

# Editorial: Celebrities must take a political stance

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“Hey y’all, I just wanted to remind you because it’s been a little over three weeks, OK. Trump is now ordering, as in summoning [sic], federal government workers to go back to work without getting paid,” said chart-topping rapper Cardi B as she took to Instagram during the peak of our government shutdown.

“And we really need to take this serious [sic]. I feel like we need to take some action.”

The video Cardi B shared with her 40 million followers now has over 19 million views and as can be expected, it gained quite a bit of attention.

While many of her followers applauded her for using her platform to address and discuss political issues, others asked the following question: Should celebrities share their political views with their audience at all?

Cardi B is not the only influencer who has taken to social media to share their political stance, with others including Kim Kardashian, Jesse Williams, and—of course—Kanye West.

In today’s political climate where many of the highly controversial issues involve the physical, mental and emotional well-being of those affected, it is crucial for public figures to educate themselves, form an opinion and share with their audiences to give light to problems in our country that may have been swept under the rug by our government.

“I like to support people whose beliefs align with mine; if a celebrity is endorsing a candidate, organization or movement that I do not sup-



Rapper Belcalis Marlenis Almánzar, known professionally as Cardi B, calls out Trump in the midst of the government shutdown in an Instagram video on Jan. 16, 2019.

Submitted photo.

port or believe is right, I no longer want to support them. Why would I want to support someone who wouldn’t support me?” said Marissa Marsh.

“Celebrities are so influential in every aspect of their lives-- their style, their looks-- why not their politics too?” said Marita Blake.

Many argue that because celebrities have such large audiences, they should remain neutral or refrain from sharing the political opinions that they do have, in an effort not to “offend” any of their fans. However, this does more harm than good.

“The first amendment grants everyone in our country the right to freely say what they want, and celebrities and influencers are included in that,” said Max Reeder.

“Although they’ll definitely face more backlash when sharing their beliefs because of their large audiences, they also have the ability to gain even more support, educate their followers and use their platforms for good,”

said Laila Samphilipo.

“I wouldn’t say I necessarily care about a celebrity’s political stance or believe it to be something they must speak on. However, I believe it is their full right to share whatever they believe, just as any normal member of society would,” said Grace Montgomery.

Another benefit to this is that we connect with celebrities on certain level because we’re more inclined to trust those who are more like us.

“Celebrities are people just like us, and I think we tend to forget that. They should be allowed to have their own opinions about certain issues just like anyone else,” said Chloe Jacobs.

“It is hard for anything celebrities say about politics to go unnoticed,” said Sam Lavine.

“Since celebrities are able to educate themselves about politics just as we are, and feel as though we have a connection with them, their voices matter to people like us,” said Joelle Pacheco.

While in theory celebrities should be able to say (or post) whatever they like, it would probably be smart to know the demographics of their followers and make sure they are educated about what they’re sharing before it results in a career-ending comment.

“I think celebrities also they need to stay out of trouble and be a role model for others,” said Nick Guadagnino.

“I believe that it’s good for celebrities to share their opinions as long as they’re authentic. They have so much power over their followers, so authenticity is vital,” said Grace Strayer.

“Celebrities should be able to let their audience be aware of their stance when it comes to issues that affect the entire population. They are role models and they may bring awareness to conflicts that, if resolved, could improve our world as a whole,” said Anna Holly.

Still, take everything a celebrity says with a grain of salt; make sure you’re educating

yourself and still forming your own opinions.

“Although celebrities should have the ability to express their opinions politically, you don’t have to let it impact the way you think,” said Katie Kruza.

Does anyone have perfect social and political opinions? No.

Is Cardi B the most politically educated, unproblematic celebrity? Definitely not. But she got our attention, didn’t she?

All we’re trying to say is that if a celebrity feels passionate about their beliefs, and feels the need to share, we think that they should. They should use their large social media following for something other than Fit Tea and SugarBearHair vitamin ads.

“I feel that a celebrity should advocate for what they believe in by sharing it with their audience. If they have the global platform, they might as well use it to express what they are passionate about,” said Molly Reinhard.

“However, if you’re truly problematic, you’re canceled,” said Marsh.

# The Prowler



## Black History Month sparks conversation about staff representation

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While schools teach Black History Month to educate students on the achievements of black people, the journey to this point does not reflect what ground still needs to be covered.

When black students go about their everyday lives, their world is diverse, but when they come to school, the ratio is quite different.

Despite a diverse student body, African-Americans represent only three percent of Central’s high school staff.

“There is a general teacher shortage anyway. The profession of teachers has sort of been villainized,” said English teacher Ms. Patricia Jackson. “You’re going to find more people not becoming teachers and you have so few African-Americans go-

ing into the profession anyway,” Jackson said.

The teacher shortage, especially among African-Americans, starts right here in school. If black students don’t feel accepted here and experience roadblocks because of their color, the number of African-Americans going into the teaching field will decrease.

Our high school diversity specialist, Ms. Clydiene Francis-Joray, said, “All any of us can do is try to make sure everyone has a good experience here. That they feel loved; that they feel equal and equitable, so that hoping teaching will be the field that you go into. Give them a couple of years to graduate and get their certification and they might come back and apply.”

Students also recognize the low numbers and state that Central’s students would benefit from having a higher number of black

staff and teachers.

“It would be good to have more teachers I could relate to and have a connection with. It’s like having a connection with a teacher over sports or hobbies. How would you expect to have a conversation with someone about soccer if they’ve never watched a game or didn’t know anything about it?” sophomore Siara Suchanic said.

Minorities have been excluded for far too long they need to feel inclusion. It’s all about connection first. It’s hard to learn when they’re having a bad day or the student feels disconnected. While the numbers of black staff in Central are low, they put the statistics aside and do their job while still making students feel like someone cares by acknowledges their culture.

“Mr. Daniels made me, and the other black students in the class, feel

included. He didn’t ignore the other students, though. He knew how to talk to us in a relatable way,” sophomore Allyanna Sergeant said.

It’s not only the students that understand the need for a strong connection between the black students and staff.

“It’s not surprising that I hear from children that they’re very excited to have someone who looks like them, instructing them. It’s very powerful,” Jackson said, “When a child encounters someone that is like them, looks like them and speaks like them, it can be the deciding choice between success and failure.” said Jackson

The impact on the students can lead to endless possibilities. Whether it’s walking across the stage for graduation, or finding an interest leading to a career.

“I was at the grocery store and ran into a student who graduat-

ed from Central. He ran up to me and said, ‘Do you remember me?’ I said, ‘Absolutely, what did you do [after high school]?’ He goes, ‘I went into teaching because of the impact of you and a few other teachers,’” Francis said.

This goes to show that the increase and influence of black teachers and staff can widen the pool of black students going into the teaching field.

Even though there are only seven black staff members in the high school right now, alot goes on behind the scenes to make sure that this number increases.

The Central York Diversity Committee, superintendents, Human Resources and many other people commit to having a more diverse staff.

The Director of Human Resources Bobbi A. Billman said, “Our Diversity Committee has had an initiative aimed

at trying to increase the numbers of minorities employed by Central York School District. This could include attending recruitment fairs at colleges and universities or working with community leaders and organizations to ensure prospective employees know our commitment to fostering an environment that is reflective of our diverse student population.”

After going to recruitment fairs and universities, the superintendent, assistant superintendent and a few others look at the current data of black staff and then look at the data of people coming up in the teaching field. Then they try to understand the achievement gap between upcoming black teachers and non-black teachers in hopes to uplift black students so that they become teachers to influence the upcoming generations of black students.

# NEWS

## Trump's wall: What we know

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In a conflict that has evolved into a battle between two parties, two polarizing politicians and everything in between, the debate over border security is one of the most pressing issues the U.S. faces in 2019. The threat of illegal aliens in the country has formed a cloud of fear that smothers many Americans, what needs to be done about this?

Border security has been on the minds of many for decades, but with the recent government shutdown, it has been pushed to the forefront of the political agenda.

On top of this, the separation of families at the border and incidents involving tear gas means the United States certainly hasn't made many friends lately in regards to their border security.

The government is struggling to agree on just about anything. President Donald

Trump's brash plan to construct a wall for billions of dollars to defend a country already trillions in debt has faced heavy pushback from Democrats, most notably: Speaker of The House, Nancy Pelosi.

Pelosi and Trump have been rivaling for months, and the same could be said about Republicans and Democrats as a whole.

Sophomore Ryan McCabe said, "I think that the idea of securing our borders is good. I think we should make sure that everybody gets in legally, but I believe that we aren't executing this well. We should not be tear gassing people as a way to defend our borders, but we should defend them," said McCabe.

McCabe added, "I think that Trump's wall plan is good in intent, poor in execution. I think that illegal immigration is a real problem and I like that [Trump] is trying to tackle this big issue. However, I don't think most of the illegal immigrants are running over the border by foot,

and a wall is too expensive to be practical."

McCabe said he would increase security against illegal immigrants and would also strive to make the immigration process easier so that more people have the opportunity to enter the country legally.

Sophomore Abdullah Khan said, "My opinion on the matter is if they're illegal, they should not be allowed, but they can come in legally. [Illegal immigrants] should be treated in the right manner. They should be serving justice in prison."

Khan added, "I think the only thing that can solve illegal [immigration] is border security, of course. Stronger and better security. If I was in charge, [I would put] tighter security around the borders."

It's agreed upon by many, including the two interviewees, that border security needs to get stronger and needs to be tightened up.

While both sides agree on some things, the mess in between needs to get sorted out, and President Trump is certainly pushing to a decision.



The U.S. Border Patrol monitors the reinforcement of the wall along the southern border between the United States and Mexico on Nov. 15, 2018. Photo by CBP Photography.

## F.I.D. update

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Since its initial introduction to the Central community in 2018, Flexible Instructional Days—commonly referred to as "cyber snow days"—have recently been approved by the PA Department of Education for use.

CYSD's approval allows the use of up to five days of at-home instruction due to potential inclement weather and district emergencies.

Learners either take work home the day prior to a "cyber snow day" or receive assignments online to complete.

Central is one of dozens of school districts across Pennsylvania who take advantage of various technologies to reach students outside of the classroom.

Similarly to Central, Lancaster County Day School has adopted a way for students to effectively communicate with teachers during these flexible instructional days.

"There's a designated time during the day that the teacher is available for interaction with students either by phone call or email or FaceTime," said Assistant Head of School at Lancaster County Day School, Todd Trout, to FOX 43.

Another Pennsylvania school district that utilizes Flexible Instructional Days is Seneca Valley School District, located in Pittsburgh, which has altered these days to accommodate students with special needs as well.

As said on their website, "Lessons will be designed for students with special needs utilizing their program modifications, specially designed instruction and supplementary aids and services identified in their individualized education plans."

## Global

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Global warming is a serious problem that is affecting the world as whole, but what are the repercussions? Three Mile Island, one of Pennsylvania's main power plants, shuts down in September of 2019. Changes are beginning while there are developing precautions to try to counteract the evolving problems.

"Nuclear waste isolation is a discussion that can no longer be postponed," said, Chairman of Three Mile Island, Eric Epstein.

If the plant shuts down, people of Pennsylvania will have to use a different source of energy that isn't as clean as power plants.

## warming, 3-mile shutdown

"We're certainly going to fight hard to try to get nuclear power and technology to be recognized as special, unique and worth continuing into the future," said Shift manager of Three Mile Island, Nick Favorito.

Pennsylvania's power plants make up 42 percent of electricity.

Members of the House and Senate were invited by six state senators to sign a bill in order to keep Three Mile Island and other nuclear power plants running.

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse said, "I think that the climate change problem is now so dire and so immediate that we can't afford to turn away from any technologies that promise to reduce our dependence on fuels that emit carbon dioxide when

burned. And nuclear is a part of that portfolio."

Governor Tom Wolf released an Executive Order which said, "[Global warming is] the most critical environmental threat confronting our world."

Wolf wants to reduce the amount of

greenhouse gases by 26 percent in 2025 and by 80 percent in 2050. However, this is going to be challenging because nuclear power plants can't keep up with the increasing rates of cheap, natural gas.

Pennsylvania is the third largest coal

producer; therefore, these advancements are significant. The order discusses topics of commonwealth agencies to reduce their use of greenhouse gases, and talks about future goals for the safety of the environment.



Three Mile Island's nuclear generators pump out smoke. Photo by Ted Van Pelt.

## 2018

## Midterms:

## Tom

## Wolf,

## John

## Fetterman

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The 2018 midterm elections saw many changes to the federal government, new U.S. Senators were elected, as well as new Congress.

However, at the state level, we had elections to choose our state Governor for the next four years.

The election was between Incumbent Governor Tom Wolf and Republican nominee Scott Wagner. Wolf was re-elected and will remain our Pennsylvania Governor for the next four years.

Wolf was born on Nov. 14, 1948, in Mount Wolf, PA.

He attended The Hill School, a private boarding school locat-

ed in Pottstown, PA. He graduated in 1967 and was heavily interested in politics.

Later he went to private, Ivy League school, Dartmouth College in Hanover, NE.

Following that, he attended the University of London where he got a Masters in Philosophy in 1978.

Wolf then got his Ph.D. in Political Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

After Wolf finished his schooling, he started getting into politics. He and two other business partners bought The Wolf Organization, a lumber and distribution company in 1985. His first big break in politics came a year later where the Ed Rendell,

governor of PA at the time nominated Wolf to be the Secretary of

Revenue in Jan. 2007. Wolf was confirmed into the position in April of the same year.

He continued to serve until 2008 when he resigned because it was his intention to run for governor in 2010 election. However, when running, The Wolf Organization was going into bankruptcy, he stopped running and re-bought the company.

But on April 2, 2013, he announced he would run for governor in the upcoming 2014 election. And on May 20, 2013, he won the primary and become the Democratic nominee for governor. On Nov. 4, Wolf was elected governor of PA and was reelected in 2018 for a second term.

Instead, his Lt. Governor for the first term, Mike Stack, lost his bid for reelection

as a man named John Fetterman won and took that place in the 2018 midterm election.

Fetterman was born on August 15, 1969, in Reading, PA. Later he moved to York, PA only a few miles away from Wolf's house.

Fetterman graduated from Central York High School in 1987, and played many different sports such as track, basketball and football. Fetterman was also in the varsity club during his time in high school.

After high school, Fetterman went to get a bachelor's degree in finance from Albright College in 1991, and was on his way to earn a Masters in Business Administration when one event changed Fetterman.

When his friend, unfortunately died in

a car crash on his way to get Fetterman from a gym. This greatly affected Fetterman as he stopped working towards his Masters.

Fetterman then joined the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program.

While doing this, Fetterman said he became "preoccupied with the concept of the random lottery of birth." Afterward, he joined AmeriCorps a volunteer civil service group.

Then, Fetterman got his Masters of Public Policy from Harvard in 1999.

His work with AmeriCorps brought him to the city of Braddock, PA where he moved to and got into politics.

Fetterman had the idea to run for mayor of the town in the 2005 election. He won

this election against the incumbent mayor by one single vote.

Fetterman continued to be mayor until he was elected as Lt. Governor of PA. Before that, he tried to run for the U.S. Senate, but lost in the Democratic primaries.

He has created many programs for the city of Braddock and helped it grow into a better safer place. Fetterman is also known for his tattoos.

On his right arm, he has all the dates someone has been shot and killed since he took office.

On his left arm, is the zip code of Braddock as he loves that town and has even refused to leave it for the Lt. Governor Mansion that they provide.

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**Mini-Thon:**

Mini-THON, a 12 hour dance marathon starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 9 p.m. will take place on March 23. Annually, around 400 CYHS students stand and dance in hopes of helping to end childhood cancer. This year, Mini-THON captains and committees hope to “launch cancer out of this world” with galaxy themed activities, games and food for those who donate at least \$50 and register for the event.

**NEHS:**

Central York High School’s chapter of the National English Honor Society is offering an essay editing service for all students. Share your work through google drive to essayediting-NEHS@gmail.com and fill out the Google Form (url below). Both steps must be completed for NEHS to edit your essay and efficiently return it to you. Please allow a maximum of three days for editing. If you have any questions or concerns about the service of the students giving you feedback, email Katie Kruza at 19kkruza@cypanthers.org.

**Library Council:**

Library Council strives to promote reading in the Central York community, specifically among elementary students, through books and crafts. The club, hosts the annual book-food day and manages the Back4Kids donation bins in the CYHS hub. They are also currently planning Read-a-Thon, a day full of “under the sea” themed activities for children.

**The Prowler:**

The Prowler has a new look! For this edition we decided to go broadsheet. In addition, The Prowler will continue selling donuts for \$1 in the atrium Wednesday mornings.

# Central York, first amendment

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Covington Catholic High School of Park Hills, Kentucky, and Central York High School were not created equally when it comes to the First Amendment and how it manifests itself within each of their respective campuses. This important distinction comes from the fact that public and private school students exist on two separate planes when it comes to guaranteeing students’ rights. A private institution like Covington Catholic doesn’t have the same expectation of guaranteeing students’ freedom of speech, freedom of assembly or any other First Amendment rights that must be guaranteed by a public school.

While a private school can have its students take part in a political rally, such as the Covington Catholic students attending the March for Life rally as a school trip on Jan. 18, 2019, public school like Central would not be allowed to sponsor a trip to an event as politically-charged as the pro-life rally. However, Central would be able to work with its students in finding the best approach to voicing their opinions, and working with the students to accommodate their requests. “Last year was a na-



Nick Sandmann (left) and Nathan Phillips (right) stand face-to-face at the Lincoln Memorial on Jan. 18, 2019. Photo by Kaya Taitano.

tionwide event due to school safety, which is a huge topic, so why wouldn’t we try to support that?” said high school Principal Ryan Cauffman, “That was a great example of a way to work together and a great reason to have a conversation.” While Central can’t explicitly support a partisan event or rally, the school’s administrators would be more than willing to help their students.

“If a group of students come together and their parents supported it, there are usually ways to try to help you in the best way possible without making a stand for the content of an event one way or another,” said Cauffman.

Various Supreme Court cases have shaped the laws that dictate a school’s approach to handling students’ First Amendment rights on school grounds and school-sanctioned events.

“Two of the biggest supreme court cases for

the First Amendment in schools were Tinker v. Des Moines and Engel v. Vitale,” said social studies teacher Karen Hudson.

Tinker v. Des Moines (1969) set the precedent of schools being prohibited from punishing students for protesting as long as their conduct didn’t interrupt the school’s learning environment.

“It can hardly be argued that either students or teachers shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate,” said Associate Justice of the United States Abraham Fortas as part of his majority opinion for the 1969 case.

In addition, Engel v. Vitale (1962) extended the separation of church and state to public schools and prohibited school-led prayers and other religious activities and Morse v. Frederick (2007) determined that schools were allowed to prohibit speech that promoted

or displayed illicit activities such as drug use.

Private schools are also able to enforce their own ethics codes on teachers and students. In recent Pennsylvania news, a teacher was terminated from her job at Our Ladies of Lourdes Regional School of Northumberland, Pa, after she reported to the school’s administrators that she had become pregnant outside of marriage. This action, the school claimed, violated its Catholic morality codes. While there are laws that prevent such policies from being implemented in public institutions, private ones are allowed to have policies that enforce strict conduct requirements.

From the footage that has surfaced regarding the Covington Catholic students in Washington, D.C., none of them were shown engaging in any unlawful actions towards each other or any of the other atten-

dants of the day’s various events. Similarly, the student walkout from March of 2018 went smoothly and students didn’t engage in any unlawful behavior.

Since the way schools can organize, sanction and handle students’ First Amendment rights is determined by public or private funding, participating in dangerous while during so is unacceptable for all.

Once a person or assembly of people act violently, they forgo any rights that they would otherwise possess.

# NEWS

## Teacher protest for pay increase

By Michael Ceruti  
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Teacher protesting has been a topic that’s been talked about since early 2018 and spanned from West Virginia to Arizona. The teachers in those states went on strike because, they did not think that they were getting paid enough.

One of the teachers that teach in West Virginia said, “I’m tired of

working multiple jobs to take care of my children.”

CYHS “Yes, I do feel as if teachers deserve higher pay,” said (10th) Sergeant.

“Yes, I do believe that teachers should be paid more. They put hard work into their job and are very underappreciated,” said (10th) Wilson.

“I feel like teachers inspire students, so yes, they should get paid

more,” said (10th) Olivia Simmons.

“I think they should get paid more because they are teaching for the future the world,” said (10th) Layla Smith.

“I think that every single school should be provided with the right amount of resources depending on the size of the school. No matter the ranking of the school, I still feel that receiving better resources will help to increase

success rates and improve the education of the kids,” said Sergeant.

“Teachers need to put more effort into making the school better so students and strive with their education,” said Simmons.

“I think a teacher should get a raise when the [students improve] either mentally or academically depending on the subject,” said Sergeant.

“After they have been

at the school for a long enough time and made an impact,” said Smith.

Teachers in West Virginia had an average salary of \$45,624 a year, according to CNN, and they felt as though it wasn’t enough. They got a five percent raise.

There was also a protest in Arizona and teachers felt as though they should get a yearly raise and they went on strike to get a raise.

## Johns Hopkins purchases D.C.’s Newseum

By Grace Strayer  
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Many know the address of 555 Pennsylvania Ave as the home of the historic Newseum. However, relocation may be within the Newseum’s future as Johns Hopkins recently purchased the building for \$373 million.

The Newseum originally opened on April 11 in 2008. This establishment’s main source of funding and creation, the Freedom Forum, said the Newseum plans to remain open for the remainder of the year, according to the Washington Post.

The main focus of the Newseum is the first amendment, as it is inscribed onto the front of their building.

A few current displays include a portion of the Berlin Wall, a 9/11 gallery and a journalist memorial. Upcoming galleries consist

of “Rise Up: Stonewall and the LGBTQ Rights Movement,” opening March 8 and “Seriously Funny: From the Desk of ‘The Daily Show With Jon Stewart,’” opening June 14.

While the location of the future Newseum remains up in the air, Hopkins plans to use the Newseum’s current building for graduate programs, the Washington Post said.

After going into a financial slump, the Freedom Forum decided selling was the best course of action.

Jan Neuharth, Freedom Forum’s chair and chief executive stated in a recent interview, “This was a difficult decision, but it was the responsible one.”

However, this doesn’t stop the Newseum’s original goals and messages. Neuharth also said, “We remain committed to continuing our programs — in a financially sustainable...”

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## Number one Youtuber Pewdiepie struggles against T-series, reflects a greater issue growing on the platform

By Susie Williams  
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Over the course of the past year, Youtube has gone through some serious algorithmic changes and dramatic shifts with another seemingly closing in.

For the past five and a half years, the Youtube channel with the greatest number of followers has remained consistent, belonging to Felix Kjellberg, also known as Pewdiepie.

His competition is an Indian music and movie production company known as T-Series. The company’s youtube channel is gaining rapid growth as more and more people in India gain access to the internet. Their growth has been exponential for the past several months.

It was anticipated that T-Series would pass Pewdiepie in October of last year, but due to the help of other creators and a very dedicated fan base, Pewdiepie still holds the

title as of Feb. 8, 2019.

This current struggle for the top spot reflects a growing point of contingency in the community: the plight between creators and companies.

Those who are backing Pewdiepie believe that the power on the platform should go to the creators, as the platform was originally intended for them.

Individuals on the other side would argue that companies using Youtube to expand their audience gives the platform a better reputation, leading to more advertisers utilizing the platform. The more advertisers that use the platform, the more money there is, which is essential for YouTubers as well as the platform itself.

The argument goes in circles.

Senior Dylan Hughes expressed his concern for the independent creators on the platform.

“For those creators out there, it’s going to be a struggle, because their channel is the only job they have. In order



Since Oct. 2018 Youtube star Pewdiepie is in a race to keep his number one spot on the platform from T-Series. Photo by Cam-Fu.

for them to maintain their life, they need to have those followers and they need to progress more and more,” he said.

Platforms are known to borrow from one another, which causes some to feel apprehension that this growing trend may transfer over to other platforms.

Mrs. Debbie Bieber said, “I think there’s a place for both... There’s a place for corporations, but do they need to control everything? I don’t think so. I think if it gets too much, something like Vimeo, there’s going to be another platform,” she said. “In that case, it could hurt Youtube.”

Youtube shows itself

as a place where anyone can have a platform to be themselves, so having one group favored over the other could be considered unfair.

“It’s advertisers and audience. But if there’s no audience it doesn’t matter what you do,” Bieber said.

It is a possibility that if the company goes in a more corporate direction, it could lose a good portion of its audience. Bieber said, “You either see a link and go to watch a video or you go hunt for whatever it is you’re looking for. Even if it was ninety percent corporate and ten percent creatives, does it matter?”

# Valentine's Day allows us to show appreciation

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Valentine's Day is one of those holidays that you either love or hate. No matter your opinion, it can still be a holiday that means something. Valentine's Day not only allows you to show your love, but also provides an opportunity for people to have a day dedicated to their relationships.

First, a little history. The creation of Valentine's Day is somewhat a mystery, but most historians believe it started with a man named Saint Valentine. The most common variation of the legend states that the Emperor of Rome outlawed marriage because he believed that single men were better soldiers than those that were married.

Saint Valentine was a priest, and so he married young lovers in secret. When he was caught, the Emperor sentenced him to death, and the day was created in his honor.

Now you know how Valentine's day was created, but how should it be celebrated?

There are various different traditions around the world concerning the holiday.

While places like the United Kingdom and Finland share similar traditions as the United States, some countries differ.

In Wales, men give women wooden spoons on Valentine's Day. The tradition stems from when Welsh sailors would carve drawings into wooden spoons to bring back home for their loved ones. In Japan, there are two separate days, one dedicated to the women giving men gifts, and vice versa. South Korea even has a day for single people to come together and celebrate their friendship.

Many people see Valentine's as a day only for couples, but that is far from the truth. Valentine's Day is a day of love, a time when you should celebrate the bonds with those around you, whether they be a significant other, family member, friend or even a neighbor.

Sure companies make a profit from all the gifts people buy, but isn't it just nice to be able to spoil someone once in a while?

When asked what Valentine's Day means to him, Central York junior Trey Sweigart said, "Valentine's Day is a day to step back



Stores like Target showcase the business aspect of Valentine's Day in a positive light by focusing on the relationship side of the holiday. Submitted photo.

and appreciate the ones that don't get appreciated enough."

Valentine's Day is a day of caring.

It's a time where people can show how

"Valentine's Day is a day to step back and appreciate the ones that don't get appreciated enough."

they feel for someone and let them know how much they mean to them.

"I like that Valentine's Day is a day where everyone seems genuinely happy,"

said Central York junior Abby Hansen.

Single or not, you can still appreciate Valentine's day. Maybe you go on a romantic date with your significant other. Maybe you go see a mov-

ie with your family.

Maybe you get takeout and blob on the couch with your best friend. The holiday is a day for relationships but not strictly romantic.

No matter what you do to celebrate, you can always spend time with the ones you love on Valentine's Day. So this Valentine's, take the time to let people know that you care and appreciate all that they have done for you.

# HEAD TO HEAD

## Is Valentine's Day all that it's chalked up to be?

By **Joelle Pacheco**

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The origin of Valentine's Day is quite skewed, but here's what we know: Lupercalia, a fertility festival dedicated to the Roman god of agriculture named Faunus, took place every Feb. 15 since about the 6th century B.C. This was a bloody, violent, "celebration" that included animal sacrifice and the beating of women. Real romantic right?

Thankfully, that holiday was later outlawed by Christianity and was replaced by St. Valentine's day in the 5th century by Pope Gelasius, gaining a new meaning and a new date. A man named Valentine was executed by the Roman Emperor Claudius II after being imprisoned for assisting punished Christians and secretly marrying couples in love.

The romance aspect of the holiday stems from the French and English belief that Feb. 14 was the beginning of birds' mating season.

Fast forward to today, the day of love is now celebrated in the United States, Europe, Australia, Canada, Mexico, France, and the United Kingdom.

Unfortunately (or fortunately for some), traditions begin to die

out; recognition of Valentine's Day itself starting on the decline.

According to the National Retail Federation (NRF), "Ten years ago, more than 60 percent of adults planned to celebrate Valentine's Day; today, that's dropped to just over half."

Although the number of participants has dropped, the amount spent has continued to rise and it's estimated this year's will amount to over \$20 billion.

A flash poll conducted by the NRF revealed that "the top reasons consumers chose not to celebrate Valentine's Day were that they considered it over-commercialized, didn't have anyone to celebrate with or simply weren't interested anymore."

In today's day and age, Valentine's Day is used to treat that special someone with sweets, jewelry, flowers or cards.

Love may have a lot of different meanings for many individuals. To science teacher Mr. Eric Webb, it's "putting the needs/wants of someone else ahead of your own."

Similar to Webb, I think it's more about how you treat someone. To each their own, but when thinking about how I want to prove to

someone how much I love them, buying gifts one day a year isn't what comes to mind.

"Well if you are demonstrating your love for someone just once a year you need to ask yourself if you really love that person. Demonstrating love is a daily act."

Personally, I believe if you really love someone it should be shown year-round, not just now. No matter what type of relationship whether it's with your significant other, spouse, best friend or even just a peer, there should be no excuse.

Webb said, "Well if you are demonstrating your love for someone just once a year you need to ask yourself if you really love that person. Demonstrating love is a daily act."

It seems more as a business booming opportunity to buy someone something to try to prove just how much they mean to you. And quite frankly, materialistic items cannot prove how much you care about someone — it's way more than that.

Money cannot buy happiness and in this aspect, it can't buy love either.

"Everyone loves material things and it's easy to give a material gift. I'm not sure it demonstrates at all how much you love someone though," said Webb.

Getting presents may be a fun and exciting act, but what does one remember the most: a present they got for Valentine's Day or how someone makes them feel/memories they have with them?

Senior Renee Rambler said, "It can't fully prove how much you love someone, but it can at least be a physical embodiment, and there's no harm in that."

For some people, Valentine's Day reminds them of how they don't have anyone to celebrate it with, which gives off a negative connotation of the holiday, to begin with. It's mainly centered around people in relationships and love in general; it just makes it a bit worse for those who don't have that.

I feel as if a holiday should make you excited, or something to look forward to. Sure, anyone could feel that way about any other holiday.

But why promote something that makes others feel bad or like they're less than

because they can't have what's plastered all over media and in stores?

"To have a valentine is slightly stressful when you're trying to think of a gift idea. But in the end, it's nice to appreciate your valentine."

All it does is glorify romantic love and no other kind of relationship besides that.

It sets unrealistic expectations for those who don't have what the day consists of, and they feel like that's what they need to "fit in" with what's going on around them.

It puts people into a situation to if they're included or not, and those who are not should not have to feel bad about that.

"To not have a valentine makes the holiday feel like a random day that you feel lonely, and to have a valentine is slightly stressful when you're trying to think of a gift idea. But in the end, it's nice to appreciate your valentine," said Rambler.

The idea of spending money isn't only a problem for the consumers, but also

those that have to provide the services.

Heather Rhein, a 16-year worker in the restaurant industry said, "Servers and employees in the industry dread Valentine's Day because it brings in tons of people that feel the need to spend lots of money and be extravagant for the purpose of the holiday and leave nothing for the server. But they felt like that's what they needed to do."

In the same respect, not everyone celebrates the traditional way.

The NRF said, "A quarter who aren't celebrating admit they still plan to treat themselves to something special, hold a get-together with other single friends or even purchase an "anti-Valentine's Day" gift. These types of activities are even more popular among younger consumers — the same age groups who appear to be driving a decline in Valentine's Day celebrations."

Isn't it funny that people have to twist and create their own traditions or celebrations because they don't fit the standard that the holiday is preaching?

Overall, Valentine's day is overhyped and a waste of money. Should we really be glorifying something that has turned itself into a capitalistic holiday?

By **Chloe Jacobs**  
Editor



This season of “The Bachelor” is sure to be interesting. The bachelor, Colton Underwood, has something no other bachelor has had before. His abstinence.

Many of the women on this season made their first impression unforgettable, and accomplished it in unconventional ways to say the least. One bachelorette even went as far as describing herself as the “hot-mess express.”

This season’s bachelor is a former professional football player, who we saw before in season 14 of “The Bachelorette.” Heartbroken by the result of that season, Colton is now ready to find the love his life.

Right off the bat, we see who isn’t afraid to be despised by the other bachelorettes. Catherine makes a lasting impression on Colton but also the other girls, as she steals him not only two, not only three, but four times on first impression night.

Drama is at an all time high, with fights between two former Miss USA contestants, a bachelorette who just can’t handle the pressure and the constant struggle between the girls for Colton’s attention.

In an interview, Colton revealed that this season’s finale will be unlike any other with twists and turns.

## Netflix’s “You”: Reviews, spoilers

This review contains spoilers.

By **Grace Strayer**  
Editor



Almost everyone craves that perfect relationship they create in their mind. Someone who listens to you, someone who cares about you; an honest person. But when we think we see these qualities in our partner, we can be blinded from all of the red flags trying to warn us something is off.

Want an example? Just look at Guinevere Beck.

Netflix released the show “You” on Sept. 9, starring Penn Badgley and Elizabeth Lail. Badgley, previously Dan Humphrey in Gossip Girl, played the male lead of Joe Goldberg, a creepy bookstore clerk. Lail portrayed

Guinevere Beck, the female lead in the show.

Lail’s character, “Beck,” was an aspiring writer who, let’s face it, loved the attention of guys. Even when she had a seemingly nice and stable relationship, she decided to get with her therapist, played by John Stamos.

Don’t get me wrong, Badgley’s character had troubles of his own as well. However these were of much greater magnitude. Driven by the need to be the center of Beck’s world, he finds himself killing those around her to gain her sole attention and affection.

This series follows the relationship (mostly) through Joe’s perspective as a psycho-stalker.

Some parts I found to be unbelievable were that he would stalk her in plain sight, and



“You” season two will be released on Netflix in fall or winter 2019.

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yet she never saw him. Her first-floor apartment lacked blinds, making her an easy target considering she lives in New York City.

In addition to watching her, Joe relied heavily on the use of social media to track Beck. She was every active on her accounts, making nothing private.

“I think it’s just the fact people can learn so much about you online instead of in person [make others vulnerable],” said Madison Spahr, a junior at Central who also watched the show.

This aspect I do

feel is realistic because of the way nearly everyone uses social media. Posting constantly makes it easy for others to find out lots about you.

Overall, this show kept you on the edge of your seat due to Joe’s behavior, and personally it made me think. I questioned my social media usage. I questioned how well can one really know another and I thought about Beck’s actions. Was her flirtatious personality meaning she was asking for what happened to her and Joe?

OPINION

## Ostara: Celebration of the spring equinox

By **Billie White**  
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For most people, the spring equinox occurring Wednesday, March 20 is something that they would give a passing glance to on the calendar. For Pagans and Wiccans, it is much more than that. It is a time to celebrate rebirth, fertility and renewal along with a time for spiritual and physical cleansing.

Eostre or Ostara is a celebra-

tion of the coming spring and the sun returning from a long and cold winter. Many Pagans and Neo-Pagans would celebrate by wearing or buying new outfits, light bonfires and decorate eggs and their homes to honor the spring goddesses.

For witches, this is also a time to redecorate and clean their altars and magick spaces. Many rituals take place at this time, many for a rebirth of the soul but also

some for luck and revival for the coming year before the next celebration. An example is burying an egg near your front door to bring happiness and stability throughout the year.

Eggs, along with the rabbit or hare, are important symbols for this celebration, as it stems from the tale of Ostara, the German goddess of Dawn. According to the Circlesanctuary, she was tasked with bringing spring

after each winter, but upon arriving late one year, she found a bird with his wings frozen to the snow.

Slowly, his entrapment melted as the goddess cradled the sick bird in her arms until he began to feel better. The tale says that she kept the bird as a pet, and named him Lepus. He could not use his wings due to the damage from the frost, so Ostara turned him into a hare, but allowed him to pro-

duce eggs to pay homage to his past form as a bird.

To honor Ostara and the coming of spring, Witches take time to Prepare and decorate their altars on the days leading up to the Holiday, which is referred to as a Sabbot. Northern Paganism states that candles should be switched from the silvers and whites of winter to soft green hues.

Crystals should be swapped out to include stones of fertility like rose.

## Gillette discusses toxic masculinity in commercial

By **Grace Montgomery**  
Editor



Gillette, a famous shaving company, recently came out with a commercial discussing major political issues such as the Me Too movement, cyberbullying and toxic masculinity. As soon as it aired, the company was flooded with both positive and negative feedback on the company’s bold advertising move. Although there are many viewers with strong opinions, there are also some who questioned what the basis of the commercial was even about. So let’s talk about it.

Toxic masculinity has taken center stage in today’s media with over 19 billion results on Google. For those of you who have nev-

er heard this term before, you’re probably wondering what the big deal is.

Because of poor wording, it’s easy to believe that this phrase was created to bash men and their actions; however, it was actually created in order to bring awareness to the fact that men are emotionally suppressed simply because of their gender.

It’s typically used to describe the negative stereotypes attributed to men like having violent personalities, sexual aggression and being afraid to show emotion. Nonetheless, the term does evoke a strong negative connotation against men and plenty of people, including myself, tend to be offended by the chosen terminology, which is where most of the

commercial’s backlash comes from.

The first few scenes of Gillette’s ad center in on the main topics I mentioned earlier with close-ups of distraught men as radio broadcasts talk about the overwhelming negativity in the news. The repetitive question, “Is this the best a man can be,” is asked in reference to the company’s signature slogan, a theme held throughout the entirety of the video.

Scenes of men fighting or being sexually-inappropriate flood the screen every few seconds. The line “boys will be boys” is featured, where a lineup of men barbequing outside continually chant the phrase over and over again. It doesn’t take long until the viewer can

grasp the concept of the advertisement due to its blatant use of male stereotypes.

Following its release, celebrities took to social media to share their support alongside others.

Central graduate Sandy Paulino measured in with his take on the article: “If anyone thinks [this commercial is] dumb, then they’re blind to a historically toxic social issue that hasn’t been addressed simply because grown men have always been accepted as superior beings,” said Paulino.

On top of the immense amount of support, even more criticism came with it. Piers Morgan was one of the many to disapprove of the advertisement and called out the “man-hating



Gillette aired the controversial commercial on Super Bowl Sunday.

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nonsense.” Within hours of its release, #BoycottGillette became a trending hashtag and videos of men throwing out their Gillette razors took over everyone’s timeline.

So now the real question is, was it in Gillette’s best interest to release such a controversial advertisement? And to that, I say yes. Even though I strongly disagree with the term toxic masculinity and what it represents,

I can commend Gillette on taking a stand on several extremely sensitive political issues. Many companies today speak out on politics when they want more money or fame, but in this instance, Gillette lost a large amount of their following and continues to stand by what they said.

Gillette’s slogan says, “We Believe: the Best Men Can Be.” Well, maybe they’re onto something.

# OPINION

## Prisoners: Should they vote?

By Marita Blake  
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As said by Justice Earl Warren during *Trop v. Dulles*: "Citizenship is not a right that expires upon misbehavior." If we limit prisoner's rights, are we still being constitutional? They are still citizens, and according to a recent study, 20 percent of the prison population are locked up because of non-violent drug offenses. Not allowing prisoners to vote is unconstitutional and limiting of rights.

How people end up incarcerated is already messy. While not every situation is the same, many people find themselves trapped in a system where their only source of income is through growing, making or selling drugs; the corrupt activity of setting and posting bail inevitably targets low income criminals that can't afford their own release for petty crimes.

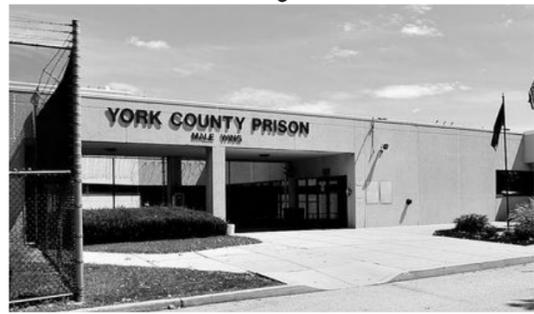
When convicted for non-violent offenses,

they are no longer able to provide for their families. They deserve the ability to vote for what will be most beneficial to themselves and their families, just as any other voting-age citizen would.

When voting, laws surrounding sentencing and prison regulations often are swept to the side. If we aren't paying attention to our prisoners while voting, shouldn't they at least be able to? They know the system and they don't deserve to stay stuck in a system that isn't working.

When counting populations for representatives and electoral votes, prisoners are counted as any other persons would be. Yet they are unable to vote, therefore giving the state too many representatives and votes for who is actually allowed to vote. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, calls this phenomena "prison-based gerrymandering."

All of this is without mentioning that the



York County Prison, located on 3400 Concord Road. Submitted photo.

system itself is rigged against black communities in an effort to arrest, prosecute and sentence them at a higher rate with longer sentencing. According to the most recent study, the black population in prisons is about 40 percent, similar to the white population at 39 percent, but black people make up only 13 percent of the total population while white people make up 64 percent of the population.

Limiting prisoner's right to vote is an outsourced way of limiting the black vote, and generally limiting the democratic vote, as democrats hold an 80% democrat to 11% republican advantage among black voters.

If every single person who has ever committed a crime was in prison and unable to vote, we would have very few voters. The reality of incarceration is that many prisoners are similar to everyone else -- they just got caught.

Recalling the quote from the beginning, "Citizenship is not a right that expires upon misbehavior." As citizens, we have the rights to express ourselves, worship as we wish, have a fair trial by jury, vote and to pursue life, liberty and happiness among many others. Why pick and choose to grant prisoners some of these rights, like the right to fair trial, but not others, such as voting?

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In every student's time at Central York High School or any other school around the world, they are told to get good grades in school.

It is pounded into heads across the country that the grade you get in a class will determine your future.

"This is going to bring down my grade in that class," students say through the halls.

Central York High School senior Rachel Rambler says, "I don't think class rank is a good indication of intelligence or success."

Intelligence is shown through more than a number.

"I think it makes high school worse than it has to be. School makes it seem like your GPA is the determining factor on whether or not you'll make it into college. In reality, it is so much more than that. It's your extracurriculars, recommendations and contribution to others," said Rambler.

When it is time for you to apply to college you will be asked for many things such as transcripts, activities, letters from your teachers, service work, SAT scores, careers and much more.

Your GPA could be low and it will not even matter if you have lots of other skills and abilities to show.

"I know people with a lower GPA get into better colleges than people who have higher GPAs," said Rambler.

"I find that some students are really cut-throat about their grades, GPA, and class rank. They focus so much on what to do to earn certain grades and sometimes it is at the expense of others and of their own, genuine learning," said Mrs. Andrea Unger, AP teacher and advisor of NHS.

Students arrive here at the high school often with no concept of what their GPA comes to. We are never taught or explained how it is calculated or weighted. For some students this is damaging.

"It's amazing how few kids know how to calculate a GPA, and the underclassmen especially have a warped perception of what it really means," Unger said.

"Many learners lose sight of the learning process and are afraid to be wrong or to take risks that may put them in a situation where they might be wrong," said Unger.

"It also seems to wear on their own self-perception - I've seen incredibly smart, talented students that felt inadequate for not earning a particular GPA."

When moving into the workforce or further education in college, GPA just doesn't matter as much as it is said to.

"It's the classes kids take that shows their grit and determination. That's what really matters," said Unger.

## Recycling at Central York High School?

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How would you feel to see all of your recycling go into the same bag as all of your trash?

In the New York Times article "The Conflict of Interest That Is Killing Recycling,"

David Bornstein said, "In the past few years, recycling has fallen on hard times."

Central York High School, however, is not the only problem when it comes to recycling. In the article "China forces change in PA recycling" Avery Van Etten said, "Before this year, China was the largest buyer of recycled commodities, which were by volume the largest United States export."

Mr. Gerald Eisner, one of the principals here at CYHS said, "I think personally when it comes to the earth's society, things revolve in a circle and part of that is recycling. As you use it, you repurpose it, you bring it, around and you use it again. I think we definitely need to recycle, but I think we need to find a better way of recycling."

"We are actually looking at the possibility of putting in different water fountains that can start maybe having a better flow of water coming out and you can fill up your own water bottles instead

of buying the disposable ones, I think just that in itself is going to help," said Eisner. Mrs. Malerie Kelly, A science teacher at CYHS said, "I have recycling and garbage cans in my classroom, but I believe they're both dumped together when collected." Kelly said, "I save



PLEASE RECYCLE THESE ITEMS

The following items are able to be recycled. Make sure to take a second look before you toss it in the trash.

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plastic bottle lids for the Earth Savers Club and we give them to their club to turn into a bench for the school. I keep a milk crate for bottles that I take home or give to the club to make sure they get recycled. I wasn't fully aware of what happens until Ms. Heiser and the Earth Savers let me

know what happens." She also said, "I think the lack of recycling, in general, is hurting our environment. Even at home, they are taking fewer items in the recycling bins and much of it sits in landfills. It is quite sad. I'm glad to know that one small deed of saving lids can turn into something positive like a bench," said Kelly.

Without recycling, the landfills will become overcrowded with items that could be recycled along with the trash. Over time, the landfills will become toxic from the chemicals coming off of items that could have been recycled.

## Laptops cause health problems in school

By Athena Swords  
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Ever since the '80's popularity of home computers, the digital world has been inching its way into the lives of everyone.

Living in the digital age, our lives are consumed by technology. Hell, even relationships are online now.

In the modern day, the average teen spends around nine hours a day online. From the hours and hours of school work, texting in group chats, phone calls with significant others, listening to the new Khalid single, obsessing over social media posts or buying the new shoes that Nike just launched.

Regardless of the events occurring around us, we have our heads buried in our screens.

Is technology something that should be in future generation classrooms? Is this even okay for our health?

Junior Shontay Romey said, "I feel like younger generations shouldn't use electronics as much as we do. They will become dependent on them."

Sophomore Max Senlick, on the other hand, said that while there is an epidemic of internet addiction in the modern world, "There are so many positives out of this millennial tech use that balances it out."

Of the 15 learners who participated in the study, only three said that they were opposed to getting rid of our laptops in school. "I missed two days of flexible instruction due to my laptop breaking out of nowhere and now I'm behind in my classes. Also doing homework online does not work out if my internet slows down," Romey said.

Technology in the classroom can both be benefiting and distracting at the same time. While they give us more

access to resources and new tools, it can also keep students from getting work done at all.

With laptop use, Senlick said, "I learned my passion for programming through it, which literally would not be possible without laptops and computers. Additionally, I've learned many skills that I need through YouTube."

Romey said, "I learned how to type accent marks for Spanish, how to properly format papers, how to constantly check my grades and my bank account information." adding that, "education could improve without technology with our reading and writing skills, our grammar wouldn't be garbage."

The learners studied all said that they find themselves getting distracted by technology. Of those 15, 12 of them said that technology benefits their learning.

Along with all

of this, electronics can also greatly affect your health.

According to "Prevent Blindness," the blue lighting that is emitted from our screens can cause strain on our eyes, down the line causing us to have poor vision.

"Ever since I got that iPad in middle school, my vision has gotten worse and then the laptops. I still can't see," Romey said.

Senlick said, "I think that my laptop has both negatively and positively affected my health. For example,

I feel I have distracted myself from a healthy sleep schedule at points due to it, but I have also used it to look up sickness symptoms and helped myself."

There are also wrist and hand issues like tendonitis or carpal tunnel that can arise from the use of technology, but these conditions were both more common in adults ages 30-60 un-

til recently. According to "Life Science," this is because of excessive technology use. Both of these conditions normally come about from rapid hand and wrist movement and overuse and are becoming more and more common in teens and young adults.

Out of the 15 learners studied, all of them said that they have struggled with health issues due to their technology use including headaches, soreness in hands or wrists, vision loss and fatigue.

Overall the push for more pen and paper is not something urgent but should be considered due to the health benefits and learning benefits that an anti-laptop classroom can bring. Do not let the next generation be drowned in technology, with wrist issues and vision issues arising at age five.

Work for a better tomorrow for the public school system.

# 2 years down, no results yet

By **Marita Blake**

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The entirety of Trump's presidency has been one for the books -- and not always in a good way. January of 2019 marked the midpoint of Trump's four-year presidency.

What has he accomplished and what has yet to be done in two years?

The first, and most infamous of them all -- the wall. In Trump's announcement for his presidential candidacy, he said, "I would build a great wall, and nobody builds walls better than me, believe me, and I'll build them very inexpensively, I will build a great, great wall on our southern border. And I will have Mexico pay for that wall."

As of now, there has been no progress on new segments of the wall. We have seen some repair along miles of Mexico and the United States, but his biggest and first promise has yet to see the light in two years.

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Additionally, Trump had promised -- as seen in his June 16, 2015 quote -- that Mexico would be paying for this wall. This doesn't seem to be working out. As Mexican president Enrique Pena Nieto frankly said on Twitter in May of 2018, "Mexico will NEVER pay for a wall. Not now, not ever."

As a driver in Pennsylvania, it is ever-growingly more obvious that we need to invest in our infrastructure.

Everyone that has driven across Mount Rose knows this.

Trump had good intentions with rebuilding this. As stated on the White House website: "The Trump Administration seeks to invest \$550 billion to ensure we can export our goods and move our people faster and safer."

This is all good, but according to CNN, the estimate for fixing all infrastructure is \$4.6 trillion for our D+ grade roads, bridges and more. Oof.

It seems to me that we will not be getting this anytime soon, especially with the wall taking fore-

front in our priorities.

One thing that Trump has succeeded in is the lowering of taxes. But only if you're a billionaire. As seen in many angry tweets over the past couple weeks, many Trump voters have now met their match as they realize their taxes have gone up. Middle-class families are paying more money so that billionaires who wouldn't even notice if more money is gone can lavish in their wealth.

Right behind the wall, Obamacare seems to be President Trump's biggest enemy. Right from the White House website: "Obamacare is hurting American families, farmers, and small businesses with skyrocketing health insurance costs. Moreover, soaring deductibles and copays have made already unaffordable plans unusable. Close to half of U.S. counties are projected to have only one health insurer on their exchanges in 2018."

Replacing Obamacare will force insurance companies to compete for their customers with lower

costs and higher-quality service. In the meantime, the President is using his executive authority to reduce barriers to more affordable options for Americans and U.S. businesses."

The proposed American Health Care Act of 2017 ultimately failed. It was not passed and for very good reason. Changing Obamacare to what Trump wanted would have taken millions off of healthcare, raised copays, raised deductibles and raised premiums -- things republicans complained of during Obama's presidency.

Not only this, but this healthcare bill was attempted to be passed blindly. It was given to congressmen and congresswomen with mere hours to look over and debated overnight. This was an overall dirty move by Trump and republicans, all so Trump could claim he repealed Obamacare, even if it wasn't helpful to anybody at all.

Many, at this point, would point to the fact that some of Obama's promises weren't kept, and while this is true,

with promises such as fully funding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and requiring more sick days by employers never fully being seen, Obama was often working with a congress that was majority republican, disallowing many things to be passed.

Trump, now has a democratic congress, but up until the 2018 midterm election, this was not the case. Somehow, with a republican president, house of representatives and senate, President Trump still could not make many of his promises happen.

And while there are still about two years left with Trump, let us not forget that many of these promises were also promised to happen within the first year-- or even month-- of presidency.

In a recent poll of 75 Central students, 15 percent said they thought Trump had overall done a good job in his presidency so far. The overwhelming majority -- a whopping 85 percent -- said they do not think Trump has done a good job.

# OPINION

# I'm voting for Kamala Harris, you should too

By **Max Reeder**

Editor



The 2020 Election is still well over a year away, and it's already in full swing. Many current high school students will be eligible to vote in November of 2020, so it's important to know who to vote for.

Kamala Harris, a U.S. Senator from California, announced she was running for President on Jan. 21, 2019. She held a rally in her hometown, Oakland, CA, to gain support for her campaign. Her rally drew about 20,000 supporters, according to The Associated Press.

Other prominent Democrats that put in their bid for the presidency are Senator Corey Booker from New Jersey and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand from New York.

Senator Elizabeth Warren from Massachusetts is one of the most recent Democrats to officially announce her candidacy. This came shortly after criticism for claiming she's Native American. Since taking a public DNA test to prove her ethnicity, it was found that

she has very little Native American DNA.

Harris' campaign slogan is "Kamala Harris for the People," and she definitely is.

Harris has spent her entire career fighting for the people. At the rally that kicked off her presidential campaign, Harris elaborated on this.

"30 years ago, as a young district attorney, I walked into the courtroom for the first time, and said the five words that would guide my life's work: 'Kamala Harris, for the people,'" she said.

According to her Senate website, Harris earned her undergraduate degree from Howard University. She then earned a law degree from The University of California, Hastings.

Harris started her political career when she was elected District Attorney of San Francisco in 2003. One of the achievements she made during her time as district attorney was starting a program that gave first-time drug offenders the chance to get a high school diploma and find employment.

"We created an initiative to give skills

and job training instead of jail time for young people arrested for drugs," Harris said at her Oakland rally.

According to The Guardian, during her time as a district attorney, Harris took a very strong anti-truancy stance. She prosecuted at least 25 parents whose children missed weeks or months of school. However, none of these parents were ever arrested or jailed.

Although some view this as controversial, this just shows that Harris is passionate about the education of children.

After serving for seven years, Harris ran for attorney general of California and won. She was the first African-American woman to hold this position.

During the two terms she served, Harris prided herself on going after big corporations and banks that defrauded Americans.

"Sitting across the table from the big banks, I witnessed the arrogance of power. Wealthy bankers accusing innocent homeowners of fault, as if Wall Street's mess was

of the people's making," Harris said. "So we went after the five biggest banks in the United States. We won \$20 Billion for California homeowners, and together we passed the strongest anti-foreclosure law in the United States of America."

Harris shows time and time again that she



Harris is sworn in as a U.S. Senator by Vice President Biden. Submitted photo.

truly is "for the people."

Although she's only been a U.S. Senator for two years, Harris has already made a name for herself. According to the Library of Congress, Harris has sponsored 49 bills and co-sponsored 350.

She's helped pass bills like our country's first federal anti-lynching bill in 2018. According to BBC, the

bill was introduced by Harris and fellow presidential candidate Senator Booker. Many anti-lynching bills have been introduced to Congress, but this was the first of its kind to pass.

Should Harris become the Democratic nominee, she would be up against President Trump,

that will last for years to come," said Brosend.

Unfortunately for the president and his supporters, statistics disagree with Brosend's statement.

According to FiveThirtyEight, Trump has a very low approval rating. Only 39 percent of Americans approve of the president's job, while 56 percent disagree.

The president himself said that Harris is the best democratic candidate so far. "I would say, the best opening so far would be Kamala Harris," Trump told CNN. "I would say, in terms of the opening act, I would say, would be her."

Though he's obviously not the best judge of character, he was spot-on with his remarks about Harris.

Throughout her political career, Harris has shown she would make a great Democratic President. From a young district attorney to a U.S. Senator, Harris has shown she can accomplish anything she puts her mind to.

She has consistently proven she's "for the people."

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# CYPA stuns with Catch Me If You Can

# LIVINGS

By Anna Holly  
Editor



Central York Performing Arts put on another outstanding show on Feb. 15, 16 and 17 titled "Catch Me If You Can." Based on the hit movie and remarkable true story, the plotline follows precocious teenager Frank Abagnale Jr. as he leaves his entire childhood life behind to eventually become the world's most sought-after con man.

The story unfolds with the rapid development of Abagnale Jr.'s character as he discovers his identity and true purpose in life. Frank Abagnale Jr. is portrayed by Fink, who is not shy to the musical world.

"This is my ninth show on the CYHS stage and my fourth big lead role," said Fink. "For me especially, this is one of the most physical-

ly, emotionally and vocally demanding shows I've ever done," Fink said.

There were various special effects and other new aspects to look forward to.

"We rented an insane amount of lighting and sound equipment to bring the show to life," said Fink. With that in mind, I noticed so many bright colors and a sound experiential like never before.

Another new addition to "Catch Me If You Can" was the pit orchestra being onstage rather than hidden offstage.

Junior Adam Rilatt, a trombone player participating in the pit for the second time, also really enjoyed having stage time.

"It was really neat to be onstage," said Rilatt. "Being out there made the pit feel like participants and spectators at the same time," he said.

This production

was packed with toe-tapping numbers that really challenged some of the performers, but truly showed how much versatility CYPA brings to the table.

"The music was really jazzy compared to other soundtracks, which made it very difficult but lots of fun," Rilatt said.

On the setlist included the opening number "Live in Living Color," one of the most energetic and colorful performances I've ever seen on the CYPA stage.

"The lights and the energy on stage at that moment is insane," Fink said.

He sure didn't disappoint as he left the crowd applauding with amazement. The opener was then followed by father and son duo

"The Pinstripes Are All That They See," sung by Fink and senior David Roberts who portrayed Frank Abagnale Sr.

My favorite, however, was the song about frequent travel and the epitome of the glamorous lifestyle in high society titled "Jet Set."

The group of matching stewardesses accompanying Abagnale Jr. brought this particular song to a whole new level.

"I love 'Don't Break The Rules' because you feel like you have to dance along," Rilatt said.

Although the pieces were difficult according to some, they were executed flawlessly and captured the glitzy and flashy lifestyle of wealthy folks in the early 1960s.

Sydney Konscol, a junior at CYHS, also recognized the sheer talent as she watched Catch Me If You Can on Friday evening.

"I really liked that [the musical] had different songs for characters you wouldn't expect to have a solo," Konscol said.

"It really shows

you how talented our performers are," she said.

Aside from the auditory aspect, the dancing was also a huge part of the show that had the audience glued to the stage. Overall, it all flowed incredibly well together.

"The storytelling, the choreography, the music, the special effects, all of it. From the first downbeat you are pulled in to the story," Fink said. His words were accurate as I witnessed the crowd genuinely mesmerized by this astounding show.

Even though this production is now one for the books, it was a fantastic one to see and a great winter musical.

"Catch Me If You Can" was truly a class act.

Congratulations to the cast, pit, crew, tech, directors and everyone else involved in the making of this unforgettable performance.

## Frosty first adventure: Story continues, winner chosen

By Mattie McGlaughlin  
Guest Writer



Confusion immediately disappeared from Taylor's face and suddenly became petrified. She became frozen, not knowing what to think or say. Her head was spiraling, but no words came out for what seemed like an eternity.

"Jack...? H-how is it you? How is it even possible?" Taylor stammered, her eyes widening more with every question that entered her head.

"This can't be real," she shook

her head. "Y-you can't be real."

Jack removed himself from the tree. He took a step closer to Taylor, and she counteracted with two steps back.

"But...I'm here... aren't I?" Jack replied cautiously.

Six years ago, Taylor's family joined her aunt's family on a winter trip to the cabin. It was Taylor's family, Taylor's aunt, Taylor's uncle, and lastly... Jack. With the little dimples by his eyes and a bright smile. One day, the whole family joined in the living room to have

hot chocolate by the fire. The adults drifted off within minutes. This left Jack and Taylor to their own imagination.

The sugar from the hot chocolate coursed through their veins. They were too energized to stay inside.

"C'mon, Taylor! Let's go outside and have a snowball fight! Maybe we can even find the sleds!" Jack exclaimed excitedly as he rushed to the glass door.

"I don't know, Jack...What if something..." Taylor stated to say, but off went Jack crunching his

way into the freshly fallen snow. Taylor ran after him...

The next few minutes consisted of running around and throwing snow at each other. They threw snowballs and chased each other and raced around the house. Taylor was running through some of the closeby trees by the cabin, trying to find and catch up to Jack. She stopped in her tracks and turned. Where is he? She thought to herself. Though her question was quickly answered and she saw Jack on a wooden sled, rac-

ing [his] way down a hill from the cabin. He zipped by her and soon was out of sight. She laughed while she tried to catch up to him. She ran for a while to see where he might have stopped when all of the sudden she stopped dead in her tracks. She could not believe her eyes. It couldn't be true, but it was. She saw Jack, but she also saw him face down in a big, red puddle next to a gigantic bloody icicle and a banged up tree.

She eyed Jack Frost up and down. He was not lively. His smile was not bright

and his dimples no longer by his eyes.

"Jack," she stated. "You're supposed to be...dead."

"Taylor?" Taylor's mom called her named from a few feet away. Taylor turned to face her with a pale white face. "What are you doing out here? You know you're not supposed to be out here alone... what's wrong?"

Taylor turned back around to where Jack had been standing, but all that was left was a single, gigantic icicle.

## The importance of travel during the school year

By Anna Lumsargis  
Staff Writer



As the school year drags on, it is important to remember to stay relaxed and stress free. One of the best ways to do this is to take a short break and travel somewhere new.

Jonathan Hakim, one of Central's business teachers, went to Killington, Vt. on Feb 7 to go skiing with some of his friends.

"[There is] one huge mountain filled with trails to ski and snowboard on. Our house is near a trail so we can hop on that and ski to a gondola," he said.

Ski and snowboard resorts can be found all over the country. Locally, we have resorts like Roundtop Mountain Resort and

Liberty Mountain.

"I'm most looking forward to being on a big mountain where I will have to take a break because I'll be so tired. Roundtop is too small but nice for our area," Hakim said.

Taking a break to go somewhere new can also help manage the stress of the school year. This is important because stress puts a burden on your body and mind, which can affect your academics and can lead to more severe issues.

"[Traveling] allows you to get away from the normal everyday routine but at the same time allows you to appreciate coming back to a nice place," he said.

When traveling in the winter you should also consider the weather.

Ice, snow and sleet can cause for bad driving conditions.

"Make sure you have snow tires and don't ride the left lane on the highway--that absolutely drives me crazy," said Hakim.

This kind of trip is for those who like the cold weather, but if you're looking to escape the cold, you could always go down south.

Sophomore, Isabelle Gronowski, recently took a trip to Orlando, Fla. Gronowski went to Orlando for some of the many attractions in the area, such as Disney World, Universal and Seaworld.

"People going to Disney World or Universal should expect to be exhausted at the end of the night. However, you will make some of the best memories ever here,"



Photo by Anna Lumsargis.

said Gronowski.

Getting away from the normal day-to-day routine, gives you a chance to reconnect with those who you have trouble making time for in the rush of the school year. The best trips aren't about where you go, but more so the memories you make.

"The best part of my trip was getting on the same page with my mom again. We have our differences, but I feel like after our trip we have an even stronger bond now. We made so many more memories now," said Gronowski.

A major concern for students might

be the amount of schoolwork they will have to make up. While missing more than one day of school can be daunting, you can always ask for work before you go, so you won't have as much to do when you get back.

"I asked my teachers to give me work beforehand so that I could do it before I left. When I came back I also had to set aside large amounts of time to do other work and get caught up," she said.

Even with the workload, travel gives you the opportunity to slow down and relax for a while.

"In contrast to that, it does also give you some time away from school and to just enjoy time with your family which is absolutely amazing," said Gronowski.

# “thank u, next”: Bad idea or newest hit?

By Athena Swords  
Staff Writer



Only five months after the release of “Sweetener,” Ariana Grande has dropped another album, “thank u, next.” This album comes to us shortly after her breakup with Pete Davidson and the death of her longtime boyfriend Mac Miller.

When asked by Billboard about the tone of the album, she said, “A lot of it sounds really upbeat, but it’s actually a super sad chapter.”

Before the album’s release, Grande dropped three singles: “thank u, next,” “imagine” and “7 rings,” which were all instant hits and got fans ready for what was coming.

With each of these songs having different feelings and overall styles, we didn’t know what to predict.

The first song on the album, “imagine,” is about being in denial according to Grande. A slower song describing the

acts of imagining a perfect relationship.

This is a song that I really feel goes back to her original style. I’m happy this was the starting song. Instead of starting with a bang, it eases into the album and shows a taste of what’s to come.

The song that follows is “needy,” which is about having emotional issues and needing someone you love and to just let you be needy. This is a song that you would listen to when you’re a little moody. It’s sort of slow, but it has a nice beat that gets stuck in your head.

After “needy,” comes “NASA,” which is about needing space to just become grounded again. Not being on the same page as your partner, and you just need some you time to figure yourself out.

“Keep me in your orbit and you know you’ll drag me under,” as she puts it. I have never really heard a song that touches on this, and I really appreciate it. Along with relating

to the song, it’s incredibly catchy. It’s a good fit in this album.

Track number four is “bloodline,” which according to Grande is, “About wanting someone but not enough to have them in your bloodline.” I think this is another song that we can all relate to in some way, shape or form.

There’s a guy that you have feelings for, but you wouldn’t want this person to help you bring new life into this world. They’re probably not someone you want to take home to meet your parents.

I think this song has a really good beat, and it’s a song you could dance to for hours and scream to in the car.

Up next, “fake smile,” which is about faking a smile after going through the horrible things that life throws at you. This is another song that I think we can all relate to, but the topic hasn’t been touched on much in music. I like the rhythm, it’s not too fast or too slow.

It hits you close to home without making you fall deep into your bag of emotions.

Then the track shifts to “bad idea.” Hinting

about the idea of inviting someone over to numb the pain, she wants to get control of her feelings.

She knows that she shouldn’t go through with her ideas, but she has a feeling that she will. It’s a very upbeat tune some hard hitting lyrics.

Following is “make up.” A song about making up from relationship arguments with some classic love-making. We may not all relate to making love after a fight, but it’s a unique topic to touch on.

This is a topic that once again, has not been talked about much in music. It has a good beat, and it’s very catchy.

Now comes “ghostin,” which truly puts you deep into your bag. In other words, you may cry at least once by the end of this song.

It’s about miss-

ing someone that you love, or have loved before while also being with someone new.

It really hits you right in the heart with its slow tune and sad overtones. This song is by far my favorite on the album.

It hurts your heart knowing who this song is most likely about. Rest easy, Malcolm.

Next up, “in my head,” jumps to the topic of coming up with a version of someone in your head, and falling in love with that person.

Blindly loving the person you’re with. It has a hold on a topic that everyone has related to at least once.

One of the pre-released singles is up next, “7 rings.” This is an upbeat song about buying lavish things, celebrating with your girls and living your best life.

The song puts its own spin on the tune of “My Favorite Things,” from The Sound of Music, and I am living for it. It

is a really fun song with a catchy beat.

The song that named the album, “thank u, next,” is all about being grateful for your exes. In fact, she starts the track by calling each one of her exes out by name.

This song is all about accepting a breakup and growing from it. This song really is positive and empowering.

It’s a song that instantly gets you singing and dancing.

And last but not least, “break up with your girlfriend, i’m bored.” This song describes having an attraction to a guy who has a girlfriend.

Grande is kind of competing with his girlfriend out of attraction and jealousy.

It’s an upbeat song that brings a good ending to the album.

Overall, this album is one of her best. It brings up topics that haven’t been brought up in music before.

This is a new chapter for Grande’s music style, while also going back to her roots.

## Ways to alleviate college stress, tips, advice

By Molly Reinhard  
Editor-in-Chief



Every high school student goes through their four years preparing to leap into the real world.

We take educational trips to visit colleges, we go through step by step applications for our possible future schools and we wait nervously for our acceptance letters that take way

too long to arrive.

But what happens once you’re accepted to college? How do you not freak out about the fairly unknown future?

The truth is that it’s okay to freak out a little bit. We’re leaving everything we’ve ever known, and that’s scary.

First, accept that you won’t be in your comfort zone for the rest of the college

planning process.

There may be some bumps in the road, but there are ways to keep yourself on track thinking positively.

Think of every step as a tiny victory. Committing to your future school is a big deal.

Finding a roommate is a big deal.

Work to boost your morale by celebrating when you check another thing off of your lengthy

list. This will definitely encourage you to continue on to the next step and emphasize that your hard work is worth it.

If you’re having difficulty or stress related to college, utilize your resources at Central. You are definitely not alone in this process. If you have any questions, concerns or confusion, the best resource is your

guidance counselor. They are always willing to help because they want you to succeed.

Every senior falls victim to frequently thinking about what you

have to do next college wise, so it’s important to keep your eye on deadlines and ensure you’re getting everything done, but don’t let it consume your entire life.



Senior Molly Reinhard visits the University of Pittsburgh’s scenic campus.  
Submitted photo.

## Johns Hopkins purchases D.C.’s Newseum, cont.

By Grace Strayer  
Editor



way — to champion the five freedoms of the First Amendment and to increase public awareness about the importance of a free and fair press.”

For Hopkins, acquiring this building means gaining a new home for their School of International and Advanced Studies, previously located on Massachusetts Avenue according to Washington Post.

“Acquiring this iconic property in the

heart of the nation’s capital will represent a transformative moment for Johns Hopkins University and place our research and expertise in the midst of national and global decision-making,” Johns Hopkins University said in a recent interview.

For the public, this building change means that some, like Central York teachers and students, don’t get to visit the historic site at its current location any longer.

Central York’s journalism class visits every year. Re-

cently included with these trips has been Central teacher and CTV advisor Mr. Alexander Strickler.

Strickler first visited the Newseum in 2017, and has been a regular ever since.

“I would visit with Mrs. Hogentogler and the journalism kids,” he said. He brings the Central’s “CTV” class along, as the Newseum offers the television aspect of communications and reporting as well as the journalistic side.

Strickler is also a fan of the building’s current location. Be-

ing on Pennsylvania Avenue means it is located down the street from the capitol.

“I always remember standing on the deck and looking at the capitol building,” said Strickler.

For Strickler, powerful exhibits that he remembers from his visits include the 9/11 memorial and the Pulitzer Prize photo gallery.

Despite moving plans, the journalism and CTV classes both plan on attending again this year.

This will be the first time for many

new students, and for Central teacher, and yearbook advisor, Ms. Lisa Sands who plans on attending as well.

“I hope to gain a personal connection to it [journalism] by taking it all in. I think when you experience something like this it clicks; it connects,” Sands said.

Sands once walked past the building years ago during a women’s march and had been eager to visit ever since.

Both Strickler and Sands, one having been and the

other not, agree on the value and importance of an establishment like this.

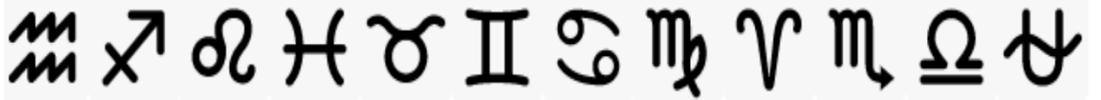
“It is crucial because it helps inform and inspire the public,” said Strickler.

Sands also feels that especially in present-day a place like this is beneficial, saying, “I hope that things like the Newseum can help and support that shift. We see news organizations that are too tied up in sensationalizing and being the first one to break the story and at what cost.”

# LIVINGS

## What sign are you most compatible with?

By Molly Reinhard  
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**Aries (March 21-April 19) + Leo (July 23-August 22):**  
These two fire signs understand each other's energy, something that often lacks in other pairings. This relationship is strong, and they're not afraid to be real with one another. These signs can get a bit hot-headed, but it's guaranteed that their relationship will be filled with passion.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20) + Capricorn (December 22-January 19):**  
This pairing is built to last, considering both signs thrive with consistency. These earth signs want to build a bond that will last forever. They both feel romantic emotions very deeply, keeping them on the same page when it comes to a relationship.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20) + Sagittarius (November 22-December 21):**  
As opposite signs, this relationship when matched is intense and dynamic in the best possible way. These signs would have a great vibe that stems from conversation. This pair will never stop discussing and discovering new things together.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22) + Scorpio (October 23-November 21):**  
These two are water signs, making it common for their relationship to go from zero to 100 because of their sensitive nature. This pair is guaranteed to have an emotional connection filled with a "meant to be" kind of love.

**Virgo (August 23-September 22) + Pisces (February 19-March 20):**  
These two signs go hand in hand when it comes to a relationship. They are drawn to one another from the get-go, and once they're together, they are a great match. This pair will draw positive unknown qualities out of one another.

**Libra (September 23-October 22) + Aquarius (January 20-February 18):**  
This pair will make for a "love-dovey" kind of relationship. Lovers of spontaneity, these two signs will thrive on exploration with one another. The two air signs play off one another's dreamy qualities to make an almost picture perfect match.

## It's all fun and games: Valentine's Day crossword puzzle

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- BE MINE
- CHOCOLATES
- FEBRUARY
- JEWELRY
- RED
- SAINT VALENTINE
- FLOWERS
- LOVE

# Super Bowl Ads: The good, the bad, the ugly

# SPORTS

What's Super Bowl Sunday without the abundance of commercials?

By Laila Samphilipo  
Editor



Each year, over 100 million people tune into the Super Bowl, one of the nation's largest televised events, to watch the championship football game of the NFL.

Such a large viewing allows for companies to promote awareness of their products and services among a massive audience during commercial breaks. But as time has shown, not only do viewers find the game itself intriguing—but many admit to watching the game purely for the commercials.

This phenomenon has encouraged companies to produce extraordinary advertisements of advanced cinematic quality, frequently containing

unpredictable special effects and bizarre humor to gain exposure.

Here is a list detailing the good, bad and ugly of the 2019 Super Bowl advertisements.

**Good:**  
"The 100-Year-Game"- NFL

This two minute commercial, intended to celebrate the league's upcoming centennial season, held a cast of 50 current and former players, officials and others.

The commercial begins with Oakland Raiders running back, Marshawn Lynch, unable to resist a cake. He leans in and accidentally knocks off it's decorative golden football—causing complete commotion with the other athlete banquet attendees to ensue.

From there, the commercial consists of a loose football luring players to act both humorously and wildly as if they were on field.

This advertisement was impressive regardless of one's knowledge of football.

It was littered with NFL celebrities, action and playful dialogue that seemingly enticed viewers of all ages.

**Good:**  
"Michael Bublé vs. Bubly"- PepsiCo

This advertisement light-heartedly depicted a rivalry between Canadian singer Michael Bublé and the sparkling water drink, Bubly.

The commercial begins with Bublé grabbing a can of Bubly, referring to the drink as his own surname. His pronunciation is corrected by a nearby woman, and the two continue to dispute the pronunciation.

By the end of the video, Bublé is seen getting reprimanded by the store manager for using a marker to change the name on the cans to his own.

While the repetition does admittedly get tiresome, the advertisement will likely be successful based off of the fact that it repeats the name of this prod-

uct numerous times.

Not only was it unexpected to see Bublé in a commercial for sparkling water, but the video also contained the kind surreal humor that viewers enjoy.

**Bad:**  
"RoboChild"- TurboTax

This 45 second commercial felt painfully longer, as it was undoubtedly unsettling.

The advertisement featured an A.I. robot who doubled as a child, communicating to his "Papa" about his future aspirations of becoming a TurboTax Live CPA. Unfortunately for "RoboChild," only humans with emotions, empathy, understanding and humor can work for TurboTax. Upon hearing this news, "RoboChild" expressed his sadness by laughing maniacally.

Between the mechanical voice of a young child and sad background music, this commercial definitely is not your typi-

cal Super Bowl advert.

**Ugly:**  
"Devour Food Porn"- Devour

This commercial, intended to advertise Devour's three minute meals, made many viewers lose their appetites, if anything.

The commercial was filmed similarly to a documentary, beginning with a concerned girlfriend expressing her sorrow related to her partners frozen food "porn" addiction. B-roll footage then shows throughout the course of the advertisement, depicting her partner attempting to hide his addiction, but ultimately failing and getting caught repeatedly.

Filled with uncomfortable sexual innuendos and deceiving cinematography, this commercial was anything but entertaining. The commercial came across as slightly gross considering it included suggestive visuals in addition to its clever wordplay.

# Was Super Bowl 53 the worst Super Bowl to date?

By Christian Aliaga  
Staff Writer



Was this the worst Super Bowl yet? With the slow game, advertisements and the Halftime show this easily could be. The final final score 13-3 with the New England Patriots winning, the game itself was slow and boring and with the lowest score in Super Bowl history.

Furthermore with the plays and how long it took them to score a touchdown to their

offense everything was slow and boring.

"There wasn't a rival or beef in the two teams to make it interesting," said Alex Kirshner.

The Patriots winning came by no surprise because in most cases they've always won. The worst was when patriots didn't score their kick of a 48-yard to get back within seven with seconds left.

With that being said, one highlight would be the Rams setting a Super Bowl record with

punting it 65 yards.

Super Bowl ads this year were pretty disappointing like "Too many sponsors were simply trying too hard, with the few witty, surprising and emotional spots genuinely standing out."

"While it's popular to say, the ads were better than the game," said Brian Lowry, a reporter that was there at the game himself.

However, the companies really left an impression, with T-Mobile airing a spot in each quarter, joined by Microsoft,

Amazon and Google.

Also, there was TV content like Game Of Thrones, The Walking Dead from streaming services via Amazon, Netflix and Hulu, Blockbuster movies and even an ad from the Washington Post.

There was talk about the ads being repeated. This is because a lot of the companies said they didn't really want to support political things or get backlash from the fans/viewers.

The halftime show sparked conversation

after Adam Levine, Travis Scott and Big Boi performed.

Many artists didn't come because they don't want to support the NFL's stand point on it.

They've asked Rihanna her thoughts in which she said "No because of the kneeling controversy and I don't agree with the NFL's stance with it." Which is the reason somewhat around that topic many artists declined the Super Bowl offer.

Many people were confused with the

whole stripping by Adam Levine while others could argue it wasn't a problem.

Travis Scott's intro began with the Spongebob Super Bowl scene where they play "Sweet Victory" which was cut off, but fans still appreciated the fact it was still on there while many others didn't really get it because they never watched Spongebob. People found that the national anthem at the start of the show was way more entertaining than the halftime show itself.

# The Top January Transfer Window Deals

By Sam Lavine  
Editor



The January Transfer Window is one of the few times of year when soccer teams around the world can trade, buy, and loan players to other teams.

Usually the Jan. Transfer Window is often overlooked as only small teams tend to delve into any financial action. This window was anything but quiet with some big names on the move to big clubs.

\*Christian Pulisic is not any ordinary American soccer player. Beside Pulisic being very good at such a young age he is also a native of Hershey, Pennsylvania. He also Plays for Team U.S.A. Men's Soccer.



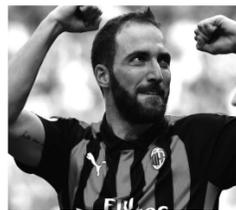
Christian Pulisic



From Borussia Dortmund to Chelsea for a \$73.1 million Transfer Fee



Chelsea made a splash in the January transfer window when they paid the most expensive ever transfer fee for an American soccer player when they signed Christian Pulisic. While fans and experts are puzzled as to what role he will play at Chelsea under Maurizio Sarri he has the potential of being a very smart signing for both the club and the player. Pulisic is also a smart signing due to his all around versatility.



Gonzalo Higuain



From A.C. Milan to Chelsea on Loan with an Option to Buy



Juventus striker Gonzalo Higuain could be considered a little bit of an outcast. He was loaned from Juventus to AC Milan after the arrival of superstar Cristiano Ronaldo. Early in the season he struggled at Milan and looked to find a new opportunity. That opportunity came in the form of Chelsea who had been struggling in finding a consistent striker and saw Higuain as the solution to that problem. It is a good for signing for Chelsea as they now have a new and consistent no. 9 striker who has started scoring already for the club.



Denis Suarez



From F.C. Barcelona to Arsenal on Loan with Option to Buy



Arsenal's season, their first under new boss Unai Emery has been a good one. Unfortunately, this season has not been without its growing pains. Emery and his new 4-2-3-1 system has needed some fine tuning and Unai Emery has decided that in F.C. Barcelona midfielder Denis Suarez. While the stats for Suarez aren't that exciting, he has the potential of being an integral part in this new Arsenal team as he can help chances develop during a game.



Miguel Almiron



From Atlanta United FC to Newcastle United FC for a \$26.1 million fee



Atlanta United midfielder Miguel Almiron who had a phenomenal season with the MLS champions caught the eye of Newcastle United who were quick to make the young star a top transfer target. Newcastle paid a club record \$25,936,000 for the player and he will not disappoint. This move is significant for Almiron as he will be able to play Soccer at a higher level and achieve great things with an English club.

## SPORTS

## Central athletic trainer returns

holds this important role at Central. Sensbach has been an athletic trainer for 12 years. Upon graduating from Alvernia College (now Alvernia University) in 2006, she passed her certification test and became an athletic trainer.

Sensbach credits her parents as being her biggest role models in her life.

"My parents, they always taught my sister and I to work as hard as we can and be the best person we can be. They always pushed us (they still do) to reach our potential. They were hard on us growing up and gave us limits, and now as a parent, I can really appreciate that they did that," she said.

Sensbach said she was interested in being an athletic trainer from a young age.

"When I was in elementary school, my mom coached JV Girls Basketball at the high school [and] I would eventually attend. On days where my dad was traveling for work - which he did a lot - my sister and I would have to go to practice with my mom. We used to hang out in the athletic training room and that is when it sparked my interest. Also, when I was playing basketball in college, I was hurt badly, needed multiple surgeries and ended up spending a ton of time in the athletic training room. That time solidified my interest to become an ath-

letic trainer," she said.

Sensbach recently came back after her second son was born in October 2018. She says her two kids are her biggest accomplishment in her life and she is feels lucky to have them.

"It is hard not being able to put my kids to bed every night and when we have long Saturdays, it is hard to be gone all day away from them. However, my husband does a great job taking care of them himself, I give him most of the credit."

With the long hours and busy schedule during the school year, Sensbach enjoys her time off during summer break.

"During the summer it is great, I feel like I get a chance to recharge. During the school year I come back to work and I feel clueless about what is going on. It takes a few weeks to get back into the swing of things."

As an athletic trainer you need to make sacrifices at home but you also become very important in the lives of many student athletes.

"My favorite part is the relationships I have with the athletes and their families. Before I was married and a mom, I worked at a Division III school, and I always really enjoyed traveling to other colleges with my teams also." Sensbach also says enjoys the camaraderie and when the teams wins. She is fond



Central York high school Athletic Trainer Kyrsta Sensbach (right) wraps the wrist of Nick Guadagnino (left). Submitted Photo.

By Nick Guadagnino  
Editor



An athletic trainer is one of the unsung heroes that are not always recognized for all the great things they do for high school sports. Some people don't even know the name of the CYHS athletic trainer.

Kyrsta Sensbach

of having the ability to watch the game from the sidelines.

Sensbach gave some insightful advice for people who are interested in being an athletic trainer.

"Work hard. Go to class. Learn everything you can from everyone you know. Build good relationships. Follow the rules. Make good choices. Be a good human. Hold yourself to a high standard. Once you become an athletic trainer, you'll never be able to watch sports

the same way as you used to," she said.

An athletic trainer is very important job to all successful teams. Without an athletic trainer, there would be more pressure on the coaches to make sure their athletes are safe and that they get the right treatment after an injury. Mr. Richard "Doc" Guinan head, athletic trainer at Central York Middle School said, "Athletic Trainers are important because they have the ability to respond to any sports-re-

lated medical situation. These situations may range from minor injury to life-threatening conditions. They are on the front lines providing athletic health care to student-athletes on a daily basis."

Being an athletic trainer requires many skills and traits that are important. Guinan said,

"The top three [traits] are: Compassion, Listening, Adaptability." With these three traits you can become a great athletic trainer.

## Central wrestler heading to West Virginia

By Sam Lavine  
Editor



Central York High School senior Michael Wolfgram has a lot to look forward to. The young wrestling standout committed to West Virginia University earlier this year to go Division I for college wrestling.

Wolfgram said, "It feels great. It was a lot of hours in a practice room and a lot of dedication towards doing something this big, and it feels nice to see all that hard work over the course of a couple years pay off."

Wolfgram's hard work paid off when schools from across the country came lining up to recruit the wrestling star. Schools ranging from Oklahoma and Virginia Tech to other Division I powerhouses like Maryland and Nebraska all wanted to recruit Wolfgram. Despite all these offers, it was West Virginia University that caught Wolfgram's eye.

West Virginia University has always been a staple in college wrestling but recently it has taken a step in a new direction with an overhauled coaching staff. WVU's new head coach was quick to catch Wolfgram's eye. Tim Flynn came from Edinboro University to become WVU's ninth wres-

ting head coach. Flynn had spent 20 years at Edinboro helping establish a dominant wrestling program.

Flynn in his time at Edinboro helped produce 150 national qualifiers, 38 All-American wrestlers, 64 Eastern Wrestling League champions and consistent team finishes in the top 5, 20 and 25 nationally for wrestling. Flynn has also been named coach of the year for both the EWL and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference multiple times.

Wolfgram, when talking about the coaches said: "They just got a new coaching staff. This year was their first year. I really liked those coaches from the start they're some good people and they've been on top of the podium, they know how to get guys to the NCAA podium so it's nice to have some experience in the coaching room."

Wolfgram was also impressed with the wrestling background the coaches at WVU saying "Everyone on that coaching staff is an All-American. One of them is a national champion there's two runner-ups and a two time All-American and they definitely know what it takes."

Another thing that impressed Wolfgram was the atmosphere at WVU.

"The atmosphere at the school was amazing," said Wolfgram. Wolfgram also said "The school itself looks brand new and everything about it and everyone in the whole state is so welcoming its just a nice place to be."

While Wolfgram is a big fan of the atmosphere at WVU he knows that it has a reputation of being a "party school," but he knows that he needs to be mature and focus on wrestling one big life lesson learned right here at Central York High School.

Michael Wolfgram has wrestled for all four of his year at CYHS and those four years spent wrestling has taught him a lot. When asked what he has learned from wrestling he said

"Perseverance and probably dedication those two are pretty big because you know you need to be dedicated to do this sport."

That dedication Wolfgram has carried with him. Whether it's getting up early to work out or staying late after practice Wolfgram has done everything in his power to make himself the best. Perseverance has also played a part in Wolfgram's wrestling.

"You might think you deserve something and you might work so hard for it and in the end, you don't get it and you just gotta go



Michael Wolfgram (top) tries to pin an opponent. Photo by York Dispatch.

through that. You can't really let it hold you back cause you'll stop moving forward, you won't continue to grow and progress as a wrestler and as a person."

These two attributes have paid off for Wolfgram as he has been able to balance athletics and academics at Central well. He admits to having trouble in the past with academics but, credits his growth and maturity taught him to manage his time better.

Wolfgram also says that Central has been able to help prepare him for success both as a student and as an athlete. Surprisingly enough one of the people who has helped him improve as a wrestler is a Central Alumni.

Dillon Chatterton graduated from Central three years ago and has been a "big factor" in helping the develop-

ment of Michael Wolfgram. Wolfgram states "He was a big motivating factor for me because he's probably the best wrestler in Central York history you know, he's got the win record to prove it." Wolfgram has learned a lot from Chatterton and has set his eyes on his records. Wolfgram states "Just trying to look up to him and try to pass him in those records makes you work really hard." Wolfgram says that he and Chatterton are "Really good friends and we're super competitive with each other." Wolfgram says that that friendship is part of what makes it all the more fun to go and try to get Chatterton's records. Wolfgram, however, passed Chatterton and most of his records fell. "I think he only has me in wins but that's about it."

Wolfgram not only with the motivation of Chatterton took it upon himself to improve himself as a wrestler. He made use of every opportunity given to him. Wolfgram made sure to never stop wrestling. If the season was over he'd go to open mats to keep his wrestling skills sharp. He'd also practice with a club wrestling team and compete in tournaments across the country.

When it came time for Wolfgram to choose a school to determine his future for both his education and wrestling career, his parents were right there with him.

As Michael Wolfgram completes his final season of wrestling here at Central he is excited for the opportunity and challenges that lie ahead. He is looking to continue to grow on his success.