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Question of the week

Baskerville is coming to Hamilton Central

By Emma Crespi and Emilija Morkevicius

INSIDER ACCOUNT: BBLs and British Accents

After months of rehearsals, the Baskerville cast is ready for the premiere. For more information, go to the bottom of this article. The Masquer's actors will assure you that they have worked very hard and are excited to perform. But what are they hiding behind their smiling faces?

Show night was postponed for a week when an actor, who shall remain anonymous for legal reasons, actually left school to get a BBL (Brazilian Butt Lift) and NOT a completely necessary surgery as previously thought. Although attaining the ideal Kardashian body is highly desired, was it worth pushing back the show date? Was it worth the physiological and psychological trauma faced by said individual and the rest of the cast?

There are also rumors that the actors and actresses will be doing accents. British accents. Which would make sense, as the setting is in the British moors, that's a fancy word for swamp BTW. How dare they have the audacity to imitate and mock the country that we fought to get independence from back in 1776!? Absolutely outrageous. Just to be trans-

parent, I am American. I am very much not British. This is simply a violation of American values. Fly High Uncle Sam!!!

That being said, it is guaranteed that the Baskerville play will be an iconic night to remember. Lots of death. Lots of sort-of deaths. Lots of deranged detectives and maybe even... romance?? Reports were conducted by journalists, that are very much real and are not fake, state that this is filled with satire.

Just to make a note, this article is 100% not satire. Everything written is from reliable sources and are stone cold facts. Take it seriously. The leads are played by Sherlock Holmes as Harry Rosbrook, John Watson as Emma Crespi, and Sir Henry Baskerville as Shunsei Yamamoto.

When? Friday and Saturday. 7 PM.

Where? HCS Auditorium.

Cost? 6 dollars. Buy tickets online.

Be there or be square.



Eight dead from Astroworld Festival

By Kyleigh Pearson

Travis Scott's Astroworld festival, in Houston tragically resulted in 8 deaths and many injured from a densely packed crowd. The crowd of 50,000, who were mostly young people, came to watch Travis Scott take the stage. However, what they thought would be the time of their lives, instead resulted in lives being lost.

Waves of bodies crashed into each other. Some collapsed and others were fighting for air. Concert-goers would lift up the unconscious bodies that hadn't been trampled on already, and would surf them over the top of the crowd, hoping to send them to safety. Some would shout for help as they performed CPR. Many screamed for the concert to stop. It didn't.

After the chaos, eight people were found dead. The age of victims ranged from 14 to 27, according to the officials from Houston. Around 300 people were treated for injuries at a field hospital where the concert took place. Among the many treated was a 10-year-old child who ended up being hospitalized.

"At one point my ribs were getting into the railing, basically impaled, and I was fearing for my life that I wasn't gonna make it," Espinoza said. A security guard helped him jump the gate, and he said there were "hundreds of bodies on the floor already from people passing out, falling over the railing."

- Bryan Espinoza, 16

"People were literally grabbing and pinching at my body trying to get up from the ground,"

- Chris Leigh, 23

The Houston police suspect that drugs could have exacerbated the problems brought about by the crowd size. An assailant with opioids in a needle was suspected of jabbing a security guard in the neck and it is unknown at this time how this affected the tragedy. The police have yet to interview the guard, but medics released that he is doing fine and was administered narcan at the scene. Narcan is a drug used to save individuals overdosing on opioids.



Travis Scott

Holiday Shopping is Back

By Brooke Speer

As November progresses, the festivities of Thanksgiving are upon us; meaning one thing: Black Friday shopping is on its way. To all the shopaholics out there, or people who just can't resist a good sale, your favorite day is arriving soon. This year, Black Friday takes place Friday, November 26th, the day after Thanksgiving. The longstanding

tradition of this day is to go shopping as early as possible. Some stores may open as early as 1 am the morning after Thanksgiving, and remain open late into the night.

With the pandemic still being a threat, most early holiday shoppers are concerned their online orders will be delayed, or will not arrive on time. Therefore, they will be participants in Black Friday to be sure they get the best deals, along with completing their holiday shopping.

The delays associated with online ordering has been persistent since the beginning of the pandemic. Many people do not feel safe going to stores in-person so they in turn purchasing everything online. This has caused a massive delay with well known shipping companies including UPS and FedEx. Because they have so many deliveries to make, everything is on a waiting list and these companies do not have enough employees to fill the necessary roles.

If you are a person who prefers online shopping, Cyber Monday is better suited to your interests. Cyber Monday takes place on November 29th this year. For all those online lovers, the best websites to shop from this year include Amazon, eBay, Kohl's, Dell Technologies, Macy's, Home Depot, Staples, and Target. With many more deals coming that day, be ready to wake up and "Shop till you drop!" This is going to be one wild Black Friday and Cyber Monday.



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Greta Thunberg calls out politicians

By Simon Klepeis

Climate change is one of the most critical issues facing humanity on a day-to-day basis. Larger numbers of endangered species, melting ice caps, sea-level rise, and poor air quality are just some indicators that the threat of this crisis is imminent. In order to combat climate change, the United Nations organizes an annual climate change conference. This year's conference, COP26, took place in Glasgow, UK. Attendees are representatives from a group of nations committed to carbon neutrality and preventing further environmental damage. New policies and ideas are discussed as delegates from nearly every country in the world attempt to determine the best course of action. This year's climate summit, which lasted from October 31st until November 12th, featured an influential young activist.

Eighteen year old Greta Thunberg is a renowned champion of the environment, having embarked on a journey of protest against climate change and those who enable it, since the age of fifteen years old. Her exploits have earned her millions of social media followers, in addition to global recognition. At the climate conference, Greta made the most of her platform to hold politicians accountable for their failed promises regarding sustainability. She stated that the summits provide merely an opportunity for government leaders to appear committed to the environment without taking action.

Thunberg even went so far as to say the summit was, "sort of turning into a greenwash campaign, a P.R campaign,". Her statement was reinforced when the biggest global investors and banks pledged 130 trillion dollars to help COP26-involved nations reach carbon neutrality. Despite the apparent upside, this promise was vague and lacked specificity. This allowed a loophole through which those not desiring to honor their pledge could escape. Greta also spoke about common misconceptions relating to the fight against climate change, saying that what we do as individuals truly does have an effect on the environment.

For the global community to resolve the impending disaster posed by climate change, it is necessary to harness some degree of public and political unity. While Thunberg's speech may have dampened enthusiasm about potential solutions being found at COP26, it also created an avenue for discussion about the topic. By establishing a general public understanding of climate change and the risks associated with it, unified social and political backing of initiatives may be possible. Simply allowing climate change to become a fixture in political debate prevents the issue from reaching the emotional spectrum of society. Nonetheless, Greta Thunberg represents the next generation of activism, and a reborn hope for progress. With leaders like her at the forefront of the push for environmental justice, the future looks a whole lot brighter.



In The Knight Light: Kyleigh Pearson

By Ian Skinner

Favorites:

Game: LeapFrog

Show: *The Office*

Song: "Daylight" by Maroon 5

Food: chicken tenders

Condiment: Chick-fil-A Sauce

Season: summer

Color: blue gray

Place: Bermuda

Ice Cream: mint chocolate chip without the chocolate chips

Phrase: "That's what she said"

Restaurant: Pastabilities

Article of Clothing: shoes

Sport: basketball/softball



What is one thing you would bring to a deserted island: sailboat

Biggest Pet Peeve: When you rely on someone and they don't follow through

Awkward High School Memory: Throwing up in the middle of the hall

This or that:

Nike vs. Adidas: Nike

Slices vs. Oliveri's vs. Pub: Slices

Coke vs. Pepsi: Coke

Personal Life: Kyleigh is a senior here at Hamilton Central and plans on attending college pursuing a career in athletic training following graduation. She has played varsity basketball and softball for four years

and has played Softball for five.

College Pen Pal: Lauren Rodriguez

By Brooke Speer

What's your best experience at college so far?

Traveling to NJ to purchase a pet bunny because they are illegal to sell in New York City and being able to come home and visit. Feeding the leftover food from our soccer chef/nutritionist to the homeless.

What's your worst experience?

Getting lost on the subway, which happens a lot. I've been on the subway for an hour before just trying to figure out where to go. There was a fire in our dorm. We stood outside in the freezing cold from 9pm to 4am, they had put sleeping bags outside for us. Multiple people had to change dorms, the fire blew the windows of our dorm onto the street.

What clubs are you involved in?

I am not involved in any clubs because of how much of my time is spent with soccer related activities.

What is your dorm like?

It is like any other dorm, a small room with two twin beds and a desk... that's it.

What's your biggest pet peeve with your roommate?

Everything... She wakes me up constantly from 2 am - 4 am with friends or just her being very loud when I have 6 am practices on weekdays, she has no boundaries, and she snores so loud. The only way

I get by is naps in between classes.

What's your favorite food to get at the dining hall?

Fresh sushi, New York City bagels, and Chipotle

What is your favorite class so far?

My favorite class is Psychology because we don't actually have class. She sends google slides with information we need to know for the final that is an open notes test and we never meet with her again.

What do you miss most about Hamilton Central?

The people

What are you most looking forward to in your upcoming years?

That my classes won't all be online, but they will continue to be pass/fail. And our soccer team winning an ivy league championship!

What's the weirdest experience you have had?

My friends and I were going to help an old man carry stuff up the stairs and it turned out he set his stuff down to pee on the stairs and not go up them.

What advice do you have for Hamilton students applying to college?

Meet a ton of new people and make friends. Have fun! Remember that grades are important, but not everything. Don't spend your entire time at college stressing over every single grade, do all your homework and you will be fine... remember the grades are curved!

Tech Journal

By Sami Cigeroglu

Throughout the past decade, winter has always been Nintendo's most profitable season. This year, they are not falling short with the release of two new Pokemon games; Pokemon Brilliant Diamond and Shining Pearl, and Pokemon Legends: Arceus. These games are to be released on November 19th and January 28th, respectively. Although there are many awaiting these new games, there are also many waiting to criticize them.

Nintendo has always had struggles when it comes to game remakes, and this year seems to be no different. Pokemon BP and SP are remakes of the games they released in 2006. These were some of their highest-rated games released, and under any circumstance, these remakes have big shoes to fill. Almost everyone was excited when the announcement came. However, as soon as people saw the newer "childish" animation style they decided to use, it triggered immediate criticism on the Game Freak platform, the software developers of Pokemon. As these remakes are only one week out from release, people are starting to take radical claims on the game even before any has played it.

Personally, I also don't like the new animation style. Despite this, I still think it can be a very good and long lasting game. They are introducing many new features that the Pokemon fanbase has been asking for. Additionally, although many may be disappointed with the remakes, Pokemon Legends: Arceus will please many of those people as it is going

to be the first open-world Pokemon game. This is something all Nintendo fans have been begging for since the release of Pokemon in 3D.



Dear Knight Advice

By Sami Cigeroglu

"I'm thinking about playing basketball this year but I've never played sports in school and I'm not very good. Do you think I should still play?"

Dear Avid E.P. Reader, of course you should still play. Sports are beneficial for so many reasons. Although not everyone loves sports, I think they can be a good experience for any that participate. For the most part, don't necessarily worry about how good you are at the sport. Performing is only one part of it. There are many aspects of any sport that are just as rewarding as dropping thirty in a basketball game or hitting a home run in baseball. Things such as competition, meeting new people, self-improvement, and being with your friends.

As someone who has played sports

their whole life, I can safely say that I would be in a much different spot in many aspects of my life. To me the biggest thing that sports gave is confidence. Before playing varsity sports, I was REALLY bad at a lot of things, such as basketball, soccer, academics, you name it. A lot of that was because I was scared of not being good. However, sports is one great place to turn this around. If you are in that position, you can work hard to become better and prove it. That's what gave me confidence, and not just on the court, also in the classroom and outside of school. I think this can go for a large majority of people. Also, if you join a team and you aren't the most talented or skilled, you can still do well if you just give it your all. As one of the captains of the basketball team, I would much rather have a player that has a lot of heart but isn't that skilled than a talented player with no heart.

As my last note, sports can also really change your social life. You can meet people you have never talked to that end up being really good friends. I got my best friends from sports. You can make such good memories doing dumb stuff before practice, on bus rides to games, and doing other things. These are all the reasons I think you should definitely play sports. Good luck with your new athletic career and take care.

Sincerely,

Sami C



Thanksgiving Turkey

By Ian Skinner, courtesy of allrecipes.com, Perfect Turkey

It's that time of year again, pumpkin pies, stuffing, and the oh-so good cranberry sauce. Oh and not to mention some Turkey as well. Now I know most of you are just as excited as me for this feastful holiday devoted to stuffing your faces with as much food as possible and undoing your belt to one hole looser, oh and maybe to give thanks as well a little too.

Well today I am going to help you to make the perfect Turkey and stuffing for this Thanksgiving.

Ingredients:

- 1 roughly 18 pound Turkey
- 2 cups of Kosher salt
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 large onions, peeled and chopped
- 4 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup dry white wine

Instructions:

1. Rub the turkey inside and out with the kosher salt. Place the bird in a large stock pot, and cover with cold water. Place in the refrigerator, and allow the turkey to soak in the salt and water mixture for 12 hours, or overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Thoroughly rinse the turkey, and discard the brine mixture.
3. Brush the turkey with 1/2 the melted butter. Place breast side down on a roasting rack in a shallow roasting pan. Stuff the turkey cavity with 1 onion, 1/2 the carrots, 1/2 the celery, 1 sprig of thyme, and the bay leaf. Scatter the remaining vegetables and thyme around the bottom of the roasting pan, and cover with the white wine.
4. Roast uncovered 3 1/2 to 4 hours in the preheated oven, until the internal temperature of the thigh reaches 180 degrees F (85 degrees C). Carefully turn the turkey breast side up about 2/3 through the roasting time, and brush with the remaining butter. Allow the bird to stand about 30 minutes before carving.

Stuffing

Recipe from epicurious.com, Simple is the Best

Ingredients:

- ¾ cup (1½ sticks) unsalted butter plus more for

baking dish

- 1 pound good-quality day-old white bread, torn into 1" pieces (about 10 cups)
 - 2½ cups chopped yellow onions
 - 1½ cups (¼" slices) celery
 - ½ cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
 - 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
 - 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
 - 2 teaspoons kosher salt
 - 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 - 2½ cups low-sodium chicken broth
 - 2 large eggs
1. Preheat oven to 250°F. Butter a 13x9x2" baking dish and set aside. Scatter bread in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake, stirring occasionally, until dried out, about 1 hour. Let cool; transfer to a very large bowl.
 2. Meanwhile, melt ¾ cup butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat; add onions and celery. Stir often until just beginning to brown, about 10 minutes. Add to bowl with bread; stir in herbs, salt, and pepper. Drizzle in 1¼ cups broth and toss gently. Let cool.
 3. Preheat oven to 350°F. Whisk 1¼ cups broth and eggs in a small bowl. Add to bread mixture; fold gently until thoroughly combined. Transfer to prepared dish, cover with foil, and bake until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the center of dressing registers 160°F, about 40 minutes.

DO AHEAD!! Dressing can be made one day ahead up to this point. Uncover the dressing, let cool, then cover again and chill. The next day, proceed with the final bake as described below.

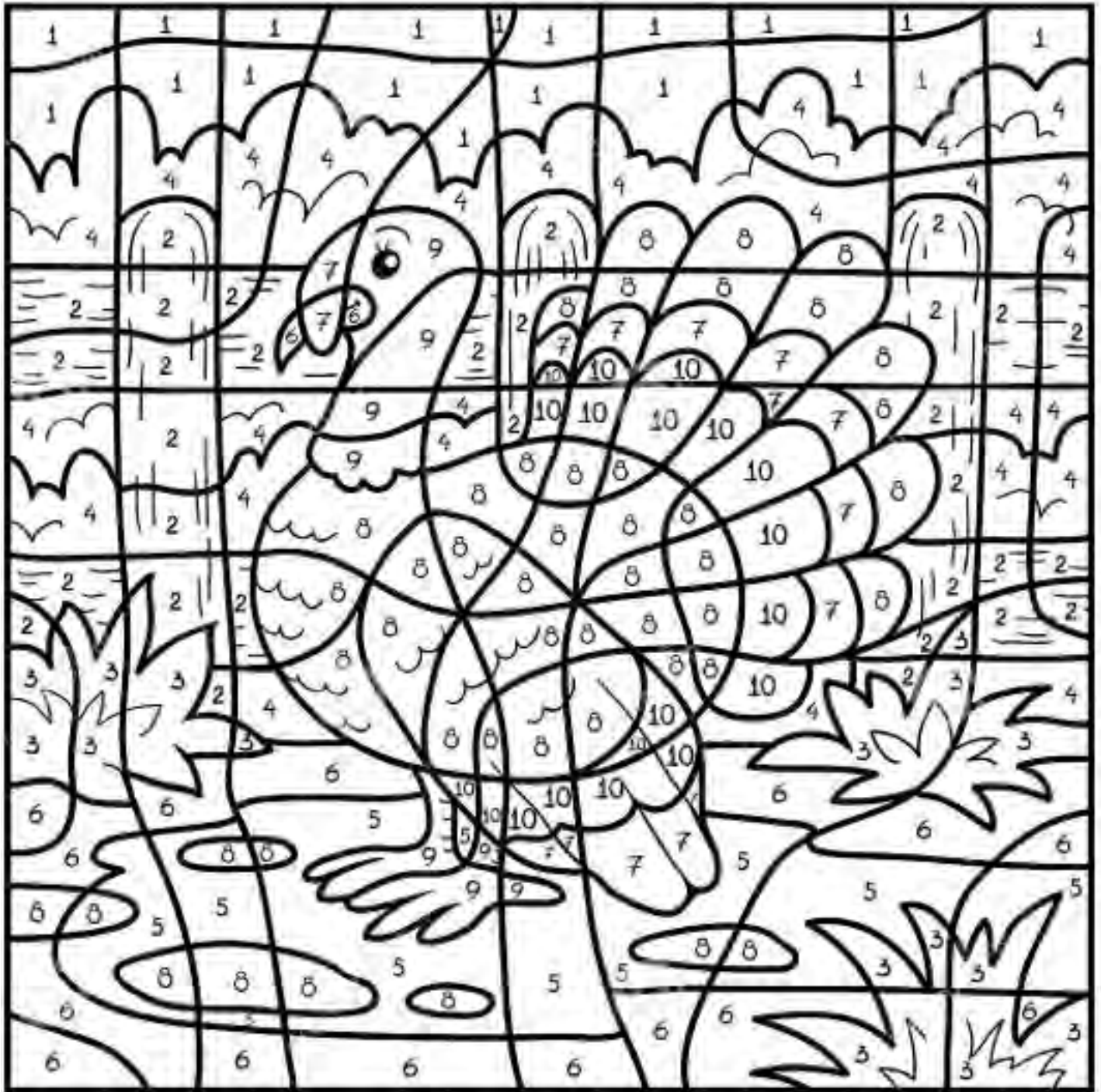
4. Uncover dressing and continue to bake until set and top is golden brown and crisp, 40–45 minutes longer (if chilled, add 10–15 minutes for a total time of 1 hour 30 minutes–1 hour 40 minutes).



Entertainment

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B4



1 - light blue 2 - gray 3 - green 4 - dark green 5 - yellow
6 - orange 7 - red 8 - brown 9 - pink 10 - black

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Thanksgiving Tier List

S	Macy's Day Parade, Stuffing, Pumpkin Pie, Basketball, No School, Charlie Brown Thanksgiving
A	Apple Pie, Turkey, Seeing Family, Mashed Potatoes
B	Black Friday, Listening to Christmas music the day after Thanksgiving
C	Thanksgiving Day Dog Show, Cranberry Sauce
D	Eating way too much food, Casseroles
E	Cherry Pie, Eating leftovers for the next 3 weeks
F	Thanksgiving dinner politics



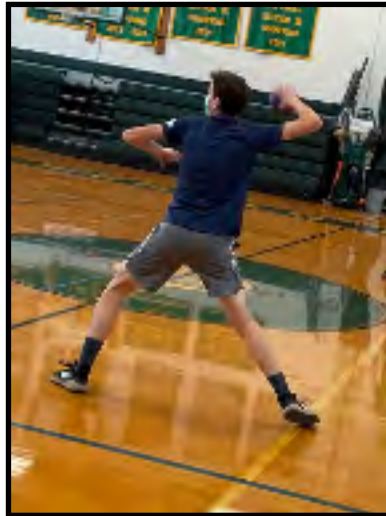
Bergen is the heir to the thrown

By Kyleigh Pearson

Bergen Linden is hands down the gym class Hero Of The Week, if not the entire year. Bergen gives max effort each and every day. In the soccer unit, he ran, on average 5 miles per class, just doing laps around his opponents and smiling while doing it. In the raiderball unit, no matter how Reynolds or LePage switched up the teams, Bergen was always on the winning team. Clearly, he's the common denominator (sorry Simpson.) In volleyball, perfecting the double punch to get the needed point for his team. Bergen is not only a fierce competitor but the epitome of a good sport. He has nothing but kind words for his opponents and his teammates. He is the first to help a fellow classmate up and say "good game," even if he lost, which doesn't happen often, according to Mrs. Reynolds.

Bergen is an animal and if you see him in the halls or class make sure to bow down because he is a king.

This ruler is also a great role model when it comes to wearing a mask. You will never see the monarch having his mask below his nose. Even when dominating in dodgeball, running back and forth, he still is cautious when it comes to mask wearing.



Bergen unleashing his true power



Bergen having a good time



Bergen diving into the wall to get the ball

Sports Recap

By Simon Klepeis

Fall sports at Hamilton have now concluded, following a sectional cross country meet at VVS this past Saturday. Both male and female teams finished third among section three, class D schools. Despite failing to advance to state-level competition, the cross country team had a very successful season. The team, led by Mr. Hanson and Mrs. Moats, captured the CSC championship in both genders, and had a number of participants named to the CSC all-star team. Hamilton competed in ten races, with the team excelling based on a collaborative performance from long-time cross country fixtures and newcomers. Waterville football also saw the end to a tumultuous season, ultimately succumbing to Sandy Creek in the first round of sectionals. Zach Lafrance and Ian Skinner played pivotal roles on this team, with the former being awarded the honor of playing in the senior game. With the end of fall sports, our school now begins the transition towards winter athletics and the festivities that go along with them. Basketball is scheduled to begin on Monday, November 15th, for both boys and girls. There is still plenty of time to prepare for the green mile and dive into your school spirit, as games won't begin until early December. For those who desire a less competitive activity, Ski Club will resume in the upcoming weeks. Regardless of your preference in extracurriculars, winter is always an exciting opportunity to engage with your classmates and celebrate the school we have the honor of representing.

Question of the Week

November 12, 2021



"I hate pie" - Molly Newman



"Pumpkin Pie. Easy" - Eliot Pendleton-Witherspoon



"Raspberry Pie" - Reagan Toomath



"Dutch Apple Pie with crumbs" - Ms. Mendez

What is your favorite Pie?

By Ian Skinner



"I hate pie" - Ms. Reynolds



"Pumpkin Pie" - Gavin Rutledge



"Apple" - Heather Foster



"Pizza pie" - Mr. LePage