

Hawk Happenings

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Visiting Field Of Screams

Madison Redding - 10



As Halloween approaches, haunted attractions open. Field of Screams is known as one of the scariest and most popular haunted attractions in America. Located in Lancaster PA. With four attractions including Den of Darkness the Den of Darkness is three stories with passageways. Frightmare Asylum is 4 floors of the demented and deranged as stated on the website. Haunted Hayride There is no turning back as the tractor-pulled wagons take you on a horrifying hayride. Nocturnal Wasteland you will come face-to-face with the mutant creatures of this fear-filled forest. Tickets starting at \$50.00 with the highest being \$75.00. Open Thursday through Sunday until 11 pm.

This September I have been twice to the Field of Screams. Once with fellow Hawk Happenings student Hannah Kristiniak. The other time I was with a co-worker and her boyfriend, and each time I had a different experience.

The first time I went was with Hannah Kristiniak for media night. I was very excited while she was very nervous. Hannah and I are complete opposites when it comes to things like this, I love it and she does not. We had planned to go on the hayride first. The haunted hayride consisted of multiple parts with "mutants", men with chainsaws, and much more. People were screaming in my face and touching me. We ended up leaving shortly after the first attractions due to the fact that Hannah did not enjoy it. I did not get to experience Field of Screams this time.

The second time I went was with a work friend and her boyfriend. I went to three out of the four attractions. This time I had the same experience on the hayride but my friend from work was crouching in her boyfriend's lap due to fear. While I was very excited to be there. Her boyfriend was a little scared as well. I had to go in first on every attraction we had gone on. After the hayride, we went to nocturnal wasteland and I jumped once because I was not paying attention. In the Asylum, they were the same way. They made their presence very known and my work friend did not enjoy that.

I will admit I was nervous about the asylum due to not being into paranormal or possession kind of stuff. I enjoyed the asylum the most. I would go to the Field of Screams again.

BIONIC helping HAHS

Riley Mohn - 10

BIONIC stands for 'Believe It Or Not I Care' and members of the organization help new students adjust to high school as well as helping students recover from a very long break. For every new student, two BIONIC organization members follow to help adjust (unless one of the assigned members is absent that day.) New students are shown how to use the chromebooks and any of the school websites as well as how to find their classes or use a locker. The BIONIC members also follow the new student if they need help in some classes or if they need someone to sit with at lunch. BIONIC helps students adjust year-round and they alternate which members show around each student. For the first couple adjusting students, an experienced BIONIC member and a newer member help the student adjust.

Cadence Jalbert, a current senior in BIONIC, got the paper to join at the end of her freshman year because her teachers thought she would fit the job. She helped show around a student with learning disabilities and she took the time to help show them around for a month before the student caught on. She is still friends with a student she showed around, which is Samantha Gruber.

One of the school counselors at HAHS is in charge of the school's BIONIC, and that is Mrs. Wyles-Herbert. She had started the BIONIC group for HAHS in the fall of 2020, with assistance from Mrs. Eschbach. Then, in the school years 2021 to 2022, she worked with Mr. Gaul for the school's BIONIC group. Mrs. Ponter is assisting Mrs. Wyles-Herbert for both last year and this year.



Nicole Valentino reflects on 26 years of coaching

Deja Wagner-Wakefield - 11

Nicole Valentino has been coaching cheer since she graduated from Hamburg Area High School in 1997. She got into coaching because she cheered for the school too and wanted to keep traditions going. She also likes to be heavily involved in the community and school. Nicole's favorite thing about coaching cheer is the new connections and relationships she gets to build with each new group she coaches each year.

Peyton Snyder states, "Nikki is a great coach, and I wouldn't want anyone else to coach us. She is almost like a second mom to us. She makes sure we have good grades and advises us when we need it."

Many of her previous cheerleaders have had such strong connections with her they still keep in touch even after many years. While she likes all the groups she coaches, she liked the 2010 squad the most because "there were strong bases, great tumblers, and the flyers were very flexible and could pull amazing tricks in the air." She loves being the cheer coach but her one pet peeve is when "an athlete can't take negative feedback. Everyone is amazing and special in their own way, but there is always something that everyone can work on." The most memorable moment from her 26 years of coaching was when her all star team won division champions in Wildwood, because it was a very unexpected win due to the other teams having bigger stunts and better tumbling. Nicole loves coaching and does not see giving up the position of cheer coach anytime soon.

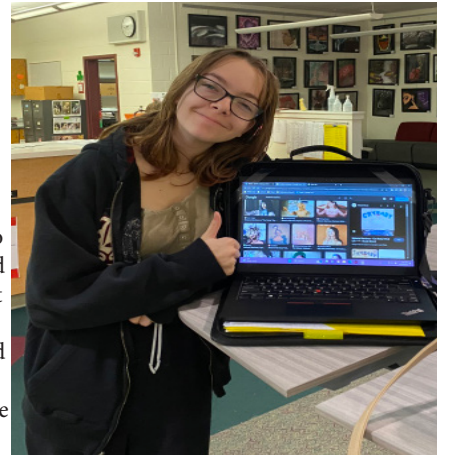
Students review artists

Elaina Hess - 10

There are many different forms of music and artists who make different music. Music is very popular and important to many students. Those who enjoy the same kind of music can relate to artists and form bonds and connections. People can learn about new kinds of music from others that they will enjoy as well. Many artists exist in these types of music and people enjoy different artists that they feel they can relate to or connect with or they simply just enjoy the pieces they create. This is important because music is a big part of our community at school and many communities throughout the world.

HAHS sophomore Riley Mohn says her favorite artist is Melanie Martinez because she likes her music and says she can relate to it with her songs and lyrics. Riley says music is important to her because it helps her focus and calm her thoughts. She likes many different genres of music except for new rap or "twangy" country music. She is more interested in alternative and indie pop like the kind that Melanie makes. Riley says she was introduced to this artist on Youtube during quarantine.

Another sophomore, Emma Moylan, says her favorite band is TV Girl because they make music that resonates with her. She says, "From their sound to their lyrics, I love them," Music is very important to Emma because it adds a new element of meaning and communication. It is also an escape from reality which is very comforting to her. Emma enjoys indie or jazz style of music but it all really depends on the mood she is in. She learned of TV Girl from the recommended spot on Spotify and now she loves their indie style of music they make.



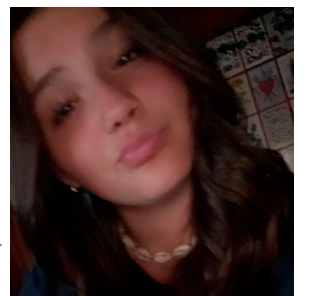
Students share their favorite holidays

Lilly Gibson - 9

Holidays are one thing that brings everyone together. For many students, it is some of their favorite things to celebrate throughout the year. The two most common favorite holidays were their own birthday and Halloween. Chelsea Monrodt, a freshman, said her favorite holiday was her own birthday. "It's the day I was born, why shouldn't I celebrate it," Chelsea said. Birthdays represent the day that person came into the world. They often get gifts and cards, wishing them another good year. The first birthdays date back to Rome. Only men's birthdays were celebrated because women were not considered to have birthdays till the 12th century, according to the Forbes website.

Another favorite holiday was Halloween. The decorations, weather, and free candy are all reasons why students love it so much. The students get to go out at night and pick between many different candies and trinkets. Another reason people love it so much is because of costumes. Demons, firefighters, and movie characters are just some examples of what students dress up as. The decorations are a lot of students' favorite parts. Walking and home from school and seeing a giant skeleton sends a shiver of excitement down their spine. Many students also like the weather surrounding Halloween. After sweating and wearing shorts just to stay cool, many like the temperature change. Being able to wear a comfy sweater brings a ton of joy to many students.

Holidays bring everyone together, whether that be for a birthday party or a trick or treat outing with friends. Students are looking forward to a year filled with birthdays and the soon approaching spooky season.



Students pass ultimate Swiftie test

Brielle Cox - 9

Taylor Swift is a very popular American pop and country singer or songwriter born on December 13, 1989 in Berks County. Nominated for over 500 awards and of those 500+ she won 324 of them, she is incredibly talented with her vocal range, stage performance, and skill. It takes a lot out of me just to sing in the car, but she performed 44 songs at the Eras Tour in one night.

Freshman Chase Brodhead went to the Eras Tour with his mom to see Taylor Swift perform live. Chase loved the whole concert but could not help singing his heart out to Tolerate It and Nothing New. Everybody knows how expensive Taylor Swift's tickets are. Chase's mom paid over \$1,000 for them two to see her. Chase described the concert as very loud, but to him that is the best part of the show. Chase did not have to stand behind any annoying people, but he did get to see a grandma living it up while dancing to Taylor's music.

Freshman Dakota Schneider has been a Swiftie since 2022 when her Midnights album was announced. She started off by listening to Taylor Swift's popular hits like Shake it off and Bad Blood. Dakota thought Taylor's popular hits were so good that she started listening to more music by Taylor and soon her obsession was growing. Dakota has listened to all of Taylor's albums and her absolute favorite is Speak Now (Taylor's Version). Dakota loves talking about Taylor Swift with all of her friends whether they are a Swiftie themselves or not. Dakota is bummed she did not get to go to her recent concert, the Eras Tour but she is looking forward to Taylor's movie about her concert. Dakota said she will be watching it with two of her Swiftie friends on October 15. Taylor has quickly become one of Dakota's favorite artists and she looks forward to Taylor releasing more music like 1989 (Taylor's Version).

Book Review: Anthem by Ayn Rand

Morgan Lutz - 10

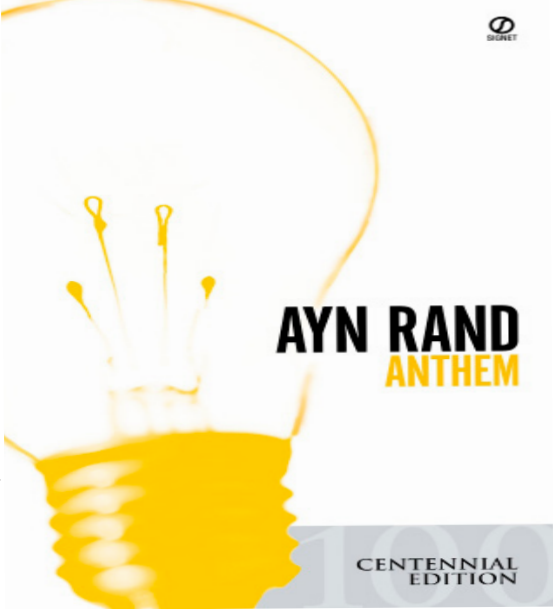
Alice O'Connor, who is also known as Ayn Rand, is a Russian-born philosopher who moved to the United States when she was 21. She is famous for her philosophy known as objectivism which she describes as "the concept of man as a heroic being, with his own happiness as the moral purpose of his life, productive achievement as his noblest activity, and reason as his only absolute." She writes about this philosophy in her most famous books: Atlas Shrugged, The Fountainhead, and Anthem.

Anthem is a dystopian novella written in 1937. The story features a society in which every person lives almost the same life as a group. Every house is the same, "mating pairs" are chosen by a council, jobs are chosen by a council, and each person is not his/her own person. Many readers may immediately think of the book The Giver by Lois Lowry as the society in Anthem.

There are many rules and laws that each citizen must follow. One of the worst ways one can sin is by the transgression of preference. Each person within society is not allowed to differ from another person. Each person must think and act in the same way, and it is against the rules to prefer one thing or person over another. One very noticeable difference that readers notice about Anthem as opposed to other books is that the word "I" is not except in the last two chapters. None of the citizens in this society know the word "I." It is considered forbidden, and the use of the forbidden word is punishable by death. The novella is written in first person and every time the narrator refers to himself he says "we" even when only describing one person.

The main character is named Equality 7-2521. The book is written in the first person as a diary of his journey through self-discovery. Equality realizes that he is different from his brothers within society; he is smarter and curious and he wants to discover what the world offers. He wishes for a job in the House of Scholars so he can study and invent things. Instead, he is assigned a job as a street sweeper, where he discovers a secret tunnel underground. He decides this tunnel is his, and he spends every minute he can in his tunnel and ends up discovering light. When he presents the light that he has illegally discovered, the council does not react in the way that Equality was expecting and his life changes forever.

Overall, I really enjoyed this book and I recommend it to anyone who is looking for a book to read fairly quickly. It is an interesting plot and is unique. It is also a great book to analyze and will make the reader think even after finishing the book.



Album Review: Guts by Olivia Rodrigo

Koa Binder - 9

Olivia Rodrigo has recently come out with a new album called GUTS. It is her second and many are saying she has broken the curse of sophomore slump, which is artists having trouble making new music for their second album. People seem to be enjoying the new album and are even saying it is better than her first. The album is targeted towards teenagers and young adults being mainly about her life in those years. She covers many topics from beauty standards to being jealous of her peers to wanting to get a guy back. The album cover is a dark purple, following her theme as her previous album, SOUR was a lighter purple.

Currently, her lead single from the album, Vampire, is sitting at the #7 spot on the Billboard Hot 100. Previously it was at the #1 spot. Her other single, Bad Idea - Right? is sitting at #13, previously at #7.

Personally, I enjoy the album. I think it has some of her best songs on it, and I enjoy how it hits all of the aspects of being a teenage girl perfectly. Some of her songs have nice acoustics and focus on the technique and cleanliness, while others focus more on it being messy, in a good way, which I think relate very well to a teenager's life.

Many students are enjoying the album too. Though, they do have varying opinions. Freshman Chase Brodhead said that his favorite song was Ballad of a Homeschooled Girl. "I really like the beat behind it and lyrically she did really well." While senior, Aster Weeks rated the album a 9/10 because Ballad of a Homeschooled Girl was on it. Aster's favorite song is Lacy. "I love the way she illustrates her feelings and I can relate to the song itself." They both listen to it everyday with Chase saying, "It's like my church."

GUTS is an all around great album and we can not wait to hear her new music.



Student Spotlight: Sid Bonning

Riley Mohn - 10

Sid Bonning is a freshman who is beginning to adjust to high school. Sid is non-binary and goes by the pronouns they and them. They have had to make very large adjustments to the high school, like having to map everything out and get to where they need to go, but overall, they say they really enjoy high school. A few tips they shared to other freshmen trying to get used to high school are "carry a map with you and don't be afraid to ask questions anytime." They say that there is much more freedom and equal treatment in high school compared to middle school. They say that high school is "more chill" than middle school was.

They are also associated in musical groups like choir and the school's musicals. In the musical Annie, Sid played Miss Hannigan. Sid was also the whisk and a tavern person in the Beauty and the Beast musical, as well as the ensemble. Sid is going to also be in the upcoming Bye Bye Birdie musical as a part of the quartet. In previous years of middle school, Sid was also in Mrs. Marra's 'Wings' program, where they learned how to play instruments like the guitar, ukulele, and the bucket drums.



Weight room offers athletes place to stay fit in between seasons

Chloe Stitzel - 10

Mr. Reinhart, HAHS wellness teacher, is offering athletes the opportunity to go to the weight room after school to get ready for their upcoming sports season. This program is new in the sense that he is doing something like this for the students. The procedures if a student wants to do this is just show up. This opportunity is offered for athletes though. If a student is not involved in any sports and still wants to join, Mr. Reinhart can always figure a way out for you to join this program.

This benefits the students that way they are stronger and faster by their seasons. Some students after their season quit working and they need to get their strength back for their season. This benefits Mr. Reinhart by getting to spend time with the students that he does not have in class. The biggest goal of the program is to get the kids that are in there fit and ready for their upcoming sports seasons.

The most students there have been in this program at a time is eight. Mr. Reinhart states, "It would be neat to have more but there's a small group that has been consistently coming each day."

To talk to Mr. Reinhart about this opportunity, email him at ricrei@hasdhawks.org or talk to him during school.



Discovering the history of Halloween

Landon Poullos - 9

Halloween is when kids go around trick or treating to get candy. Haunted houses are a big hit along with apple cider. The history of Halloween is much darker than most people think.

Freshman, Kaylea Detweiler said she loves Halloween. She said, "I don't know, my family has celebrated it since I could remember. I love candy and I am dressing up as Frankenstien's daughter this year."

According to Britannica, the Halloween holiday has its roots in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain a pagan religious celebration to welcome the harvest at the end of summer, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. Some Pagans would sacrifice their animals to appease the spirits of the night.

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