Classes Compete in Spirit Week 2019

By Wil Eberhardt

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HCS showed their spirit through their involvement in the various spirit week activities that allowed some classes to shine this past week. Monday was kicked off with the first Minute-to-win-it challenge showcasing our cultural knowledge through trivia, which was won by the Seniors. Categories for the trivia included Pop Culture, Sports, HCS Trivia, and Mr. Hanson.

Monday was also class color day, and the Sophomores were well represented in yellow. Hats off to the Fravil twins in their matching neon yellow.

For Tuesday’s Minute-to-win-it, the Student Council got a little experimental with the Donut stacking challenge. The competitive challenge resulted in a tie between the Superior Seniors and the Saucy Sophomores, represented by Spencer T. and Harry R., respectively.

Peyton Manning, Aaron Rodgers, and many more were represented on Jersey Day by avid fans.

John Platt brought it home for the seniors in Wednesday’s arm wrestling challenge in forum. The arm wrestling competition has been a classic Spirit Week competition, and with Colin Fadale out of the mix, each grade rolled up to the table with high hopes.

Patriotic fervor was shown by students in red, white, and blue walking the halls on USA Day.

Other highlights include students sacrificing their bodies for class spirit in Thursday’s Pie Eating Competition, and Pajama Day. Every grade showed exceptional school pride wearing green and white for the day leading up to the iconic Raiderball Tournament, where grades 9-12 will compete for the bragging rights of Raiderball champion. Senior, Kelton Ramos, was spitting straight facts about the upcoming tournament, saying “Seniors are gonna win it, because 2020 is the best class.”

Don’t miss the Raiderball tournament today at 2pm, and make sure to cheer on your grade as they try to win it all.

Climate Change and Hamilton

By Addison Schoonmaker

Last week, Hamilton Central School remained largely oblivious to the millions of high school students across an estimated 185 countries who participated in one of the largest youth protests ever, sparked by sixteen year old Greta Thunberg who recently gave a speech about climate change to the United Nations.

Policy makers have been impacted by these actions as shown by the invitation for Greta to speak at the United Nations Climate Summit. Several World Leaders including German Chancellor Angela Merkle have acknowledged Greta’s outcry. Merkle said, “The seriousness with which Greta, but also many, many other young people, are telling us that this is about their lives, and that their life spans extend further, has led us to approach the matter more resolutely.”

Continued on A1
Today’s Lunch:
Cheese or garlic pizza
Garden side salad
Assorted fruits

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MAKE SURE TO GO TO
HOMECOMING DANCE
AT 9pm
$5 TO ATTEND
GRADES 9-12
Climate Change and Hamilton (cont.)

Justin Trudeau also expressed an interest in leading the charge on climate change policy after Greta’s speech and the protests. It is powerful to see Climate change being addressed as it should be, but much more work must be done before any real progress can be made. It will take people like Greta Thunberg and students across the globe including those from Hamilton to truly make a difference.

Despite the incredible scale and impact of these protests, in which our nextdoor neighbors at Colgate staged a walkout to show their concern for the issue, Hamilton Central School was mainly complacent and uninterested in the uproar.

Climate change is something that will have innumerable consequences in our lifetimes, so it would seem that the students of Hamilton might be more involved and aware of the action they can take especially considering its proven effectiveness. Greta Thunberg and the millions of other high school students protesting for their future should serve as an example for the students at Hamilton.

Thunberg skipped school every Friday to protest climate change in front of the Swedish parliament. This action was the inspiration for these protests, which began taking place soon after Greta began.

 Possibility of Impeachment for President Trump

By Ian Wilson

President Trump’s phone call with Ukraine’s President Zelenskiy regarding 2020 Democratic candidate Joe Biden was made public last week, causing widespread controversy and renewing the call for Trump’s impeachment in the United States Congress. According to his adversaries, Trump threatened to withhold millions of dollars in aid and military support if Ukraine did not investigate Biden. In response to this, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and several other representatives who were previously wary of impeachment have joined the outcry for investigation into the President.

The White House released transcripts of the President’s phone conversation after a whistle-blower revealed the contentious phone call last week. In this conversation, Trump asked repeatedly for Ukraine to look into Biden’s alleged involvement in the Russian election scandal of 2016. There is no proof that the former Vice President is connected to this case. It is believed by members of the House that Zelenkiy’s investigation was to be rewarded by Trump with promised money from the US. Former Ukrainian government official Serhiy Leshchenko has come forward to corroborate this accusation in an exclusive interview with CBS. He said, “Of course he wanted political privileges, for his re-election from Ukraine” (in return for military aid to the country).

In response to the release of his controversial phone call, Trump has called for an investigation into House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff. Schiff was in charge of presenting the transcripts of the conversation to Congress. Trump said, “He [Schiff] made up my conversation. He actually made it up. It should be treasonous. He made it up. Every word of it. Made it up. And read to Congress as though I said it. I’ll tell you what, he should be forced to resign. Adam Schiff, he’s a low life. He should be forced to resign. He took a perfect conversation, realized he couldn’t read it to Congress because it was a very nice conversation.”

If the accusations leveled against the President are proved to be true, Trump will likely face impeachment by Congress. This may not guarantee his ejection from office, however, as the Senate is controlled by a Republican majority who would most likely back the President.

If Trump is convicted and relieved of his office, Vice President Mike Pence will serve the rest of Trump’s term as the sitting president of the US. A staunch conservative, Pence could cause even more outrage among Democratic circles than Trump as president.

The EP is looking for more writers in different grade levels! Please see Mrs. Jerome if interested
This Week In History

By Ian Wilson

September 30

• 1862: Famous “Blood and Iron” speech delivered by Otto von Bismarck

October 1

• 331 BCE: Alexander The Great of Macedon defeats King Darius III of Persia in the famous Battle of Gaugamela

October 2

• 1789: New US government sends proposed Bill of Rights to the States for ratification.

October 3

• 52 BCE: Gaius Julius Caesar accepts the surrender of Gallic general Vercingetorix after the Battle of Alesia.

October 4

• 1675: The pocket watch is patented by Christiaan Huygens
Poetry Takes HCS by Storm

By Addison Schoonmaker

This week Hamilton English students made a groundbreaking discovery. Something so momentous that not only have Havard, Oxford, and Princeton offered full ride scholarships but NASA itself is personally bringing the students abroad for research on Mars.

However, possibly even more spectacular than the discovery itself is the fact that it came from English students, a group not often if ever credited with anything of great importance. So the question is how were such prosaic students possibly the catalyst for such a tremendous physiological break through.

The answer of course lies in poetry, a highly esteemed writing discipline, which up until this point was assumed by many to be constructed for the sole purpose of gratifying attention seeking writers with no grammatical skill. Until now, as the Hamilton students discovery lends unshakable validity to all the far fetched and poppycock deeper meanings of poems.

After many grueling hours combing the catacombs of the Hamilton bibliotheca for obscure connections only thought to be convenient in conspiracy theories. The newly crowned prodigies may have uncovered the secrets unraveling the very fabric of life itself, all contained in one short composition.

After discussing this with the students and NASA representatives it was decided that this meaning be left a mystery to those who lack the faculties to derive the meaning for themselves. Fortunately though a copy of the poem in question was secured for our readers scrutiny.

Who was
What
The Red Rooster
Upon the air
Have the mean
Could something
Only see
Could air only
Keep
air
Of the why
Could not count
Nothing, nothing
Nothing
Something
Air

The Schindza is the section for our satire articles.
Anything written in The Schindza is not meant to be taken seriously.
Tech Journal: Addison Schoonmaker’s Router

By Timmy Mansfield

For this week’s tech journal, instead of taking a look at new technology, we will be featuring a fairly aged piece of technology — Addison’s router. The exact model of the router remains a mystery, but it was issued by “unholy demon” that is Frontier, as Addison says.

While this device does provide internet sometimes, it seems to fail when it matters most, such as during competitive video gaming. The router is accredited with thousands of SR loss, according to Addison. The internet provides below average bandwidth, with noticeable drops in quality when Addison’s mom is home.

One of the features of the router is the fact that it somehow provides better connection wirelessly than with a wire. For everyone else, a wire can increase internet speeds drastically, but for this router, the connection is, in fact, worse through a wire. Did Frontier slap a phone cable on the back of their router? Nobody knows.

Although the internet is below average, Addison has found a workaround. A little known secret about Addison is that he owns two routers, so whenever the internet is bad for one router, he’ll switch to the other one. Until the good internet has expired, he experiences a smooth 750 kb/s download speed.

The reason, Addison says, why his internet is bad is because his multi-million dollar estate rests on the grand Catskill mountains, where only Frontier has colonized. Sometimes Addison’s ping, or the time it takes for his actions to cause a response on the computer, can jump to as high as 1000 ms. One second may not sound like a lot, but for a gamer such as Addison, this is detrimental to his performance.

On the bright side, Addison’s old monitor displayed its final Widowmaker highlight, prompting him to purchase a curved 144 Hz monitor. The 144 Hz refers to the refresh rate of the monitor, or the amount of time the screen will change per second. Most monitors have a 60 Hz refresh rate, so the jump to 144 Hz is very noticeable. Addison has said that the monitor is “better than real life.”

Addison hopes one day to acquire the coveted 1 Mb/s internet speed, which may mean he has to sell his estate. While this relocation would give him better internet speed, he will also be able to drive to school instead of taking his private helicopter. Until then, Addison’s competitive gaming career will be put on halt.
College Pen Pal: Emma Dudrick

By Wil Eberhardt

Emma Dudrick graduated from Hamilton 2 years ago as part of the class of 2018. While at Hamilton, Emma was a part of various different clubs and activities including Masquers, M.U.N., Language Club, Varsity Tennis, and many more. Emma Dudrick currently attends Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana, a member of the class of 2022. She was originally accepted into the Gateway Program at Holy Cross which allowed her to take classes at both Holy Cross University and Notre Dame simultaneously. After the one-year program, Emma is now enrolled as a full-time student at Notre Dame where she majors in Political Science. Emma still holds Hamilton close to her heart and was excited to be featured as the Emerald Press’s College Pen Pal this week.

What’s your best experience at college so far?
“My best experience is the wonderful friends that I have made at school! I also love going to football games and being a part of my college’s traditions. Go Irish!”

What’s your worst experience?
"I was really homesick at the beginning of my freshman year and I definitely had a hard time getting used to going to school so far from home!"

What clubs are you involved in?
“On campus I am an admissions tour guide, I volunteer for the Gender Relations Center, I am member of French Club, and I sing at French mass. Off campus I volunteer for local political campaigns in South Bend through our College Democrats chapter.”

What is your dorm like?
“My dorm is all girls! It’s a little bit like a sorority. We have hall events each week, a hall mass on Sunday nights, and each dorm has a different event that raises money for a different local charity.”

What’s your biggest pet peeve with your roommate?
“My biggest pet peeves with roommates are people who are messy and don’t pick up their stuff after themselves.”

What’s your favorite food to get at the dining hall?
“My favorite food is either tofu stir-fry or Resee’s peanut butter cookies!”

What do you miss most about Hamilton Central School?
“I really miss knowing everyone else and the small community. I also miss Masquers a lot!”

What are you most looking forward to in your upcoming year?
“I’m really excited for the rest of the Notre Dame football season! I’m also preparing to study abroad next year which I’m so excited for!”

What advice do you have for Hamilton students applying to college?
"I would recommend putting a lot of effort into your supplemental essays and making yourself really stand out, especially if they don’t offer interviews. Show the admissions officers that you can bring a diverse perspective to their school!”

What’s the weirdest experience you have had?
“During the Polar Vortex last year my dorm lost power and the housekeeping staff woke us up at 6 am and we needed to be evacuated to one of the dining halls! We came back our hall had gotten so cold that all of the pipes froze.”

What’s your favorite class so far?
“My favorite class has probably been a philosophy class that I am taking this semester.”
In the Knight Light: Madame Long

By Theo McNarn

Mme. Long is the new French teacher who is replacing Ms. Pietch. She was born and raised outside of Philadelphia. She knew very early on that she wanted to be a teacher. She graduated from state school with three degrees: French, teaching, and business administration. Mme. Long is an avid crocheter and she has spent more than she would like to say on wool. She loves making various things out of yarn and frequently makes blankets for newborns. Although Mme. Long has a great passion for crocheting, her one true love is her son, Patrick. Mme. Long is a great teacher and is passionate about the language. She is a great addition to the long list of great Hamilton staff.

Favorites
Movie: “Dances with Wolves”
Book: “Pride and Prejudice”
Actor: Meryl Streep
Artist: Michelangelo
Song: “Spirit in the sky”
Food: Anything with garlic, parsley, basil
Condiment: Real Cheese
Season: Fall
Color: Blue
Place: Clove Road on Minnewaska State Park
Ice Cream: Vanilla

Phrase: ‘Cool Beans’
Web Site: Facebook
Store: Michael’s
Article of Clothing: Black pants
Sport: NO

Questions
Deserted Island: If Mme. Long could bring one thing to a deserted island it would be “Pride and Prejudice”

Pet Peeve: Mme. Long’s biggest pet peeve is making excuses

Awkward High School Memory: She had a crush on the captain of the football team. Mme. Long asked him out to prom, but she was rejected because he had said yes to someone the day before. Instead of going to prom, she and her friends ended up having a Barbecue. She ended up having a much more enjoyable time.

VS
Nike vs. Adidas: Neither
Slices vs. Oliveri’s: No preference
Coke vs. Pepsi: Pepsi

In the Knight Light: Agustina Koroll

Agustina is here all the way from Argentina. She is doing the rotary program and she will be living in Hamilton for the whole year. She is loving Hamilton so far and she has made many friends. She has a passion for cooking and ironically has a love for Italian food. She has 3 sisters but really 4 when you count Beth Belanger, her host sister. She adores all dogs and is frequently seen playing with them. Agustina had no clue who I was and why I was asking her questions. This confusion, plus her indecisiveness and the language barrier, resulted in a very limited interview. However, this Knight Light gives us a glimpse at who Agustina really is.

Favorites
Movie: “Peter Pan”
Artist: Shawn Mendes
Song: Polaroid
Food: Mac and cheese
Condiment: Mayo
Season: Spring
Color: Blue
Place: Beach
Ice Cream: Chocolate
Phrase: ‘cool’
Web Site: google translate
Restaurant: Tom Cavallo’s restaurant
Sport: Handball

Questions
Deserted Island: If I could bring one thing to a deserted island it would be food

Pet Peeve: My biggest pet peeve is when people don’t listen

VS
Nike vs. Adidas: Nike
Slices vs. Oliveri’s: Oliveri’s
Coke vs. Pepsi: Coke
Wheels of the Week: Jake Stewart

By Theo McArn

Jake Stewart is the owner of the freshest car on the block. He has the honor of calling the hot red, 2004 Mustang GT his own. This 'stang also known as a pony has an 8 cylinder, 4.6L engine with a maximum horsepower of 390. This speedster can hit top speeds of around 150 mph. This car is still in pristine condition with only 54,952 miles on it.

You can see this car tearing out of the parking lot with an unprecedented acceleration of 0-60 in 6 seconds. All that people can see, as this car flies by, is a glimpse of the mustang decal on the side and the iconic mustang tail lights leaving you behind.

The car is rocking a spoiler in the back and a hood scoop in the front. These features increase the performance of the car but the are really just massive flexes. The ride is very smooth with the cars, four-speed, automatic transmission.

Jake is always bopping to some great tunes because of the Bluetooth radio installed in the car. Jake bought the car from his grandmother at a fraction of the cost he would have to pay normally. The American design is equally impressive on the inside of the car. The seats are real leather and the center console is very high tech.

The car is equipped with both AC and heating in order to keep Jake icy fresh in the summer and toasty warm in the winter. Interestingly enough, the license plate on Jake’s mustang spells out his name in letters and numbers. It almost as if the car chose Jake. It shows that this was a match made in heaven, a true duo.
Report of the Week: Friends and Pho

By Addison Schoonmaker

Friends and Pho is one of the best dining options downtown. The food is good, the price is cheap, the people are nice, the portions are large, and it’s all traditional Vietnamese. These are the qualities that define the “Friends and Pho” dining experience, which is by no means limited to dinner, as they are open from 11:30 am. to 9:00 pm.

The menu boasts a surprising variety for the restaurant's size, as it is run by only two people. What the restaurant does boast is many variations of the classic Pho (beef noodle soup) such as the spicy Bun Bo Hue. Slades and rolls are also offered.

For this review, I sampled the classic Pho, which consists of broth, rice noodles, Eye Round Steak, well done brisket, and beef balls. This dish is everything you want from a Vietnamese dining experience. Traditionally prepared, the broth is a perfect mix of sweet and a fishy brine. This flavor saturates all the other components of the dish, making a consistent experience for your pallet.

The meat is the “feat de triomphe” of the dish. The broth fuses with the meat to form a tender juicy morsel sure to please any mouth. The eye round steak is incredibly tender and cut into thin slices easily which consumed with chopsticks. The spongy nature of the beef balls allows them to hold in an incredible amount of flavor from the broth.

The majority of the dish is rice noodles, a traditional vietnamese ingredient. These thin noodles are extremely supple and act as a vessel to bring the flavor of the broth to your mouth. The noodles also bring out the greener flavor from the onions and seasonings. For only $10 with free extra seasoning, that's a masterpiece for your wallet.

The final verdict for the “Friends and Pho” Pho is...

TASTE: 10
TEXTURE: 8
TUMMY FEEL: 10
OVERALL: 9.3

I was also able to speak to the owner of the restaurant, Nhut, and ask a couple questions. Answered are paraphrased.

Q: “How did you start this business?”
A: My family owned a restaurant before

Q: “What is special about your Pho?”
A: It is prepared traditionally

Q: “What is your most popular dish?”
A: People ate the regular Pho mostly at the beginning, but as time went on people tried most of the other dishes too, it depends on what they're in the mood for”
### Tier List of the Week

**OCTOBER 4, 2019**

#### Tier A
- An Xin candy returns + new merch
- Seniors win spirit week

#### Tier B
- Vontaze Burfict suspension
- Bills Defense
- 144 Hz
- Wisconsin Fast Plants
- Teespring pricing
- Frontier internet

#### Tier C
- Josh Allen’s Week 4 performance
- 2020 group chat

#### Tier D
- Juniors parking in Senior Parking
- UAS Goalies

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[Image of a person floating in mid-air in a bedroom with a bed, chair, and mirror on the wall.]
NFL Recap: Patriots Survive Bills, Frank Gore Runs for 15K

By Timmy Mansfield

The Patriots held off the Bills in a battle of defenses last Sunday to improve to 4-0. Although the Bills showed off their incredible defense, holding the Patriots offense to just 9 points, they came away with a loss and an injured starting quarterback.

Josh Allen came out to a very rough start, throwing two interceptions into a strong Patriots secondary, both of which were poor decisions. Later on, Allen was credited with a third interception, but NFL Rules Analyst Gene Steratore tweeted saying that the pass should have been ruled incomplete.

Although the Bills struggled through the air, on the ground Frank Gore ran for 109 yards, surpassing 15,000 career rushing yards. In addition, the Bills defense forced Tom Brady to throw most of his passes into the ground, while Brady managed only to receive one intentional grounding call.

While Josh Allen had a very bad game to begin, a helmet-to-helmet hit from Patriots player Jonathan Jones sent Allen to the locker room for the rest of the game. Allen has completed five game winning drives in a total of fifteen starts, and even with the Patriots strong defense, good offensive play calling could’ve led to a sixth game winning drive.

Around the NFL, another helmet-to-helmet play led to the ejection of Vontaze Burfict. Burfict has a history of dirty hits, and is likely to be suspended for this play.

The Chiefs managed to stay undefeated against the Lions after the Lions defense managed to slow down QB Patrick Mahomes. The Browns and the Buccaneers also upset their opponents in their Week 4 matchups.

The New Jersey teams had a fairly decent week, with the Jets avoiding a loss on their bye week and the Giants dominating Washington. Next week, the Jets have their hands full with the Eagles and the Giants take on the Vikings in what should be a close game. As for the Bills, they take on the Titans in Tennessee, and Josh Allen is questionable to return.

Varsity Scores:

By Peter Klingaman

Boys Soccer:

vs. Poland 0-2 (L)  vs. UAS 8-0 (W)  vs. Herkimer 2-1 (W)  vs. UAS 5-0 (W)

Girls Soccer:

vs. ODY 4-0 (W)  vs. Poland 0-9 (L)  vs. UAS 6-1 (W)  vs. WCV 1-5 (L)

Volleyball:

vs. Institute Of Technology At Syracuse Central 3-0 (W)
vs. Jordan-Elbridge 0-3 (L)  vs. Lafayette 0-3 (L)

Football:

vs. Dolgeville 0-28 (L)
Across
2. Peter has LEGO _____’_____ 
6. These bugs smell bad and invade bedrooms 
7. Who created Raiderball? 
8. The ingredient Addison Schoonmaker doesn’t include in his Kraft Mac and Cheese 
9. Addison’s internet provider 
10. In The Catcher In The Rye, how does the main character describe Mr. Spencer’s legs? 
11. The meal prepared with Jan Marek (Sekaná) 

Down
1. AnXin’s famous catch phrase 
3. What you shouldn’t do (see hint) 
4. Frank Gore reached this milestone (___ yards) 
5. Cutest person in the school
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“Sophomores beating everyone in Raiderball” ~ Jake W.

“Feeling patriotic about Hamilton Central” ~ Ben P.

“Watching people humiliate themselves in minute to win it” ~ Isaiah F.

“Gathering the spirit of the student body into one cause” ~ Sam G.

What’s the best part of Spirit Week?
By Peter Klingaman

“Bro, hands down Raiderball tournament” ~ Zach L.

“Not getting to start on the Raiderball team” ~ Peyton W.

“Class of 2020 dominating everything” ~ Kelton R.

“Missing the last class on Friday” ~ Caitlin A.