

Hawk Happenings

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HAHS STUCO holds a charity basketball game

Hannah Kristiniak - 11

Hamburg Area High School and Hamburg Area Middle School's student councils coordinated to hold a charity basketball game on February 23 from six to eight in the evening. The basketball game was between middle school versus high school teachers. To gain entry, students had to pay \$5 or they could get in for free if they brought a canned good. Adults and other spectators could get in for a discounted price of \$4 if they brought a canned good. Student council was raising money for the Ronald McDonald House which uses donations to house families with hospitalized children. Half of the proceeds went to support this charity and the other half went towards the middle and high school student councils. There were also many clubs and organizations set up to raise money as well, including the jewelry club, gay straight alliance club, National Honor Society, and Leo club. The canned goods that were collected also went towards a good cause and were donated to the Northern Berks Food Pantry. At the end of the game, the high school teachers won with a score of 58 to 49.

Rowan Epting, a junior and a member of the student council, helped organize this event. She specifically helped come up with halftime games and raffle ideas, as well as facilitating the game. The student council at the high school has been planning this new event for about four months. During half-time, there were a lot of opportunities for people to get involved as there were a lot of raffle prizes and opportunities to play games. Rowan says overall the game went really well since a lot of people showed up and the outcome was great. She was happy to see that a lot of people donated and participated in the event. Her favorite parts were watching the halftime games, watching the teachers play, and helping run the popcorn stand. Rowan explained that some of the stands sold out of what they were selling because so many people came out and bought things at the event. Student council may turn this into an annual event since everyone seemed to really enjoy all the parts of the event.

The student council did a nice job of advertising for this event to get a good turnout. This advertising influenced me to attend as I was interested in all the things they had planned. Not only was the game entertaining to watch, there were so many activities planned out and so much went into planning this. I think that this event was definitely a success and it makes me happy that the student council planned something like this. I enjoyed watching the game and seeing all of the student council's hard work be a success.

SMART program continues at Hamburg

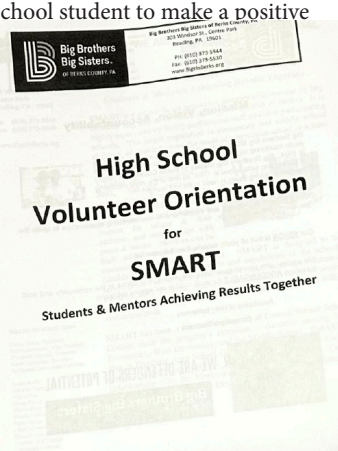
Hailey Quinn - 11

The Big Brother Big Sister program is a nationwide volunteer organization that aims to make a positive impact on the lives of young people. The SMART program is something that Big Brothers Big Sisters of Berks County offers. It is a school-based mentoring program that pairs children, known as littles, from the elementary and middle school with high school students, college students, or members of the community, known as bigs. The goal of the program is to improve a child's self-confidence, academic performance, and respect for themselves and others.

The SMART program has been at Hamburg for ten years. Students from the high school go to the middle school every Tuesday from 1:30-2:20. During this time students help their littles with their homework and then work on relationship and communication skills by playing games. Tia Adam, a sophomore involved in the program for two years notes, "My favorite part is helping the students with homework and then playing games with them after their homework is done."

The Big Brother Big Sister representative that oversees the SMART program is Crystal Almanzar, who has been involved with the program since September of 2023. She believes that the program is a wonderful thing to be a part of stating, "Being able to help younger kids in their academics and help them build their self-confidence is an amazing honor." She really enjoys getting to see the improvement in the littles, adding "They benefit so much from having a big that they can trust and talk to."

The SMART program is a fantastic opportunity for a high school student to make a positive impact on the lives of their younger peers. It is a fun and easy way to make a difference in someone's life and in the community. Tia Adam mentions, "It is a nice way to help out, bond with students, and if a student wants to be a teacher it is a nice program to be involved in." Not only does the program offer opportunities to make a positive impact, it also offers great learning experiences for anyone considering a career working with children. Crystal Almanzar suggests that she would highly recommend anyone that has a passion for helping others, and wants to have an impact on someone else's life to join the program. The program is always looking for more high school students to volunteer, so consider joining the program and making a difference! Visit Mrs. Ponter in the Virtual Learning Lab for more information about applying.



Teacher spotlight: Mrs. Kline

Hailey Quinn - 11

Mrs. Kline is a fantastic teacher in both the high school and the middle school. She is the concert band, jazz band, and marching band director, and she also teaches a music theory class. Mrs. Kline attended Penn State University for her Bachelor of Science in Music Education K-12 and Temple University for her Music Master in Oboe performance. She has been teaching for 13 years. Prior to her time in Hamburg Area High School, Mrs. Kline worked as a long term substitute at Hollidaysburg Area School District and the Altoona Area School District. She also worked as a substitute for State College Area School District and as an oboe teacher through the Music Academy in State College. She worked as a general music and choir teacher at Tilden Elementary before moving to the high school and middle school to direct the band.

It is often difficult to know exactly what to do as a career when the choice needs to be made at such a young age. Mrs. Kline expresses, "I knew I always wanted to be a musician, but I'm so glad that music education worked its way into my life. I'm grateful for the opportunity to teach students." The feeling is mutual among her students. Clayton Lash, a senior who has Mrs. Kline for music theory, concert band, jazz band, and marching band states, "She is so supportive of all of her students and is always there for you. She is also just so fun to have as a director."

Mrs. Kline's favorite thing about teaching is the connections she gets to make with her students and being able to watch them grow as musicians and people. As for the most rewarding part of her job, Mrs. Kline concludes, "As a teacher, you always hope that your work and passion for your subject is passed on to the next generation as it was passed on to you! Just knowing that there's a possibility that I might be contributing to that continuation of music... it's a good, rewarding feeling."

Mrs. Kline's hopes to pass music on to the next generation are coming true with senior Cadence Jalbert who states, "Mrs. Kline is super kind and understanding. She loves to share her passion for music with others. If it wasn't for her I probably would have never stuck this far with band or even have the thought of doing it in college."

Mrs. Kline is an inspiration to her many students and always tries her best to provide them with a welcoming and comfortable environment in which they can grow into fantastic people and musicians. Consider joining the band or taking Mrs. Kline's music theory class next year!



Students receive BCTC acceptance letters

Bella Kenyel - 9

Last week during President's Day, some students started to receive their acceptance letters to BCTC. Any student who did not receive their acceptance letter or got lost in the mail should go to Mrs. DelConte's office in the library. She will then contact BCTC and ask if the letter was sent to the right address, when it was sent, and resend the acceptance letter back to the student.

One student who is going into BCTC for Advertising Art and Design Technology is Meadow "Jayden" Henry. They chose this program for their BCTC career because they want to express their creativity and after highschool they will then use their experience from BCTC to create a sticker business. The day Jayden got their acceptance letter was February 15 and when they received their letter they screamed excitedly. If Jayden did not get accepted into BCTC, they would cry themselves to sleep and not try signing up again for fear of failing.

Another student who is going to BCTC for Law Enforcement is Riley Frantz. She chose this program for their BCTC career because it is her backup plan if being a forensic technician does not work out in the future, which she then easily can switch occupations and become a police officer. The day she got her acceptance letter was February 20 and she felt happy, excited, and a little bit nervous because this is a new experience for her. If Riley did not get accepted into BCTC, she would have given up because big events that she fails at make her feel disappointed in herself.

For students who want to sign up for BCTC next year, go to berkscareer.com and go to the drop-down that says "programs" and learn about what each program offers. When the time comes to sign up, go to Mrs. DelConte's office and ask about how to get the information that is needed.



Bob Marley: One Love review

Madison Redding - 11

Bob Marley: One Love came out in 2024 and is about the iconic reggae singer. Bob Marley was born in 1945 in Jamaica and became a global music phenomenon and an influential figure in reggae. His voice and personality made him a symbol of love and unity. Marley has created classics like, One Love and No Woman, No Cry. Other than music he addresses social and political issues, reflecting his commitment to justice and equality. His lyrics carried messages of peace and love.

The movie focuses on Marley's life, his rise to fame, and the struggles Jamaica faced. Its starring actors, Kingsley Ben-Adir, James Norton, Umi Myers, Anthony Welsh.

The movie starts with the sad side of everything he and the people around Jamaica went through and slowly builds up to him bringing the nations together. Ending with him singing One Love. He performs a peace concert in 1977 and shortly after he finds out he has melanoma which Marley tragically dies from in 1981. The movie shows how much he impacted everyone in his love for music. The Bob Marley: One Love movie had a budget of 70 million dollars and has brought in \$120.6 million dollars in box office. It was directed by Reinaldo Marcus Green and his family had a huge part of it.

As someone who watched the Bob Marley movie to hangout with friends. I have heard a select few songs from Marley and one being, One Love. I personally did not enjoy it although I believe if I had interest in Bob Marley and had more information on him and his family, I would have definitely loved it. Getting to see another side of Marley and his team like the behind the scenes and the best part of it all his family had a huge impact on the film and helped create the film.

For more information visit: [rottentomatoes.com](https://www.rottentomatoes.com) and [variety.com](https://www.variety.com).



Twist Again: 'Twister' (1996) Set to spin in 2024 remake!

Grace Cromyak - 11

Everyone is familiar with tornados and major weather scenarios, as well as the significant impact that they leave behind. The damage to people's homes, power outages, economic losses, environmental impacts, and psychological impacts leave people with anxiety about the aftermath of a tornado or a significant weather scenario. The famous 1996 film Twister covers all of those factors that would happen in an actual central weather scenario.

The backstory behind this is a girl named Jo Harding, played by actress Helen Hunt, who, at a young age, takes shelter from an F5 tornado that later kills her father, and 27 years later, she has then become obsessed with tornado chasing. Jo brings her invention, Dorothy, at the beginning of the adventure. This invention is explicitly meant to capture the measure of the tornado, and it captures the wind velocity. She and her team hope her invention can impact the study of tornados and the upgrading of warning systems.

The actors and actresses all play a significant role in the movie, and they all do a terrific job. There is no time in this movie where any of them could have played their role decently enough. Bill Harding, played by William Paxton, was in movies like Titanic (1997), Apollo 13 (1995), and so many other popular films.

Paxton is another main character who, in Twister, was married to Jo but got divorced and is expecting to get married to his fiance in the film, Melissa Reeves. She is new to the tornado chasing and the team, and she does not seem to be very comfortable with the whole routine since she appears to get severe anxiety and awkwardness. The other characters, who are the team members, are very devoted and enthused by the idea of chasing tornados.

The remake of the Twister movie is titled Twisters, and it will be released by Universal Studios and Warner Bros. Pictures on July 19, 2024. The film is in these genres: thriller, action, documentary, horror, and others. Those who enjoy these types of genres will enjoy this film. The film was directed by Lee Issac Chung from a screenplay by Mark L. Smith. The production of this movie started in June 2020 in the states of Oklahoma and Los Angeles, California. So others can assume that based upon the prolonged production of this film, there will be many more details to this movie rather than the original. The original has more fake graphic details of a tornado since technology back then was not as updated as it is today, so it will be interesting to see what the tornados will look like. For example, in the scene where Jo, Bill, and Melissa are on the bridge over the water, they appear to see sister tornados, but the tornados shown have a weird and awkward white outline, which looks pretty unrealistic.

The new film will cover all of the factors that the first Twister film had, but it will just be different actors. The star actors and actresses will include Daisy Edgar Jones as Kate Cooper, Glen Powell as Tyler Owens, Anthony Ramos as Javi, and some other characters. If some are familiar with Glen Powell, he has played in Top Gun: Maverick (2022), The Dark Knight Rises (2012), Hidden Figures (2016), and Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (2003). With these actors and actresses in this film, it could be better than the original film because of updated technology and better equipment.

For more information about the Twisters 2024 movie, go to [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twisters_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twisters_(film))

Or, go to [imdb.com/title/tt12584954/](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt12584954/) to view the trailer.



HAHS students' opinions on Uggs

Koa Binder - 9

People have been following fashion trends since the beginning of time, whether it was corsets, hair styles, or brand clothing. It is very common among teenagers to follow fashion trends ranging from the cutest water bottle to the best makeup brands to the most comfortable pairs of shoes. One of the latest fashion trends includes UGGs. They were invented by Brian Smith, an Australian who moved to California and have been around for 45 years and have had several popularity spikes throughout the years.

UGGs come in many forms. There are UGG slippers, UGG boots, UGG platforms, and many more. UGGs have been common for many years but seem to be making a comeback among the younger generations. It was on many young girls' Christmas lists and birthday wishes. The cost of the shoes ranges from \$80 to over \$200. The cheaper ones are mainly the slipper style UGGs while the more expensive ones are the more heavy duty boot type UGGs.

One of the reasons UGGs are so popular is because of how comfortable they are. On the inside is a furry type of material that keeps the wearer's feet very warm throughout the day while the outside is made from a sheepskin material. "At first they were itchy and I was confused, but eventually they weren't so I guess they just had to get used to my feet," Freshman Chesley Oviedo shares. Chesley asked for UGGs for Christmas and her parents obliged. Chesley got hazelnut Tasman UGG slippers and wears them many days throughout the week. "Honestly they look good with any outfit. If you put UGGs on, you're good." Chesley states. Chesley also believes that UGGs can also go with any season or weather, "People say don't get them wet, but I get them wet and they're fine." Since they keep the wearer's feet so warm, they would probably be best worn inside during the summer seasons. They can still be worn out, of course, but certain shoes might be better for the summer. For instance, the boots would probably not be best for the hotter months, but the slippers could definitely be a stylish shoe choice for any outfit during any season.

Student Kaylea Detweiler has two pairs of UGGs. "I have two pairs of hazelnut UGGs (Tasman and Scuffette house slippers)," Kaylea has a very diverse shoe collection and absolutely adores her UGGs, "I wear my other shoes maybe once per week, but I'll wear my UGGs however many times I feel like wearing them," Kaylea states, "Getting UGGs was the best decision I ever made. I would highly recommend getting them if you're thinking about it." UGGs are a comfortable shoe made for any occasion.

Though they can be a bit pricey, they are a good investment and worth saving up for.

Visit www.ugg.com for more information.



How students prepare for spring

Tia Adam - 10

As March is quickly approaching, so is spring and people prepare differently by spring cleaning or decorating.

Bethany Stufflet, she does not regularly clean for spring, but she hopes to start it soon. To begin it she would like to be able to start with cleaning out her school binders and backpack. Besides cleaning, she does not decorate too much besides some small items, and for activities such as egg hunts, her parents mainly do the work of filling eggs.

Another sophomore Allie Houck on the other hand does cleaning for spring. She and her family deep clean the whole inside and outside of their house. Their main thing is that they repaint their patio chairs. She also decorates in some way. Besides that she also has an egg hunt at her Nonna's house for her and her young family, and also for the adults of her family, which always ends up being entertaining due to her family's competitiveness.

One other sophomore Maddie Handwerk also cleans for spring. She mainly focuses on cleaning her room where she tidys up and goes through her clothes. Maddie also decorates her house a little bit with Easter decorations. Besides cleaning and decorating, she does not have any Easter traditions.

In comparison, Maddie and Allie both seem to have a tendency to clean in preparation for spring or decorate, and Bethany and Allie both share the tradition of egg hunts. Overall the preparation of spring for students seems to be relatively the same.



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