

# Red and Blue News

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Welcome to The Dale!

Our staff at the Red and Blue News presents- Volume 3 Issue 2! From the coverage of many exciting events, such as the Powderpuff fundraiser game and our homecoming, to current events and student opinions, you are sure to find something that keeps you interested! So, join us for a fun-filled edition guaranteed to make you smile!



# Chargers in the News

Congratulations to our Boys Basketball team and our MVPs on their performances at the Red Wallace Game against Elk Lake on Friday, December 1, 2023. With their win against Forest City in the first round of the Finan Tournament, the boys improve to 2-0 and played in the championship game at 8pm against Honesdale here at home.



# Chargers in the News



On November 29, 2023, our students in Grades 7-9 attended the Positive Youth Tour assembly, a program of empowerment, music, and dreaming big. Headed by 27-year-old Nashville performing and recording artist, Dani-elle, the Positive Youth Tour talks about anti-bullying, her own stories with bullying and how she got past it, following her dreams, and the importance of making responsible decisions in life. Following Dani-elle's talk, the students were treated to a concert by she and her band, and they had a great time!



Carbondale Area students were invited by the American Legion on November 8th to place yellow ribbons and American flags on 109 poles in downtown Carbondale to honor local veterans in observance of National Deployment month and Veterans Day. Thank you to these students for their efforts and a special thanks to all those who have served in our military.



Pictured left to right in the photo below: Front Row: Emma Perri, Madison Heenan, Kierra Borosky, Sadie Gardus, Savannah Rosar, Erika Hollis, and Vanessa Hill. Back Row: Mr. Carm Perri, National Honor Society Advisor, Preston Casey, Caden Brennan, Robert Waters, and Ms. Michelle Poyer of the American Legion, Post 221.

# Chargers in the News

On Saturday October 18, the 8th grade team of Evan Serkosky, David Boguski, and Sean Surace participated in Scranton Prep's Young Scholars Program. The competition challenges middle school students in a Jeopardy-like quiz bowl that put the Chargers against 19 other schools from Lackawanna, Wayne, and Luzerne Counties. "This was a challenging yet fun experience I got to share with my friends. It was different to compete in an academic competition rather than in an athletic competition," explained Sean Surace. Pictured are the three students and Ms. Samantha Masco, Junior High Science teacher.



Students of the Library Club made a quarterly visit to the elementary school to the kindergarten classes with holiday or seasonal books, crafts, and activity sheets. The reason for this club is to promote literacy and establish relationships with students.





# Meet The Custodians

By: Taylor Corrigan



## Scott Michalek

Scott has been working at our school since September 2014. He is a part of the Lead Utility. His favorite part about his job is being able to assist daily activities to solve any issues or problems that may have arisen. His extensive background allows him to be able to solve problems as they occur. Each day Scott begins by planning, organizing, and informing other maintenance staff members of what needs to be done throughout the day. He ensures to stay on top of all arising information and work as he is available for outstanding work orders. Scott also sets up special events and athletic events within our school.

## Mike McConnell

Mike has been working in our high school for fifteen years with great people, he states. His favorite part of his job consists of serving his community and watching the students grow up and mature throughout the years. Mike's day to day working depends on the time of the year, as is he could be working on different areas inside or outside the school. During the winter, Mike plows and keeps the sidewalks safe and clean for all when entering and leaving school grounds. During the spring, he works on our baseball field, cutting grass and general maintenance. Lastly, throughout the summer, he tends to prepare for the upcoming school year.

## Jeff McDonald

Jeff has been working at our high school for 18 years now. He works at night time for the maintenance for our school. He enjoys working with his coworkers during his shifts. During an every day basis, Jeff cleans the cafeteria, hallways, and locker rooms for the students. He is also available when any other necessities that may need assistance.

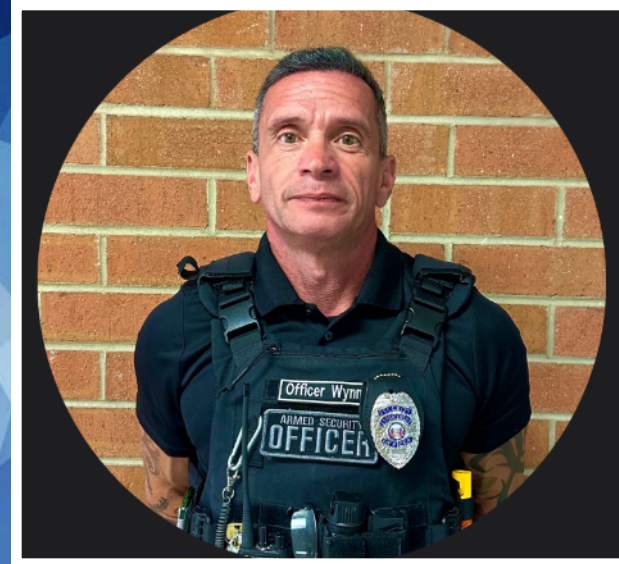
## Homer Pidgeon

Homer has been working at our school for thirteen years. He works what is considered the night shift. He enjoys planning events and ensuring that everything is clean and ready for school the following day. Every day Homer is pleased to work in his community that he's grown up in and lived throughout his life. He's joyful knowing that he most likely knows almost everyone's parents and/or grandparents.





# Meet Officer Wynn



*Why did you choose to work at Carbondale Area High School?*

I was asked by an employer, and I wanted to work at a high school.

*What does your job include?*

My job includes keeping students and staff safe on a daily basis. Also, crossing students at crosswalks.

*What do you like and dislike about your job?*

The thing I enjoy the most about my job is keeping the students and staff safe every day. I also enjoy being able to help wherever I am needed. It is also important for me to make contact with students who can talk to and trust me. I dislike when kids don't follow rules and regulations.

*What made you want to be a resource officer?*

I was informed of the position and what it consisted of by a state police friend and it interested me.





# The Day of the Dead



## The History

By Drew Balderas

This year, our Garbondale Area Spanish Club celebrated el Día de los Muertos, or “The Day of the Dead,” on November 2nd. It is a Mexican holiday celebrated to remember those who have passed on. In Mexican culture, it is believed that if no picture is put up in memory of a passed loved one, they will not be able to enter “The Land of the Remembered.” But instead, will be stuck in “the Land of the Forgotten.” So, typical celebrations of this holiday are usually focused around spending time with family members and remembering the good times shared with passed loved ones.

## At Garbondale

By Emily Grover

To celebrate the Day of the Dead, the Spanish Club held a fiesta in the school cafeteria. Students made and brought in different foods and deserts, like empanadas, quesadillas, tacos, pico de gallo, salsa, cookies, cupcakes, and more. Mrs. Gercken also set up an ofrenda, which is a table used to honor and remember the deceased, in the Spanish classroom. Members of the class and club brought in pictures of past friends and family, and different things they liked. Included were the four elements: water, wind, earth and fire. These were included to make the spirits’ transition to the afterlife as easy as possible. The glass of water represents water, papel picado represents wind, bread represents earth, and candles represent fire.

# VETERANS' DAY 2023

On Thursday, November 9th, 2023, at 9:00AM in the high school auditorium of Carbondale Area High School, students, faculty, staff, family, and veterans helped to depict the true perspective of the importance of Veterans' Day with the annual program dedicate to our service men and women.

The audience was welcomed by Megan Cosklo followed by the Posting of Colors by Jacob Berg and Thomas Seymour. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was performed by members of the Carbondale Area Band.

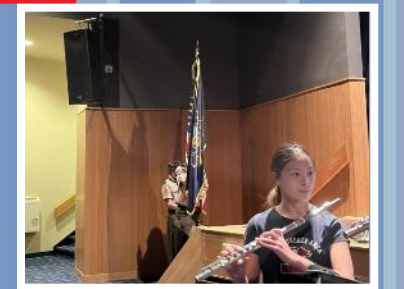
Cloie Greene and Ema Dobosh began by explain the importance of honoring Veterans. Students in Mr. Mauro's AP History class presented on the branches of the military: Army (Zach Staples), Navy (Kaci Bannon), Air Force (Rylee Colonna), Coast Guard (Margot Matoushek), Marine Corps (Jocelyn Brown), and Space Force (Natalie Skeba). Drew Balderas and Max Rosler spoke on the topic of what it is like to live in a military household while having parents who are deployed and moving from place to place. Kylie Kelly presented on the Congressional Medal of Honor. Mr. Robert Shlesinger performed the one man played titled, "The Last Thoughts of Gino Merli." His performance kept the audience captivated and informed on the life of the late Gino Merli and the heroism he showed when his company was attacked by a superior German force. He was able to fool the German soldiers into believing he was no longer a threat only to attack them again when they left him for dead. These selfless acts earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Students in Miss Dombrosky's Advanced Composition Class shared their written responses on the call to serve: "Heroism" (Cloie Green) and "Nothing Left to Lose" (Rylie Toolan).

Natalie Skeba serenaded the audience with "American Solider." Other musical performances that added to the atmosphere in the auditorium were "I Won't Back Down" sung by Dylan Ofner. As an added tribute, Ava Peregrin sang "Hallelujah-Veteran's Version."

To bring the ceremony to a close, Albion Nasufi played "Taps" during the Recess of Colors.

The simple saying of "Thank You" is one that every soldier should hear in order for them to know how much we are truly grateful for the sacrifices they have made in order for us to enjoy the freedoms we do every day.



# Why We Give Thanks

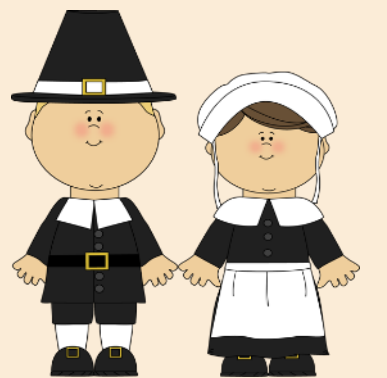


Thanksgiving in the United States is a time to gather with family and friends, share a traditional meal, and express gratitude for the good things we have in life. It can also be a time of service to others in the community. Celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving traces its origins to harvest festivals. We give thanks on Thanksgiving for a variety of reasons. Some of these reasons are for the food we are about to eat, the constant support from friends and family, as well as how fortunate some of us have it. Though some people do not know the real reason we give thanks, it is important to take a step back and see the big picture and ask ourselves why? Everyone has something to be thankful for. It could be something big or small, but it is important nonetheless. So from everyone here in Yearbook class, we wanted to remind you that we are thankful for every member of our Charger family!



Here are some fun facts about Thanksgiving:

- The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three day harvest festival.
- Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863.
- Thanksgiving football was initially a college tradition.
- Californians consume the most turkey on Thanksgiving.

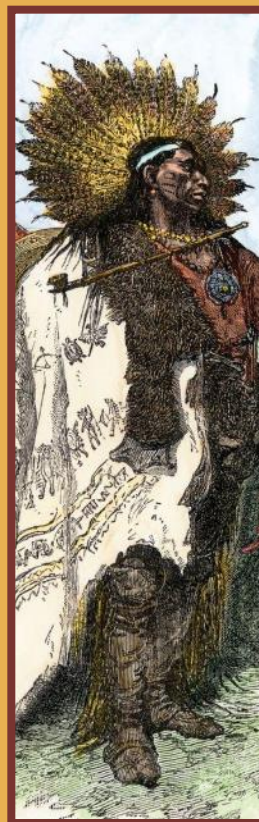




# The Origin of Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving began as a harvest feast observed in 1621 by Native Americans and pilgrims. It was an expression of gratitude for a bountiful crop. The Wampanoag tribe, who assisted the European settlers in the New World, hosted a three-day feast for the pilgrims. Although the specific menu for the first Thanksgiving is unknown, it probably consisted of a local fare including corn, fish, deer, and wild fowl. Although it wasn't a yearly event at the time, Thanksgiving set the stage for other festivities. Thanksgiving was declared a national holiday by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, and it is observed on the fourth Thursday of November. This was carried out during the Civil War to promote thankfulness and solidarity. Thanksgiving has evolved into a time when people get together with their loved ones and friends to celebrate life's blessings, eat a huge dinner, and give thanks.



# The Origin of Christmas



Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ and is observed on December 25th by Christians around the world. The word "Christmas" comes from the Old English phrase "Cristes maesse," which means "Christ's mass." The exact date of Jesus' birth is not known, but December 25th was chosen to align with the Roman festival of Saturnalia and the winter solstice, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness. Christmas traditions have evolved over time. The early Christmas incorporated elements from Pagan winter festivals, such as decorating trees and exchanging gifts, to make the holiday more relatable to non-Christians. We still do the same things today except we also hang and fill stockings and sing carols. The legend of Santa Clause, with his sleigh and reindeer, is based on the story of St. Nicholas, a fourth-century bishop known for his generosity and love for children. Christmas became a widely celebrated holiday during the Middle Ages, with various customs and traditions developing in different countries. It was later popularized by Victorian-era traditions, such as Christmas cards, caroling, and the Christmas tree. Today, Christmas is a time for families to come together, exchange gifts, and spread joy.



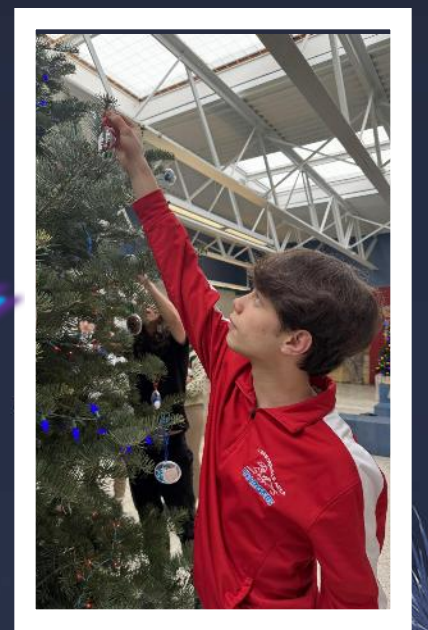
# Chorus Concert 2023



# SENIOR TREE LIGHTING

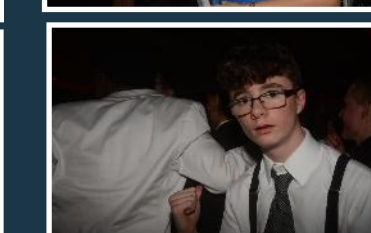
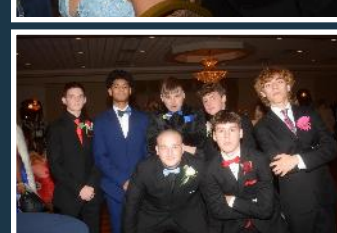
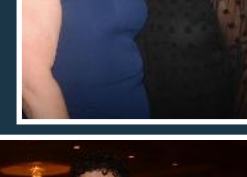
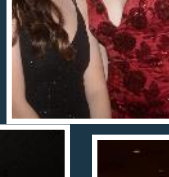
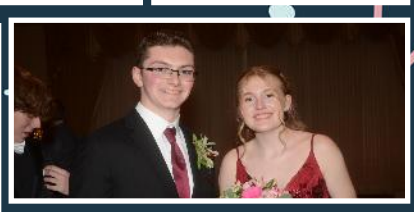
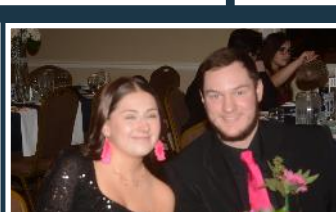
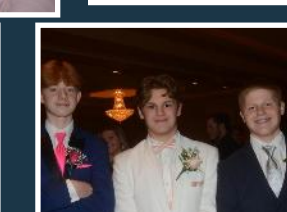
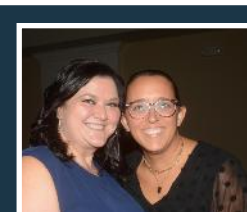
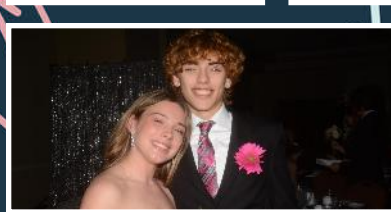
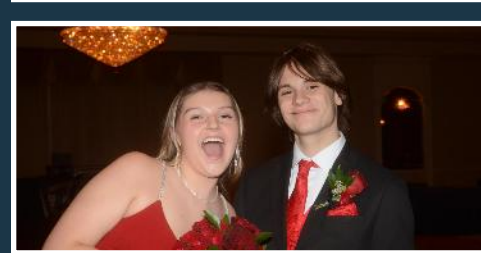
By: Kierra Borosky

On December 8th, 2023, members of the senior class gathered for the annual tree lighting. To add to the festivities and bring some Christmas cheer, the cafeteria staff served warm pretzels, hot chocolate, and desserts. At the completion of snacking, members of the Class of 2024 were given the opportunity to hang their personalized ornament on the tree in the commons area. Classmates showed their individuality by putting stickers of the sports they play on their ornaments or pictures of themselves. Most classmates were able to find a spot to put their ornament right away, but our own Tyler Donato added a flare to decorating the tree. He was determined to have his ornament the highest on the tree, so he put Preston Casey on his shoulders. Preston hung Tyler's ornament so that no one could reach it without a ladder. Once the decorating of the tree was completed, seniors were able to watch Christmas movies to continue the Christmas joy. The day was rather delightful and is sure to remain a memory that the members of the senior class will be able to cherish when thinking about their time spent at CA.

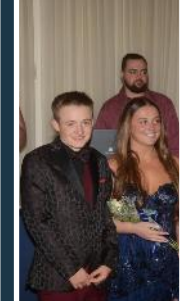


# A Snowy Night

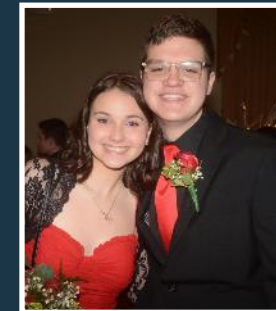
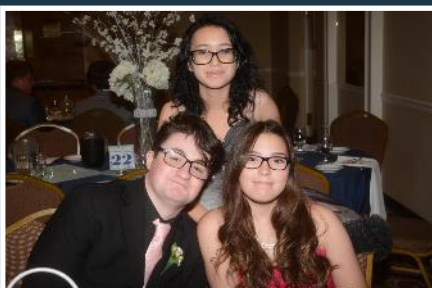
# Semi 2023



# A Snowy Night



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# What's On Your List

by: Jozlyn Santos

## For the Ladies

Candles-\$10  
(Depending on the Brand)



Books-\$14-\$30



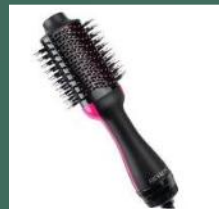
Oversized hoodies-\$15-\$70  
(Depends on the Brand)



Stanley-\$20-\$45  
(Depending on the size)



Revlon Hair Dryer Brush-\$32



Squishmallows-\$35 (Amazon)



Skincare Fridge-\$45-\$60



Record Player-\$50 or more



Tansman UGG's-\$110



Airpods Pro - \$200



## For the Gents

Graphic tees - \$10 - \$30  
(Depending on where Purchased)



Hoodies-\$15-\$70  
(Depending on the Brand)



Carhartt beanie - \$30  
(Depending on where Purchased)



Airpods pro-\$200



Shoes-\$50-\$300  
(depending on the Brand and where purchased)  
Oculus Quest-\$300



Nintendo Switch-\$320



X-Box Series X- \$500



Playstation 5- \$500

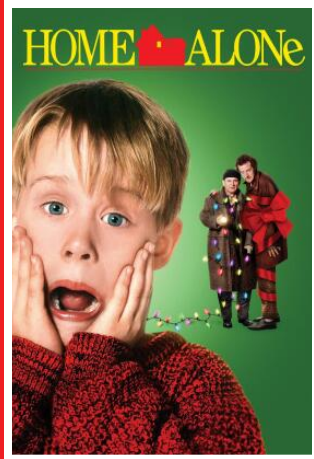


iPhone 15-\$800-\$1100  
(Depending on how much storage)



# Binge Worthy

By: Maureen Newcomb



This movie, directed by Chris Columbus, stars an 8-year-old boy named Kevin McCallister, Macaulay Culkin, who was set to go on a holiday trip to Paris with his entire family. By accident, Kevin was left at his home while his family made their way to the airport to head to Paris. At this point, Kevin was alone and had to fend for himself. While Kevin was living his best life, two con men by the names of Harry Lime, Joe Pesci, and Marv Murchins, Daniel Stern, planned to rob Kevin's house. This started a goose chase with Kevin making booby-traps to stop the con men from robbing his house as well as kidnapping him. In the end, it is a happily ever after Christmas when Kevin is reunited with his family!

Chargers Rating:



"How the Grinch Stole Christmas" directed by Ron Howard, stars Jim Carrey as the Grinch and Taylor Momsen as Cindy Lou Who. The movie follows the Grinch as he attempts to steal Christmas from all of the Who's in Whoville because he hates Christmas. Cindy Lou is a young girl who has a soft spot for the Grinch and has to go through many trials to encourage the Grinch to give Christmas a chance. Thought here were hardships along the way, the Grinch decides to give the idea of Christmas a chance. He loved it so much that his heart grew 10x its size. This movie is a classic and it brings home all the feels for the Christmas season. Watch it with your fam and remember your younger years!

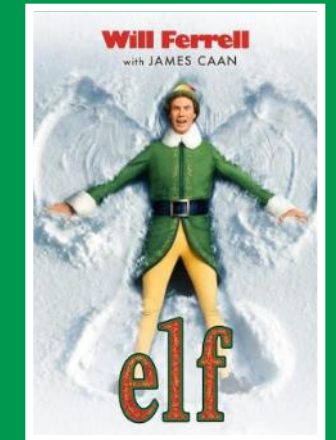


THIS CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MOVIE, DIRECTED BY JEREMIAH S. CHECHIK, REVOLVES AROUND CLARK GRISWOLD, CHEVY CHASE, TRYING TO HAVE A PERFECT CHRISTMAS WITH HIS FAMILY. THIS ALL GOES SOUTH WHEN CLARK'S COUSIN EDDIE, RANDY QUAID, AND HIS FAMILY SHOW UP TO STAY WITH THE GRISWOLD'S FOR THE HOLIDAYS. CLARK TRIES TO PLAY IT COOL LEADING UP TO THE BIG CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH ALL OF THE IN-LAWS, BUT EVENTUALLY HE SNAPS SEEING THAT THE CHRISTMAS BONUS HE WAS SUPPOSED TO GET WAS PHONEY. THIS PUTS THE DAY INTO COMPLETE SHAMBLES UNTIL CLARK CALMS DOWN AND DECIDES TO ENJOY THE TIME HE HAS WITH HIS FAMILY. IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THIS MOVIE, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

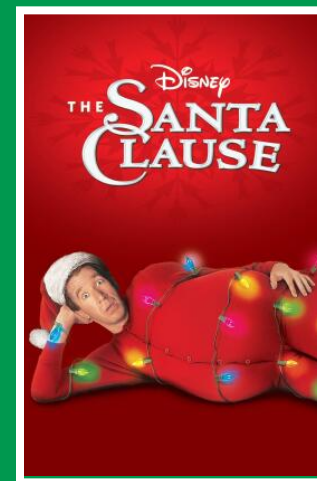
Chargers Rating:



In this record-breaking movie, directed by Jon Favreau. Buddy the Elf, Will Ferrell, is a human who was accidentally sent to the North Pole as an elf. As Buddy grew up and started talking to Papa Elf, Bob Newhardt, about his biological father, Walter Hobbs. Buddy knew he had to find his father even if that meant traveling to New York City. This movie follows Buddy's journey to find his dad, adjusting to the real world, and most importantly, saving Christmas. This is another movie to watch with your family and get filled with Christmas cheer. You won't stop laughing throughout this one!



In this Christmas classic directed by John Pasquin, Scott Calvin and Tim Allen, have an unforgettable Christmas. On Christmas Eve, Scott has custody of his son Charlie, Eric Lloyd, due to his divorce. They both heard a noise on the roof. They go outside to see what the noise was, and it was a man in a santa suit who had fallen off the roof and died. Scott and Charlie were transported to the North Pole that night and went back to the real world the next morning. Scott thought they were dreaming, but he started gaining weight and growing a white beard. Maybe it was not a dream and Scott really does need to go back to the North Pole to help save Christmas. Watch to see how this one plays out!



Chargers Rating:



In this adaptation of Miracle on 34th St. From 1947, a six-year-old girl named Susan Walker, Mara Wilson, is questioning the magic of Santa Claus. Susan's mother, Dorey Walker, Elizabeth Perkins, is being made to hire the Santa Claus to be stationed in Macy's for the Christmas season. She hires a man by the name of Kris Kringle, Richard Attenborough, who claims to be the real Saint Nick. Kris' claims are being met with comments and threats that would bring him to court to question his sanity in which Dorey, Susan, and a young lawyer, Dylan McDermott, Bryan Bedford, defend him in the court of law. This is another classic that makes it feel like Christmas. Turn on the tree lights and start your watching!



# Pinterest Your Interest! (Holiday Edition)

by: Alexander Mackey

## Honey Baked Ham



Find the perfect ham and trim it to fit slow cooker. Then, combine two tablespoons of melted butter and three tablespoons of honey and massage it into ham. Cook in a slow cooker on low for about four to five hours. Once finished cooking, heat boiler to high. Next, combine 1 ½ cups of sugar, ½ tsp of seasoned salt, ½ tsp onion powder, ½ tsp ground cinnamon, ½ tsp of ground nutmeg, ¼ tsp ground ginger, ¼ ground cloves, ¼ tsp paprika, and lastly a sprinkle of all spice. Once combined, put half of this mixture on top of the ham. Broil until caramelized, then remove from broiler. Cook down the rest of dry mix with three tablespoons of water. Then cook to a boil for about one minute. Pour over ham. Then broil again for another minute. Let ham rest for five to ten minutes and enjoy!



## Green Bean Casserole



For the topping. Blend four slices of bread, two tablespoons of butter, ¼ tsp of salt, and a pinch of black pepper. Once mixture looks like crumbs, mix in fried onions. Next heat oven to 425 degrees. Get a larger sized bowl filled with ice water. Boil two pounds of green beans as well as two tsps. of salt in a pot. Boil for about six minutes. Drain beans and immediately place them into the ice water and dry with paper towels. Then melt three tbsps. of butter in a pot. After, place a pound of mushrooms, three cloves of garlic, ¼ tsps. of salt, and a pinch of pepper. Cook for six minutes. Keep mushrooms in the pan and add three tablespoons of flour and stir. Add in 1 ½ cups of broth and cream, then cook to a simmer for 12 minutes. Add in green beans and place everything into a casserole dish. Sprinkle on topping and cook for 15 minutes. Enjoy!

## Cheesy Scallop Potatoes



First, preheat oven to 400 degrees and spray a casserole dish with nonstick spray. Slice up four russet potatoes into ¼ inch thick slices and cut an onion into rings. Neatly place onions and potatoes into casserole dish. Then, melt three tablespoons of butter in a saucepan. Once butter is melted mix in three tablespoons of flour and a half teaspoon, while stirring non-stop. After whisking, pour in two cups of milk until mixture is thick. Next, mix in 1 ½ cups of shredded cheddar cheese and stir for about 45 seconds. Pour cheese sauce on top of potatoes and cover pan with aluminum foil. Place in oven for about an hour and a half or until potatoes are tender. Lastly, broil potatoes until a golden-brown layer forms on top. Remove from oven, plate, and enjoy!



## Eggnog (Alcohol Free)



To start the egg nog, heat four cups of milk, 1 tsp of ground cinnamon, 5 five whole cloves, and a dash of vanilla extract. Once this mixture reaches a boil, immediately remove from the heat. Then, beat twelve large egg yolks, and whisk in 1 ½ cups of white sugar. Slowly mix the hot mixture into the egg yolks, pouring in about a cup at a time. Once fully incorporated, put the mixture back onto the heat and simmer until thickened. After boiling the mixture, use a strainer to remove all the cloves. Lastly mix in four cups of light cream, about two teaspoons of vanilla extract, and a ½ teaspoon of nutmeg. Lastly, refrigerate until cold. Enjoy!



# The Classics

## Peanut Blossoms



**Ingredients:**  
 1 3/4 cup flour  
 1 tsp baking soda  
 1/2 tsp salt  
 1/2 cup butter  
 1/2 cup peanut butter  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 1/2 cup brown sugar  
 1 egg  
 1 tsp vanilla extract

**Instructions:**  
 1. Sift together the flour, baking soda, and salt  
 2. Cream together the butter, peanut butter, sugar, egg, and vanilla  
 3. Once those are mixed, roll the dough into balls and roll them in sugar  
 4. Bake them for 10 minutes at 350 degrees  
 5. After baking, gently place Hershey Kisses into the cookies and put them back in the oven for about 1 minute

## Chocolate Chip



**Ingredients:**  
 2 3/4 cup flour  
 1 tsp baking soda  
 1 tsp salt  
 1 cup butter softened  
 3/4 cup brown sugar  
 1 tsp vanilla extract  
 2 eggs

**Instructions:**  
 1. Combine flour, baking soda, and salt in small bowl  
 2. Beat butter, sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla until creamy  
 3. Add eggs one at a time  
 4. Beat well after each egg  
 5. Gradually beat in flour mixture  
 6. Stir in chocolate chips  
 7. Bake 9-11 minutes on 375 degrees

## Snowball



**Ingredients:**  
 3 sticks butter softened  
 3/4 cup powdered sugar  
 1 tbsp vanilla extract  
 1/2 tsp salt  
 3 cups all purpose flour  
 2 cups chocolate chips

**Instructions:**  
 1. Beat butter, powdered sugar, vanilla extract, and salt in a large bowl until creamy  
 2. Gradually beat in flour  
 3. Stir in chocolate chips  
 4. Shape dough into 1-inch balls and place on baking sheets  
 5. Bake in preheated oven on 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes  
 6. Remove from oven, sift sugar over hot cookies  
 7. Let cool and enjoy

# Let's Be Creative

## Peppermint Blossoms

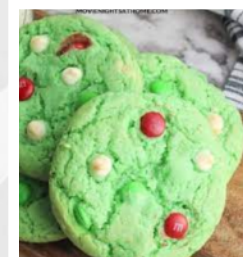


By: Ashleigh Arnese

**Ingredients:**  
 48 candy cane kisses  
 1/2 cup margarine  
 1 cup sugar  
 1 egg  
 1 1/2 sp vanilla extract  
 2 cups flour  
 1/2 tsp baking soda  
 1/4 tsp salt  
 2 tbsp milk  
 1 1/2 cup sugar crystals

**Instructions:**  
 1. Beat margarine, sugar, eggs, and vanilla until well blended  
 2. Stir together flour, baking soda, and salt  
 3. Add alternately with milk to margarine mixture, beat well  
 4. Shape dough into 1-inch balls, roll in red or green sugar crystals  
 5. Press candy cane kiss into center  
 6. Put back in oven for one minute

## Grinch



**Ingredients:**  
 1 cup unsalted butter, softened  
 1 2/3 cup sugar  
 2 large eggs  
 2 tsp vanilla extract  
 3-5 drops green food coloring  
 3 1/3 cups all purpose flour  
 2 tsp. corn starch  
 1 tsp baking powder  
 1 tsp baking soda  
 1 tsp salt

**Instructions:**  
 1. Combine butter and sugar in a large bowl and use an electric mixer to beat until well combined and light and fluffy  
 2. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition  
 3. Stir in vanilla extract and food coloring  
 4. In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, cornstarch, baking powder, baking soda, and salt  
 5. On a low speed, gradually stir in dry ingredients  
 6. Place mixture into a bowl and seal with saran wrap  
 7. Chill in refrigerator for at least 30 minutes  
 8. Preheat oven to 350 degrees  
 9. Shape dough into balls onto a lined cookie sheet and bake for 11-13 minutes

## Snickers Surprise



**Ingredients:**  
 2 sticks of softened butter  
 1 cup creamy peanut butter  
 1 cup light brown sugar  
 1 cup sugar  
 2 eggs  
 1 tsp vanilla  
 3 1/2 cups flour, sifted  
 1 tsp baking soda  
 1/2 tsp salt  
 2 packages mini snickers

**Instructions:**  
 1. Combine butter, peanut butter, and sugar using mixer on medium to low speed until light and fluffy  
 2. Slowly add eggs and vanilla until combined, add flour, salt, and baking soda  
 3. Cover and chill dough for 2 to 3 hours  
 4. Divide dough into 1 tbsp pieces and flatten  
 5. Place snickers bar in the middle and form a ball  
 6. Bake for 10-12 minutes



# Holiday Hits



By: Preston Casey

## "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree"

This is one of the most popular songs when it comes to Christmas. It was written by Brenda Lee in 1958. This song has a happy vibe to it, and it will put you in a great mood when listening. It explains what the day should consist of and how you should be feeling on Christmas Day. This is a great song to put on during the holiday.

## "Jingle Bell Rock"

"Jingle Bell Rock" is another great Christmas song. It was written by Bobby Helms in 1957. This song is a fast paced song with a upbeat rhythm to it. Throughout the song, it is describing what a wonderful time of year Christmas is and how exciting it really is. This is a great song to listen to with a group of friends.

## "Frosty the Snowman"

"Frosty the Snowman" is an iconic childhood song that everyone should know. It was written by Walter Rollins and Steve Nelson in 1950. This is a classic holiday song that should be on our holiday playlist.

## "Feliz Navidad"

"Feliz Navidad" is a great Christmas song that is probably listened to everywhere. It was written by Jose Feliciano in 1970. Feliz Navidad means Merry Christmas in Spanish. It's well known for being a merry song and should definitely be one of your holiday hits.

## "Holly Jolly Christmas"

"Holly Jolly Christmas" was written in 1962 by Michael Buble. This song is a holiday classic and describes how wonderful this time of the year is. If this song is not on your holiday playlist, add it ASAP!

## "Jingle Bells"

This is my personal favorite Christmas song. "Jingle Bells" is one of the best-known and most commonly sung American songs in the world. It was written in 1850 by James Lord. This song simply is just wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and should definitely be a song you listen to this holiday.



# Battle of the Doors



Mr. Barnett  
Room 109



Mrs. Cobb  
Room 134



Mrs. Mayne  
Room 130



Ms. Phillips  
Room 114



Mrs. Griebel  
Room 110



Ms. Masco  
Room 116



Mrs. Demchak  
Room 132



Mrs. McDonald  
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Mrs. Berry  
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Miss Lepre  
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Miss West  
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Mrs. Rasmus  
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# New Years

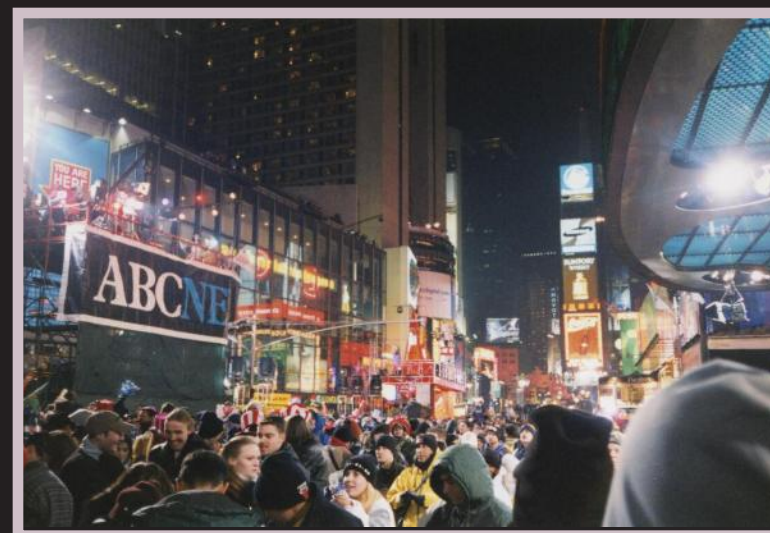
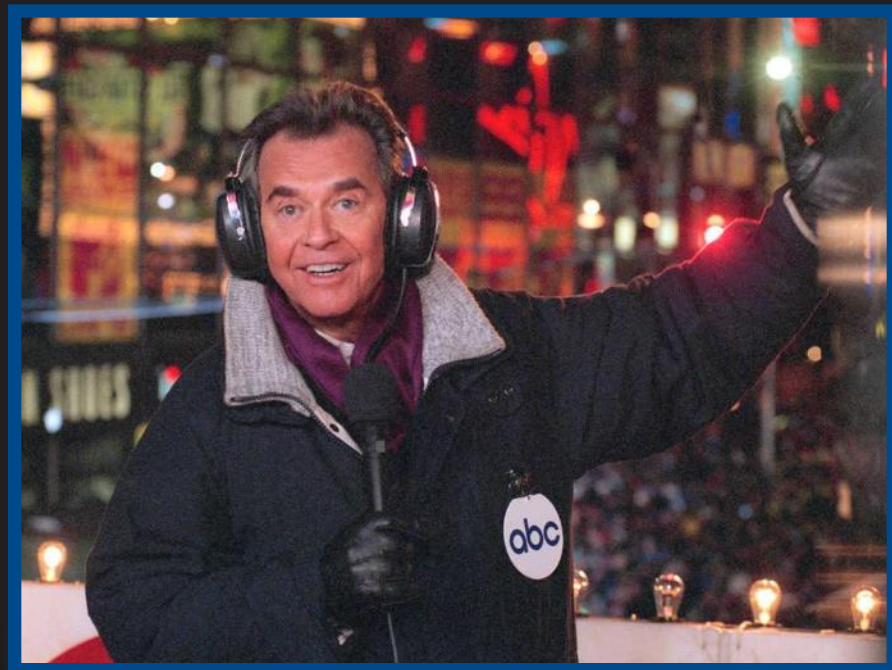
By: Nick Sopko



New Years is the beginning of a new chapter and a new year. The first New Years celebration dates back 4,000 years ago. Julius Caesar, the Emperor of Rome, was the first to declare January 1st as the first day of the new year.

Currently, a major part of celebrating this holiday actually occurs on the eve before. This day is celebrated by over 1 million people who watch the ball drop in New York City. New York City is home to Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve. Dick Clark started his New Year's Rockin' Eve back in 1972. Clark was the host for many years and Ryan Seacrest has been the new host for the past few years. The event has live music guests and is broadcast live on television for millions to see.

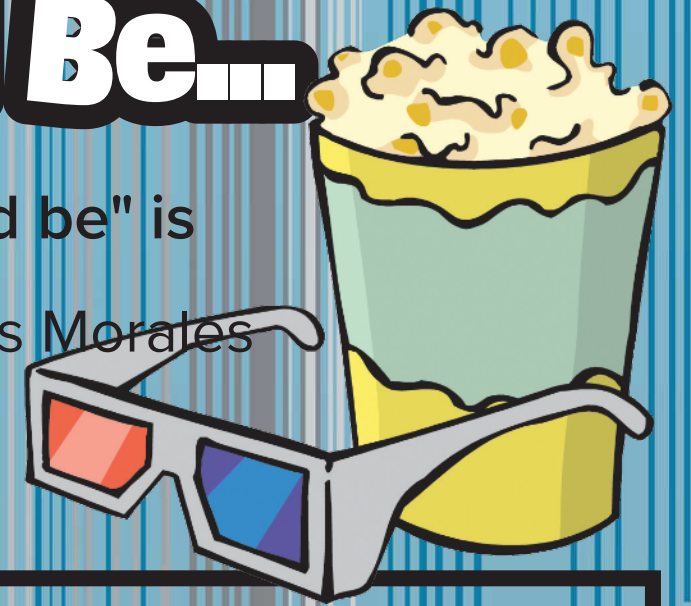
Once the ball drops, many people love to make resolutions. Common resolutions are eating healthier and going to the gym to exercise, be sure to make your resolution wisely. Sadly, most people will not see their resolutions through to the next year!



# If You Aren't Watching, You Should Be...

Everyone should be caught up with all the best movies. "If you aren't, you should be" is recommending all the must watch shows!

By: Dennis Morates



Grey's Anatomy- A medical and romantic drama centered around surgeon, Dr. Ellis Grey. Throughout the series, Meredith goes through professional and personal challenges along with fellow surgeons at Seattle Grace Hospital. The acting is the major draw for this series. Every character makes their scenes come to life!

Gilmore Girls- Fiercly independent single mom, Lorelai raises gifted, Ivy League-bound daughter, Rory amid a continual stream of quick-witted conversation. Gilmore Girls is a great show to watch because you will fall in love with the show as you watch the girls go through challenges, fall in love, and pursue their unique goals. The show has many small details that makes it come alive.

Goosebumps: Season 1- R.L. Stine's tales take on a life of their own in a series that combines original stories with adaptations drawn from the popular books. You should watch Goosebumps because of the great suspense along with the problem solving all throughout the show.

Greenhouse Academy- When teen siblings Hayley and Alex enter an elite boarding school, they find rivalry, romance, and a mystery related to the recent loss of their mom. Greenhouse Academy is an enjoyable and entertaining show to watch. Once you start watching, you won't be able to keep yourself from watching more. The cast is great, and they tell the story very well.



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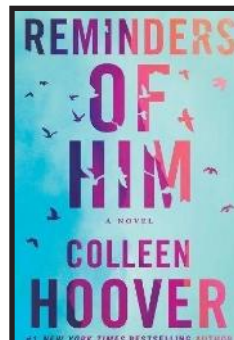
By: Dennis Morales

You - A dangerously charming intensely obsessive young man goes to extreme measures to insert himself into the lives of the those he is transfixed by. Once you start watching, you won't be able to stop. So before you start watching, make sure you have enough time set aside to watch an episode or five. The main character, Joe Goldberg is the kind of complex villain everyone loves to see in a show. The show is a clever inversion of the usual psychopath/ serial killer thriller. YOU also satisfies the cravings of those who love stories of crime, murder, love, passion, deception, and betrayal. If you haven't seen it yet, give it a try.

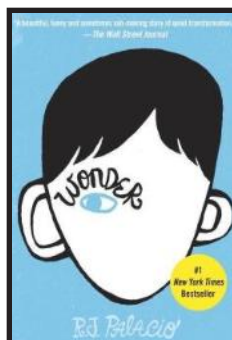
The 100 - This show is set 97 years after a nuclear apocalypse on-board a dying space station running out of air. One hundred juvenile delinquents are sent back to earth to see if it is habitable. On the ground, they are tested by the Earth, the secrets it hides, and most of all themselves. This is a show to watch because it is never predictable. Even after the third season, the adventures are still unpredictable. The constant traveling, epic discoveries, numerous battles, and intense power struggles keep it impossible from watching.

# What Should Be On Your TBR?

By: Delaney Strain



In Reminders of Him, after causing her partner, Scotty, to die in an alcohol-related car accident five years ago, 26-year-old Kenna Rowan was just freed from prison. She goes back to the city with the intention of getting back custody of her daughter, who is being taken care of by Scotty's parents, the Laundrys. The Laundrys are still grieving and furious over their sons passing. In the meantime, Kenna meets Scotty's best friend Ledger, who has been assisting the Laundrys in raising their daughter. In this emotional book about forgiveness and redemption, Kenna has to figure out how to make amends and what her future holds.



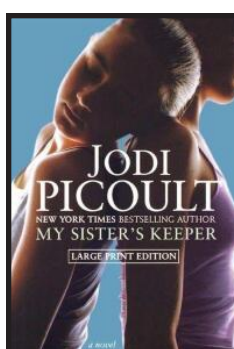
R.J. Palacio's delightful and motivational book Wonder was released in 2012. The narrative centers on 10-year-old August Pullman, a child with a facial deformity and follows him as he learns the value of kindness and acceptance while navigating the difficulties of attending school for the first time. Due to multiple operations and medical procedures he has endured, August, commonly known as Auggie, has spent his early years being home schooled. Auggie's parents, Isabel and Nate, agree that it's time for him to go to a mainstream fifth-grade school, Beecher Prep. Despite his awareness that his looks might cause people to behave differently, Auggie is eager but frightened as he enters the world of standard schooling. This book leaves you with all the feels. Get it and start reading today!



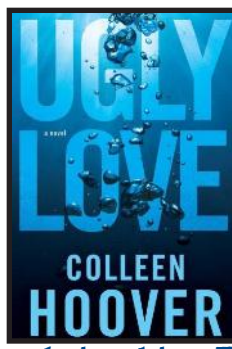
The narrative centers on 22-year-old Lily Bloom, who is dating successful surgeon Ryle Kincaid. Lily has fallen in love with Ryle, but when she finds out about his troubled history, she starts to have second thoughts about their connection. When Lily meets Atlas Corrigan, a dining establishment manager who embodies everything Ryle does not, her concerns are validated. Atlas helps Lily realize that she deserves better than Ryle because he is compassionate, understanding, and kind. Between her desire to be with Atlas and her love for Ryle, Lily is divided.



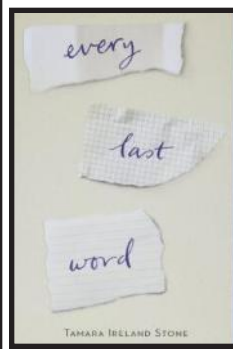
The events of It Starts With Us take place right after Atlas Corrigan and Lily Bloom's unplanned meeting on Boston's streets. Atlas decides to investigate a vandalism incident that occurred at one of his diners. Atlas decides not to call the police after realizing the vandal has stolen food and feels sympathy for the stranger. Lily finds it difficult to focus at work after her run-in with Atlas. Lily, a victim of domestic abuse, is concerned about Ryle's reaction to her dating again. Emerson, their young daughter, is shared by her and Ryle. This line of thinking overwhelms Lily, preventing her from rekindling with Atlas right away.



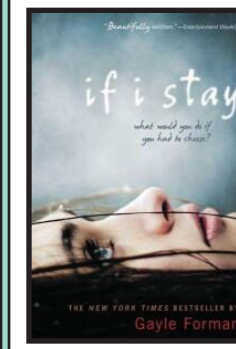
Upper Darby, Rhode Island, a fictional community, serves as the setting for the 2004 narrative. Kate, the elder sister of Anna Fitzgerald, has Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia, a malignancy of the bone marrow and blood. The reason Anna was born as a savior sister was so that she could donate Kate's umbilical cord blood and save her life. Although therapy works initially, Kate's cancer recurs throughout her life. When Anna reaches 13, she is informed that she would have to donate one of her kidneys since Kate is suffering from kidney failure. Normally, Anna is prepared to provide anything Kate needs. Both Kate and Anna would need to endure this significant surgery, which is not certain to be successful because the stress of the procedure could kill Kate, nonetheless, and Anna could have a catastrophic outcome from losing a kidney.



Tate Collins is a self-reliant and determined young lady who moved in with her brother in order to further her nursing profession. Miles Archer is a mysterious and attractive pilot who lives across the hall and has had a history of casual relationships. Even though they are initially attracted to each other, Tate and Miles are determined not to get involved emotionally. But when Tate consents to assist Miles in navigating his difficult feelings, fate draws them together. The story shifts back and forth between current events and flashbacks, gradually revealing the truth of Miles' emotional distance. Tate and Miles find themselves immersed in a chaotic and intense relationship when they start a no-strings-attached arrangement. Tate experiences a profound love, but Miles holds up his emotions because of a traumatic experience from his past.



Samantha "Sam" McAllister writes about living in a secretive existence in Every Last Word. She suffers from purely-obsessional OCD, a mental health condition that leaves her with depressing thoughts and compulsive activities. She puts on a confidence, makeup-covered shield because she doesn't want her "perfect" acquaintances to know about her inner struggle. Things start to get better for Sam when she meets Caroline, a unique student she had never previously met. Sam is introduced by Caroline to Poet's Corner, a secret poetry organization established for the misfits and outcasts of the school. Sam starts to discover her voice and she starts to write how she is feeling.



The narrative centers on 17-year-old Mia Hall as she navigates the fallout from a devastating car accident that claimed her family's lives. Mia is a survivor and the only one who is unconscious. But while in this coma, Mia experiences an out-of-body state which allows her to observe events around her, including the gathering of her loved ones at the hospital where she is receiving treatment. Between the world of the living and the world of those who have passed away, Mia finds herself caught. Mia understands that in order to make decisions for her future, she needs to consider her relationships and her history. She can choose to move on and escape the suffering of the life without her mother, father, and younger brother or stay with her grandparents and her lover, Adam.

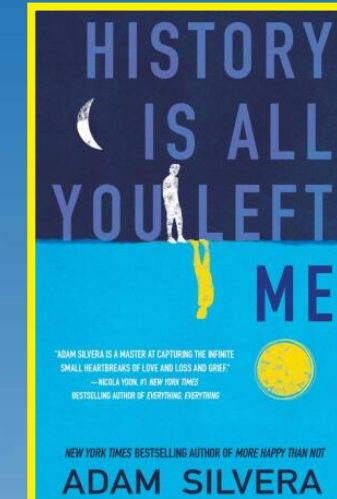
# Author Spotlight: Adam Silvera

By: Olivia Lawler

## The First to Die at the End

A prequel to They Both Die at the End, a continuation of the dystopian universe developed in the first book.

Recommended Audience- Sci-Fi fans who like a realistic and romantic twist.



## History is All you Left Me

A young boy with OCD navigates daily life after his partner dies, but he grieves in a unique way- narrating his everyday occurrences to his deceased lover.

Recommended Audience- Hopeless romantics craving a tragic love story.

## Here's To Us

A young boy on Broadway tries to regulate his feelings while navigating life in the city.

Recommended Audience- Theater lovers that enjoy a romantic whirlwind.



“Right person, wrong time” is currently one of the most popular book tropes on platforms like “TikTok” and “X.” One author that portrays this trope particularly well is young adult writer Adam Silvera. Silvera is the author of books such as History Is All You Left Me and the Infinity Cycle series. My favorite of his works, though, is the book They Both Die at the End. When first hearing about the book, many are quick to make fun of the blunt and spoil worthy title. This book, though, is far from a novelty piece. It centers around two young protagonists that reside in New York City that cross paths when the futuristic death predicting system that was recently integrated into modern life tells them both that they will inevitably die within the next 24 hours. This story is a tale of how time is not always in our favor and how to make the most of what time you do have left. If you enjoy books about young love with a dystopian twist and if you are ready for a cry, consider reading Adam Silvera’s books! You won’t be sorry!



## Infinity Son (Series)

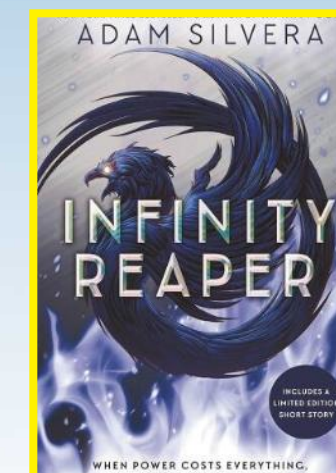
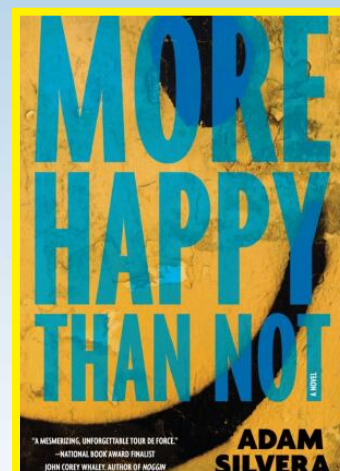
Revolves around two brothers who look up to a group of heroes that hunt down those that try and harm celestials or those with powers. When the brothers find out that one of them has magical abilities, they join the magical, and messy world.

Recommended Audience- Fantasy readers who yearn for lovable protagonists.

## More Happy Than Not

After his father’s suicide, a teenage boy finds his way in a dystopian world where memories can be erased.

Recommended Audience- Science fiction readers who want a down-to-Earth protagonist.





# What's on the Menu?

By: Maddie Zaccone

In Mayfield, Pennsylvania, there's a restaurant called Alexander's Family Restaurant where folks gather to eat, drink, and chat with friends and family.

People from all across our neighborhood can come to Alexander's Family Restaurants for a lovely dinner.

The go to APP is the mozzarella sticks. It is an order of five sticks with a side of marina.

When taking the first bite, the cheese is stringy and completely melted.

This is a great way to start before choosing your full course. #FORSTARTERS



Little Nikki's at the Ben-Mar is located in a former D&H Canal Company office building that was constructed in 1927.

The original Ben-Mar restaurant was founded by Benedetta and Marino Zazzera Sr. in 1963 and serves Italian cuisine.

The cheese ravioli topped with marinara sauce is the absolute go to order.

All meals come with a side salad with a dressing of Try the house italian dressing. It is very delightful.

The best part of the whole experience are the warm butter rolls that held you over until your food arrived. #BREADBASKET



McDonnell's was founded in 1969 by Bob and Robert McDonnell. It is a family owned restaurant located in Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

The go to order is the spaghetti and meatballs. It consisted of their homemade sauce, meatballs, and angel hair pasta.

This meal is perfect if you want to feel full and still have leftovers for lunch the next day

and it even reminds you of Sunday dinner at your grandmother's house. #SUNDAYDINNER



Since the 1940s, the Peanut Bar has been a Carbondale foundation, run by a family.

It has been under the Moran family's management since the early 1990s.

It is Carbondale's oldest and most established bar and grill. There's no need to change it up. Go with what's familiar: mozzarella sticks and pierogies. The orders come with six mozzarella sticks and a cup of marinara, and five fried pierogies with ketchup.

The cheese was melted and the sticks were crispy, which would made them a perfect appetizer for before your dinner!

The pierogies were crispy and the potatoes were completely mashed and creamy. #GOFORTHEAPPS



Pinky's Family Restaurant was established in 1953 and was originally owned and operated by Joseph (Pinky) and Mary Cerra.

At Pinky's you cannot go wrong when ordering their pancakes. They come with three pancakes, butter and a side of syrup.

The pancakes were light and fluffy. They are the perfect breakfast food to start the morning off with.

If you want to make your experience even better, order a glass of the chocolate milk! #YUM



# Student Trends

By: Elvira Marrero



## Trend #1

Wearing oversized clothes- Like baggy trousers, T-shirts, and sweatshirts- has been in style. Additionally, a lot of the younger generation enjoy mixing and matching fashions. For example, they might combine sneakers with a more formal look or a vintage T-shirt with modern jeans.

## Trend #2

The Cottage Cheese Diet- With over 380 million views on the #VeggiesWithMustard hashtag on TikTok, the mustard and cottage cheese trend has gained enormous popularity. This meal consists of sausage, raw veggies, cottage cheese and mustard. This diet has a lot of fiber, protein, and calcium.

## Trend #3

TikTok- Gen Z adores TikTok. This app provides a way for many to show their creativity or promote their businesses. You can also follow some popular trends on the platform such as dances, recipes, and more!

## Trend #4

UGG Tasman Slippers - Despite being out for a while, the UGG Tasman Slippers have gained a lot of attention as of October 2023. You won't want to take off these cozy slippers because they're warm and comfortable. Purchase a pair now, and enjoy wearing them all year long!

# TRENDING SHOES

By: Kierra Borosky & Anthony Byfield

Currently, the most popular shoes for ladies to wear are Birkenstocks, platform Tasman UGG slippers, and Chuck Taylor platform Converse's. What these three shoes have in common that women like so much is that you can wear these types of shoes for all different types of occasions and styles. Now you may wonder why these shoes are so popular...

Burks are very comfortable and easy to slip on, especially on a hot summer day!



Platform UGG slippers are also very comfortable and they tend to go with every outfit you try to style, while also being very popular for the fall season.



Chuck Taylor Converse gets a lot of attention and almost every lady has a pair of them. They go with every outfit and can be worn throughout every season.



In the end, Birkenstocks, platform Tasman UGG slippers, and Chuck Taylor platform Converse are the most popular shoes for ladies presently.

As for the gents, when it comes to footwear, the most popular shoes for gents to wear are Jordan, Nike, and Adidas sneakers. What these three types of shoes have in common that gents like so much is that you can use these types of shoes for multiple activities. You can use these shoes for sports like basketball and you can just casually run in them for a cardio workout, or can just increase your taste in fashion and wear them to suit your style.

Gents like Jordan shoes specifically because of sports since they are mostly known for being a basketball shoe.



The Nike Air Force 1s are the most popular sneaker to date. They are mostly known for their casual style and fashion because of their color combinations.



And lastly, Adidas are mostly known for workouts like cardio. To conclude, these shoes have made an impact to footwear that gents admire very effectively and beneficially.





# Current Events

By : Olivia Lawler  
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## Gaza In Crisis

The Gaza-Israel crisis continues as ongoing reports of violence in both areas multiplies by the hour. 297 individuals have been reported dead from the Palestinian side. Schools have become a main Israeli target, with multiple being destroyed by the soldiers. Alleged online sources have stated that approximately 400 United States citizens have fled Gaza as terror continues to ensue. As details of the war continue to hit the news, an informant shared that 16 of the employees at a Palestinian hospital were reported to be dabbling in terroristic ideologies for the group "Hamas" ( a large, violent terrorist group on the Palestinean side).

## Radio Station Under Fire

Radio station SiriusXM is under fire this week due to a lawsuit involving consumer swindles that force users to infinitely pay subscription fees, even if they attempt to cancel. New York Attorney General Letita James is filing this lawsuit, stating that it "forces its subscribers to call or chat online with an agent to cancel a subscription, then deliberately draws out those interactions as part of its strategy." The company allegedly informed employees to deny the right to cancel over the phone subscriptions, and to keep the costumers engaged in conversation to try and change their minds. One instance that was reported included an employee speaking to a customer for 40 minutes, though they excessively stressed their desire to stop giving the company money. At this point, the investigation is still under way, and James says to share any experiences with her team.



# Fact Or Cap?



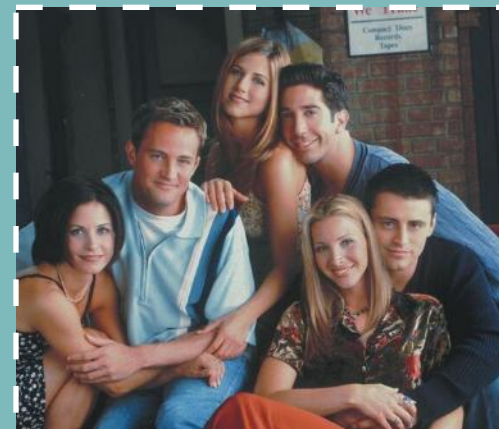
## Fact or Cap?- Did Harry Styles Actually Get a Buzz Cut?

We are here to set the record straight after a picture of Harry Styles went viral on X (formerly known as Twitter). Harry seems to have sat in the barber's chair and let them shave off all of his beautiful hair. Everything was true, as it turns out- Harry Styles got a buzz cut. Harry Styles' buzz cut is now regarded as historical. It all started with some unfounded reports that he had shaved his head. His fans got intrigued and began investigating. Later on, proof showed that he was, in fact, deprived of his distinctive curly hair. There were still no clear pictures until the singer's nail polish company, Pleasing, revealed one. This pop news has been proven fact!

College football is one of the biggest sporting events watched throughout the last months of the year. To start, there are hundreds of college football teams split up into multiple divisions. But, there is an overall ranking for college sports teams, and the top four teams will play each other on January 1st, 2024. The top four teams this year are No. 1 -Michigan, No. 2 -Washington, No. 3 -Texas, and No. 4 -Alabama. The Big Blue (Michigan) will be taking on the Crimson Tide (Alabama) in the Rose Bowl, and the Longhorns (Texas) will be taking on the Huskies (Washington) in the Sugar Bowl. The problem that came of this was everybody was sure that the Florida State Seminoles were going to be put into the top four with their 13-1 record on the year. They had a better record than Alabama, so it was thought that it should have been a given. When the news broke that Alabama made that top 4 over FSU, people were extremely upset. This means that FSU being in the top 4 for the college football playoffs has been proven cap!



In the baseball world, there has been a lot of talk about where MVP, Shohei Ohtani, will be taking his talent. Throughout this postseason, it has gone back and forth between a few teams like, the New York Yankees, the Toronto Blue Jays, L.A. Dodgers and even the Baltimore Orioles. Most sport's fans thought he would go to the New York Yankees to be paired up with the 2022 MVP, Aaron Judge. Talk had stopped about him going to the Yankees and picked up with him going to the Blue Jays. This was almost a guarantee when news broke that Shohei was on his way to have a meeting with the Blue Jays on December 8th. Until, on December 9th 2023, Shohei put a post on Instagram stating that he will be taking his talents to the L.A. Dodgers. This means the rumors of Shohei going to the Toronto Blue Jays has been proven cap!



## Fact or Cap- Has Matthew Perry Passed Away?

The adored actor Matthew Perry, who played Chandler Bing on the television series "Friends," has suddenly died. He was 54. The *Los Angeles Times*, citing law enforcement sources, reported that Perry passed away on October 28, 2023, in what seemed to be a drowning accident at his residence. Spokesman for the Los Angeles Fire Department, Brian Humphrey told CNN that at 4:07 p.m, a 911 call regarding a water rescue emergency was received. According to Humphrey, it is unknown which body of water that was. Unfortunately, this news has been proven fact!



# Sports Banquet



On Saturday, December 16th, Carbondale Area held its annual football and cheerleading banquet at Montdale Country Club. This banquet was held to show recognition of all players, cheerleaders, band members, and coaches. The evening started off with Coach Arthur welcoming everyone. Next, Ms. McDermott announced the marching band and gifted them an ornament. After that, it was time for the coaches to announce the individual awards for the football players and cheerleaders. Seniors, Kylie Kelly and Molly Kelly received "Most Valuable Cheerleader" award. Seniors, Emma Perri and Rylee Colonna won the "best friends award" along with Juliette Racht and Max Roslar. Senior, Max Roslar also won the "coaches award." Savannah Rosar won "most dedicated award." Juliette Racht won "the most spirited" award, and Saniya Henderson won the "most versatile" award. Then, Coach Arthur began to introduce the individual awards to the football players. Cody and Colin Ormes won the "Coach Jim Miller" award. Drew Balderas won the "academic athletic" award. Dominique Aponte won the "team spirited" award, and Senior Mitch Alexander won the "leg up" award. Coach Arthur then presented the "all star honorable mention" award to seniors, Cody Ormes and Mitch Alexander, juniors, Elijah Houdersheidt and Max Urbas, and freshman, Anthony Prince. To end the evening, Coach Arthur gave a speech and thanked everyone for attending.



# Unified Bocce

By: Gianna Perry



Bocce began as one of our school sports in the 2019-2020 school year. At first, the only teams to compete against were Abington Heights and Wallenpaupack. Our district already had a Unified Track team, so this was a good addition to our sports and clubs. Unified Bocce is all about inclusion, where students with and without intellectual and physical disabilities, can participate and help each other. The expectation is that friendships will be created through this entertaining activity. Bocce is a simple and strategic sport. It is a short-range game that consists of rolling a small, yellow ball, the pallina, and trying to get the ball closest to it. Whoever has the most balls closest to the pallina without having the opponent's ball intercepting, wins the round.



On Thursday, January 4th, the first unified bocce match of the season was held at Carbondale against Westem Wayne. During the first match, Carbondale won 4 to 2. CA also won the second match with a score of 8 to 1. The first round included Mason Nepa, Zachary Staples, Justin Reilly, and Hayleigh Campbell. The second round's team included Olivia Lawler, Leonard Demarco, Matt Serkosky, Allie Mandick, and Alan Parry. In the first game, the points were close, but the team members communicated and worked together to win the match. During the second match, Carbondale's team dominated with scoring every frame besides the second. In the end, the Chargers were the winners for the day!



**Spectators Guide to Bocce**

**Key Words**

- Team Roster** - Minimum of 6 and maximum of 8 players, composed of a proportional number of players with and without intellectual disabilities.
- Team line-up** - 8 athletes (4 players with disabilities and 4 without disabilities)
- Pallina** - Small ball (yellow or blue)
- Bocce Ball** - Larger balls (red or green) that are tossed at the pallina.
- In** - The bocce ball nearest to the pallina.
- Out** - The bocce ball that is furthest from the pallina.

**The Game:**

**Start of a Game:** The match begins with the flip of a coin between the captains of each team. The winner of the coin flip may have the first toss of the pallina and choose the color of the balls (red or green).

**Start of Play:** The team chosen to have first toss of the pallina has three tries to toss the pallina past the center line. Whether successful or not, they also roll the first bocce ball.

- > In indoor bocce, if the pallina stops 12 inches or less from the side wall, the official will move the pallina 12 inches from the sidewall. This is the only time an official will move a pallina.
- > The team whose bocce ball is closest to the pallina is called "in" and the opposing team "out." Whenever a team gets "in", it steps aside and lets the "out" team roll. The "out" team rolls until it beats (not ties) the opposing "in" team's ball. This continues until both teams have used all their bocce balls.



# BOYS CHARGER BASKETBALL SEASON RECAP

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The Carbondale Area Boy's Basketball team started off strong this season. The first game of the season was during The Ben Wallace Tournament against Elk Lake. CA came out with the W with a score of 54 to 48. The next two games were part of The Finan Tournament. The first game included a match-up between Forest City. Our boys came out with the victory, winning 60 to 49. In the championship game, Carbondale beat Honesdale, 53 to 34. With this win, the boys were 3 and 0, with two tournament wins under their belts. The next game CA came out with the win against Forest City 40 to 33.

Following the Forest City game, CA went on to play Susquehanna, beating them 72 to 51, while also beating Lake Lehman the following week. The next two games were a part of the Turonis Tournament. The first game of the tournament brought a win against Lakeland by almost 10 points. The next game of the tournament was the championship. Valley View came out with the championship, beating CA boys 53 to 25. Following the loss from Valley View, Carbondale played Riverside. Carbondale lost this game as well, losing 56 to 39. This led us to a 7-2 record on the season. After back-to-back losses, Carbondale went on the road to Lakeland, losing 50 to 48, some tough losses to say the least. After losing three games in a row, Carbondale went on a three-game winning streak, first beating Mid Valley by five points. Next was Old Forge, with the final score of 60 to 54. Our most recent game was against Lackawanna Trial, with the score being 63 to 32. With these games over, this makes us 10 and 3 on the season.





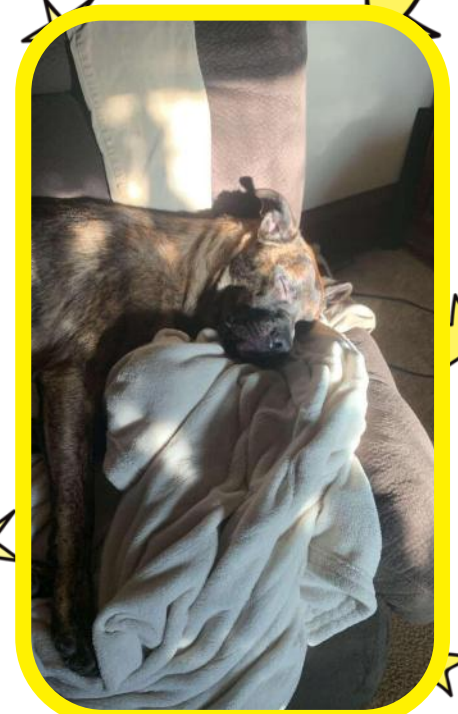
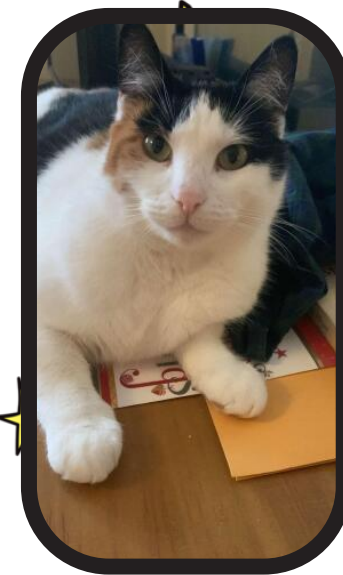
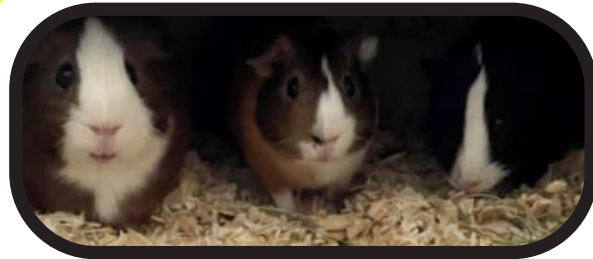
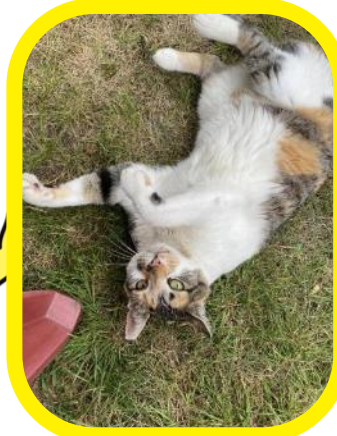
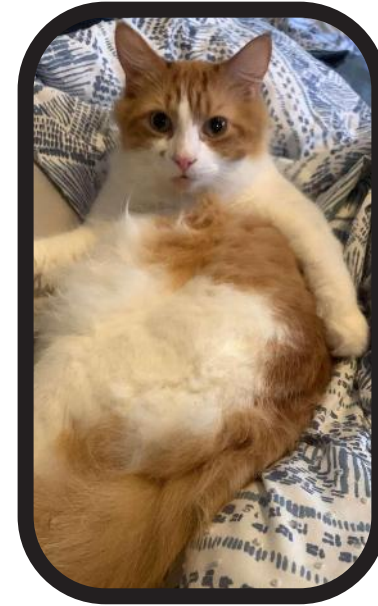
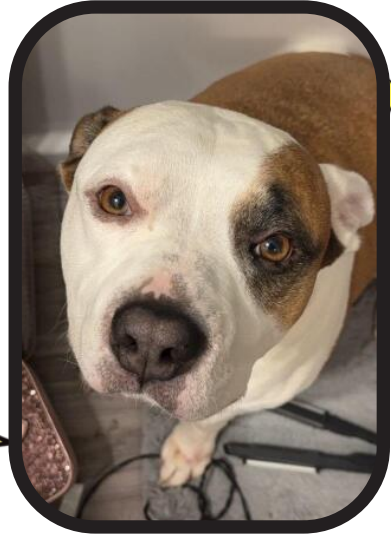
# Sports Photo Dump



# PET PHOTO DUMP

One of the best things about having a pet is the bond that forms between us. It's amazing how they understand our emotions and sense when we need some extra comfort. They're our loyal companions through our struggles, and they can truly make a difference in our lives. Taking care of a pet also teaches us valuable lessons about responsibility and empathy. So, whether you have a pet or dream of having one someday, they truly help our lives in so many ways. They're our little companions, who make our world a little brighter.

Amber Guzman F.



## It's time to spread kindness, not negativity !

-Donate toys to those in need

-Smile at someone

-Compliment someone

-Pick up trash

-Say please and thank you more

-Pay for a stranger's meal

-Let someone go in front of you in line

-Send a thank you card to someone

-Leave change in a vending machine

-leave a 50% tip or more

-Plant some trees or flowers

-Open the door for someone

-Make breakfast for family

-Give someone who impacted your life in a good way a thank you card

-Leave encouraging notes in places

-Walk with your friends a little more

-Compliment others

-Help someone with their work

-Smile at people more

-Don't discriminate because a person is different

-Judge a little less

-Hug the people you care about

-Treat others with kindness

# You're Halfway There!

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.  
Thomas Edison

It does not matter how slowly you go, as long as you do not stop.  
Confucius

When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.  
Viktor E. Frankl

The biggest adventure you can take is to live the life of your dreams.  
Oprah Winfrey

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Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good.  
Malcolm Gladwell

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.  
Eleanor Roosevelt.

You have to believe in yourself when no one else does.  
Serena Williams