able has personally reminded me, it is that we must not relinquish our power to try. Along with that, we should not take gifts away from others. Everyone, no matter what it is that makes them different, should be given the encouragement to try. We are all different in our own ways, and we are all able in our own ways.

Big Winners at the PA Regional Media and Design Competition

By: Madison Perrella

Every year, students in Pennsylvania compete in the PA Media and Design Competition. This annual event has many categories such as 3-D design, animations, digital movies, logo/graphic design, programming, and web page design. This year Mrs. T



elnock and the computer club members competed in the PA Regional Media and Design Competition held at Keystone College. Our Dunmore middle school students were successful, awesome competitors showcasing Dunmore's talent. Ty Dougher, Evan Eibach, and Aaron Mecca brought home 1st place in the Digital Movie Category. Saran Joiya and William Muir placed 2nd in 3-D Design. Meredith Baker, Anna Jacquinot, and Smera Shrestha won 1st place for their logo project. Very wonderful work was done by Keissy Sanchez-Diaz who completed a project for the Graphic Design and Logo category, however, she unfortunately did not end up placing this year.

These talented students will represent Dunmore School District at the state competition on May 22nd at Dickinson

College. All of Dunmore will be supporting and cheering on these wonderful students for all of their hard work!

The 2024 Reading Competition

By: Brigid Ahern

On Monday, March 4, the Middle School Reading Competition Team made their way to the DHS conference room to compete in this year's preliminary round via Zoom. After 4 months of preparation, the team, supervised by Mrs. Telnock, answered questions from a committee member from the NEIU for over an hour. During that time, our team answered 29/40 questions correctly. While our team did not make it to



the final round, they should be very proud of all the time and effort that they put in. Just one example of this hard work was that of Juliet Renard, who read 13 of the 24 books that all teams were questioned about. Reading is an amazing tool and companion that can as simply be done for pleasure, or , if done competitively like these middle school students did, it takes an enormous amount of skill. Congratulations to all of the reading competition members! Go Bucks!

Arts

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Crimson Company Interviews

By: Julia Noto

Recently, I had the opportunity to catch up with two senior officers of the Dunmore Crimson Company! I asked Julianna Argust, the President of the club, and Jackson Madajeski, the Publicity officer, about their time in the Drama Department, and what they thought of our spring musical, *The Lightning Thief*. Julianna has been a club member since the 8th grade. She said her time was absolutely amazing, and she loved every show. According to Julianna, her most fun years were spent in the ensemble. "I gained so much experience and would recommend it to anyone," she told me. In the beginning, Julianna was nervous about *The Lightning Thief*, but she said that being a part of this cast has been fantastic. She was always so excited to work on

each show with everyone. Jackson first joined the Crimson Company during his sophomore year as a transfer student. He wasn't familiar with anyone, but he made friends very quickly. He thought about his hard work and time spent across all the shows he performed in. Jackson told me his junior year was tough, but each show was memorable as it was one of the best experiences of his life. At first, Jackson was not the biggest fan of *The Lightning Thief*, but after working through everything, it grew on him. He believes a lot of the music is symbolic, and he enjoys it a lot. "I really do think it is the perfect send-off for the



seniors," is what he stated. I enjoyed speaking with the two, and we can all agree that this class will greatly be missed.

What's Happening with the Band?

By: Danielle DePietro

So many exciting things are happening with our Dunmore band! The regional band concert, where

we sent 4 members of our band including Emma Renard, John Silvi, Loren Spudic, and Aiden Walsh, just recently finished. In other delightful news our favorite bari sax player, John Silvi, made it to the state competition for the second year in a row! This is a huge accomplishment that John must be very proud of. On top of this, both of our drum majors also have some exciting news! Emma Renard made it to regionals for chorus, band, and orchestra, and Geanna Kirchner was selected as the WVIA Artist

of the Week! All of these people have put tons of time and effort into achieving these goals, so make sure to congratulate them!

So what else is going on? The band spent a lot of time practicing for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Scranton on March 9. They are also getting ready for their spring concert, which will take place on May 5. They have been practicing tremendously, so let's try our best to come out to support them! Lastly, say goodbye to the band on April 10 because they are going on a trip to New York City! It has been a crazy couple of weeks for the band and we should all be very proud of them.

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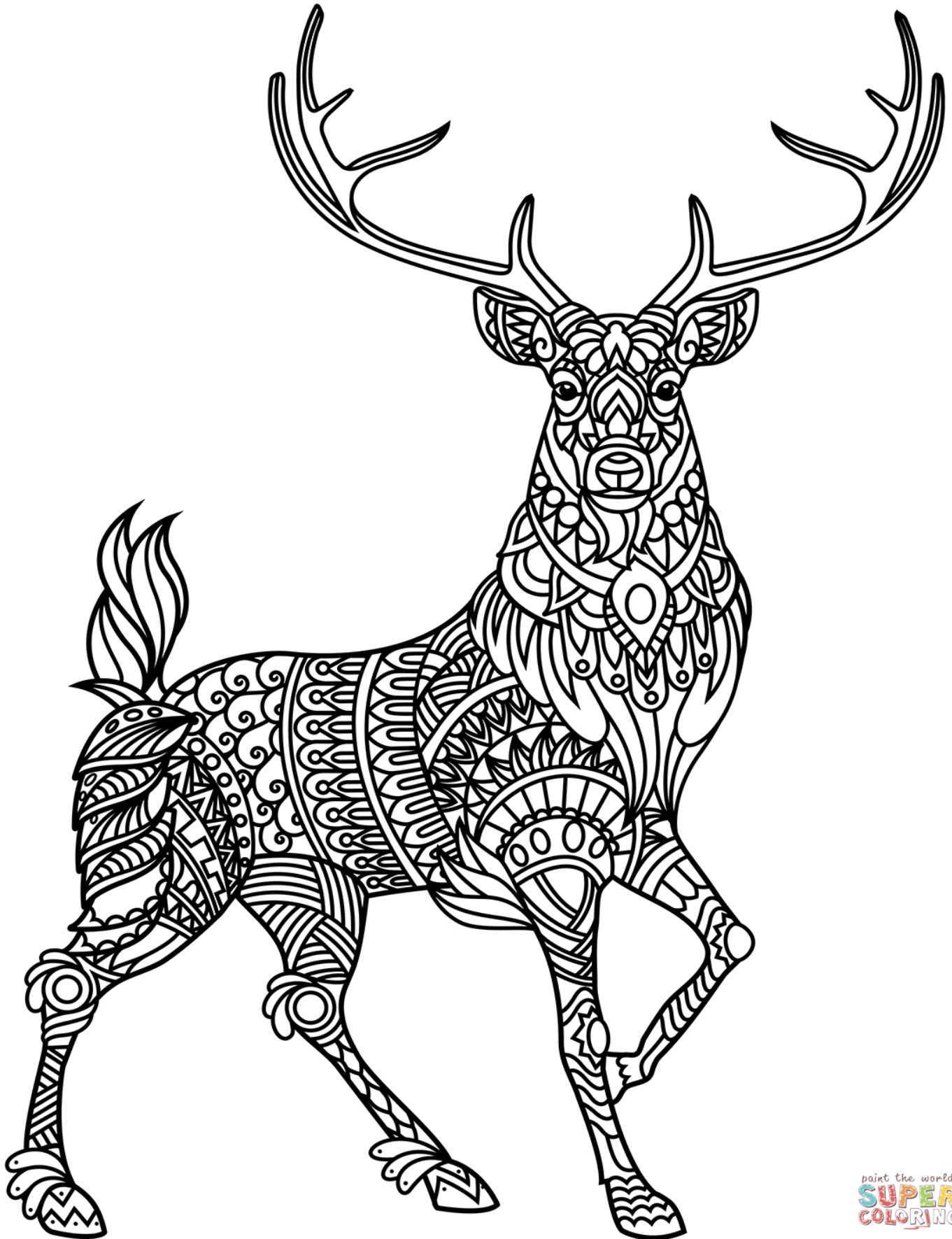




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