

# Hawk Happenings

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## Winter cheer

Deja Wagner-Wakefield - 11

Right after yet another amazing season cheering on the sports team, girls and boys soccer and football, the varsity cheer team continues to work hard going into their winter and competition season. In the fall season the team gained new members who continue into winter season adding a new adventure for the team. This creates the ability for new stunts groups and more unique personalities working together as a team to create new cheers and dances. The team practices hard on days they are not cheering on the boy's or girl's basketball team. When not at a game, the team works on new skills to add into game days to excite the crowd.

Peyton Snyder, a junior cheerleader, is excited for yet another winter season and looks forward to working with everyone to build new skills that will carry over into the competition season. "While I'm excited I am also sad because with another fall season ending that means I am even closer to being done with high school cheer." Peyton is an exceptional cheerleader who has cheered for 12 years and could not see herself loving any other sport as much as cheerleading. While there is so much to look forward to next year, "I will miss all my senior friends who I got close with this year." Next year holds so many new opportunities and experiences but while "its exciting it's scary too because that means I too will be done with the sport I have fell in love with."

Nicole Valentino, head cheer coach, is excited for the new season and looking forward to creating memories with the team. "I'm excited to see my seniors who have cheered with me since middle school have one last amazing cheer season and while this is their last fall season we still have winter and competition season with them." The team, of 14, has five amazing seniors this year who have led the team and helped correct and better the team as a whole. "The team this year is an amazing group who is always ready to help one another and lend a hand when needed." The team works so hard preparing for games and their upcoming competition season which will begin in mid-February.



## Opinion on discontinuing crayons

Riley Mohn - 10

For many years, brands like Crayola have been discontinuing crayons that fans love, like the color Dandelion in 2017. These crayons typically get discontinued because companies need to make room for more colors. Those buying these crayons can also vote to save colors when given the option to. Crayola has also created ways to remember these crayons, like giving out boxes of just the crayon that was discontinued to celebrate the crayon's retirement. The crayons also go into a hall of fame when they are retired.

There is a group of crayons called the 'centennial celebration', which are crayons that they discontinue and replace every century, some of the colors being 'magic mint' and 'mulberry.' The way to save these crayons is by voting to 'save the shade' like consumers did with the color 'burnt sienna'. Ava Green, a junior at Hamburg Area High School thinks that people voted to save the color 'burnt sienna' because it can be used for landscape images and flowers.

Crayola has many different colors, yet they have more greens than any other color. On the Crayola website, they have seventeen colors under the black category, seventeen under yellow, twenty-two under pink, twenty-six under brown, twenty-nine under orange, forty under blue, forty-eight under red, and forty-nine under green. It is understandable that green has the highest amount of crayons because green is used for nearly every plant, several objects and clothes, and many other items. Some teachers enjoy green very much, like Mrs. McCarthy who enjoys the color Kelly Green. Students, like LeeAnn Mills, a senior at Hamburg Area School District like any colors like mint and teal.

Some people had no idea that Crayola and other crayon companies discontinued some of their products, and are shocked at just how many crayons have been discontinued. Madden Dietrich, a sophomore here at Hamburg Area School District was surprised that awesome crayons like Lemon Yellow and Blue Gray were discontinued in 1997.

For more about current and discontinued crayons, visit [www.crayola.com](http://www.crayola.com)



## Mrs. Trubilla at HAHS

Hannah Kristiniak - 11

Mrs. Trubilla, a grade 9 English teacher, is in her 19th year of teaching. She always liked kids and reading but did not think about teaching until she had a teacher in high school that inspired her. The teacher that inspired her, Mrs. Day, was her grade 10 English teacher who Mrs. Trubilla describes as phenomenal. This teacher did such a great job at leading, teaching, and explaining which helped Mrs. Trubilla realize she could be a teacher since she enjoyed kids and the subject.

To get her bachelor's degree, Mrs. Trubilla attended Shippensburg University. Mrs. Trubilla also earned two master's degrees through Ashford and Southern New Hampshire Universities.

Mrs. Trubilla is a very adventurous person outside of the classroom, and she loves to explore and find new places to walk around. Some of her other hobbies include reading, scrapbooking, geocaching, and before having her daughter, puzzles. Geocaching is a global treasure hunt where people will receive a location for hidden stashes of objects and go look for them. Mrs. Trubilla says it is super fun and one of her favorite things to do.

If someone is interested in being a teacher, Mrs. Trubilla recommends that they figure out the reason why. Some people want to be a teacher because it is one of the very few careers that they have been exposed to, but Mrs. Trubilla advises that it is super important to explore many different career options to figure out what someone likes. Mrs. Trubilla also says it is important for someone to observe a classroom to make sure it is something they like before committing to teaching and four years of college. This is possible at HAHS through Professional Field Experience or PFE senior year of high school!

Teaching is not an easy job which may be a misconception. It is a selfless, thankless, and time-consuming job. That is why it is important for someone considering this profession to understand why they are interested in it. With every job there are good and bad things. Overall teaching can be very rewarding. Mrs. Trubilla says the most fulfilling part about teaching is knowing that she makes a difference in some student's lives. There may be things that a teacher says to a student that will stick with them and help them through tough times. Students need to know some people support them and for teachers that is very fulfilling. Some of Mrs. Trubilla's favorite parts about teaching are lesson planning, finding activities, and researching ideas for her classroom.

Landon Poullos, a freshman who has Mrs. Trubilla for English, says he loves her and especially likes her teaching style, classroom, and voice. He also likes that she has a quote of the week in her room and he always reads them.

One of his favorite things about her class is station Fridays. On station Fridays, Mrs. Trubilla gives six activities and students have two mandatory and three activities by choice to complete. Landon also likes going to her classroom during flex, and he appreciates that she gives good advice and supports her students. Landon has fun completing group projects in Mrs. Trubilla's class as well, and he says he has become better friends with people because of her class.



## Girls basketball cheers bocce team

Brielle Cox - 9

On January 8 the Hamburg bocce ball team had their first match against Kutztown. The girls basketball team showed up to support their team manager, Hunter Edwards, and the rest of the bocce ball team.

Hunter Edwards is senior, Hailie Edward's, younger brother, Hailie is a basketball captain and starting varsity player on the girls team. With Hailie being on the basketball team, Hunter became the team manager and helps out at every practice. He cheers all the girls on at every game and practices to continue playing to their best ability.

The girls basketball coach, Mrs. McBreen, made a sign for Hunter and the whole bocce ball team for the team to hold up. The whole team cheered for Hunter everytime it was his turn to roll. It was an amazing team bonding experience for the basketball team and it showed how much they support their manager.





# Movie review - Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour

Dakota Schneider - 9

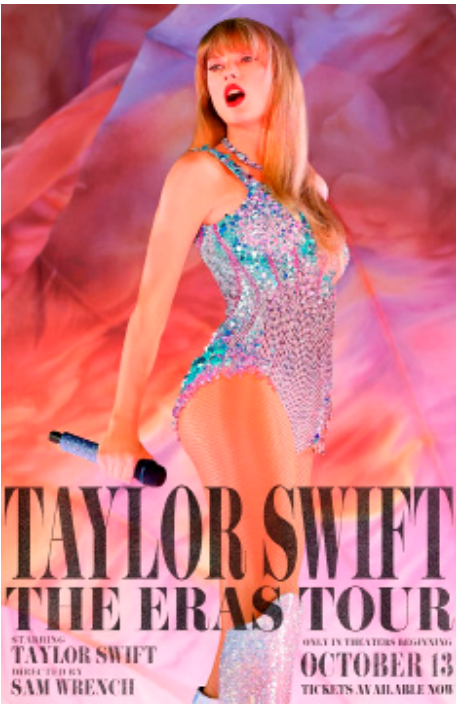
Pop star, Taylor Swift, has recently released a movie which presents her entire three hour Eras Tour concert. These shows were recorded throughout her last six U.S. shows in Los Angeles. Swift performs over 40 songs in three hours. This concert was put in theaters to give fans who did not get to see her live experience the Eras Tour from home.

I went to see the movie with my two best friends. It was an amazing experience considering I was not able to go and experience the real concert. The people in the theater were singing, dancing, and exchanging friendship bracelets which made it more enjoyable.

Freshman Chase Brodhead went to see the movie with his two best friends, Dakota and Hailee. "My favorite era to watch in the movie was the folklore era because it has really cute visuals, and it has my favorite songs," says Chase. He saw the film the last day it was playing in the AMC theater. His all time favorite song to hear in the film was illicit affairs and the last great American dynasty. "I would say that the movie lived up to my standards except for the fact that Taylor cut one of my favorite Lover era songs, The Archer."

Freshman Molly Fox also went to see the film at the AMC theater twice with her best friends and another time with her mom and her sister. "My favorite era to watch was probably folklore, it's my favorite album and I had heard such great things about it so I was really excited to see it for myself." Folklore is definitely one of Taylor's most popular albums of all time. "My favorite song to see was Style because it's been my favorite song for so long, and it just brought back a lot of memories to see it live," says Molly. "I had heard such amazing things about the movie itself on Tiktok but the experience made it so much better. Although I wasn't able to get the popcorn bucket I really wanted, I still had so much fun and it was overall a good experience."

In conclusion, the Taylor Swift movie is extremely popular and many students in HAHS enjoyed the experience.



**Congratulations Hamburg BCTC Students of the 2nd Quarter!**

<b>Zachary Gougler.....</b>	Heavy Equipment Operations
<b>Caiden Kristiniak.....</b>	Auto Collision Repair Technology
<b>Abraham Rogers.....</b>	Sports Medicine and Rehabilitative Therapy
<b>Caleb Atkinson.....</b>	Precision / Computerized Machining Technology
<b>Lily Bentz.....</b>	Early Childhood Education
<b>Haley Hendel.....</b>	Culinary Arts

# Teachers share opinions on virtual learning

Bella Kenyel - 9

As everyone in school knows, virtual learning is happening due to snow, ice, or high winds. Not everyone enjoys it, and necessarily wants to participate in virtual learning days. However, virtual learning does have some benefits that outweigh the negatives.

One teacher, Mrs. McCarthy states, "...It's a great use of time and it gives students a chance to kind of catch up on things..." She also stated that when some students are in an environment where there are no bells or people around them, those students have more focus on the tasks at hand.

A positive that Mrs. McCarthy shares that comes with virtual learning is that no one has to miss a day of school and make up for another day.

Mrs. McCarthy shares that some challenges that come with teaching virtually are: making sure that the technology works, the power does not go out, forgetting an important item at school, a grade book for example.

Another teacher, Mrs. Ruhf (who is the HEP teacher for both high school and middle school students) states, "...I like not having to make the day up in the future, but I do miss the excitement of an actual snow day..." She also stated that during virtual learning some subjects are harder to do than others, an art project for example, but virtual does provide a chance for teachers to interact and do something different than what would normally be done inside of a classroom.

A positive that Mrs. Ruhf shares that comes with virtual is easily seeing who is engaged within the subject and who is actually listening than it would be inside of a big classroom where a teacher needs to do different things whilst teaching. Mrs. Ruhf also shares that it is nice to let the children interact and be more chill than being home all day and working.

Mrs. Ruhf shares that a challenge that comes with teaching virtually are: if either the teacher or students are having technical issues, which makes it hard to help the students due to the fact that the teacher cannot see exactly what is happening with their computer. Another challenge that comes with virtual is with younger students, K-1st graders to be exact. K-1st graders are more used to being able to have leeway around the classroom and more freedom to do what they want, so for them to be sat in front of a computer all day is very different to them.

A third teacher, Mrs. Bucheit states, "...It's a great opportunity for us to continue moving forward with our lessons... it's a bit of a break... but the day counts, so we still get things accomplished... Unless it's a lot then it interrupts the learning process too much..." She also stated that when virtual learning was on a permanent basis during Covid she did not like it because she missed the personal interaction with the students and it is not entirely the same as her telling her students something as her students being able to physically do a bio assignment for a lab. Another thing that Mrs. Bucheit points out is that when students are virtual, they may miss out on too much. An example she provided for this was doing a science assignment without any equipment or the guidance of the teacher. She also points out that when students are virtual they do not develop communication skills, which are needed for the future.

A positive that Mrs. Bucheit shares that comes with virtual is being able to meet with students and the day being counted towards the end of the school year, and it can be helpful for people who have medical issues which makes it hard for them to come to school as often as others.

Mrs. Bucheit shares that some challenges that come with teaching virtually are: the students actually showing up and being present for the class, paying attention to what she is saying, and getting some classes to do their work that has been assigned to them.

A fifth teacher, Mrs. Escbach states, "...I think it's a lot harder to teach virtually than in person, but I do like having to not make up snow days... sometimes it (virtual) makes it harder for me to balance at home if my children are off school... but otherwise, it is a benefit to most students and staff." She also stated that virtual teaching and learning takes a different skill set and to really engage the learner, which she had to learn how to engage her students online since she is the Video and Communications instructor. For Mrs. Escbach, learning these skills has been a learning experience and a bit of a struggle to change her teaching style.

A positive that Mrs. Escbach shares that comes with virtual learning is when during Covid, she at least got to see how her students were doing and that they were okay.

Mrs. Escbach shares that some challenges that come with teaching virtually are: trying to make a learner engaged when they are looking at a screen of any type, students cannot do as interesting activities as they could in a classroom, connecting with others online, and technical issues.

# Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Keck

Dakota Schneider - 9

Substitute teachers play an important role education by filling in for regular teachers whilst absent, and we have lots of important substitutes here at HAHS.

Mrs. M Keck is a very important substitute HAHS, filling in for many different classes and subjects. Recently, she has been substituting for freshman civics class while Mr. Zimmerman has been out. Students throughout all grades love Mrs. Keck and often visit her to have a chat. Freshman Cali Tobias says, "Mrs. Keck does a fantastic job at teaching along with doing a great job at interacting with every one of her students."

Before substituting, Mrs. Keck worked at Lowe's as a front end supervisor and East Penn manufacturing in an injection molding building. In the future, Mrs. Keck would like to become a social studies teacher. "I substitute for the social studies department a lot of the time, since I have a certification to teach social studies. I really enjoyed history and learning about the past in school and college! I also had great social studies and history teachers that really piqued my interest in the subject!" One of her favorite parts of substituting is being able to connect with all the different students she meets. "I would say my favorite part about substituting would be getting to know all of the students. Instead of being in one room day after day, I get moved around a lot. I've gotten to know a lot of the students and it's a lot of fun being able to interact with everyone!" In the future, Mrs. Keck hopes to become a permanent social studies teacher here at hahs. "I hope to become a high school social studies teacher somewhere!"

In the future, many students and staff would love to have Mrs. Keck as a HAHS civics teacher and hope to see her more in the future.



**Congratulations to the Bocce Ball Teams!**

**Berks North Conference**

**Championship Game 2/14/24**

**Hamburg White 2nd place**

**Hamburg Red 3rd place**

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