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> Katie Reilly and Katy Laurie scored goals and Taylor Moreno notched her seventh shutout of the season as the Huntington High School girls' soccer team topped Eastport-South Manor in an emotion filled game at Blue Devil Stadium, 2-0.

> The Huntington High School student government brought new color to Southdown Elementary by volunteering to paint the school playground.

> In a meet that went down to the wire, the Huntington High School girls' tennis team nipped John H. Glenn, 4-3 to win the Suffolk League II team championship with a 10-0 record.

> After nearly two years and the expenditure of about \$10,000, Thomas Kouttron's 1949 Oliver Row Crop Wide Front 88 tractor has been completely restored, becoming a crowd favorite at this year's Homecoming parade.

An Unforgettable Week

A New Dance, A New Spirit, and an End to a Homecoming Legacy

By Michelle D'Alessandro

Homecoming. It brings out the (Blue) devil in everyone. With spirit week as its intro, Homecoming is a flurry of events that electrify the school. It's almost impossible to not know about the big game or float night. The hype about who's going to twin with who, or who's asking who to the dance ensures that everyone ends up talking about the events.

This year brought an old tradition of the Sadie Hawkins dance to the high school. For those who knew that the theme of 'girls ask boys' is formally called Sadie Hawkins from that episode of Glee, I salute you. This flip of social anxiety from boys to girls has been around for

ages, and gives the guys of our generation a quick break from having to ask and the girls get a break from



waiting to be asked. With the tables turned, many girls took advantage of the opportunity to ask the boys

to the dance by making posters or having big productions. Some were happy to have this change in pace, while others believed that the school should stick to its usual methods. Either way, hundreds of students showed up to make something great out of a special Thursday night.

Leading up to the homecoming weekend was spirit week, where over half the school dressed up to show school pride (or for the bonus points). To kick off the week, each grade wore their designated

color. On Tuesday, comfort was priority as pajama bottoms popped up here and there, punctuated with a

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Huntington Pep Rally Roars to Life

The Blue Devils' Annual Celebration Did Not Disappoint

By CAITLIN KNOWLES

Homecoming weekend is an all-around exciting time for Huntington High School students. From float night to the parade and football game, there are tons of events and opportunities to get involved.

One of the most memorable parts of Homecoming each year is the pep rally. Although pep rally has traditionally been the kickoff of Homecoming weekend, that title was given to the Homecoming dance this year. Even with the change, this year's pep rally was more exciting than ever!

On Friday, Sep-

tember 19th, the hallways buzzed with an unusu-

ally high amount of energy and school spirit. In contrast to the normal exhaustion that students feel by the end of the week, there was a feeling of liveli-

ness and anticipation for

the afternoon's big event. Students clad in blue and

white apparel created

a peppy, spirited atmosphere in Huntington High School.

As the day went on, speculations only increased about the events to come later that day. What kind of dance did the step team prepare? Will Napoleon Dynamite return

to reprise his role from last year's pep rally? And, most frequently overheard, what does the fan favorite boys' soccer team have planned?

Finally, after much impatience, the end of ninth period arrived. Students anxiously waited for Mr. Cusack to call their classes down to the gym. When they eventually arrived, students were greeted by some catchy tunes from the pep band and hurried to find a seat in the packed bleachers. The excitement was palpable. Students on varsity sports teams met up with their teammates to observe the



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Huntington's Homecoming Highs

few furry onesies. Wednesday showed not only school pride, but national pride as the halls were filled with red, white and blue. We saw twins and even triplets on Thursday as look-alikes appeared everywhere, many wearing jeans and white t-shirts. And on the last day, school pride shown through as blue and white flooded the halls. Spirit

gathered to cut up tissue paper, staple, twist tie, arrange flowers, and make a work of art. There was even time for dancing in between. The had the lovable Nemo, the juniors showed their inner carpenter and built the colorful house from Up, the sophomores made a bright red Lightning McQueen from Cars, and the freshmen recreated the



week brought up the energy to new highs and made the first few weeks of school a little more bearable.

Float Night is one of those school events that's hard to miss—it's not only an event to participate in, but one to make something to be proud of. Every year, a theme is chosen to tie all of the floats together this year, Pixar made its appearance. Kids

Scare Floor from the movie Monsters Inc. The next day, Huntingtonians gathered to watch the Homecoming Parade, where the seniors won the float competition with the adorable small-finned Nemo, before heading off to watch the game.

Homecoming was an exciting week that kicked off the new school year and brought back what it means to be a

New Teachers Join the Family

Starting this 2014-2015 school year, Huntington has become home to many new teachers and guidance counselors. After the various retirements last year, Huntington has made great additions to the employee roster. Additionally, many teachers have joined the High School after working at Finley Middle School. Everyone joining HHS this year is excited to make it one of the best.

Two new guidance counselors have begun working at Huntington, Ms. Karina Thepenier and Ms. Jessica Sears. Ms. Thepenier is honored to help the students at Huntington High School. "Everyone has been welcoming and I am thrilled to be working with students, teachers, administrators, and parents whom I so highly regard. It is my hope to support and encourage students to strive for their personal best," she said. Ms. Sears has come to Huntington after working at Brentwood school district for 6 years. She

said, "I'm very excited to be working here at Huntington. I hope to bring my experience with Brentwood to good use for the students."

Ms. Nicole Castaldo has returned to Huntington as the new orchestra teacher, after the retirement of the well-loved Ms. Leonardi. She was a student teacher at Woodhull in 2010, so she has some experience with Huntington students. Ms. Castaldo is very impressed with Huntington, and she said, "I am very excited to work with such an excellent group of musicians here at the high school."

After 17 years at Islip school district, Mr. Blaine Weisman is here as our new Mathematics and Science Chairperson. He observed the department for a month before officially joining the staff. About the staff here, Mr. Weisman said, "I have found a very competent, dedicated and hardworking faculty."

Mr. Timothy Witt said, "I am thankful for the opportunity to work

in a great community like Huntington and I look forward to having a long successful career at Huntington High School." Mr. Witt has joined the Special Education staff this year.

After teaching as a substitute for two years in the Physical Education department, Ms. Maria Canino is here to stay on the full-time staff, teaching both PE classes and Health, along with coaching the Junior Varsity volleyball team. Regarding her students, Ms. Canino said, "I hope to teach them different activities in a safe and enjoyable manner so that they will continue a physically active lifestyle."

This is only a small fraction of the teachers we gained for the 2014-2015 school year, so stayed tuned for the next issue, where we will be introducing a whole lot more. For the teachers - welcome to Huntington, and we hope you enjoy being Blue Devils!

By Leah Butz

Remembering Our Day of Blue Devil Pride

festivities before it was their turn to go on. Each sports team prepared a short dance act or performance to pump up the crowd. Then, athletes lined up and were introduced by grade by their coaches. Once the acts started to begin, the cheering was nearly uncontrollable.

The boys' and girls' volleyball teams opened the show with a combined dance act to get the crowd going. Girls' tennis also made a memorable appearance dressed in super preppy outfits. The boys' cross country team performed a rendition of Jump on It, while the girls' cross country team's performance featured running and cartwheels.

Next up was one of the pep rally's most characteristic dance acts: the step team. The group opened their act with a special appearance by Alex Alvarenga to add some cool dance moves, then continued with more of their classic dance style. The audience loved the performance, as indicated by the plentiful applause at its conclusion.

Even more interesting performances

followed to keep up the students' enthusiasm. Deviating from most teams' plans of making a dance performance, the varsity girls' swimming and

After that, the field hockey team performed a dance to Boss by Fifth Harmony. Next up was boys' soccer who, as usual, brought spirit and energy

Ground, and Fergalicious. Following this dance, the golf team gave a very unique and exciting performance featuring break-away golf balls, dancing,

and color guard gave a preview of their show, which, as always, was well-received by students and teachers alike.

Finally, the stars of Homecoming weekend were ready to enter. The football team lined up in the gym and the players were introduced one by one. Students were encouraged to come support the team at the Homecoming game the next day as they fought against Miller Place, and by the cheering and enthusiasm exuding from every audience member, it was obvious that the blue devils would have plenty of fans.

This year's pep rally was a blast for everyone involved, and it certainly generated plenty of pride and school spirit. Although the seniors will not be here next year, the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be counting down the days until next year's pep rally.

At the conclusion of this year's festivities, there was only one thing left to say: Go Blue Devils!

and one awesome dunk on the basketball hoop.

Shifting from the humor of the other dances, the Highsteppers performed an amazing routine showing off their complex dance moves. Even the marching band



diving team showed the school a model race. Nina Cartwright gave spirited comments as Caroline McCartney and Noelle Harvey raced to the finish line with paper waves in tow, leaving Caroline victorious at the end of the day.

to the atmosphere in the gym.

Several more acts also had performances. The girls' soccer team presented a well-choreographed and humorous dance to a medley of Lip Gloss, Pants on the

Los Problemas de la Inmigración Hoy Lucha por obtener fondos para los niños detenidos en la frontera

By LILY MORRIS

Con la cantidad de inmigrantes que vienen a los Estados Unidos, una gran parte de esos inmigrantes son niños. Se ha informado de que de esos niños, 46.000 son detenidos en la frontera.

Estos niños se quedan sin representación y son llevados a los tribunales. Recientemente, activistas y abogados han estado luchando por los fondos para pagar por la representación legal de los niños detenidos en la frontera.

Estos fondos no serían suficientes para ayudar a todos los niños detenidos en la frontera, pero sería suficiente para

pagar los 2.600 niños que actualmente quedan sin

hizo una declaración que este es un excelente co-

governador de California, ha financiado tres



representación. Kevin Appleby, director de política de migración en USCCB

mienzo, pero sólo ayuda a una minoría de los niños. Jerry Brown,

millones de dólares para pagar por los niños detenidos en la frontera y

este fue una gran ayuda.

Muchos niños que vienen a los Estados Unidos para ser con su familia todavía tienen que ir a la corte, el problema es que ellos no tienen los recursos adecuados para ser representados de manera justa. Como resultado, muchos inmigrantes no acuden a sus audiencias en la corte.

Los niños inmigrantes no se pueden dejar de representarse a sí mismos, y se están tomando a través de cabildeo y activismo muchas medidas para garantizar que estos niños son atendidos adecuadamente.

The Troubles of Immigration Today Fighting for Funds For Children Arrested at the Border

With the amount immigrants that come to the United States, a large portion of these immigrants naturally are children. It has been reported that of those children, 46,000 are arrested at the border. These children are left without representation and are brought to court.

Recently, activists and lawyers have been fighting for funds to pay for legal representation

for children arrested at the border.

These funds would not be enough to help every single child arrested at the border, but it would be enough to pay for the 2,600 children currently left unrepresented. Kevin Appleby, director of migration policy at

USCCB made a statement

lent start, it will only help

a minority of children. It has helped however that Jerry Brown, governor of California, has funded three million dollars to pay for children arrested at the border.

Many children who come to the



United States to be with family still have to go to court, though they don't have the proper resources to be represented fairly. As a result, many immigrants do not attend their court hearings.

Immigrant children cannot be left to represent themselves, and through lobbying and activism many steps are being taken to ensure these children are taken care of properly.

El Editorial de Lenni: Nuestra Herencia Hispana

By LENNI JOYA

Para muchos es un orgullo el ser hispano hablante y pertenecer a una de las razas más multiculturales. Todas las personas que por sus venas corre sangre latina deben de sentirse únicos, por ser hispanos. Es cierto que nos encontramos en un país en el cual somos minorías, pero esto no los debe de ser obstáculos para demostrar lo que somos, y de donde nuestra raíces provienen.

Cada día en la escuela y otras partes debemos de mostrar nuestro

espíritu latino. Nosotros somos amigables, introvertidos, únicos, inteligentes, entre muchas más cualidades. No te sientas avergonzado por ser latino, si no que todo lo contrario enseña todas tus características y cualidades. Ya es hora que le demuestre a todo el mundo, principalmente a los Estados Unidos que no eres cualquier hispano.

Así como el águila es hábil en su movimiento, tú también da a conocer que ya no solo somos una

minoría. El pasado, en el cual solo éramos ignorados ya quedo atrás, ahora es el momento del renacimiento para los latinos.

Todo se encuentra en tus manos, todos aquellos que lees este periódico, ustedes son el futuro, los jóvenes latinos. Nosotros no somos cualquiera, somos el futuro de los Estados Unidos. No permitas que los obstáculos te tiren al suelo, tú eres más fuerte que ellos.

Este mes y todos los días son nuestros, no

desperdicias oportunidades que se te pasen por enfrente. Has crecer nuestra raza y publica a toda la sociedad lo valioso que tú eres, un latino único y especial. Nuestro tiempo ha llegado, la era de los latinos.

Nuestra generación debe de ser el ejemplo para el resto de los estudiantes. La mejor herencia hispana que podemos dar es el ejemplo y buenos valores.

Demstrar que somos inteligentes y que tenemos potencial para dar. ¡A celebrar se ha

dicho! ¡Arriba los hispanos! Felicidades a todas esas personas que son un orgullo latino y que día a día nos enaltecen con sus logros.

También, felices fiestas a todos los que se sienten orgullosos de sus raíces hispanas, por supuesto a esos son todos aquellos estudiante de Huntington High school los cuales su herencia es hispana.

No olviden que todos los días somos latinos, orgulloso de nuestra raza y cultura. ¡Felices fiesta para todos los latinos!

2014 Apple Keynote Review

New Apple Products Will Take Huntington By Storm

By JOE SAGINAW

Apple CEO Tim Cook recently unveiled the new line of Apple products at the 2014 Apple Keynote in September. As expected, a new, larger, iPhone 6 was released as well as the newest software iteration for iPhone, iOS8. There were also some new developments at the Keynote, including the release of a very large iPhone 6 plus, Apple Watch, and Apple Pay.

iPhone 6

The new iPhone 6 was available for pre-order on September 15 and for purchase in stores on September 19. The iPhone 6 is not a significant hardware upgrade in comparison to the iPhone 5S, boasting few improved features other than a 4.7 inch screen compared to the iPhone 5S's 4 inch screen. The main difference in hardware between the two phones is the new A8 processing chip in the iPhone 6, which is apparently 25% faster and 50% more efficient than the A7 processing chip present in the iPhone 5S. The motion co-processing chip has also been upgraded from the old M7 chip to the new M8 chip, which can track horizontal and vertical distance with the new barometer sensor. The new iPhone also has near field communication (NFC) technology in order to allow payments through Apply Pay. The main upgrades to the iPhone 6 come in the form of software updates, including the ability to shoot slow motion video at 240 frames per second. The other major updates came through the general iOS8 software update. In comparison to the iPhone 5S, an 8 megapixel camera, a 326 ppi (pixels per inch) screen,

and finger print sensor are still used. The data and Wi-Fi antennas have been slightly improved to allow for faster network speeds. The iPhone 6 Plus has equivalent specifications to the iPhone 6, but

albums" organize photos in an efficient manner, and new editing tools have been added to allow for editing directly after photo taking. Messages have received a significant upgrade, and now

Health apps, such as activity tracker and heart-rate monitor, are now integrated with each other to allow for data to be shared between apps. Altogether, iOS8 is a general improvement on iOS7, but

Apple Watch

One of the surprises at this year's keynote was the release of the Apple Watch. Although the name is not the most creative to come out of Apple, the Apple Watch includes some interesting features and introduces a challenge to existing smartwatches on the market. The Apple Watch comes in three different styles: The Apple Watch, the Apple Watch Sport, and the Apple Watch Edition, which all come in 42mm and 38mm face sizes. The only difference between these three styles is the type of band that can be purchased with the watch, which varies from leather or stainless steel link to elastic sport bands. The iPhone interacts with the watch to display messages, calls, and keep time, which is automatically updated and is accurate to a 50 millisecond deviation from the accepted global time. Apple's smartwatch also is integrated with the health apps in the iPhone, and it has the ability to track steps and other statistics such as heart rate. This is possible due to infrared light sensors on the back of the watch which track the pulse rate in the veins on the user's wrist. The watch also features a Retina display and force sensing technology which has the ability to tell the intensity of taps or presses. In order to navigate through the various apps and menus on the Apple Watch, Apple created a navigation tool called the "Digital Crown," which allows users to basically scroll through screens and zoom in and out of apps. The watch charges through Qi wireless charging, which means there are no openings on the watch. Unfortunately, the smartwatch is not waterproof. Overall, the Apple Watch is a solid competitor to the existing smartwatches on the market including the various Galaxy Gear models and the Moto 360, but at a hefty price of \$349, Apple may be disappointed when the Apple Watch hits the market in early 2015.

Apple Pay

Both the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus have been equipped with NFC technology in order to expedite payment at stores using the Apple Pay service. This new service is almost identical to Google's mobile payment service, known as Google Wallet. Key differences exist between the two services and these differences may allow Apple Pay to gain wider adoption than Google Wallet did. First, Apple Pay does not require a user to unlock their phone; simply placing the phone on the NFC reader at the store will allow the payment to be made. Google Wallet requires that users unlock their phone and approve the payment. This also creates questions about security, but Apple has stated that no data transmitted during the transaction is vulnerable or valuable, and Apple also cannot see purchases that a user makes. Available at over 200,000 stores and compatible with large card carriers such as MasterCard, Visa, and American Express, Apple Pay may help to eliminate wallets and encourage mobile payment.

iOS8

As expected, iOS8 was released at Apple's keynote to be compatible with every iPhone from the 4S on. All iPads after and including generation 2 are able to receive the software upgrade,



as well as the 5th generation iPod touch. iOS8 brings general improvements in all aspects of the user interface, but introduces no new ground-breaking features. The photo library has been improved, so new "smart

improved and apparently has more learning capabilities than previous keyboards, and third party keyboard apps can be installed. iCloud now supports most file types, which allows for storage of documents, PDFs, and presentations if needed.

THE BABBLING BROOKS

By Jean Abecassis

Clear your calendars for November 7th and 8th. The Babbling Brooks, a play performed by talented students in this very school, is set to premiere then.

It's a play centered in the 1950's, where two members of the family are prone to gossiping about unsavory topics. These two people are the mother, who talks to her friends, and the daughter, who eavesdrops on her own mother. The daughter, whose name is Betty, hears her mother's exaggerations and old wive's tales over the phone, and writes the details in the neighborhood's gossip newspaper that she and her friends write, which is named "The Babblers." Two people, a man and woman named Julian and Carol, respectively, rent out the attic in Betty's house. Using a

microphone to spy on her mother's conversations, Betty accidentally hears a conversation from these new neighbors, who wish

maintain their normal lives, as well as prevent people from finding out that their newspaper only contains rumors and speculation, and nothing more.

Mr. Schwendemann has worked hard with the students in Drama Club throughout the years for the comedies and musicals, which include Into The Woods, Anne of Green Gables, and The Sound of Music. It's far from an exaggeration to state that the students who participate in this are more than experienced and already demonstrate a higher level of the arts.

Any fervent patron of the arts would appreciate this production, and any interested parties would highly enjoy this extravaganza on November 7th and 8th.



Social Studies Honor Society To Host Public Issue Forum

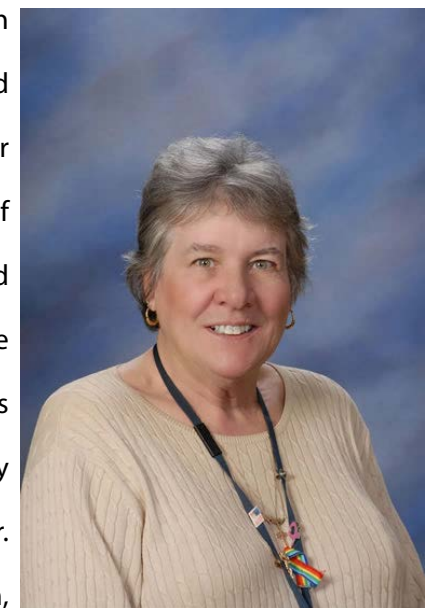
The Social Studies Honor Society will host a public issue forum discussion on October 28, 2014 at 7PM in room 140. Student panelists will be considering whether schools should prepare students for the 21st century economy, instill the values of citizenship



ists will be discussing the mission of public schools for the 21st century and will be followed by a breakout session where attending students can share their views. Students will be considering to promote democracy, or help individuals students develop their own talents. The event is open to the public.

The Class of 2015 is Ready for a Jeopardy Showdown

Mrs. Dillon, the school librarian, is viewed by many as a kind, generous person who reigns over an oasis in Huntington High School's harsh terrain. She's famed among students for being perhaps one of the most sincere and likable members of the school, but some bits and details aren't very well known about her. For example, her son, Patrick Dillon, was a contestant in ABC's well-known game, Jeopardy! And he plans to bring the game to our school! He and Mrs. Dillon have planned this event to be on November 12th's evening. The game will consist of 6 students and 3 teachers, and the game will be 4 rounds total. The students were picked by going to an exam on the 14/15th and performing the best among their peers. Three well-known HHS teachers, Mr. Schwendemann, Mrs. Hendricks, and Mr. Donovan will face off against six of Huntington High School's elite student minds- a battle of the ages, to be sure. The admission fee is 2\$, along with a can of food to donate to TriCYA.



The Cast

Nettie Brooks- the gossip mother- *Olivia Liepa*

Betty Brooks- The daughter and protagonist- *Rachel Carpenter*

Norma Brooks- Betty's sister and Nettie's daughter- *Nancy Fallon*

Homer Brooks- Nettie's son- *Andrew Gunthner*

Granny Brooks- Nettie's mother in law- *Ann Glackin*

Hal Weston- the new sheriff in town- *Kyle Meit*

Betty's High school friends:

Madge Moore- *Amara Ayler*

Don Stewart- *Kevin McConnell*

Greg Feeter- *Peter Ciccone*

Kay Cornwell- *Carolanne Buoniello*

Carol Kingsley- one of the two tenants- *Maddie Shea*

Julian Parker- the other tenant renting out the Brook's attic- *Patrick Lombardi*

Bobby Burns- a local newspaper reporter- *Declan Byrne*

Bessie Horton- Nettie's friend- *Mary Pullizoto*

James Alleyne, Jean Abecassis, Cassie Berwick, Leah Butz, Nick Castelli, Michelle D'Alessandro, Vincent Fredericks, Ann Glackin, Brandon Gomez, Taylor Haberkern, Will Harris, Lenni Joya, Anjali Kapur, Sarah Kitzen, Caitlin Knowles, Olivia Liepa, Daisha Melendez, Rachel Roday, Howie Schiman, Leah Thomas, Veronica Tonissen, Hanae Wada, Mashal Zadhan

Ms. Aimee Antorino and Mr. Edward Florea

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Why the Library Rules Must Change

By Nick Castelli

The library at Huntington High School has been one of the most populated and frequented places to go for students at the high school. Usually a place of refuge for bored study hall students, and place of convenience for many others, the library has proved to be the most popular place for students to get work done and chat with friends. But this year things are changing in the library. New rules and more

do their research and class-work on the computer, the high school needs an additional computer room for students to work in. I do agree with Mrs. Dillon on that topic, often the computer rooms can be booked or full and not be accessible to students who need to do work. This limited seating, in both the library and computer rooms has caused there to be a change in the way students view them.

sors speaking to a group of probably six or seven girls studying for a test together. As the assistant kept asking them to move, it seemed obvious to the girls and most people around, that it was completely unnecessary that the girls had to move. They were not bothering anyone around them. One word leads to another, and the assistant eventually brings in a security guard to settle the matter. Once it is explained to



strict supervision have come along for the 2014-15 school year.

In my four years of attending Huntington High School, I've visited the library countless times, as have most students here, for every different reason. Though it was not until this year that I noticed the library had taken a turn in the way it was governed. This year, I've noticed that the rules of the library are being enforced in a much more rigid way. It isn't the average, "Oh excuse me, can you please quiet down? People are working here" anymore. It's the "If you don't move your seat I'm going to have to get a security guard." This shift in tone has, to me, shown that the library has taken route towards becoming what an actual library is, a place where people go to study and get work done, and not a place to converse with their friends.

According to Mrs. Dillon, the head librarian, the reason for all of this is due to the massive number of students who occupy the library on a daily basis. She gave me a few statistics that I found to be quite surprising about the library. According to her, around 430 students sign into the library daily, adding up to about 8,000 monthly. This is attributed mainly to the fact that there are about seven study hall classes going on per-period. Mrs. Dillon went on to tell me that, because the majority of students

To most students and me occasionally, the library is seen mostly as a social place to go and interact with other students. Most students perceive the library to be a place to hang out on their off periods, and not a place to study. Ironically, study halls have become the best place to get work done. I've always found that is it more enjoyable to remain in the study hall class and converse with friends rather than go to the library and do it. Though I do not always follow this prerogative, that has been my preference throughout high school. Though, seeing as that most students do not share my inclination, it is clear that this has caused more problems for the staff than is necessary.

Unfortunately, as a result of this overloading of the library, the rules of the library have become much stricter. A major rule that has been put into effect limits the amount of people able to sit at a certain table. The rectangular tables may only have six students, while the round ones only four students. This rule, as I've seen first-hand, has not gone over well with students when it is being enforced, and also does not always solve a problem. For instance, about two weeks ago, I was sitting in the library at a round table with three other students accompanying me. While we were sitting, we noticed one of the assistant library supervi-

the security guard what is actually going on, the security guard settles the problem by telling two of the girls to simply move their chairs to the adjacent table, which was about two feet from their table. This situation is the essence of what is wrong with this new rule and why it should not be enforced so heavily. The people tasked with imposing it on the students don't even bother to enforce it because they know the students see no reason in it.

These new rules and procedures in the library have caused an uphill battle on both the faculty's part and the student's part when a battle is simply not necessary. If the school truly wishes to control the library more closely, than they should do what is necessary instead of implementing rules that are not followed. If they really wanted to make an impression on students about what is appropriate in the library, then they need to make it clear what is acceptable and what is not. Unless something changes, whether it is with the students themselves or the rules of the library, this dilemma will only keep getting worse. With that said, I think it's only fair that both the students and faculty cooperate with each other to sort this problem out. Do I have a definitive solution to this problem? No, but I do think it is time for a change to happen in the library.

Huntington Artists in the News

The NYSATA (New York State Art Teachers Association) sponsored New York State School Boards Association (NYS-SBA) Exhibit is an annual art exhibit that shares student artwork with members of local school boards at the School Board Association's annual conference. The exhibit is to honor and share the artistic excellence of art education in New York State.

Student work was collected back in June

and will be proudly on display at the Sheraton New York at Times square this October.

Huntington is proud to have two students participating in the exhibit for the first time this year. Artwork



and Aaron Feltman was

by Tateana Khokhar

selected from a large

collection of student artwork. A reception for students, parents, teachers, administrators and board members will be held on Monday October 27th from 5:00 to 6:30. District Member schools will

receive a seal of distinction on their students' artwork.

In addition, congratulations also needs to go to Ekaterina Koulakova. Her artwork was selected by NYSATA to be placed on the announcement postcard for their 2015 Legislative Student Art Exhibit, after being exhibited in the event last year.

Her artwork on the postcard will be seen by every district in New York State!

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

If you would like to submit a piece, contact Ms. Mohanty and email the PDF file to hhsdispatch@gmail.com, along with a brief artist statement that features your name, grade, and inspiration for the piece.



JUSTIN MEYER

As an eleventh grader, I'm approaching the dreaded onslaught of college applications, for which I must compose an impressive portfolio to stand out in the sea of applicants.

It is in Mrs. Mohanty's AP 2D class that I hope to accomplish this feat. Her class is a breath of fresh air, in that I have the freedom to develop my own artistic

style, while learning new techniques and skills.

My piece is the first of twelve in a series of conceptual car designs that I hope will appeal to my choice Industrial Design Universities. This piece was mainly inspired by BMW's Efficient Dynamics concept art, which shows how air glides around their concept car.



SARAH KITZEN

My name is Sarah Kitzen. I am in 12th grade here at Huntington High School. I am currently in Advanced Placement 2 Design and I am Ms. Piffard's intern. I have taken Intro to Photography and Advanced Photography.

This art piece was inspired by painting with light, I used a long exposure on my camera and took a flashlight to draw

the stick figure next to my friend Marina Siegel. I love photography; I enjoy learning new ways to take great pictures.

It is a lot of fun to be an intern in an Intro to photography class because I am able to help the students develop their work. I don't have a favorite artist because I enjoy all kinds of art and a lot of different styles.

Happy Haunting!

The Best Thrills and Chills for Your Halloween Night

By Cassie Berwick

Halloween is the time of year when everybody likes to be scared. During the month of October, haunted houses spring up all over New York. Haunted houses are an inexpensive way to have fun during the month of October. Long Island is known for their variety of fun and exciting festivals for the month of October.

One of the top rated haunted houses on Long Island is Bayville Scream Park, located in Bayville, New York. Bayville Scream park includes five thrilling haunted attractions. The fun yet petrifying attractions are Bloodworth's Haunted Mansion, Uncle Needle's Funhouse of Fear, Temple of Terror, Zombie Pirates, and Evil in the Woods! If you and your friends scare easily, I do not recommend attending Bayville Scream

Park. Bayville is a quick 20 minute drive from Huntington and is affordable. Therefore, if you and your friends are looking for something fun to do on a Friday night then I recommend taking a quick drive over to Bayville and enjoying the Halloween festivities at a cheap price.

On Fridays and Saturdays, the ticket office is open from 6pm to 12 midnight. On Sundays and weekdays,

the ticket office is open from 6pm to 10pm.

Another thrilling haunted house just waiting

scary. It was selected as one of the scariest home haunts In America by farnet.com. Another fun fact about this

fantastic haunted house is all the profits made go to charity. Its open on October 31st, Halloween, from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

Lastly, another scary haunted house to check out if you

York. This Halloween, take a journey into the darkest corners of your mind. The tales told and images seen will haunt your dreams. If you think you're scared of nothing, take a trip to Gateway's Haunted Playhouse and you may change your mind. You can purchase your tickets online at Gateway's Haunted Playhouse.com or call the number 631-286-1133 to see the dates the park is open. I recommend bringing an extra pair of underwear because this haunted house is no joke.

This Halloween season, the evil is spreading and the horrors are real. Therefore, if you're up for the challenge, visit these three thrilling Halloween parks and get ready to embrace the terrifying yet thrilling Halloween season!



TOP 10 HALLOWEEN COSTUMES THAT MAKE US SCREAM

By Rachel Roday & Anjali Kapur

It's that time of year again, autumn is here and with it Halloween is quickly approaching, but most of you probably still haven't purchased a costume. Maybe you don't have any good ideas for your outfit, or maybe you're tired of the boring costume clichés. Whatever it is, The Dispatch has got you covered. Here's a list of costume favorites, trends of 2014, easy DIY's, and a few original ideas you've never considered before.

1. *Frozen*

The Frozen craze is still going strong, making it the perfect time for you to be your favorite Frozen princess. Or maybe you'd like to dress up as the fun, lovable Olaf, or charming Christophe. You could even be the devious Hans... whatever it is, Frozen themed costumes are sure to be a hit this Halloween.

2. *Maleficent*

Released this year, Maleficent captured the hearts of many, so why not go your favorite evil queen? Just put on a stunning black dress and crown, grab a scepter to complete the look, and you're all ready to turn

some heads with your fabulous costume.

3. *The Hunger Games*

Katniss Everdeen, again? Absolutely. The Hunger Games series comes to an end in a matter of weeks, so why not be Katniss, or your favorite Hunger Games character, just one last time? For a new spin on an old idea, try replicating one of Effie Trinket's crazy outfits. And don't forget to wear your Mockingjay pin to celebrate the final movie.

4. *The Lego Movie*

One of the more crafty and creative costume options this year is inspired by The Lego Movie. Gather some cardboard boxes and make them into your favorite

Lego character, or, for a fun spin on things, make a Lego costume of yourself.

5. *Spiderman*

Spiderman cos-



tumes never go out of style, and with the new Amazing Spiderman movie, there's some fresh costume options. Aside from Spiderman himself, you could be one of his formidable foes, including

Electro, Green Goblin, or Sandman.

6. *Captain America*

Show some American patriotism and be Captain America! Have lots of fun wearing the red, white, and blue superhero costume, and don't forget the iconic shield. There are some cute Captain America dresses for any female fans out there too.

7. *Guardians of the Galaxy*

This movie makes you laugh, makes you cry, and now makes great Halloween costumes for you. Dress up as the fierce Gamora, the comical Star-Lord, or the charming Groot.

Either way, you can't go wrong with these modern hero costumes.

8. *Zombies*

Zombies are a timeless classic. They em-

body the blood, gore, and fun of Halloween. This year try being creative with your zombie costume. For example, you could be a zombie surgeon that likes eating his patients as much as operating on them.

9. *Minions*

Everyone loves watching these fun goofy guys, now you can be one for Halloween! Just wear a yellow shirt underneath overalls and put on a pair of swim goggles or science lab goggles to complete the look.

10. *Skeletons*

Drag your skeleton costumes out of the closet, this Halloween they're back in style. You can go with the classic skeleton or add a little twist, like a skeleton ballerina, or a skeleton pirate.

So what is your costume going to be this year? Will you be that funny costume that everyone laughs at, or the gory one that is truly terrifying? Whatever it is, make sure you have lots of fun with it and don't hold back! Happy Halloween!

CRITIC'S CORNER

Movie Review: Boyhood

Passing Through Childhood With Unparalleled Perfection

By KATIE DUVAL

Richard Linklater, who brought us the Before Sunrise trilogy, Dazed and Confused, and School of Rock, has once again created a memorable film. Created over the span of twelve years, Boyhood was filmed over the course of a few days every year starting in 2001.

Mason, the son of two young, separated parents, starts off around six years old in the movie. He and his older sister move back to Texas with their mother and begin to reconnect with their father. Their mother, played by Patricia Arquette, goes through classes, jobs, and relationships while she tries to provide for her children.

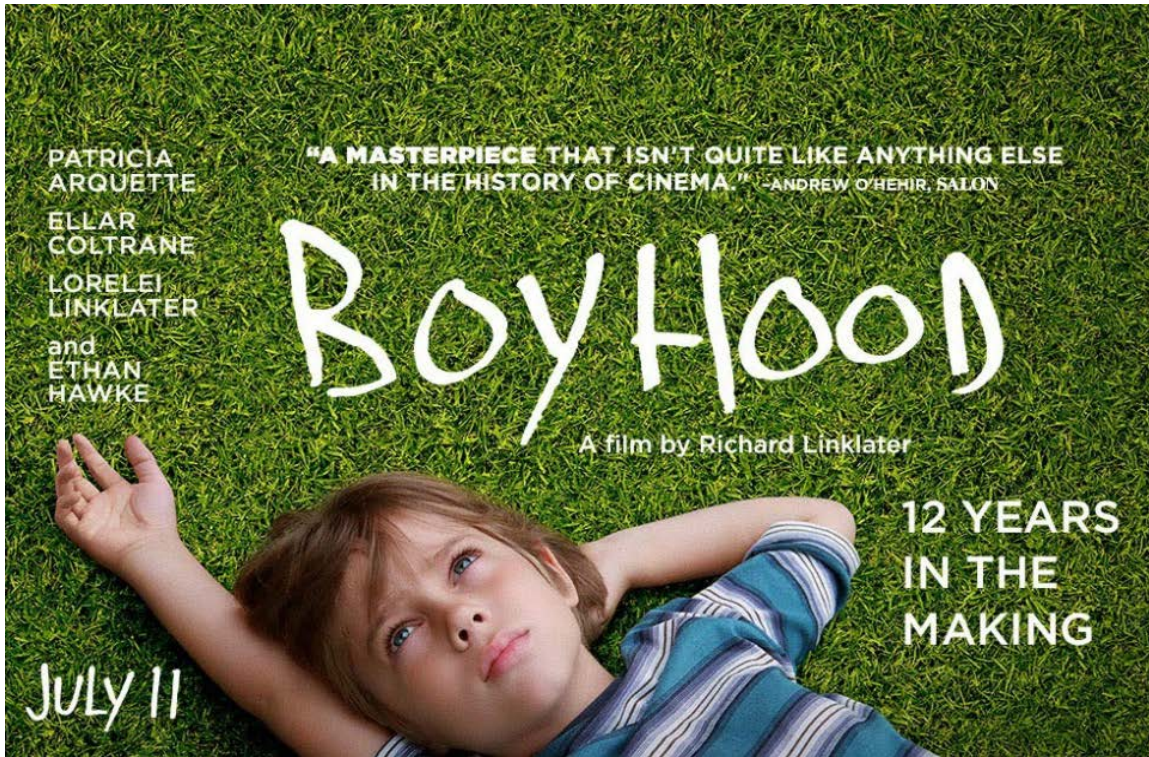
As the movie was filmed a few days out of the year over the course of twelve years, the audi-

ence effectively watch the characters grow up. Mason transforms from a six year old boy dealing with his family situation and

his skills as a photographer. Along the way, he learns about his role in his family, gets introduced to partying, and has his heart

of-age film or book has similar themes and events, executed at varying levels of effectiveness. Boyhood, however, stands out

wonderful. The transitions between the years are seamless. Linklater marks time with cultural staples; the beginning of the war in Iraq, Obama's first presidential campaign, and the original iPod serve to inform the audience of the year. By not clearly telling the viewers what the year is or how old the characters are at any point, the feeling of time genuinely passing is apparent. Though it's almost three hours long, the film never seems like it drags on. I could have easily watched another hour, since the characters were developed so well. Boyhood quickly jumped into my top five favorite movies. I highly recommend it.



trying to be there for his mother and sister into an eighteen year old college freshman trying to hone

broken.

This probably seems very familiar. Almost every other coming-

because of the craft of the filming. The experience of seeing the cast age over the course of the film is



What Other Critics Are Saying

"Unshakable, witty and deeply felt, the film will be paying emotional dividends for a long, long time." -Joshua Rothkopf, *Time Out New York*

"The good news is you're feeling stuff, you know? And you've got to hold on to that. You get older, and you don't feel as much, your skin gets tough." This remarkable, wonderful movie helps you remember. " -Rene Rodriguez, *Miami Herald*

"Linklater's film is very much its own hybrid creature. While the dramatic scaffolding is lightly drawn, it becomes apparent that Linklater has organized his material along certain themes, most notably that of the passage of time and the dream life of childhood." -Liam Lacey, *Globe and Mail*

"Boyhood isn't perfect, but it's an astonishing, one-of-a-kind accomplishment—and further proof that Linklater is one of the most daring, ambitious filmmakers working today." -A.A. Dowd, *The New York Times*

Scan this QR Code to watch the trailer



CRITIC'S CORNER

The Top 5 Horror Movies of All Time

These Films Are Guaranteed to Send Shivers Down Your Spine

By Taylor Haberkern

Whether you're someone who loves to stay up late and watch horror movies or spend most of the movie with your face in the pillow, this is a list of the top ten movies to watch Halloween night.

#1: *Nightmare on Elm Street*

Horror movie buff or not, the majority of people have heard of nightmare on Elm Street and Freddy Kruger. The fedora, red and green striped shirt and hands for claws along with the burned skin are all famous features of the dream killer. Whether you watch the new 2010 version or the classic 1980s version, both are good, and I can confirm this. The new version has plenty of jump-scares and special effects to keep you on your toes. The classic version has the original Freddy and cast including the famous Johnny Depp. But throughout both, Freddy has the same look and is still the dream-killing maniac we all know. A great movie to watch and to scare your friends with. Freddy's iconic song will resonate throughout your nightmares... One, two, Freddy's coming for you...

#2: *Friday the 13th*

Who doesn't know the hockey-masked killer Jason? Another good one for the buffs, like Nightmare on E.S, Friday the 13th consists of a classic and a newer version. I recommend the newer one though. You know the scenes in horror movies where the

girl just stands there screaming while the killer walks up to her and kills her? The classic has plenty of those,

#3: *Bride of Chucky*

Scaredy-cats can watch this one; it's more of



just look at the trailer alone. In the newer one at least they attempt to escape....attempt, not succeed. The killer who can't stay dead is featured in many movies where he seems immortal, being revived in various ways. Freddy Kruger even brought him back to life in Freddy vs. Jason. In the original, though, it's the sad story of a boy drowning due to careless camp counselors at Camp Crystal Lake. Then, on his birthday (you guessed it, Friday the 13th) he, now an adult, comes back....and he's back for blood.

a comedic approach to the slasher style of Chucky, the killer doll. The previous 3 movies were scary through and through, but if you cover your eyes and ears through a scene or two, you can see this thing and have a laugh or two. In this one, Chucky returns after his fate in Child's Play 3, (thus the ugly face only a mother could love) and Tiffany, his accomplice before he was a doll, finds his remains and brings him back to life with some good old, creepy, voo-doo magic. A warning to all scaredy-cats though, you might not enjoy

the scene of Chucky's first scene, it includes an Exorcist reference and a pillow used as a weapon. But a slightly

a Japanese classic, the movie is one of those that make you want to hide any of your old video tapes. Based around a cursed tape, whoever watches it has seven days to live before they die in a mysterious manner. The psychological horror will rely more on your fear to create the suspense and tension, trying to relate you to the plot, thus scare you. If you really get into the movie, it just might turn into the cursed tape... kidding, but better safe than sorry! Just go and bury those VHS tapes in the trash cans before watching the movie...

#5: *Poltergeist*

Another classic, with a remake in the works (2015), this movie revolves around ghosts and spirits of all kinds. Poltergeists are ghosts, except they act like annoying little siblings. They both make a lot of noise, move your stuff around and even break and destroy objects. The only difference is that the poltergeist can make your stuff levitate. In this movie, a little girl goes into another world and there are trees that will snatch you out of your bed at night. Another 80s movie, The Poltergeist has nice effects, and if you want to see the new version coming out soon, I always recommend that you watch the original first. Not a bad horror film, although it's mainly just a movie for the buffs and scaredy-cats to watch together.

#4: *The Ring*

You know the classic story of the cursed video tape? You watch it, you die? That's this movie. Scaredy-cats, do not watch if you have a fear of drowning. Horror movies buffs, get the popcorn and the comfy spot on the couch. An English remake of

Current Events: *The Hong Kong Protests*

Student demonstrators have littered the streets of Hong Kong for the past few weeks, setting up barricades and occupying business areas in an attempt to gain more political freedom. Originally in the thousands, the protestors have dwindled to only a few hundred, and without one solid leader, demonstrators are not achieving what they seek. While most of the protests are student-led, others have joined the fight as well.

The riot began on September 28th, when

several thousand university students protest against the Beijing government and the lack of political equality. Currently, the only people who can run for political office in Hong Kong are those who are approved by a Beijing committee. Hong Kong residents want the ability to choose for themselves who their representatives are, and not have Beijing acting as an intermediary.

Despite the supposed failure of the protests, some student leaders, such as Joshua Wong, claim that the fight isn't

over yet. Even if the immediate action is over, the people are still unhappy with the ways things are now, and they will continue to have some talks with Hong Kong and Beijing officials.

The barricades are still up, angering many civilians in Hong Kong, especially taxicab drivers, who claim that they are unable to work with the streets blocked off. Hong Kong police officers have been attempting to keep peace between protestors and those upset by the demonstrations. The police

have also been trying to remove the barricades by way of raids on the protest "camps."

Videos have recently surfaced of Hong Kong police beating protestors, however some critics have claimed that the police are being relatively lenient, and the protestors are starting fights by throwing rocks and attacking officers. The videos, however, are very incriminating against the police, but Hong Kong authorities claim that these officers were removed from their posts and therefore the

government is not accountable.

Hong Kong was previously a British Dependent Territory under the rule of the United Kingdom for over 150 years before being handed over to China in 1997. After the handover, China claimed that it would begin following a policy of "one country, two systems," keeping Hong Kong with its capitalist economy while also running socialism in China's mainland.

By Leah Butz

The Sports Corner: NBA Preview

The 2014-2015 Season Will Feature Serious Firepower

By James Alleyne

The upcoming 2014-2015 NBA season is definitely going to be a competitive season. With trades, and transactions, along with free agents, and new contracts, each team on each coast is going to be playing for their spot in the playoffs.

But before we talk about winning the gold, we need to talk about the gameplay. Who's expected to be the dominant team in the Eastern conference? There is more than one answer.

The Bulls with a healthy Derrick Rose coming off a fantastic USA Basketball (2014) series, with defensive master mind Tom Thibodeau and their stellar lineup of shooting guards, power forwards, and centers, the bulls are projected to win

10 of their first 15 games of the season. The Cleveland Cavaliers have some nice additions to their roster as well, picking up LeBron

one of their star players, LeBron James, the team is still expected to do well this season. Each of these three teams are almost

Amare Stoudemire at power forward. The other two spots are open so let's see who wants it more.

Andrea Bargnani or Samuel Dalembert could start at center, while J.R. Smith, Iman Shumpert, and Tim Hardaway Jr. will compete for both the starting shooting guard position. Overall, the Knicks have plenty of offensive firepower and real potential to get a spot in the playoffs this year.

guaranteed to see a spot in the playoffs.

Carmelo Anthony and the NY Knicks are going to have to come through for New York this 2015 season. The starting lineup will almost certainly include Anthony at small forward, Jose Calderon at point guard, and

James (forward) and Kevin Love (center) alongside their point guard Kyrie Irving who was also on the USA Basketball team. After an upsetting playoff series with the Spurs last NBA finals, the Miami heat lost 1 of their Big 3 and now have Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh to rely on. Without



Boy's Varsity Soccer is Unstoppable

er, John Pagano, the team has prospered under his lead.

When asked about his team earlier this week in an exclusive interview, Pagano had nothing but positive things to say about where the team is at right now and where they are headed. "Fantastic" and "experienced" were adjectives constantly used by Pagano to describe his team.

"There is a lot of returning players with playoff experience that have helped the



new guys assimilate into the type of system we play," added Pagano. When asked about

his "go-to guy" in big situations, Pagano said there is no one on his team he would rather have on the field then senior captain Wilson Martinez. "He directs traffic on the field as our center midfielder. His injury (broken wrist) earlier in the season was projected

to hold him back, but the captain has looked sharp and doesn't ap-

pear to be showing any signs of lasting effects from his injury".

Pagano's praise didn't stop there. When asked who stood out alongside Martinez, his answer was firm. "Scott Gulizio. He's our sweeper, which is a new position to him, and he's just been phenomenal for us this year."

Overall, the entire senior squad has been stellar throughout this fall season, with many juniors looking to guarantee future successes once our current champions hang up their jerseys and, hopefully, a league championship trophy.

In short, the Blue Devils have a very

Predictions

Beasts of the Easts

1. Cleveland Cavaliers
2. Chicago Bulls
3. Washington Wizards
4. Miami Heat
5. Toronto Raptors
6. New York Knicks
7. Charlotte Hornets
8. Atlanta Hawks

Best of the West

1. San Antonio Spurs
2. Oklahoma City Thunder
3. Los Angeles Clippers
4. Portland Trail Blazers
5. Golden State Warriors
6. Dallas Mavericks
7. Houston Rockets
8. Memphis Grizzlies

entertainment this season will provide. From day one to the final game of the season, we can promise you'll be glued to your TV screens!



SPORTS

A Spotlight on the Soccer Squad Huntington's Varsity Stars Are Playing Like Champions

By James Alleyne

The Huntington boys' soccer team is off to an incredible start to what promises to be another outstanding season. The bad taste of last year's playoff loss to Central Islip still lingers in the mouths of the Blue Devil players. "We played a good game and it was hard fought but we came up short," said senior defenseman Stephen Shivers, regarding the playoff loss that sent the Blue Devils home early last fall.

This year proves to be different however and there is a certain swagger around the team. All the boys seem confident in their potential to win games, as they won or tied their

first ten matches. No matter the situation, whether the game was a blowout or a chal-

lenge that went down to the wire, the Blue Devils played their hearts out and came home proud.

One key game played by the Blue Devils this season was when they visited the East Islip boys team. They took

the match 1-0 as Olvin Palma notched the only goal for the Blue Devils. It was a grind of a game that had fans on the edge of their seats, especially when each team had impenetrable defenses. The 0-0 draw throughout most of the game had some fans in the stands incredibly nervous. However, senior captain Wilson Martinez said confidently, "We were never worried; we've got a group of guys that don't panic and handle pressure very well." That proved to be true, as the Devils scored a late goal to take the match.

Coached by Huntington High School English teach-



Junior Carlos Rivera has been one of Huntington's star players this season.

See "Boys Varsity" on page 11

The Blue Devil Marching Band is Awakening the Firebird

By HANAE WADA

The Huntington High School Blue Devil Marching Band's production of "The Firebird," by Igor Stravinsky, is on fire. The production is filled with memorable visuals, colorful flags, and extraordinary soloists that are hard to forget.

There are many different variables contributing to the show, like the band's upbeat music, the color guard's elegant spinning, the drum line's toe tapping rhythms, and the pit's variety of different instruments. Soloists included in the show are Hallie Raskin on mellophone, Amy Schmelter on trumpet, Savannah Richardson on clarinet, Dylan Delguidice on alto saxophone, Cindy Lopez on tenor saxophone, Alanna Harvey on flute and lastly, Julia Engle on oboe. Color guard soloists are Izzy Harman, Jose Salmeron-Zeron, Stefany Rubio and Leah Butz.

"This show is unlike any

other. It is very challenging and different and I am so proud of what the band has

accomplished. I am excited for what is going to happen next," woodwind captain and section leader Savannah Richardson states. The band has already completed six competitions that in-

clude Brentwood, Copiague, Walt Whitman, Sachem, Arlington, and Mineola. At



at Walt Whitman was right around the corner and the marching band led

ton, New York, the HBDMB enjoyed eating the famous apple crisp and winning a first place trophy, earning a score of 82.10. Last, but certainly not least, the band marched under the moonlight at Mineola, and won first again with 85.60 points.

Drum Major Megan Boyce comments, "The marching band has been doing really well so far. This group has never worked harder and we all want to succeed to the top. I have never been more proud of this band. We hope to fly high and place high at the championship."

The band has so far been undefeated and hopes to stay that way. The marching band's next performance will be their last, up in Syracuse, New York, as they will compete in the New York State Field Band Championship competition at the Carrier Dome. Best of luck to the Huntington Blue Devil Marching Band!