

# HAWK HAPPENINGS

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## Coronavirus concerns high school students

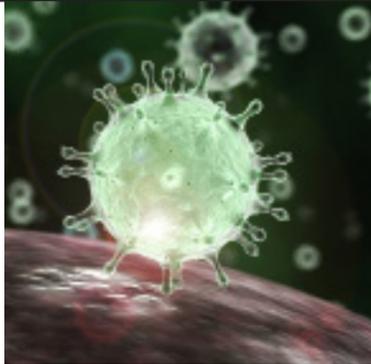
Megan DeAngelo - 12

Coronavirus is slowly becoming a larger concern in the global realm, and because it is the middle of the cold and flu season, every person needs to try and keep illness away as much as possible. What makes the coronavirus so concerning is that it is so easily transmitted, like a common cold. Close contact with infected persons can result in contamination, and it can also be transmitted through respiratory droplets produced when a person coughs or sneezes.

The other concern with the virus is the fact that the symptoms are those of a regular cold. Fever, coughing, and shortness of breath are a few of the most common symptoms, which are often less than alarming to the normal person. It is because of this that Quinn Holl, a senior, is concerned about the amount of "unknowns surrounding the disease."

So what is one to do in this situation? The best way to assure no one is infected is to take as many preventative measures as possible. According to the CDC, frequent hand washing after using the bathroom, sneezing, or coughing is the main line of defense against any illness. If washing hands is not an option, Holl uses hand sanitizer to prevent germs on her hands. She also tries to avoid touching her face with her hands during school, which is something the CDC recommends.

For more information about coronavirus from the CDC, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/about/prevention.html>



## Air Forces make a huge comeback

Lauren Atkins - 9

Produced in 1982, Nike released their biggest selling shoe ever, the Air Force 1's. These shoes were the first ever basketball made shoes and were bought by NBA basketball players like Moses Malone, Michael Cooper, Bobby Jones, Calvin Natt, Mychal Thompson, and Jamal Wilkes.

The designer of the Air Force 1's, Bruce Kilgore, designed these shoes to be different from any other at the time. He thought of a circular outsole pattern that allowed basketball player's to have a better pivot, and this made Air Forces top the charts for the best hoop shoes.

Then in 1984, Nike discontinued the Air Force 1's for an unknown reason. Thousands of people were demanding them back from distributors and asking about different colors and customized shoes. Once the distributors were tired of the pressure, they began reaching out to Nike about the high demand from buyers. This caused Nike to possibly reconsider their discontinuation.

After careful thought, Nike re-released Air Force 1's in 1986 and they were selling off the charts. These shoes are known to be one of the most iconic shoes of all time.

When Air Forces were originally released, they were priced at approximately \$85 which was expensive for the time. Now, the price can vary from \$60 to \$150. The price now depends on the different patterns, colors, and structure of the Air Forces.

The design of the AF1's have changed throughout time because of the different colors, hightops, and low tops. They are consistently a leather material and a squishy sole to make the buyers foot comfortable. Due to the comfort and the proper advertising by celebrities, these shoes have moved to the top of the charts.

Today there are more than 2,000 different versions being made and processed everyday. From when they were released the second time to now, millions to billions of AF1's have been sold around the United States alone. In the year 2020, these are on extremely high demand and are still making an outstanding profit, and they are being worn by adults, teenagers, and kids.

The AF1's have moved away from being specifically for basketball practice of games and have become trendy leisure wear by many people.

"Wearing the Air Force 1's made me feel like I'm gucci Mane in 2006" said Sophia Harakel, 9. Wearing the AF1's can easily make anyone feel trendy.

These shoes have been through many ears and many different designs. While some people may consider them old, they seem to be a brand new fashion statement to the new generations.

For more information, visit <https://www.sneakerfiles.com/nike-air-force-one/>, <https://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/23/sports/23shoe.html>, and <https://www.kickz.com/blog/2015/05/27/history-of-the-nike-air-force-1/amp/>.



## Teacher Spotlight: Mr. King

Clarissa Dimovitz - 9

Hamburg Area High School has a variety of classes and electives that students can choose to explore. With all those classes, the teachers are what can make or break a class for someone. At the end of the hall in Room 53 is where Mr. King resides. Mr. King offers a multitude of classes including engineering and manufacturing. His classes consist of Digital Photography, Principles of Engineering/Civil Engineering and Architecture, Introduction to Engineering Design, and Autodesk Certification. Mr. King also plans to replace Digital Photography with a new class called Game Theory and Design, which will be open to all students next year. Civil Engineering will also be going away, and he plans to be expanding certifications. He also plans to set up Advanced Game Design if Game Theory and Design goes well.

Mr. King is a Hamburg Area High School graduate, graduating in 2000 and immediately entered the U.S Air Force Reserve as an electronics technician. After his initial training, he began his Bachelor's degree in Professional and Technical Writing from Penn State, Berks Campus. After two tours of duty overseas with the Air Force, he graduated with his BA in 2007. He then began his graduate studies at Lehigh University in June of 2009 and graduated with a Master degree in education during December of 2011. He then earned his certification in Technology Education in March of 2014 and started his training in Project Lead the Way in July of 2014.

He completed his pre-student teaching at Easton Area High School in June of 2011, where he taught 12th grade English. He did his student teaching at Springhouse Middle School, Parkland School District in 2011 during Fall. There, he taught 8th grade Language Arts. Since then, he's taught both long term and short term as a substitute at both Hamburg Area High School and Middle School. He's taught every grade from 6th through 12th for an extended period of time and has been teaching Project Lead the Way and Engineering at Hamburg Area High School since 2014. Mr. King is currently married to Mrs. King, who teaches Spanish at Hamburg Area High School and ESL, and has one child.

Mr. King's classes are fun and interactive, and all of them are even hands on. In his classes, people can learn Fusion 360 and Autodesk Inventor, and other computer programs. In other classes, such as Principles of Engineering and Introduction to Engineering, people can learn how to model in Fusion 360 and learn the engineering process. Digital Photography covers, well, digital photography. It teaches students how to edit photos online and photoshop. Civil Engineering and Architecture covers the art of making buildings and houses, and anything else dealing with architecture. Autodesk Certification covers the process of getting certified in any of Autodesk's programs that are open to students. It is recommended that people have decent experience with whatever program they decide to go into.

The future class, Game Theory and Design, will cover the aspects of games people play. What is a game? What makes a game enjoyable? What all goes into making a game? All of the basics of game design. There will also be a class following this one if it goes well called Advanced Game Design. This will dig deeper into game design and modeling. Mr. King is excited to host Game Theory and Design and has made a trailer for it. You can go to [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1\\_t\\_H-4pORw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_t_H-4pORw) to watch it. Mr. King loves doing what he does and enjoys working with each of his students.



Pi Day will be celebrated in the  
Hamburg Area High School  
Friday, March 13th.  
Don't forget to buy chocolate covered  
pretzels this week for Pi Day.  
Each bag costs \$1  
Options include white, milk, and dark  
chocolate

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## ContraPoints changes YouTube

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Natalie Wynn, known as ContraPoints on YouTube, is a political commentator and philosopher recognized for her unique set design and outlandish costumes. Her transgender identity serves as an influence for many of her videos, covering subjects like pronouns, non-binary identities, and gender theory. With her online persona, Wynn is able to cover other subjects such as neo-nazism, beauty standards and modern feminism. She studied philosophy at Georgetown University and currently resides in Boston, Massachusetts.

Recently Wynn found herself amidst controversy for including famed transgender man, Buck Angel, in her video entitled *Opulence*. Wynn stated that she was upset the controversy had overshadowed what she believed to be her best video. The trans and nonbinary audience that once hailed Natalie turned against her because of a string of tweets Buck made in years prior. Twitter began accusing Natalie of being a "transmedicalist" because of Buck's questionable tweets, which is a term used to describe someone who thinks hormones and surgical procedures are the only correct way to transition.

Natalie has since apologized in-depth in her newest video, *Cancelling*. The video clocks in at just over an hour and 40 minutes and has 1.6 million views. She denies claims that she is a transmedicalist and her apology has largely been accepted by the transgender community.

Brody Baez is an occasional ContraPoints viewer and enjoys Wynn's videos. He discovered her in 2017 at the start of her transition and has kept up with her since then. Brody's favorite ContraPoints video is *Beauty*, where Natalie discusses beauty standards and cosmetic procedures.

To visit ContraPoints' YouTube channel, click here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNvslonJdJ5E4EXMa65VYpA>



## TV Show Review – *Mindhunter*

Aaron Kurtz – 10

Ever wonder what its like in the mind of serial killers and criminals like Charles Manson, Richard Speck, Son of Sam, or Edmund Kemper? In the Netflix original show *Mindhunter* where two FBI agents, Agent Tench and Agent Ford, who attempt to get into the mind of these criminals to understand why they do what they do.



The show has Jonathan Groff as Agent Ford, Holt McCallany as Agent Tench, Anna Torv as Wendy a FBI consultant who helps the agents. Directed by David Fincher who did other movie projects such as *Zodiac*, *Alien 3*, *Fight Club* and many others.

Takes place in late 1970's around the time when new terms such as "serial killer" were created. Essentially these agents are trying to modernize the way they could help and classify criminals. They go through interviews with people like Manson, Berkowitz, Kemper and many others by trying to understand their family background and why they did what they did. While doing these interviews they do road school at police academies to teach new policemen some FBI knowledge. While doing road school once in a while a local official at those locations will ask for help on cases and, they use what they learned from interviewing these killers to catch other criminals.

The acting in this show is phenomenal. It has a very dark and gritty elements to it. The chemistry between the two agents and the consultant is really entertaining and the writing is very good. I would give the show an overall a 9.7/10. The only bad part is I dont think they do enough with the people they interview. I would recommend this show to anyone who is into shows that deal with crime and are interested in seeing inside the mind of some of these very famous criminals. Also, anyone who is just into real events that are re-created in the show like the famous Charles Manson interview, would enjoy the show.

## Fasnacht Day - Feb 26th

Quinn Holl - 12



A combination of butter, sugar, flour, and sometimes mashed potatoes, deep-fried to achieve a golden-brown crust, fasnachts are irresistibly delectable potato donuts particularly served on Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras or Fasnacht Day, as it is the day before Lent, a period in which individuals give something up during the days leading up to Easter Sunday. Traditionally, those participating tend to give up fat and sugar, which is why they eliminate the ingredients from their cupboards by frying donuts. In fact, "fast-

nacht" derives from the German word "fasten," meaning "to fast." This year, Fasnacht Day will be celebrated on February 25 this year.

Fasnachts are widely known as a Pennsylvania Dutch tradition, meaning it is a treat that many individuals in the local community will indulge in this month.

Madison Johnson, whose father works at the Dutch-Maid Bakery, notes that fasnachts are a frequently served item at the store, in which they are particularly popular among the "Pennsylvania Dutch culture." While Johnson is not the biggest fan of the fried dough, she does find the shape, which is sometimes rectangular, to be a unique aspect of the treat, as it strays away from the circular shape of a donut.

Jordan Monroe, whose mother makes fasnachts, adores them. "They're buttery and sweet, and they come in a bunch of different flavors."

Needless to say, it is clear that as Fasnacht Day approaches, numerous individuals in the local area will be biting into the traditional treat.

For more information visit: <https://www.webstaurantstore.com/blog/116/fastnacht-day.html>

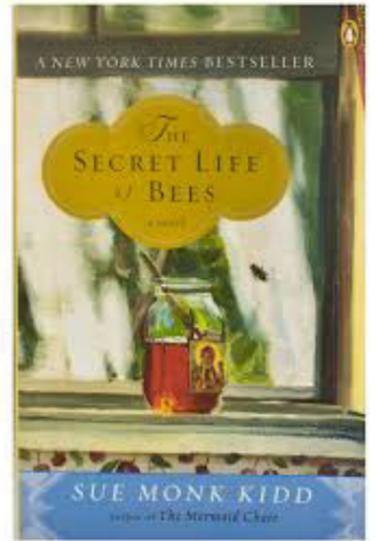
## Book Review: *The Secret Life of Bees*

Lauren Shebby – 12

*The Secret Life of Bees* does not present what the reader may initially expect from the title. The novel focuses on the life of Lily Owens, a 14-year-old white girl from Sylvan, South Carolina, who spends most of her time reading and writing, secluded from the other girls in her town. Her mother died when she was young, and Lily spends her days missing her greatly, searching for more answers about her mother's life, while her father, who she calls T-Ray, frequently verbally abuses her and occasionally forces her to tolerate odd punishments. The only support Lily finds in her life is Rosaleen, their black maid that has taken on the role of being Lily's maternal guardian.

Taking place during the Civil Rights Movement, it is unsurprising that Rosaleen runs into trouble with white men in the Bible Belt, leading to Lily deciding to run away from home and sneak Rosaleen out of the hospital she had been admitted to. They journey to Tiburron, South Carolina, where they meet three black sisters: June, August, and May. They find a home with them, and Lily, despite already being more accepting of other races than the rest of South Carolina, learns that these women are not so different from her, and she begins to break loose from the bias instilled in her. The book demonstrates an incredible bond between women, regardless of race, and shows the dissolving of racial tensions through understanding and love.

Sue Monk Kidd wrote the novel and published it in 2001. As someone who resides in Sylvester, Georgia, and was born in 1948, she likely has a greater understanding of the perspective of a white individual during the Civil Rights Movement. In addition to her life experiences, she also spent numerous hours with beekeepers, learning more about the lives and work of bees. In her novel, Lily's feelings about bees are synonymous with the feelings Kidd experienced when working with bees. Kidd feels that working at a honeyhouse and at the hives was a magical experience and was ecstatic to be able to include it in her book. Despite her excellent descriptions, Kidd insists, "Some of those scenes where Lily is experiencing that rush of feeling and emotion when the bees come swirling out of their hives, I could never have gotten that from a book."



## Elective Spotlight; Game Theory and Design

Clarissa Dimovitz - 9

Everyone most likely knows a person who thinks they can always make something better. That one person who thinks their ideas, their game, could be more fun. The one person who likes to challenge others and create games of skill, dexterity, strategy, and inevitably sanity. Well, that person would most likely do well in the new elective, Game Theory and Design.



There, students can bring their ideas to life and learn game design with Mr. King. This class is an introductory class available to all students, and is recommended for students interested in game design careers, or students that think they want to do something connected to game design. The class touches on different types of people with different interests, whether it be programming, animation, art, or any other aspect of designing a game.

Now, this is not just a standard 'engineering class', it is a class that introduces the idea that the skills that students learn can allow them to bigger and better things in the gaming world. The next class following this, *Advanced Game Theory*, will be added the year after *Game Theory and Design* if the class goes well. The class will expose students to all different things that can happen and introduce students to different options very early on. It also offers different courses connected to the interest of the student and where they would like to continue in the engineering or game design pathway. The class will begin the first semester with students doing different activities that enhance the thought process of students with game design. They will analyze games, play games without instructions, make a game with limited information, take a simple game and make it more complex, and learn about different components. The second semester will primarily focus on making a game with a team of students from start to finish, using everything they have learned through the first semester to create a game from scratch and go through all the steps. Specifically in the fourth quarter, students will go through the process to do basic video game design with a team.

*Game Theory and Design* will introduce students to video game design and show the difference between traditional game design and video game design. It will give students an opportunity to dig into Unity, a computer program categorized as a video game engine, with digital design teams. This class will have a lot of trial and error, teamwork, projects, learning basics while performing them, and fun. The class will completely immerse students in the world of video game design, and it is bound to be fun and interactive. Mr. King is more than ecstatic to be teaching this class next year, and looks forward to teaching it with students. Students can also watch the trailer on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1\\_t\\_H-4pOrw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_t_H-4pOrw).

Do not forget to turn  
clocks forward one hour  
this weekend!  
Fall back, Spring ahead