



Cougar Chit-Chat

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Stand together
one and all
Pride and Honor
Heed our call



Silver Crimson Colors Raise
Our Alma Mater Praise Loyal
Friendships Can be Found



Rich traditions will abound
Raise our voices loud
and clear for Alma Mater Dear

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Cougar Crazyies Back and Better than Ever!

by Jake Sachse

School spirit is obviously important. It builds character, pride, and unity within the school building. School spirit motivates the student body to do better in class and get involved with extracurricular activities.

Logan Jones was asked about his school spirit, stating, "This group of Cougar Crazyies is 10 times better than that of past years," and "We have the most school spirit this place has seen since I've been at the school."

When asked about his school spirit, Logan simply replied, "I'm the craziest Cougar Crazy this place has ever seen!"

Cam Carsia said pretty much the same, along with congratulations to the senior class for making the student section "loud and proud" at each and every home game.

It's not just the senior class that makes the student section happen, however. Representatives from all classes show their faces time and time again in and around the student section.

Sophomore Collin Wilkinson says, "This year's section makes the other years look weak," and, "The more people getting



Pictures by Michelle Stojkov

Cougar Crazyies gather in different student sections during sporting events.

involved the better. Come out and show our teams you're here to support them!"

It's true, the more people involved in school spirit means the more school spirit Hazleton Area has to offer.

HAHS Principal, Mr. Petrone says, "School spirit is contagious...I encourage each and every student to hop on the 'Spirit Train' here at Hazleton Area High School."

Rite, Right, or Write...Find Out at the HAHS Writing Center

by Thomas A. Holodick

"Cougar Chit-Chat" is proud to report new improvements made to the writing center this year. In previous years, the HAHS Writing Center was located in the HAHS library. This year, it has all changed for the good! Back and better than ever, the writing center now has a home located in Room 113.

The writing center has many useful resources available to students right at their fingertips. The writing center provides students with state-of-the-art laptops, useful website resources, which can be found on the writing center's website, and school textbooks and supplies which can aid the student's progress in their academic studies.

So, what is the writing center, and what does it do? It provides students with positive reinforcement through peer editing with English teachers and writing lab assistants. Positive tools to enrich student knowledge and skills are also reinforced.

Have a question on how to effectively persuade or



Photo by Rosella Matsago

Pictured above are HAHS writing center assistants.

inform an audience during a speech? Need to learn how to properly cite information in APA or MLA format? Need help "beefing up" your term paper? The writing center has the beef! Students are encouraged to visit the writing center anytime during the school year, or during provided after school hours.

Whether you need drastic help or have a simple question, the writing center is ready and eager to help you! The writing center operates every period during the

school year, and high school "writing lab assistants" are there to help you. The writing center assistants for semester one include Jamilette Benzant, Nelissa Castado, Gabriella Echeverry, Lauren Hunsinger, Taylor Prehot-sky, Chelsa Scarcella, Natalie Alcantara, Skilee Gould, Lindsey Dedics, Johnny Pepen, Celia Sokolofski, Mackenzie Aucker, Julissa Hererra, Thomas Holodick, Jacob Morgan, Natalie Perkowski, Miguel Polanco, Michelle Stojkov, and Sarah Strassner.

New SAT Explained

by Brittany Heffelfinger

The College Board SAT has undergone some changes. Those of you who have taken the previous (still current, for a short span of time) SAT may be thinking, "Well, how much different can a standardized test get?" For those of asking these questions, here are the answers.

No more memorizing "random" terms. Those of you who took the SAT before, or even know someone who took it, most likely know that the SATs are widely known for their "confusing" terms that are out of context on the test. Well, luckily for new test takers, all of the terms are put into context, such as a passage. By using context clues, these

should be far easier to answer.

The score of the test now ranges from 400-1600, as opposed to the old 600-2400 range.

No penalty for guessing. One point per answer, instead of deducting points; they'll just add up your number of correct answers.

The essay is now optional, but some colleges will require your scores from it, so it's a smart idea to do that portion either way.

Mrs. Burrows and Mrs. Ulshafer, the SAT prep teachers, provided advice for students who plan to take the new SAT.

Mrs. Burrows says, "Use Khan Academy to prepare for the New SAT."

Mrs. Ulshafer says, "Make sure you borrow a TI-89 calculator from me, and learn how to use it. Look over practice tests, and use Khan Academy."

If you didn't notice, both teachers said to use Khan Academy. What is Khan Academy? It's a free to use website that helps students with just about every subject, along with standardized tests. They partnered with the makers of the SAT, College Board, to make a prep course for the new and old versions of the test.

The SAT Prep Course at HAHS uses Khan Academy to practice for the New SAT before it becomes available.

Why did they change the SAT in the first place? Well, the new format of the test is supposed to reflect more of what you learned in the classroom. The old one was designed to test your ability to learn, the new one differing greatly.

Football is Back

by Alan Bersavage

The NFL is back. Back to watching your favorite team's game every Thursday, Sunday, or Monday. Back to playing fantasy football with your friends online.

Many teams have new faces from acquisitions made during the off-season. The top teams look to continue their success while the bottom teams look to turn it around this year.

One team in particular looking to continue their success are the New England Patriots, Super Bowl XLIX Champions. They are coming off of a controversial season because of the deflate gate scandal which happened during the AFC Championship game against the Indianapolis Colts.

The team was accused of deflating their footballs, giving them an unfair advantage. Tom Brady, the New England quarterback, was issued a four game suspension by the league. The suspension then lifted just weeks before the season. The NFL also made some rule changes, the most prominent being that they moved the extra-point kick from 20 yards to 33 yards and also raised the uprights.

The preseason received some hate for having too many games, mainly because of injuries. Two of the league's best receivers tore their ACLs during the

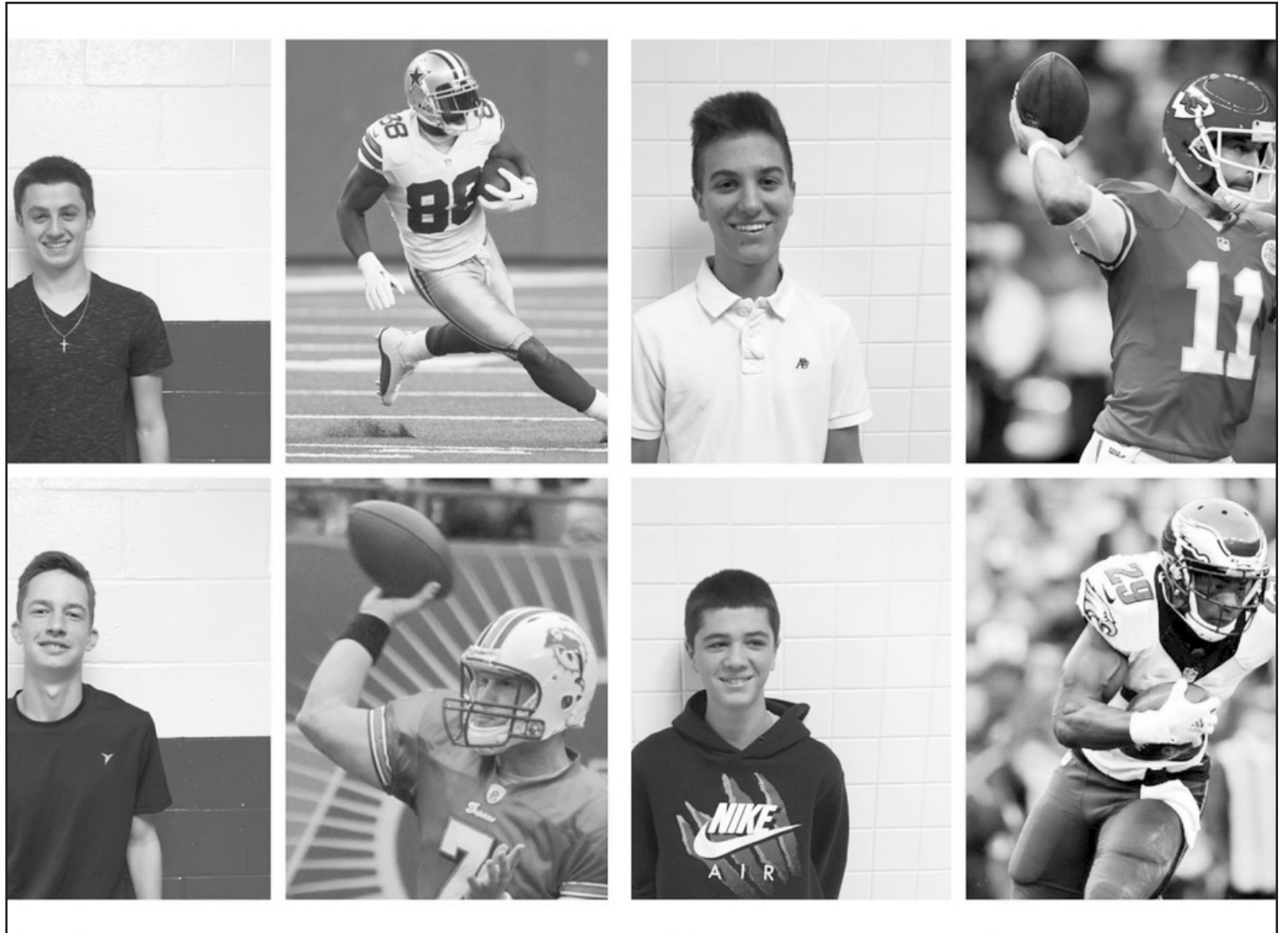


Photo collage created by Alan Bersavage

HAHS cheerleaders routinely perform stunts and lifts that require a high level of athleticism.

preseason, Jordy Nelson of the Green Bay Packers, and Kelvin Benjamin of the Carolina Panthers. This injury will keep these two out for the entire season. Both of these receivers were their teams best last season.

This season should be a god one, and everyone will be rooting for their favorite

team and player. Students were interviewed with the simple questions "What team is your favorite?" and "Who is your favorite player?"

Colin Stauffer, a junior, answered with the Miami Dolphins as his favorite team, and his favorite player is Chad Henne. Cam Carsia, a senior, went with the

Cowboys and his favorite player being Dez Bryant. Alex D'Angelo, a freshman, likes the Philadelphia Eagles and their running back Demarco Murray. Ryan Wolk, freshman, likes the other Pennsylvania team, the Pittsburgh Steelers and his favorite player is Tyrann Mathieu. Ryan Bersavage,

freshman, picked the Kansas City Chiefs as his favorite team and their quarterback Alex Smith as his favorite player.

Get your TV and your snacks ready because football is back.

Athletes Lift Weights - Cheerleaders Lift Athletes

by Ally Hudock

For years, the topic of if cheerleading is a sport has been debated many times. As of 2012, PIAA announced that cheerleading is in fact a sport.

When cheerleading is brought up in conversation, most people automatically think of it as only being on the sidelines. Competitive cheerleading accounts for 2/3 of all female athletic injuries and ranked No. 1 in most dangerous female sports.

Competitive cheerleading is ranked No. 2 out of all sports; it is second only behind American football. The National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injuries Research reports that 65.2% of all sports related injuries occur in cheerleading.

Competitive cheerleading is a very hard sport that consumes a lot of time. Today, cheerleading involves skills which require the strength of a football player, grace of a dancer, and the agility of a gymnast.

In the past twenty years, cheerleading evolved and has become increasingly harder. As a result, the sport became more dangerous. It has been proven that when falling from a stunt in the air, there is a greater impact than being tack-



Photo by Natasha Milazzo

HAHS cheerleaders routinely perform stunts and lifts that require a high level of athleticism.

led by a professional football player.

The book definition of a sport says if it is "a physical activity which involves propelling a mass through space or overcoming the resistance of a mass, than it is a sport." Also, "if it is governed by rules which

define the time, space, and purpose of the contest and conditions under which a winner is cleared then it is a sport." So, are you now convinced? **CHEERLEADING IS A SPORT.**

Gearing Up For Fall

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Hazleton Area High School

Fall Fads

by Thomas A. Holodick

Let's face it. Summer's over, schools back in session, and it's getting colder and darker as the days go by. In no time, it's going to be -10 degrees below freezing, and there will be 3 inches of snow and ice on the ground. Seems depressing, right? Wrong! Many individuals have a season they prefer, and for some, fall seems to slip through the cracks. After viewing all of what fall has to offer, maybe the inevitable season for some won't seem so bad after all.

Pumpkin Everything--If pumpkin is your go-to flavor, then you're in for a treat. A variety of coffee shops such as Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts offer special seasonal pumpkin flavored products to satisfy your seasonal sweet tooth. But, it doesn't stop there. Don't forget about mom's homemade pumpkin pie, pumpkin rolls, apple pie, and peach cobbler.

Breathtaking Scenery--Beautiful multi-colored leaves will slowly begin to take over what were once lush, green trees. Everywhere you look, you'll see leaves falling by the masses, making way for stunning scenery. Also, you can't forget about the sensational crunching sound every time you take a step outside.

Heavy Clothing--Time to break out your sweatpants! With chilly weather approaching, fall provides the ideal time to wear heavier clothing. That's right, it's time to start wearing hoodies,

sweatpants, jeans, and multiple shirts!

Football--Football is returning. Sundays begin with football at 10 a.m. Hopefully your team will triumph in victory. If not, there's always next Sunday.

Halloween--Oct. 31 is Halloween; the day has arrived to go trick-or-treating, collect candy, and maybe spook a friend or two.

Farm Life--Harvest time is gradually approaching. Farms across the United States will start to sell pumpkins, corn, apples, squash, and many fall favorites. Do you have a favorite farm? Many people are eagerly awaiting hayrides, pumpkin picking, and apple bobbing, children and adults alike.

Thanksgiving--The day in which blessings are recognized is right around the corner. So, wake up early, watch the parade, and fill your belly with scrumptious snacks, desserts, and the most anticipated meal of the year, Thanksgiving Dinner. Families will reminisce and make memories leading up to evening football games. Thanksgiving is essentially Christmas-minus the Christmas tree, gifts, lights and snow.

Black Friday--Who doesn't like a good sale? Black Friday is filled low, low prices on the years hottest getups and trends. This is the perfect night to get a deal on that new iPhone you've been dying to get your hands on. Many stores offer unbeatable sales that you can't pass up.



Photo by Thomas A. Holodick

Between HAHS and the Bloomsburg Fair, symbols of autumn are everywhere!

Fall Favorites

See what HAHS' favorite fall fads are!

by Thomas A. Holodick

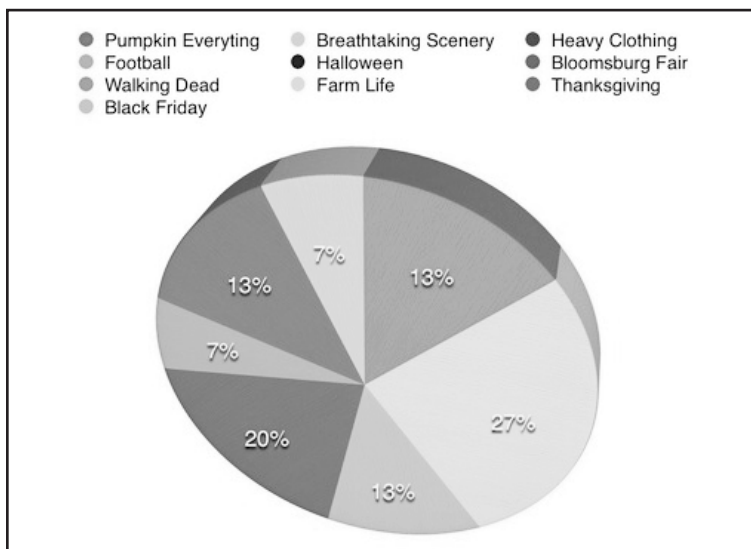


Photo by Thomas A. Holodick

Above is a pie chart depicting participants most and least favorite fall favorites

Fall is quickly approaching. Once lush, green leaves are now turning yellow and golden orange. Pumpkins are popping up everywhere, as well as pumpkin filled treats. There are so many things to look forward to in the fall. With a variety of fall trends to choose from, it can be difficult for students to choose just one favorite. What is your favorite fall trend?

This is exactly what what was asked of HAHS students and faculty members. Participants of the questionnaire were asked to choose their favorite fall fad from a list of 10 top-

ics. In total, fifteen students/ faculty members participated in this questionnaire. These participants included: Lindsey Dedics, Briana Fisher, Morgan Kaschak, Aries Klesh, Patty Loftus, Isaias Lopez, Kaylee Mahon, Jordan Moose, Tessa Perchansky, Ed Shoepe, Nicole Smith, Leandra Sterling, Collin Wilkinson, Donna Vanko, Carter Yanac.

Almost everyone who participated in the survey had an entirely different answer. The most popular fall fads on the questionnaire the topic "Breathtaking Scenery" and "The

Bloomsburg Fair." While, the least popular fads on the questionnaire were the topics "Farm Life" and "Halloween."

In the photo on the upper left-hand side above, a pie chart was compiled depicting all of the Hazleton Area High School favorite fall topics. With everyone having their own favorite fall fad, what's your favorite fall fad? Did the "Cougar Chit-Chat's" list meet your expectations? Are you ready for fall?



Nicole Smith
Lindsey Dedics



Patty Loftus
Donna Vanko



Jordan Moose
Briana Fisher

Save OUR Planet

by Desiree Coleman

The world's fresh water is one of the best natural resources that has been relied on millions of years. Humans rely on it for drinking, bathing, washing dishes, brushing their teeth, and more. How to use less and save more is the question.

Today, 3% of the world's fresh water is occupied by the humans that live on its surface. Seventy-seven percent of this water is trapped in what are known as ice glaciers and twenty-two percent is groundwater.

Why is it important to use less or reserve to the world's fresh water? It is important because the planet is on the verge of running out. Due to global warming, ice glaciers are melting. All of that fresh water is now in the

mix of large bodies of salt water and cannot be filtered out. Could you find ways to use less water? Does it bother you that the world is on the verge of running out of fresh water? What else can be done to prevent this problem from getting worse?

Pollution occurs when pollutants contaminate the natural surroundings. It brings some changes that could or may affect our normal everyday lifestyles.

As caretakers of the earth, it is important to make sure that it is cleaned up after messes made by humans.

In a recent CNN study, climate change was addressed. Scientists discovered an emaciated polar bear and

began to wonder what to blame? It has been said that the ice in the Arctic Circle has declined 13 percent these last couple of decades.

This year, July 2015, it was stated to be the warmest year on record. Many animals are being lead to extinction, including polar bears, because of the cause of climate change.

Due to pollution and the changes in the earth's atmosphere, 5 percent of the world's species of animals will face extinction. Students at HAHS were asked about their views on pollution, climate change, and potential animal extinction. Do you believe in the theory of climate change, and do you believe that we, as members of society, are caretakers of the earth?



Photo by Adam Falatko

Gradual seasonal changes, such fall foliage, may become a thing of the past as the earth gets warmer and seasons

Students' and Teachers' Responses on Climate Change

Sarah Strassner



The earth is getting a lot of harsh weather. Much colder winters and hotter summers are the norm. Something we can do as a school to prevent pollution is try to promote more carpooling.

Estephania Artiles



I believe in climate change because the weather seems to be cyclical. We are the only species that can control the rights and wrongs and also have the power to fix them.

Isaiah Santiago



We do so much damage to the ozone layer by polluting the air. The question to the readers is, "Would you treat your home like we all treat the earth?"

Mariavely Regalado



The weather always changes. If it's cold in the morning, it'll change the climate to hot in the afternoon. The earth is not responsible for the damages that we cause.

Mr. Gregory



Whether it's due to CO2 pollution or the earth's natural cycle, scientists seem to believe the earth is warming. Before anything else, our job as humans is to keep the planet safe and clean.

Jose Tovar



Climate change is real. It's fall, but it feels like winter. We, as humans, should clean up after ourselves

Joshua Jimenez



Abnormal temperatures are occurring during seasonal timing. We are caretakers of the earth because we are responsible for pollution

Angie Castaneda



Its colder and warmer than usual. We decide whether to keep the earth clean or leave it a mess.

Lilly Serrano Isabella Nika



Because of humans polluting the earth, the climate changes. We are responsible for our actions because people smoke, drive cars, and waste water.



Places that usually get colder weather are getting warmer weather which is evidence of global warming. What we do determines how the earth is affected

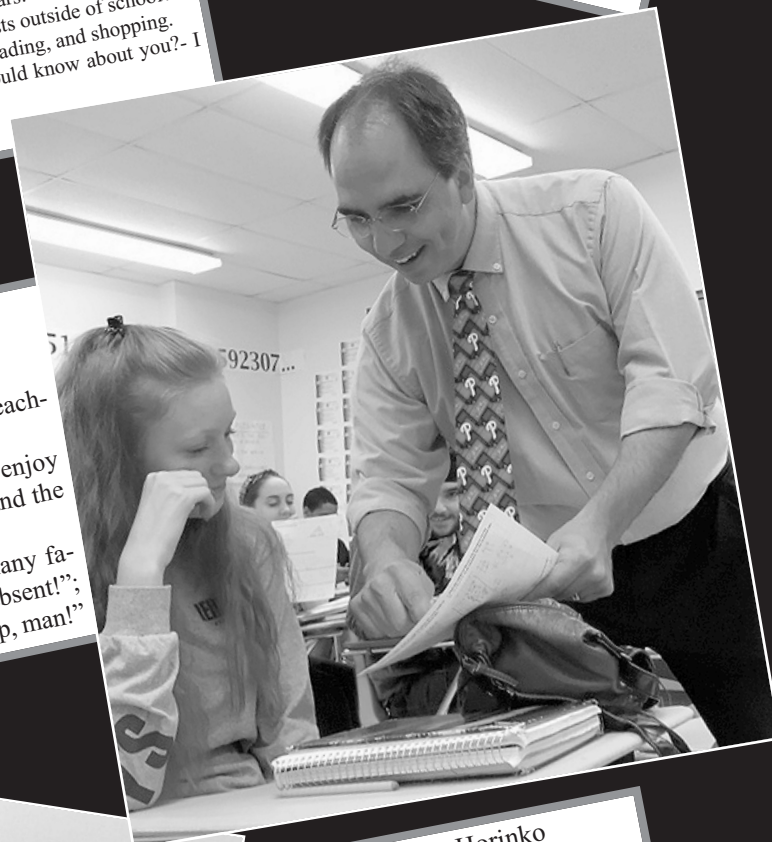
Meet The Teachers



Name- Miss Heather Oster
 Birthday- April 17th
 What do you teach?- English 3/4, H. English 4, critical reading, writing lab
 How long have you been teaching?- I have been teaching for 18 years.
 What are your interests outside of school?- I enjoy reading, watching movies, cooking and eating dinner, shopping, and taking naps.
 What should we know about you?- I love Rap music.



Name- Mrs. Susan Burrows
 Birthday- May 19th
 What do you teach?- English 3, H. English 3, SAT prep, writing lab
 How long have you been teaching?- I have been teaching for 19 years.
 What are your interests outside of school?- I enjoy movies, plays, reading, and shopping.
 What should we know about you?- I could drive a stick shift.



Name- Mr. Fran Milot
 Birthday- February 6th
 What do you teach?- I teach a variety of math.
 How long have you been teaching?- I have been teaching for 28 years.
 What are your interests outside of school?- I enjoy Golf, reading, spending time with my children, and the family life.
 What should we know about you?- I have many favorite sayings such as "Not a good day to be absent!"; "Santa is watching, and so am I!"; and, "Rudy up, man!"



Name- Mrs. Lisa Horinko
 Birthday- May 16th
 What do you teach?- business law, business management, accounting, PFL
 How long have you been teaching?- I have been teaching for 18 years.
 What are your interests outside of school?- I enjoy camping, fishing, eating a good dinner, being with my children, and being a "news junkie."
 What should we know about you?- My favorite saying is "Be nice or be gone."



Mr. Carmen Fornataro
 Birthday- June 4th
 What do you teach?- English 1, H English 1
 How long have you been teaching?- I have been teaching for 13 years.
 What are your interests outside of school?- I enjoy playing live music in a local band, and also enjoy going to live shows.
 What should we know about you?- "I believe that there are only two types of music: good and bad".



Name- Mrs. Kristine Amentler
 Birthday- October 18th
 What do you teach?- biology, H biology, AP biology
 How long have you been teaching?- I have been teaching for 26 years.
 What are your interests outside of school?- I enjoy playing volleyball, hiking, reading, and activities with my family.
 What should know about you?- I've never met an animal that I didn't like.

Meet The Students

by Thomas A. Holodick
 Students were asked the following questions, in which their responses follow.

1. Birthday
2. What grade are you in?
3. What is your favorite subject?
4. What are your interests outside of school?
5. What should we know about you?



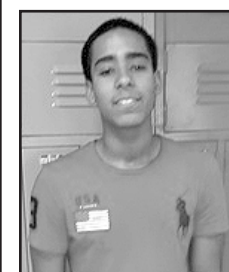
Micheela Rubasky

I was born on March 25th, 1998. I am a senior at the Hazleton Area High school. My favorite subject is French. Outside of school, I enjoy reading, and I love being at the beach as much as I can.



Alyssa Holodick

I was born on November 28th, 2000. I am a freshman at the Hazleton Area High school. My favorite subject is math. I enjoy hanging out with my friends, dancing, and harassing my brother, Thomas. I love playing basketball and participating in many basketball leagues.



Vladimir Reyas

I was born on April 19th 1998. I am a senior at the Hazleton Area High school. My favorite subject is History. Outside of school I enjoy relaxing outside, playing sports, and playing video games. Everyone should know that "I'm mad nice."



Chelsea Welch

I was born on February 23, 1999. I am a Junior at the Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences. My favorite subject is Spanish. Outside of school, I enjoy cheerleading, playing basketball, and time spent with family and friends. I want to become a physician's assistant or forensic investigator.



Austyn Redwinski

I was born on August 14, 1998. I am a senior at the Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences. My favorite subject is band. Outside of school, I enjoy being involved in theater. I am very friendly, easy to get along with, and my passion is music.



Mackenzie Aucker

I was born on August 12th, 1997. I am a senior at the Hazleton Area High school. My favorite subject is English. Outside of school, I enjoy participating in field hockey and track and field. I enjoy hanging out with my friends, shopping, and relaxing on the beach.

No Vote, No Voice

by Brittany Heffelfinger

The age of eighteen is known for one thing: legal adulthood. But do all students know what that means? A lot of them will tell you that it gives them “freedom,” or that it’s the age that they could legally buy cigarettes...but what’s missing? Students often look past the fact that it gives them the freedom to vote.

So, does the student body view voting as important? And, are students eighteen or over registered to vote?

After the poll was conducted, results were those on the graph. Out of the students asked, 27% of them were registered, and a drastic 73% were not.

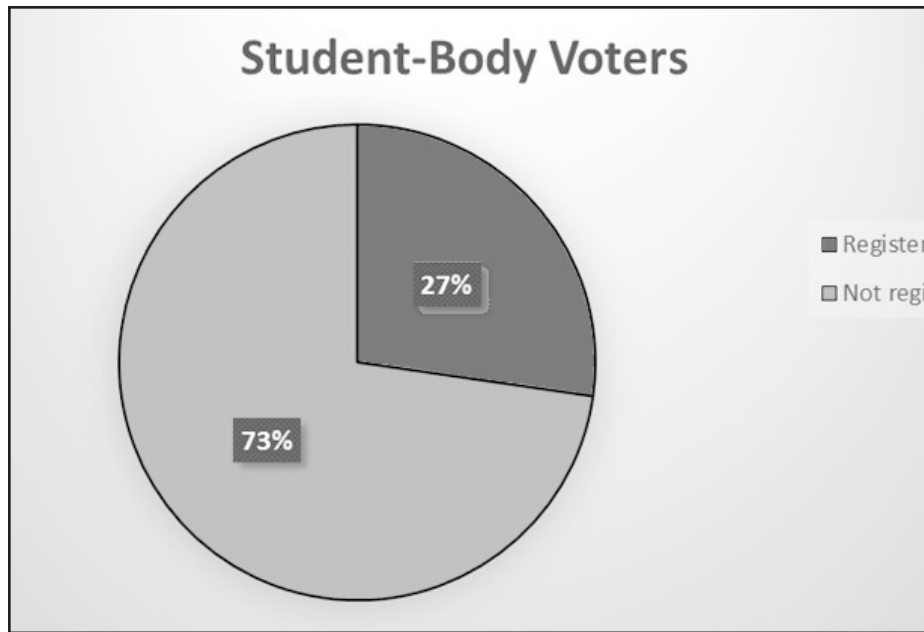
Two students from each category gave some feedback on why they are or are not registered.

“It’s important to know what’s going on,” says Maryrose Kish.

“As an American, it feels like it’s my responsibility to contribute to my country by voting,” says Vennee David.

The two students who weren’t registered said the following. “I don’t feel like it, I will eventually,” Shannon Schmeer says.

For those interested in registering upon turning 18, here are the requirements. You



Pie chart created by Brittany Heffelfinger

The percentage of non-registered, 18-year-old HAHS students is approximately 3 times that of registered voters.

must be 18 and a citizen of the United States, the state of PA, and the election district in which you would like to vote before the next primary, special, municipal, or general election. If you meet these requirements, you can register to vote online or submit an application through the mail. You will need either a PA driver’s license or

PennDOT ID card handy. If you don’t have one, there are other options. Once you submit your online application, it will be forwarded to the appropriate county voter registration office for processing.

Whether you choose to register online or through the mail, pay attention to deadlines and happy voting!

Crisis in Syria Explained

by Adam Falatko

Even if you don’t follow the news, you had to have either heard about Syria or seen the graphic photos. There is a lot coverage on the country in today’s media. This is what you should know about the whole situation.

Many refugees are leaving Syria to escape to other safer countries due to the level of danger increasing in their homeland. Since 2011, Syria has been at civil war. Half the country’s population, an estimated 11 million, has fled the war-torn country in hopes to find refuge. This is the largest forced-migration since World War II.

This all started four years ago during a protest movement by the name “Arab Spring,” demanding the president, Bashar Al-Assad, to resign. The Syrian Army was ordered to suppress the rioting protestors, but ended up opening fire on the crowds injuring many.

This event created armed government fighting rebellions, starting war. This conflict helped produce religious extremist jihadist groups such as ISIS. Many countries are scared to allow refugees in because it is impossible to tell if they have ties with ISIS or not.

Welcome Arts Academy

by Annie Stetz and Cassandra Zanolini

This year HASD started a pilot program for the Hazleton Area Arts and Humanities Academy (HAAH) offering studio classes for ninth grade students. The “school within a school” is located at the high school with a variety of studios which include visual arts, dance, drama, vocal, instrumental, along with a humanities class focusing on mythology and philosophy. Plans for a mixed media studio exist for the upcoming school year.

The academy offers a different approach to learning, not only with the studio classes but with combining History and English together and adding an element of the arts to all of the

classes. Students had many comments about the academy.

Eva Olivieril (vocal), “I think it’s an interesting program. I really like how they combined history and English together. It’s a really unique way to learn. I’m enjoying it so far!”

All of the 90 students enrolled went through an interview process. The process included an audition for the drama, dance, vocal, instrumental, and fine arts studios and an interview and essay for both studio and humanities students.

HAAH allows students to get their talents noticed. The fine arts students were featured in the Stander Speaker. The first project for HAAH involves panels designed and painted for the HS Marching Cougars.

Acacia Bermudez (fine arts) said, “I had a fun time making the panels. I think they came out awesome!”

Mrs. Salvaterra (HAAH vice principal) is currently having students to design the academy logo. The academy is a great addition to HAHS. Everyone will enjoy the outcome either as a creator or as the audience!



Photos and photo collage by Thomas Holodick

Many aspects of the Hazleton Area Arts Academy are depicted here.

Three Are Better than One

by Samantha Caba Jessica Murman



Chit and Chit...

Can the STEM school, Career Center, and the Hazleton Area High School merge as one?

The STEM school (Science Technology Engineering Math) is to improve competitiveness in science and technology development. The Career Center is about business, industry, and education to ensure that the skills taught are the skills needed. The Hazleton Area High School is to educate students and develop the skills necessary to become lifelong learners.

In this perspective, the schools are divided because of their different purposes. Even though the schools are separated, all 3 schools are one together. All 3 schools have a different perspective on education.

So students were asked to point out some advantages to each.

Junior Micalena Serafine said, “The

biggest advantage of being in the high school is the social impact. Meeting new students from other areas is really good.”

Fresa Berroa, who is a freshman, says the biggest advantage is the free lunch.

Jayleen Nunez, also a 9th grader, states, “I think that the biggest advantage in the high school is the library. It helps tremendously.”

Freshman student Omar Sims says, “There are many water fountains. I also like the school wraps that are in lunch. Also the teachers are very nice.”

So, for the past few weeks as you’ve been experiencing the wonders of the high school for yourself. Shortcomings do still exist though.

Time for switching classes and crowded hallways make for less than perfect conditions along with the number of lunch and drink options in the cafe. Bigger lockers and leaving for lunch seem to be concerns as well.

Even with the areas of improvement mentioned, HAHS is a pretty amazing school.

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Donald Trump for President?

by Alan Bersavage

Trump for President. One cannot talk about the 2016 election without saying something about Donald Trump. The infamous TV personality and billionaire businessman is running to be the President of the United States, and so far, he is doing pretty well.



Chit-Chat on politics...

Many would say that Trump is the most popular candidate by far, and it shows in the polls. In the most recent CNN poll for the Republican candidates, Trump sits atop with 24% of the votes. Carly Fiorina and Ben Carson, lag behind him with 15% and 14%. Trump's lead has dropped, however. Earlier in September, Trump had 32% of the votes, giving him an 8% decrease. It could be because of Trump's willingness to say anything at any time, especially on social media and on the CNN GOP debates.

Not only does Trump attack his opponents from a political standpoint, he attacks them on their looks and personality too. During the Sept. 17 debate on CNN, Trump got called out for attacking fellow candidate Rand Paul on his looks.

Trump's response was, "I never



Photo pic-stitch by Thomas Holodick; images courtesy of Google Images 2015.

Donald Trump addresses the crowd during one of his campaign speeches.

attacked him on his looks, and believe me, there's plenty of subject matter right there."

These kinds of comments are why Trump is highly disliked. He says anything on his mind at any time and that rubs some people the wrong way, but others like this. Trump also has no prior political experience which is why many are saying that he is not fit to be the president. Others would say that the

country needs a smart, successful businessman running the country.

HAHS students were asked if they think Donald Trump, the businessman, is needed as the United States President. Dante D'Amato, Adam Grula, and Keith Hudock all agree that the country has no need for "The Donald."

Jake Sachse strongly believes that the US would benefit from Donald Trump as president. Morgan

Parise says she likes Trump, but does not think the United States needs him.

Whether he is liked or not, Trump will always be an important topic of conversation when it comes to next year's election.

Change the Wage?

by Jake Sachse

Maybe the most controversial topic across America is changing the minimum wage. Many states have heard the cries of workers and raised theirs, so what is stopping Pennsylvania?

Minimum wage in the state of Pennsylvania is set at \$7.25. Working a 40 hours/week job at minimum wage will make you around \$15,000/year before taxes are taken out. With just Social Security and Medicare taxes taken out of your paychecks, a person earns about

\$13,900. With income tax and other taxes like it, you walk out with roughly \$12,500 per year.

This amount is LESS than the average cost of living in the state of Pennsylvania (\$12,863/person). A raise of even \$1.00 would be sufficient enough to get people about that average. If a person made \$8.25 an hour, with all taxes taken out people would still walk out of the year with around \$14,500. This would give people enough cushion to live comfortably and even save to have a decent life after retirement.

This being said, should you earn more depending on how hard you work?

Dylan Halcisak says, "Why should I work harder than someone on the same level as me and get the same paycheck?"

Dalton Payne and Emily

"A minimum wage increase makes straightforward economic sense. It means more money in the hands of people who are going to spend it,"

according to Lew Prince, Managing Partner, Vintage Vinyl, St. Louis, MO. Smolinsky agreed, stating, "I work too hard for how much I get paid," and, "the paychecks aren't enough for the number of hours I spend on my work."

Should the state of Pennsylvania change the minimum wage? That question has many different answers, but the logical one would be: yes. The minimum wage in Pennsylvania is too low in order to support a person's life.

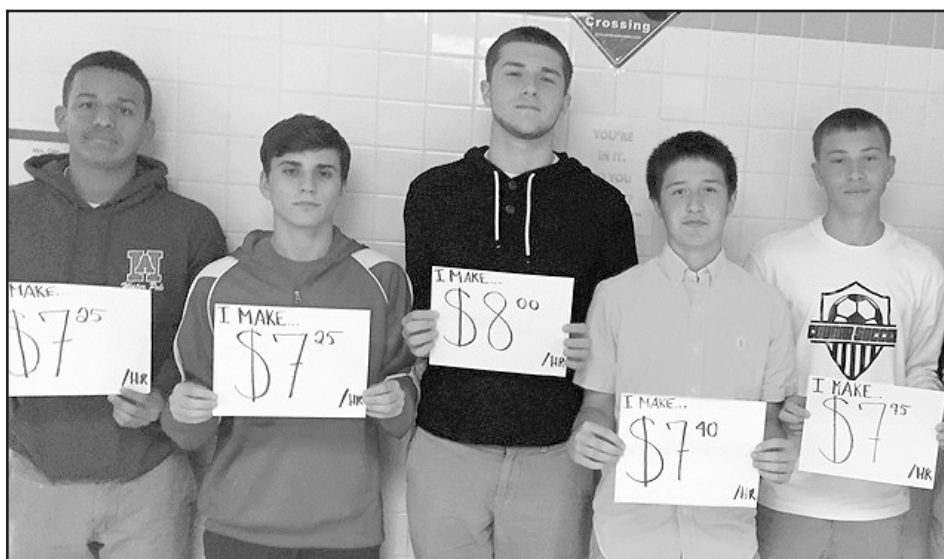


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Pictured Above (Left to Right): E-Man Castro, Jacob Maurer, Dave McCarthy, Gerald Gasser, and Brian Harry.

Health and Wellness

BEAT THE ANXIETY!

by Venne Elaine David

Do you ever get really nervous before presenting in front of your coworkers, teachers, or your classmates? Do you constantly worry about the outcome of a certain event that you currently participate in? Do you fear of being negatively judged and evaluated by other people?

These are only a few questions that almost everyone can relate to. Everyone

worries every now and then about things that happen everyday life, whether it be in the matter of one's work or one's school. However, if your worries are keeping you from making it through your day, you may have an anxiety disorder.

Anxiety is a multisystem response to a perceived threat or danger. It is that uneasy feeling that you get when you are anticipating something. It can cause physical symptoms such as shakiness, sweaty palms, headaches, and even having troubles sleeping at night, or insom-

nia.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, anxiety disorders are the most common mental illness in the United States, affecting 18% of the U.S. population (40 million) where 8% are teens ages 12-18.

Although anxiety is very common today, there are many ways and tips to manage anxiety, or even stress. According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of American, or ADAA, strategies such as taking a time out from

the problem helps clear one's mind, getting enough sleep every night, exercising daily, taking deep breaths, getting involved, and maintaining a positive attitude can help someone cope with anxiety.

Learning what triggers one's anxiety and accepting that one cannot control everything helps. Added to this, there are a couple of ways to treat anxiety: one can find and see a therapist, and getting or seeking support from those who not only know and understand anxiety, but those who experience anxiety themselves.

Silly Smokers

by Chloe Kotzer

Yes, everyone knows cigarettes are very addicting, and nicotine is what causes the addiction. Yet, the troubles for a smoker do not end there.

Smoking harms every organ in the smoker's body; it affects those around the smoker as well. Nonsmokers should not fall victim to health problems due to smokers careless actions of spreading second-hand smoke.

Those who smoke can have their appearance negatively impacted. Smokers are more likely to form wrinkles earlier than those who do not smoke. Nicotine restricts the production of a chemical necessary for you to see at night; therefore, objects in the night appear differently to you. This can even lead to blindness. Mild to moderate hearing loss can occur from the lack of oxygen reaching the cochlea, an organ inside the ear.

Studies have shown smokers have lower activity levels opposed to nonsmokers. The lower activity level is caused from the inflammation in a smoker's lungs. It is also more likely for a smoker to catch a cold or respiratory infection than someone who does not smoke. One third of all cancer deaths are caused by tobacco.

Countless women are uninformed of the serious issues smoking can cause for them. Smoking lowers a female's level of estrogen, causing dry skin, hair thinning, and even memory loss. Women who smoke can have more difficulties than nonsmokers while trying to become pregnant. Smokers who do become pregnant are more likely to have an unhealthy baby.

Despite what smokers believe, smoking makes your everyday life less enjoyable. Some people choose not to associate with those who smoke due to the horrid smell and second-hand smoke. Some smokers believe cigarettes calm them down, but in all actuality, they rally you up. Smokers have a constant want for a cigarette and often become irritated when their needs are not quickly met.

So, don't be silly. Don't smoke!

It's That Time Of Year!

by Samantha Caba

Everyone around you is coughing and sneezing...tissues and hand sanitizer are in short supply. It's that time of year! Welcome October; welcome flu season.

The flu is an abbreviation for Influenza. Influenza is a viral infection that attacks your respiratory system including your nose, throat, and lungs. Influenza and its complications can be deadly. Influenza can seem like a cold with a runny nose and sneezing and a sore throat, but you will usually feel a lot worse with the flu.

Specific signs and symptoms of the flu include fever over 100 F, chills and sweats, headache, aching muscles, dry cough, fatigue and weakness, and sore throat.

The flu virus travel through the air in droplets when someone with the infection coughs, sneezes, or talks. You can transfer them to your eyes, nose, or mouth. It first appears after about the 5th day after the symptoms begin.

There are factors that may increase your risk of influenza and its complications. Age, living conditions, a weakened immune system, chronic illness, pregnancy, and obesity can worsen the situation.

Many are proponents of the flu vaccine. But, does the flu vaccine work the same for everyone? The answer is no; protection can vary widely depending on who is being vaccinated, in addition to how well the flu vaccine is. The flu vaccine best works on healthy adults and older children. Older people with a weaker immune system often have a lower protective response after the flu vaccination.

The best ways to protect yourself and family from getting the flu is washing your hands to protect your health; if you are caring for someone with the flu, talk to your doctor about medications to prevent the flu; and, get the flu vaccine.

Students from HAHS provided their responses regarding this topic. Have you ever had the flu? Do you get the flu shot? Have you gotten the flu shot in the past? Why or why not?

Ninth-grader Michael Berk stated, "I get the flu shot to maintain a healthy life. I get the flu shot every year. I have never gotten the flu. It probably does prevent me from getting the flu."

Senior Mariavely Regalado stated, "I get the flu shot. I go to the doctors every 6 months. I got my flu shot already for this year."

Elsa Ledesma, freshman, said, "Yes, I do get the flu shot. I get the flu shot because I don't want to get sick with the flu. I feel that it is important for my health."

Jacky Dominguez (freshman), "I get the flu shot every year. I don't want to end up in the hospital and have the worst few days of my life. I have gotten it every year since I was a little girl."

Another freshman, Mayuri Polanco, answered, "I get the flu shot, the needle hurts, and I get sick for the next few days. I get a flu shot every year for my own health."

Conversely, ninth-grader Jessica Murman told Chit-Chat, "I do not get the flu shot because I don't get sick. I have never gotten one because it doesn't help."

Rounding out the poll is junior Ally Hudock who stated, "I get it every year because my mom makes me. Basically for school or my mom takes me to the doctor."

Influenza is a sickness no one would like to have. If students miss one day of school, it is like missing 1 week of school. Students will have to take a test, do the homework, or take a final exam. It is important not to miss school. Stay safe, cover up when it's cold, and every student will have a happy and safe cold winter.



Photo by Mark Kisenwether

Marively Regalado and Ally Hudock



Photo by Jessica Murman

Michael Berk and Jacky Dominguez

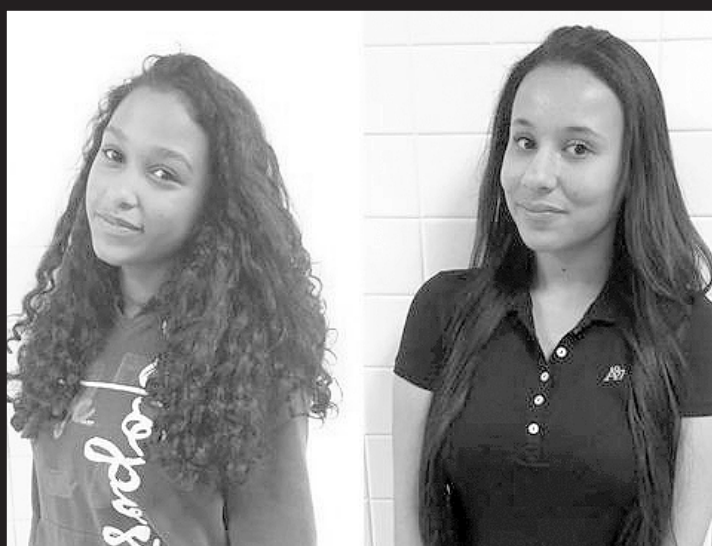


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Mayouri Polanco and Elsa Ledesma

You Only Get One First Impression Are Piercings Professional?

by Sarah Wech

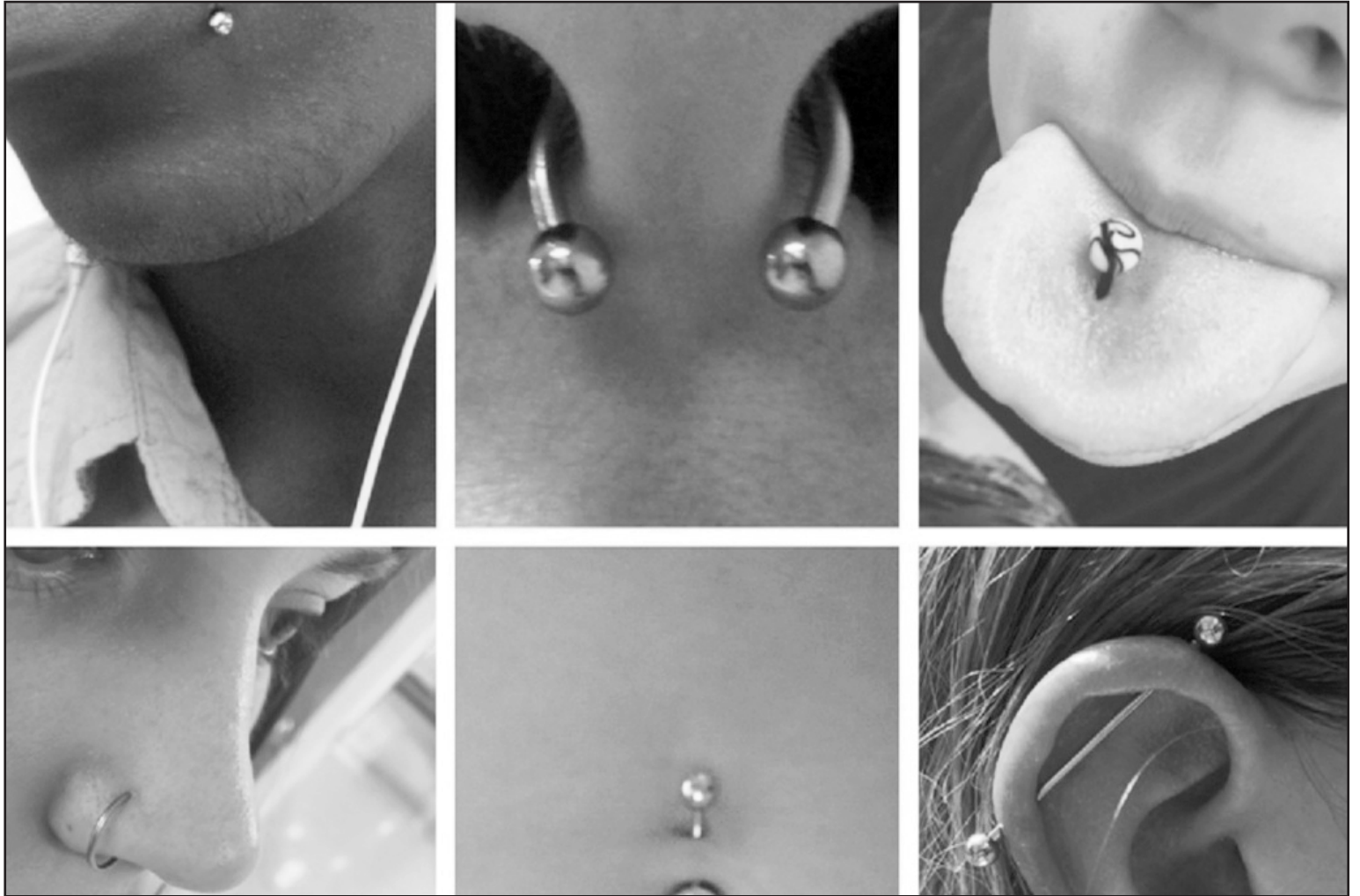
The youth of today are the professionals of tomorrow. The popularity of piercings is continuing to grow. With that, comes conflict. Social guidelines of professionalism have begun to state the question whether or not piercings are professional.

According to the American College of Emergency Physicians, as of Dec. 2011, 47% of Americans ages 16-20 had at least one body piercing. Similar details were found by the Journal of the American Osteopathic Association where fifty-six percent of the students reported having a body piercing.

When interviewing teachers and students from Hazleton Area, there were mixed reviews.

Senior Hannah Bottoms has her hips and belly button pierced. When asked if she thought it was professional, she claimed that if it can not be seen, it shouldn't pose a problem.

Hannah's fellow classmate, Ashley Corrigan, had similar beliefs. Ashley is employed at Senape's Bakery and does not have to remove her belly button or nose ring. She also said that as long as the piercing is not overly done it should



Photos and pic-stitch by Sarah Wech

Piercings are a matter of personal choice, or not? Here are a few individuals not shy about showing their piercings.

not be a problem. Others seemed to disagree.

When interviewing senior Lindsey Dedics, she had different beliefs. Although she only has her ears pierced, she still doesn't find any type of piercing to be appropriate for the work place.

Piercings range from all different parts of the body and differ in shape and sizes, whether it is a piercing in your ear, nose, eyebrow, or tongue. While piercings are still looked down upon by many professionals, senior Aries Klesh believes that society itself is drastically

changing and that the general public should be more accepting of this indisputable fact. Once the current generation is in the position to hire the next generation of new prospective employees, restrictions on body piercings in the workplace will lessen.

To take a different approach on things, teachers at Hazleton were interviewed. When asking them the same question that was posed to the students, they shared similar opinions. Mr. Turri considered them to be unprofessional for any job. Mr. Avillion stated that as

long as they were contained to the ears, piercings should be acceptable.

Freshman Cassie Monkoski and classmate Ashley Santana both have piercings and don't think a individual should be denied a job due to it. When asked about gauges they both had the same quick response. They agreed that gauges were not professional and should not be worn to a job or the interview.

In today's society, the job market has become an area of fierce competition. The smallest details can be the

deciding factor between two candidates. While it might seem that appearance should not matter as long as the prospective employee is qualified, it does. Being professional and appearing so is essential to being successful. Exposed body piercings, aside from the simple ear piercing, are considered not proper for the job market.

Where Are They Now? Recent HAHS Graduates Meeting Goals

by Sarah Wech

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go." Dr. Seuss.

Graduation is a time every high school student looks forward to. It finally is your senior year, and before you know it, the big and exciting day has passed. With years going by, and more and more students graduating from HAHS, individuals take different paths to further their lives. They differ in colleges, majors, work, and location.

After graduating, a person's life can change. You are on your own, you have to think for yourself. You don't have the privilege of going to school everyday and seeing the same teachers who have helped you on reflect on

how HAHS helped them along their paths to success.

Micheal Fox, 2013 graduate, studies education at Bloomsburg University. He also works at Boyer's Supermarket and Gertrude Hawk Chocolates. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Burrows because she genuinely cares about her students and inspired him to want to become a teacher. Michael misses the teachers who were always there for him. Learning how to do things independently before immediately seeking help from someone else prepared him for his future.

Tommy Sharp graduated in 2014 and attends Penn State. His favorite teacher is Mr. Mazurek because he is so easy to talk to. Although Tommy misses being with friends, school events, and baseball, he feel well-prepared for college, especially in math.

Nichole Rebarchick, Class of 2015, is currently taking a semester off. She is employed by Boyer's and Sundae World. Mrs. Richards and Coach K are the 2 teachers who impacted her life in more ways than one. Nichole misses the faculty and students the most, stating, "All of the faculty really cared for all of the students, and it's nice to hear from them even after I graduated."

Caitlin Kennedy graduated in 2014 and attends the Fashion Institute of Technology in NYC where she majors in fashion journalism. Caitlin credits Mrs. Matsago with impacting her life beyond high school by offering not just academic lessons but life lessons as well. Although Caitlin misses many aspects of high school, she is excited at the prospect of embarking on new challenges.

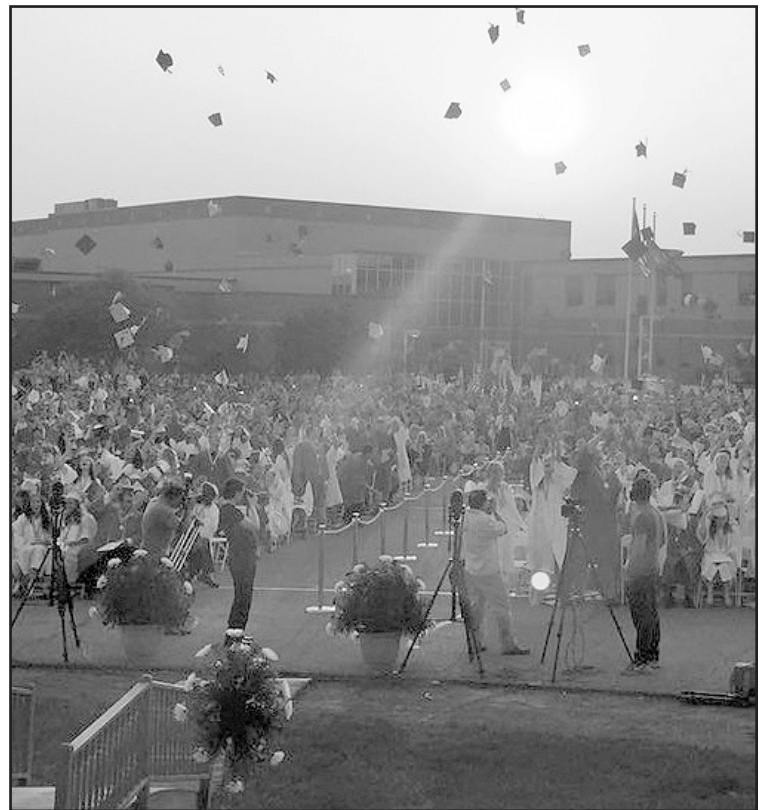


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Hazleton Area Class of 2015 graduates celebrate at the ceremony!

What Are Your Plans After High School?



Chelsa Scarcella plans on studying fashion merchandising at Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City.



Nelissa Casado would like to pursue a doctoral degree in anesthesiology at either Penn State, Temple, or Pitt.



Lauren Hunsinger will be pursuing a pharmacy degree at the University of Pittsburgh.



Taylor Prehotsky plans to study English and education at Bloomsburg University with hopes of becoming a high school English teacher.

Should Schools Have Dress Codes?

by Mariavely Regalado

Students like to express themselves through their clothing. Sometimes students' choices conflict with the accepted norm of dressing. So, where does one draw the line when it comes to dressing appropriately for school?

Many students feel as though they are being forced to conform to dress codes or uniforms. Clothing that is unsuitable for weather conditions or distracts other students disrupts the education process.

HAHS students have strong feelings about the school dress code. They were asked, "Do you think a dress code or limited clothing options impact students' learning?"

"I think dress code shouldn't be a big deal because it doesn't stop us from getting educated," said Yohanna Batista.

Some students seem unfazed regarding this topic, yet others differ in opinions saying things such as "Dress code is

not a good idea," "being uncomfortable is not fun." "What is so bad about wearing jeans, sweatpants, joggers, yoga pants, etc.?"

But, in reality, is there a correlation between dress codes and grades, knowledge, or skill retention? Many believe that students will actually feel more at ease knowing they will come in comfortable clothes ready to learn.

The Hazleton Area School District Board of Education recognizes, "That each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual, preference."

Yet, the Board has the authority, "To impose limitations on students' dress in school. The Board shall require students to wear standard dress, as stipulated in Board policy. It bans jeans and cargo pants and hooded sweatshirts are not allowed (unless they are school sanctioned) and contains lists of acceptable tops and bottoms, as well as non-compliant clothing," according to the school district handbook for students.



Photo by Mariavely Regalado

Here is an example of two female students in acceptable dress code.

Who Judges You Quicker, Friends or Strangers?

by Crischely Polanco

Have you ever wondered who really are quick to judge between friends and strangers? There was a poll based on this question were 9% of students from HAHS say that friends are quicker to judge, but the other 10% disagree.

Meanwhile they were asked if someone's look was based on their personality 3% said yes while the other 16% said no.

They took the time to test this out with an experiment. They had a girl dress a different way every day to view the outcome. She did her daily routine without a disturbance of any kind, but once she

stepped out of the school, her friends seemed to not like how she was dressed and felt as if the she was different.

A former career center student states that she has been judged by strangers just by how she looks.

She states, "They say I look mean because I never smile," which is why they are afraid to talk to her.

Another student said she has been judged by a friend before. Her comment was, "Yes, I've been judged by a friend, but everyone gets judged no matter what."

So, it's an equal amount since friends judge just as often as strangers. Maybe more people need to learn not to judge a book by its cover.

Jordans--Worth the Price

by Steven McMinn

Jordans. Everybody knows what they are. They are shoes, very popular shoes. But what makes them so popular? Why are people so inclined to buy them and pay large sums of money for a pair of shoes? What is it that makes people want to buy them?

Jordans were originally produced for the basketball super star Michael Jordan. The concept for these shoes was made up by Michael Jordan before its drawing. The company Nike got Peter Moore and Bruce Kilgore to then draw up the shoe from the concept and ideas.

A bit about the original sneaker designers. Bruce Kilgore used to work designing tennis courts and for Chrysler. He

now works for Nike. In 1982 he came out with the first shoe, and it was accepted by the NBA. He is also the creator of the first Air Force 1 shoe (1982). Peter Moore used to work for Patrick USA, and Reebok. He also used to be a physical education teacher.

The Jordans were first made exclusively for Michael Jordan in 1984. In 1985, they were released to the public to buy. The prices on these shoes seem to range from \$60 to \$200. New Jordans are continuously being created, and prices are being raised with newness and "models."

The popularity Jordans have among students and their friends is mainly due to the reason that everyone wants to have the same thing their friends have so they don't get left out. The shoe is not only used for playing basketball, but it also makes a statement everyone.

"The shoe is not only used for playing basketball, but it also makes a statement to everyone,"

according to the author of this article.



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You Think You Have Problems?

by Chloe Kotzer

There are countless people who live their lives without acknowledging how much other parts of the world struggle.

In the United States, which world be considered a first world country, the majority of the population have running water, electricity, daily transportation, and many other excesses that would be considered luxuries in third world countries.



CKotz chats... comes across on a daily basis.

Small group surveys were taken by asking Hazleton Area High School students and faculty some of their first world "problems." Results of the survey were mostly based on material items.

Some specific survey responses include English teacher, Mr. Ringleben, who does not like to be stuck behind a slow driver. Miss DePierro is not fond of her iPhone screen being cracked without having an upgrade in the near future.

From the perspective of students, senior Celia Sokolofski has a dislike for those who chew food loudly. Caitlyn Ward, in 12th grade, hates when she stubs her pinky toe (OUCH!) Senior Isabella Plaza would like to see iPhone chargers with longer cords; she dislikes that it does not reach her bed.

Onto the underclassmen, junior Sabrina Young does not enjoy when she gets her eyebrows done, only for them to turn out uneven. Ninth-grader Caroline



Photo by Chloe Kotzer

Pictured left to right: Caroline Goffa, Isabella Plaza, Caitlyn Ward, Celia Sokolofski, Miss DePierro; Mr. Ringlaben in the front.

Goffa wishes she could wear sweatpants to school.

Even though these inconveniences are tedious, they have no true comparison to the issues third world countries encounter.

Third world countries face more somber issues. Although unable to conduct interviews, research shows the daily battles those living in a third world country encounter. People in these parts of the world have minimal resources. Only a quarter the total population in India has drinking water on their premises unlike

here in America everyone usually has a water bottle at hand.

Many first world students take education for granted, when the bulk of poor children in third world countries can only dream of an education. Various third world area only provide education for upper classes.

It is also important to not take parents, grandparents, and other elders in your life for granted. Not everyone gets the opportunity to live as long as those in places such as America.

According to the World Health Or-

ganization, "Life expectancy in Uganda is 49 for men, and 51 for women." Over the years, a number of factors have impacted on life expectancy figures, including poor health services, HIV/Aids, and poverty.

Although this article only skims the surface concerning third world problems, before complaining over the little things, take a step back and look at the situation from a different point of view. Appreciate all the things you are fortunate enough to have.

What's All the Hype?

By Venne Elaine David

His name is Jorge Mario Bergoglio. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at the age of 76, he was elected the 266th pope of the Roman Catholic Church in March of the year 2013.

He is also known as the first non-European pope or the first pope from the Americas. Prior to becoming the

pope, Jorge Mario served as archbishop of Buenos Aires (1998 to 2013). He was also the cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church of Argentina from 2001 to 2013, and was the president of the Bishops' conference of Argentina from 2005 to 2011.

Fast forward to two years, Pope Francis prepares to visit the United States. He is the fourth pope to ever visit the country after Pope Paul VI, who

visited the United States in 1965; Pope John Paul II, who made numerous visits to the United States in 1979, 1984, 1987, 1993, 1995, and his last, 1999; Pope Benedict XVI, who celebrated his 81st birthday in 2008.

He arrived at 4 p.m. on a Tues., Sept. 22, 2015, at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland where President Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, and their families, welcomed and greeted the pope upon his first-ever arrival in the United States.

His 6-day trip included a visit to the capital of the U.S., Washington D.C., where the papal leader had a parade along the Ellipse and the National Mall, a midday prayer with U.S. Bishops at Saint Matthew's Cathedral, and a mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The pope then left for New York and arrived at JFK where he conducted an evening prayer at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan, New York City. The papal was in the United Nations for its general assembly, 9/11 memorial and museum for a multi-religion service, and at the Our Lady Queen of Angels School in East Harlem. Eventually, the pope wrapped up his visit in New York City with a motorcade through Central

"Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and promoting the well-being of individuals and of all peoples,"

according to Pope Francis, who spoke to a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress. Park, and an evening mass in Madison Square Garden.

Finally, on his last two days in the U.S., Pope Francis stopped by in Philadelphia where he conducted a mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul. His visits in Philadelphia included visits to the Independence Mall and Festival of Families at Benjamin Franklin Parkway. On the 27th of Sept., prior to his departure for return to Rome, the pope met with Bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Lastly, he visited Curran-fromhold Correctional Facility, and headed to Atlantic Aviation with organizers, volunteers, and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families for one final mass.



Photo by Eric Thayer

Pope Francis arrives at Our Lady Queen of Angels School in East Harlem, in New York, September 25, 2015.

Computer Viruses and How to Get Rid of Them

by Steven McMinn

Does your computer have a virus? Maybe you know what they are but you aren't sure how to remove them. So that's what this article is going to do, explain what they are and how to get rid of them.

What is a computer virus anyway?

Rootkits--rootkits are a bunch of malicious computer software made to give access to areas of your computer's software, where normal programs aren't allowed. The virus can hide itself or other software at the same time. The installation of a rootkit can be automatic or once the "hacker" gets the administrator powers, he can install the software manually. Once the rootkit has complete control, it can modify software and programs that are used to find viruses.

Trojan virus--Trojans usually try to trick you into downloading the program. It says it is useful or somehow interesting to you. They can hide as popup ads, email attachments, or even a routine form to be filled out. This computer virus normally doesn't spread itself throughout your computer. One symptom that comes along with this virus is slower speeds due to heavy processor use or network usage.

Tuvaro virus--This virus starts off when you open your web browser, and it takes you to "Tuvaro Search." This is an adware program and is considered as a browser Hijacker/PUP (Potentially Unwanted Program). Tuvaro can start causing your browser window to redirect you when you are "surfing the web." Over time with this virus on your computer, you will notice more and more popup ads.

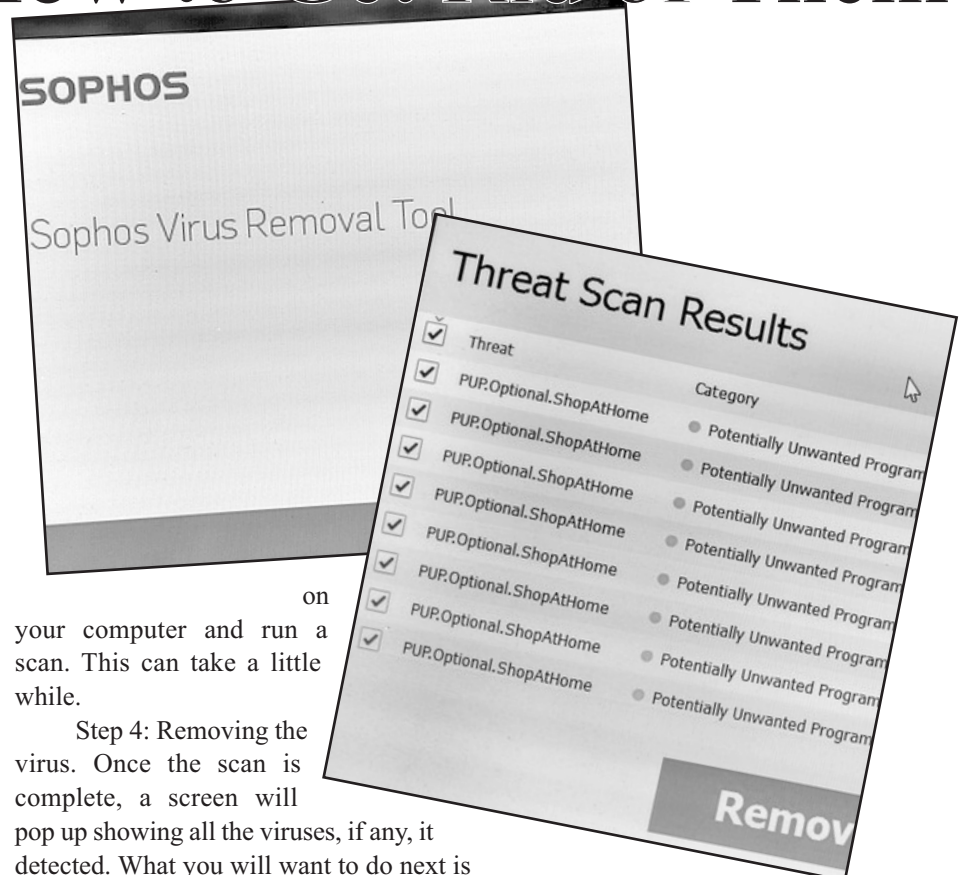
So, how do you get rid of computer viruses? To remove computer viruses you will want to follow these steps.

Step 1: You will first want to enter "Safe Mode."

To do this start by disconnecting your computer from the internet. Next turn off your computer and find the F8 key. Turn on your computer and as soon as you see anything on your screen start hitting the F8 key until you see the Advanced Boot Option Menu. Find safe mode with networking and press enter.

Step 2: Next you should delete your temporary files. In order to delete temporary files, you want to press start, go to all programs, accessories, system tools, and then select Disk Clean Up.

Step 3: After that you will want to run an antivirus program. Malwarebytes or Sophos is recommended. Select the antivirus program that you have installed



on your computer and run a scan. This can take a little while.

Step 4: Removing the virus. Once the scan is complete, a screen will pop up showing all the viruses, if any, it detected. What you will want to do next is select all the viruses and click remove selected. You may need to restart your computer in order to complete the scan. Otherwise, that is it; you are now done!

Above photos by Steven McMinn

Future Concepts: Phones and TVs

by Mark Kisenwether

The year is 2015. Hoverboards DO in fact exist. Multiple hover-models have been already made by Hendo and Lexus, but they are not fully available to purchase but you can support Hendo by donating to their Kickstarter campaign.

Besides all the things that "Back To The Future" predicted 2015 would look like, things didn't exactly match expectations. But, there are still many more technological advances since 1989.

Everyone has heard of Apple, not the fruit, but one of the leading phone and computer-makers today. Recently Apple has released a bunch of new tech, such as the iPhone 6s; it is available as of September 25th. A new iPad that has a 12.9 inch that comes standard with the new mobile operating system called iOS 9 and the cost is only \$799.

Apple also announced a Apple Pencil that makes graphic design on the iPad much easier, the Apple Pencil costs \$99. The final thing that apple announced



Photo by Chloe Kotzer; phone arrangement by Sarah Wech.

is the 5k resolution iMac; it has a 21.5 inch screen, and 4 Ghz (how fast something processes) of processing power.

Samsung, Apple's biggest competitor, is taking a different approach. They announced a new operating system for all of their smart TVs at CES (consumer electronics show) 2015.

Samsung also announced a new Ultra High Definition 4k

resolution television for 48"-88" televisions. They also talked about a portable 1 terabyte solid state drive, with read-write speeds up to 450 MB/s.

The final thing that Samsung announced the newest phone in Samsung's arsenal is the Galaxy s6 edge, it has the Samsung Exynos 7420 Octa-core Processor with 3GB of RAM provide lightning-fast response times.

Apple Versus Android: You Compare

by Ally Hudock and Mark Kisenwether

Although there are many unique differences between iPhones and Androids, there is one major difference--with Android you have a choice, with iPhone there is one uniform platform.

Since there are so many brands/types of Android phones, you need to learn how each one works because they all use specific software and function differently. With iPhone, all the phones are the similar, with small changes in appearance, which is an advantage for Apple because Android has many makes and models.

Since Android has many models, it makes it very fragmented. This can be problematic because it would take longer for updates. It's not uncommon to hear that some Android phones over heat or freeze up or that some models are simply low quality. iPhones also have had hardware issues, but inconsistent quality generally has never been a problem for Apple.

Apple does only offer a single choice in phone models (5C, 5S, 6 or the larger 6 plus). Some people don't like that and prefer the larger selection that Android offers. One main difference between Apple and Android is that apple has things like iMessage and Facetime, two things Android phones do not have. Android has a system like facetime, but it isn't as popular. Also Apple uses Safari as the Web browser, but Android uses Chrome. Apple typically has a longer battery life than Android.

So, if you are one in the market for a new Smartphone, do your homework!