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BC Renovations

Recent renovations make BC feel like a second home

Mac Johnson | Co-Editor-in-Chief



As Michael Joyce, the principal of Bishop Canevin High School, was standing in the Michael Maloney Fitness Center, he watched as the construction of the St. Francis Outdoor Classroom began. This was a surreal moment for him. His vision of a better and more modern Canevin was coming into fruition.

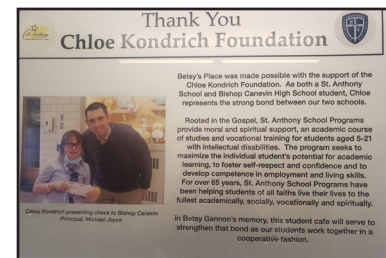
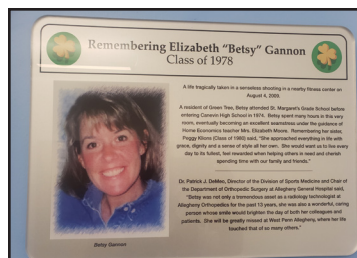
"This school is really moving in the right direction. This awesome emotional feeling came over me and I knew we were doing this," Joyce

said. "We are doing great things as a community."

Bishop Canevin has undergone many renovations over the past year. One of these projects was resurfacing the gym floor. The idea for this plan came about when a parent of a student contacted Joyce and informed him of someone who would resurface the gym floor for the school. Joyce did not hesitate to seize an opportunity to make Canevin a better place for students.

Betsy's Place Grand Opening

Geno DeFrank | Staff Reporter



Refreshment center Betsy's Place is finally ready to serve Canevin!

Betsy's Place is a store where you can order any kind of drink you want: smoothies, protein shakes and so much more. It's Bishop Canevin's personal cafe!

Betsy's Place is going to be open before and after school. Hopefully, it will be open during the school day as the year goes on. The location of Betsy's Place is right next to the brand new Michael Maloney Fitness Center. It is a pleasant sight as soon as you walk in and leave for the school day.

Feeling tired before the day? Go get a coffee! Have an after school practice? Go get a protein shake!

The goal is to have products that all Bishop Canevin students will like and enjoy. Betsy's Place will bring the community together and be a great project for the people who will be running it. These people are the students in business teacher Tim Wanamaker's Accounting III class.

"Betsy's Place will have an enormous impact on the way business classes work at Bishop Canevin. Instead of talking about busi-

ness, students have an opportunity to really understand the details that entrepreneurs look at," senior Trey Varley, who is a member of the class, said. "Students will be able to apply what they learn to a real business. It will also have an impact on how students learn to communicate. Communication is essential in any job and students at BC will learn how to talk to customers, interact with a boss and cooperate with coworkers."

Running a business takes a lot of planning and thought. Figuring out what to order, how much of it to order and understanding what the customer wants are all important tasks to take into consideration.

"We first started by making a survey to find out which types of drinks are most popular among the student body. We have been reaching out to students through social media in order to create awareness. We have also been buying equipment and supplies needed to run a successful company. Once the cafe opens, we will be more focused on inventory and pricing in order to create a profit and get better equipment," Varley said.

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Faculty, alumni, and students all came together to fund the project. The donations ended up exceeding the construction cost. The surplus was given to Dale Checketts, Canevin's athletic director, to spend on other projects. He decided the money would be best spent on acquiring matching wall padding and chairs.

Another recent project was the St. Francis Outdoor Classroom. The idea to build it came from a survey that the faculty gave to students last school year. In the survey, students were asked what construction project they would like to happen the most. The majority of students picked the outdoor classroom as their top choice.

Joyce wasted no time and quickly began working on the project. The classroom is now open for classes to use at any time. During the pandemic, Joyce always encouraged teachers to go outside for class. This allowed students the opportunity to take a break from their masks and breathe in

the fresh air. Now, teachers have a designated area to take students. No other school in the diocese has an outdoor classroom. Joyce really takes pride in this and believes it shows why Canevin is such a great school.

The biggest recent project was the Michael Maloney Fitness Center. The Fitness Center has been in the works for four years. It would have been completed sooner, but the pandemic severely delayed the project. The company that the administration hired to build the Fitness Center had to put its construction on hold to make up for projects that were left unfinished due to the pandemic. The Fitness Center is now open for any student to use after school.

"I like to think these spaces bring with them a sense of pride," Joyce said. "You know you are going to a school that is trying to provide the best possible experience for its students. These are facilities that our students and families, frankly, deserve."

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The Accounting III class is not the only students involved with the running of the cafe.

"The Saint Anthony's Program will be partnering with the business students at Canevin, teaching them valuable life skills. Our goal is not only serve the BC community, but provide the students with skills that will help them outside of the classroom," Varley said.

Saint Anthony's Program teacher Chris Westrick said, "St. Anthony students will be working alongside BC students in the morning. We will be working in Betsy's Place as part of our vocational training. It will be a great opportunity for us to learn new skills, and

meet new people. Also, BC students will have an opportunity to get to know our students better."

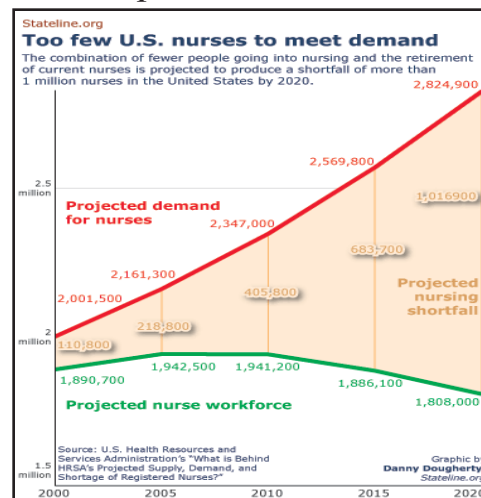
The name behind Betsy's Place is Elizabeth "Betsy" Gannon, who was an alumnus of Bishop Canevin and graduated in 1978. She actively participated in the Ski Club and Make-up Crew for the school play. Gannon was tragically killed on Aug. 4, 2009 at the age of 49-years-old. She was shot at the LA Fitness Center in Collier Township. Gannon spent the last 13 years of her life as a radiology technician at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Betsy's Place hopes to keep Gannon's memory alive and commemorate her life.

National School Nurse Shortage

Bishop Canevin gets New Nurse despite shortage across America

Erin LaQuatra | Staff Reporter



Across the United States, there is a dire nursing shortage that has left many schools without a health advisor during the heart of the pandemic.

Fortunately, Canevin has a new nurse this school year, named Chris Stopchick. Stopchick got his Master's degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner from the University of Alabama. He comes to Bishop Canevin through the Pittsburgh Public School System. Last school year, he was a nurse practitioner at Pittsburgh Mifflin, which is a grade school. Although Stopchick had a terrific relationship with his former boss, he was a little surprised when he was informed that he had to go to not one, but two different schools.

Stopchick is also a nurse at Manchester Elementary School. He spends Mondays and Wednesdays at BC and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Manchester. He explains that the schools are very different from one another. Manchester has many special needs students and is a grade school. Stopchick says that the jobs are a nice change of pace and that his thinking cap changes daily.

The role of a school nurse is very broad. A school nurse is here to support students by assisting them with healthcare evaluations and follow ups while they are in the school setting. They communicate with students as well as their parents, and, in some cases, their healthcare providers. They also interpret their findings and medical information to school staff that are working with that student.

Stopchick mentions noticing the nursing shortage and how it is usually cyclical. He believes that we are in a very short period of the pandemic but that will change.

The main fact is that nurses are a vital part of all healthcare systems. When a health care system is appropriately staffed, it improves patient safety, mortality rates and overall patient outcomes. Unfortunately,

ly, having enough nurses to care for patients isn't always easy these days.

Even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a nursing shortage in the country. The current nursing shortage is expected to continue for several more years.

It is estimated that over 1 million new registered nurses will be needed by the year 2030 to keep up with healthcare demands.

The shortage of nurses is a complicated problem with a few causes. There is a very large population of older adults to care for, and then there are nurses who are just getting burned out from the extra hours they have been working and the stress which comes from those hours. There are also age related conditions that lead to a significant rise in the need for health care services. The CDC reports that over half of Americans that are over the age of 65 have two or more chronic health conditions. Nurses have an important role to play and the country will see an increased demand as healthcare continues to change in America.

Stopchick mentions how there will always be a need for people in healthcare.

"Advice... It's a tough job. People can call you out for your mistakes. I always remind people we are humans taking care of other humans. I recall doing CPR on a man one day and bringing him back. The next day we saw each other and he thanked me. We were both pretty choked up. People never forget the good you do also!"

In an interview with an anonymous source, they sounded on board with having a nurse on campus two days a week. They had an injury while playing a sport during gym class and left school in pain. They spoke about how important it is for a school nurse to be on campus in case anything serious happens to keep our community safe.

Principal Michael Joyce thinks it will help having a nurse in the building especially with health and safety plans continually changing.

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Send in questions and receive advice from an anonymous staff member!

“My mental health is going downhill, and now my grades are slipping. My parents won’t understand that I’m struggling mentally, and they are just assuming that I am being lazy. What can I do?”

I am so sorry that you are feeling this way. I would first suggest trying to talk to your parents about how you are feeling. Don’t bring up grades in the conversation, because that is not the priority right now. While grades are extremely important, your well being should always come first! Physical health is just as important as mental health, and it should be treated as such. So try going to them and explaining exactly how you are feeling. If you think something like therapy could be beneficial for you, perhaps bring that up as well. Really try to convey what you are feeling and how it is hindering your life. If for some reason they do not seem to understand, try going to someone like our school counselor Lydia Albin. She can help a lot of situations dealing with mental health, especially in cases where parents maybe aren’t as understanding as we would hope they would be. Setting up a meeting with her is very easy! Try talking to your teachers about extensions or extra credit assignments. Be honest with them, and they will be understanding. Finally, be patient with yourself. As I said earlier, focus on your well being before your grades. I know, as a student, that sounds crazy. However, repairing a broken mind is much harder than bringing up a grade. Your health always comes first. It’s perfectly okay to struggle, so don’t feel bad about feeling this way. So many people are here to help you, even if it doesn’t always feel that way. When you look, you will see

how many people love you and are ready to help you with whatever you need. You will get through this, and you don’t have to do it alone! Please take care of yourself and hang in there!

“When should I start preparing for the SAT and ACT?”

Please start preparing as soon as you can or feel ready enough to. Something I personally regret a lot is not preparing for the tests sooner. So, please learn from my mistakes! If you haven’t started already, please don’t start freaking out. It’s never too late to start. Take your time with the material. Cramming everything will only make you even more stressed out. Going through the concepts slowly will allow you to grasp them better and work at your own pace. Learn about how the test asks questions. You can buy workbooks online to help you practice, and possibly even enroll in a prep course. There’s also a plethora of free options, such as videos and PDFs. Practice makes perfect. Don’t freak out if your first or second test isn’t exactly where you hoped they would be. You can always retake it, which is why it is very beneficial to start the process early. It’s not the most fun process, but taking your time with the material will help so much. And, always remember that all of your peers are in the same exact boat as you. Never be afraid to reach out to ask someone else for help, whether it be a friend or a teacher. And, finally, try not to let the test scores define you. You are so much more than a number on a page. Good luck, you got this!

Get to Know the Class of 2022

Theresa Skindzier | Staff Reporter



Halle Bergman – Halle is involved in volleyball and Junior Achievement and her favorite subject is Multimedia with Mr. Wanamaker. In her spare time she hangs out with her friends, tries to catch up on sleep, or buys lottery tickets. She can also watch *Titanic* on repeat all day. Her favorite Canevin memory is having parties in her room and messing with Mr. C. She plans to go to college and achieve her major.

Carolyn Bigley – Carolyn’s favorite subjects are biology and English and in her free time she draws, makes jewelry, plays with her dog, and plays video games. She is involved in numerous activities at Canevin including Science Club, Creative Writing Club, National Honor Society, Junior Achievement, Art Club, the Mosaic yearbook, Circle of Friends, St. Ignatius Scholars, and BCTV. She also has leadership roles as an officer for International Club, the Photography Club Vice President, the Student Government Vice President, the President of Crusaders4Justice, and an Editor-in-Chief for the Leonid newspaper. Her favorite Canevin memory is being in Mr. Checkett’s homeroom. When asked about her future or college plans she responded, “cries.”



Anthony Cicchino– Tony’s favorite class this year is Human Structure and he likes to play video games in his free time. At Canevin, he is an alternate captain for hockey, the golf captain, and runs cross country. He is also in the International Club, Junior Achievement, and is a House Captain. His favorite Canevin memory is when the cross country team went to Old Mexico after WPIALS. Outside of school he plays on an amateur hockey team and likes going hunting. He plans to attend college to study biology.

Isabella DeMark– Bella’s favorite subject is math and she plays volleyball and is a softball captain. She is also involved in Circle of Friends, Junior Achievement, and is an International Club captain. In her free time she enjoys hanging out with her friends and family. Her favorite Canevin memory is every day in her room with Mr. Checketts, and going to playoffs for softball her freshman and junior years. Not only has she played volleyball and softball, but while growing up she has also played basketball, soccer, and dance. She plans to attend college and get a degree to become an elementary teacher.



Katie Drauch– Katie’s favorite class is Advanced Bio with Mrs. Streetter and in her free time she likes to shop, drive her golf cart, and hang out with friends. She plays softball and swims for Canevin. She is a Junior Achievement Officer, is on the International Club captain committee, and is a Crusette co-captain. Katie is also involved in Book Club and the Spring Musical. Her favorite Canevin memory is when the Crusettes did splits in the mud at the Carlynton Band Festival her freshman year. She plans on majoring in pre-pharmacy at Pitt or Virginia Tech.



Katherine Duca– Katie’s favorite subject in school is science and her favorite class is lunch. She is a captain of the cheer team and does gymnastics for Canevin. In her free time she likes to watch Netflix and hang out with friends. Her favorite Canevin memory was Fall Fest her junior year. Though she is not sure where she will be attending college, she plans to go into nursing or criminal justice.

Homecoming Court 2021!



Jillian Frosell, Olivia Thomas, Katherine Duca, Lauren Kirsch, and Erin Jameson represented the senior class on this year’s Homecoming Court.

Photos courtesy of the Mosaic Yearbook Staff

Two Fire Alarms and a Dance

A very eventful Bishop Canevin Homecoming weekend!

Molly Frick | Staff Reporter



Bishop Canevin students arrived at the Doubletree in Greentree on Sept. 26 for the annual Homecoming Dance.

“My favorite part was the overall student turnout and enthusiasm throughout the weekend,” Principal Mike Joyce said.

Students from all grades were ecstatic to attend the formal dance—especially after last year’s cancellation—adding to the enthusiastic atmosphere.

“We had all grades, students, and groups represented at Homecoming,” Joyce said. “I believe and have been told by those associated far longer with BC that school spirit is as high as it has ever been.”

When students arrived at the event center, there was a social hour prior to dancing, allowing students to get professional photos taken, socialize with their friends and, of course, eat. The chicken tenders were a fan favorite.

“The chicken nuggets were definitely the best,” freshman Emily Maida said.

“The chicken tenders were gas for sure,” senior Kai Spears agreed.

When the dance floor finally opened up, students sprinted to get

a prime spot on the floor, so they could dance to their favorite tunes.

“This dance was unforgettable, there was less dancing than normal, but I still had a ton of fun!” Crusette Captain Jillian Frosell said.

When the fire alarm went off it took a minute for students to realize that the siren was not in the DJ’s shuffle. Girls barely had enough time to slip on their heels before the ballroom was evacuated. Once outside, students were all thinking that this will make the 2021 Homecoming a day they will never forget.

After returning to the dance floor, the DJ ironically played “Fire Burning” by Sean Kingston. When the DJ played that song the dance floor erupted with everyone singing the line “Somebody call 9-1-1.”

“The dancing was the best part,” Spears said.

It was short lived, though, as another fire alarm went off right after that song. At this point, students did not find it funny anymore and just wanted to get back to dancing.

The 2021 BC Homecoming Dance will go down in history as the only dance in BC history to not only have one fire alarm go off, but two on the same night.

Homecoming 2021 Best Dressed

CeCe Sciuolo | Staff Reporter

Bishop Canevin High School held its Homecoming Dance on Sept. 26 at the Doubletree in Greentree.

After a year off due to the pandemic, it interested me to see all the unique styles and trends of the girls’ homecoming dresses. Students chose their style of dress for unique reasons, yet there were some in common as well. Some of the trends that repeated were vibrant colors, above the knee dresses and a unique flare.

Attendees seemed to prefer shorter dresses rather than full-length, but there were still a few full length dresses. Comfort was a factor in the dress choices as well.

Vibrant looks seemed to be popular and some of the dress styles were bedazzled. Also, some students chose their favorite color or a color they do not wear very often.

“I actually dyed my dress purple because it is my favorite color,”

sophomore Violet Chabala said.

Everybody had unique thoughts about accessories. Some girls chose to have their hair up because of the accents on the back of the dress like senior Jillian Frosell.

“I chose to have my hair up because of the bow on the back of my dress,” Frosell said.

Another girl chose to wear converse shoes and made her dress pop with jewelry.

The days of going to the mall and finding a dress are changing. It is common now to shop online for formal dresses. There were some girls who decided to use hand me down dresses or to upcycle dresses because some had trouble finding what they were looking for.

“I wasn’t planning on this style of dress, but I ended up falling in love with it,” senior Ava Gaitens said.

Everyone I spoke with felt relieved about their dress choice.



Best Dressed Recipient Ava Gaitens pictured with Michael Vaughn.



Best Dressed Recipient Violet Chabala.



Best Dressed Recipient Jillian Frosell pictured with Mark Ingold.

Photos courtesy of the Mosaic Yearbook Staff

Beloved Librarian Suzan Rakaczky Celebrates Fourteen Years at BC as She Heads into Retirement

Renee LaGrosse | Staff Reporter



Have you ever had a project that you had no idea where to start? Ask Librarian Suzan Rakaczky! She's always there to help.

"It can be an overwhelming feeling when you don't even know where to begin. I am so glad if I can point [someone] in the right direction or give them a few good choices to start with," Rakaczky said. "It's difficult to find reliable information especially "with online resources. Now the number of sources seems endless. A lot of time gets wasted wading through information that isn't that helpful. I try to help students save time by directing them to reliable sources they can understand."

But Rakaczky doesn't just help with projects, she helps students print out materials, find a new book to read and so much more.

Rakaczky attended the Community College of Allegheny County for two years. Then, she received a Bachelor's degree from Carnegie Mellon University. In addition to this, she has a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh.

"I feel like I have been training to be a librarian my whole life!" Rakaczky said. "I have always loved to read and have always spent a lot of time in libraries."

When she "tried to think about a job that

[she] would like to do every day, being a librarian seemed like a good fit!"

Rakaczky has been a part of the BC community since 1994, when her oldest daughter started her freshman year here.

All five of her children went to school at BC. Rakaczky has been involved with our school longer than she has worked here.

"I have always felt there was such a strong sense of community here at BC," Rakaczky said. "Students and their families develop close relationships with one another. They maintain this relationship while being a part of a sports team or an activity like the play or the Mission Trip. I love when I see people acknowledge the importance of all the types of activities that go on in our school. I hope that feeling of being part of a supportive school family can continue to grow."

This will be Rakaczky's fourteenth and final year at Bishop Canevin. She will be retiring at the end of the school year.

Rakaczky said that she has really enjoyed working at BC together with her husband.

"I feel like we are always working toward a common goal. There is a lot of BC conversation at home!" Rakaczky said.

The Bishop Canevin community wishes you the best. Thank you Mrs. Rakaczky for your service, kindness and dedication.

New Assets to Canevin Education

Jillian Frosell | Staff Reporter

The Bishop Canevin community welcomes two new teachers to the Math and Religion Departments, both offering diverse educational backgrounds to the student body.

"I taught religion at a Catholic high school in Cleveland, OH for about two years before coming to Bishop Canevin," new religion teacher David Donohoe said. "I was motivated to come to Canevin for several reasons. (1) I was looking to move back to Pittsburgh, which is where I'm from, and to be closer to my parents. (2) I have been interested in Jesuit spirituality, and so the possibility of coming to a Jesuit-inspired school intrigued me. (3) I liked the small school atmosphere - it allows for closer relationships between students and teachers."

Joining Donohoe was a brand new STEM teacher. Lauren Beck was driven to Canevin by "[t]he faith based school atmosphere alongside the high school environment."

"The staff, students, and parents are wonderful!" Beck said.

Beck previously taught at The University School and South Park School District, teaching high school and 8th grade math.

Donohoe and Beck enjoy their new school environment and community.

"I like it here. I went to the Northgate football game, and I liked how the football team, band, cheerleaders and Crusettes all came together after the game to sing the alma mater. The students have been very respectful and interested, which only increases my passion to teach and serve," Donohoe said.

Beck agreed with Donohoe's sentiments.

"I love it. I cannot say how great I feel walking into and out of school every single day. This is exactly

where I want to be in my career. The school is fantastic not only with students but with the staff as well," Beck said.

Bishop Canevin is lucky to have such capable and experienced staff members joining the community this year.

"I graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 2011. After high school. I went to Duquesne University to study theology. Side note: I was at Duquesne at the same time as Mr. Joyce - maybe we walked past each other," Donohoe said. "After Duquesne, I went to Franciscan University for my Master's degree in theology - I graduated in 2017. I also have some special education experience."

Beck's schooling is focused in the sciences.

"[I have received my] Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering, Master of Science in Teaching, Learning, Curriculum - Secondary Education, Mathematics," Beck said.

While the students love their new teachers, Beck and Donohoe also have things they love about BC.

"My favorite thing about Canevin has been the small school community atmosphere. I still find it crazy that I know half the school since I teach all the freshmen and all the seniors!" Donohoe said.

Both teachers love the community and spiritual aspects of BC.

"That we start each day with prayer that changes the mood immediately and makes the day better," Beck said.

Their relationships with the students grow each day.

"I have learned that students are here to learn. They want to be in class. They want to succeed and it is my job to get them to their academic goals and achievements," Beck said.

Book Review:

The Paper Girl of Paris is a heart wrenching tale that keeps the reader hooked throughout the whole story

Renee LaGrosse | Staff Reporter

The *Paper Girl of Paris* by Jordyn Taylor is a wonderful novel that follows the story of two teenage girls. Alice is spending the summer in Paris after the passing of her grandmother. Alice wasn't in Paris for a vacation but instead she was cleaning out an apartment in Paris that her grandmother had left for her. The apartment hasn't been touched for seventy years! In the apartment, Alice finds a journal written by Adalyn. Alice is determined to find her story. As the point of view switches from modern day Alice to 1940's Adalyn, the details of their lives are revealed.

Adalyn is an amazing character, each chapter she grows more. The connections and the tough decisions she makes are

incredible and heart wrenching. The reader understands why Adalyn made many of her decisions..

This book is written excellently. The way it keeps the reader's attention, even during a change of point of view is phenomenal. The way the author gives clues to unraveling the mysterious details of Adalyn's life is lined up perfectly. The reader learns real details about Nazi occupied Paris. This is one of the best historical fiction books I've read. The characters are all well-rounded and really help the story progress. I would recommend it to anyone who is interested in learning more about World War II and the Nazi occupation. I would rate this a 4.5/5.

Leonid Spooky Halloween Quiz: Which Halloween Villain Are You?

Jillian Frosell | Staff Reporter

Which Halloween Villain Are You?

1. Do you talk a lot in school?
2. Do you like meeting new people?
3. Do you like the holiday Halloween?
4. Do you wear a costume on Halloween?

1 YES = You're Jason Voorhees from *Friday the 13th!* Jason is also mysterious and quiet. He is very observant and knows exactly what to do and when to do it.

2 YES's = You're Michael Myers from *Halloween!* Michael is very mysterious, no one knows what he's thinking or what he's going to do, but he's always thinking about something.

3 YES's = You're Freddy Krueger from *A Nightmare on Elm Street!* Freddy is determined and is very good at reading people. He knows everyone's thought process and is good at knowing what to do.

4 YES's = You're Chucky from *Child's Play!* Chucky is very outgoing. Always talking and expressing his thoughts, he is always entertaining!

Dress Code Policies Explored

Grace Ravenstahl | Staff Reporter

Dress codes are guidelines that schools and businesses use for their students and employees to follow to help them look presentable and teach them the values of respecting the way someone dresses. In recent years, though, these policies have come under fire, and their relevance and contents are being questioned. These dress codes also have been questioned on account of their discrepancies in severity between regulations for males and females. Many people have different perspectives on this issue, from students to parents to educators. People of all positions are impacted by the decisions that form dress codes.

At Bishop Canevin, the dress code has many stipulations on what is considered acceptable for students to wear, including jewelry, socks, hair colors, and shoes.

"A dress code policy can teach students to respect those they are educated by, those they are educated with, and most importantly themselves," Assistant Principal Lori Rossi said. "And this carries forward into future job interviews and careers."

Rossi also highlighted the dress code policy for dress down days.

"The goal is for students to feel comfortable, not as

a reward per se, but to reinforce that sense of unity that is so important at Canevin," Rossi said.

In popular fashion, a lot of what is produced does not fit in line with dress code policies in many places. This is particularly prevalent for women and girls. Cropped shirts, mini skirts, low necklines, and ripped jeans are just a few examples of items that are highly produced and difficult to avoid.

"The fashion trends that are popular, especially for females, are widely produced and hard to avoid, so it's understandable that finding clothes that fit certain guidelines is difficult," Rossi said, "And I am open to having discussions with students about updating or changing dress code."

Boys can go to any store and just pick a color and a size and their outfit will be perfectly in line with most dress code policies. Rossi acknowledged this as well and said that she understood that difference. She reinforced her statement about speaking with students here and trying to work toward positive changes.

"Now that doesn't guarantee anything, but the opportunity is still there."

Students, the people most impacted by dress codes, also have opinions, some highly charged, on these

policies.

"I think that the dress code policy at Canevin is pretty equal. We do go to a Catholic school, so there are some things that aren't appropriate to wear in school," junior Josie Bochicchio said.

From another perspective, some students feel that these restrictions are too severe and prevent him or her from feeling fully comfortable or even being able to dress in compliance with the policy.

Students may find and point out that there are different weights of restrictions placed on boys and girls. Girls have more regulations, but also have more factors that can affect what is put into a dress code policy in relation to what they can wear.

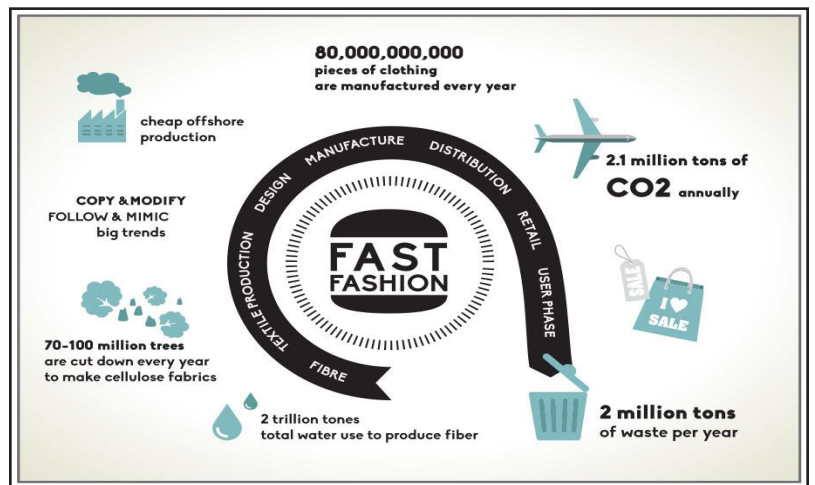
"As for the difference between girls and guys, there isn't too much of an issue at our school, but I know there are some at other schools," Bochicchio said.

Dress code policies are put in place to ensure respect for oneself and those that he or she is surrounded by and to instill respect for years to come. In these modern times, dress code policies may require updates and revisions, but they serve a purpose and will not be going away any time in the foreseeable future.

Fatality of Fast Fashion

The overconsumption of fast fashion and its dire effects on the world

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A cumulative look at all of the pollutive effects of fast fashion via the Sustainable Investment Group.



Sweatshop workers in Bangladesh facing the exploitation that is the fast fashion industry.



The remnants of the overproduction of fast fashion piling up in Bangladesh. Photograph: Mohammed Anwarul Kabir Choudhury/Alamy

While the newest fashion trends line the endless racks at the mall and await consumption, invisible stains of child labor, clothing waste and pollution linger on the clothing articles.

With so many fashion trends going in and out of style, there is a pressure put on the consumer to stay on top of what is hot and what is not. As the population cycles through these endless trends, corporations profit largely while dooming the world around them.

“The term [fast fashion] refers to ‘cheaply produced and priced garments that copy the latest catwalk styles and get pumped quickly through stores in order to maximise on current trends,’” Sustainability Blog, Earth.org, said. “The fast fashion model ... involves rapid design, production, distribution and marketing, which means that retailers are able to pull large quantities of greater product variety and allow consumers to get more fashion and product differentiation at a low price.”

This fast paced process comes at a price beyond that of a retail marking. Yes, fast fashion provides a plethora of jobs. However, these jobs are limited to sweatshops, low wages, unfair hours and wretched conditions. Hundreds of (predominantly) women and children are packed into warehouses and factories, overworked and underpaid. As consumers receive the latest clothing fad they had been dying to get their hands on, the hands that crafted the product itself are being violently exploited.

Not only are workers given low wages, but they face highly dangerous conditions. With so many people working in packed spaces, diseases and illnesses are easily spread. Conditions of sweatshops are not readily upkept. Buildings collapse and burn—even with workers still inside—all to get someone a shirt they will wear for a month.

“On 24 April 2013, the collapse of the Rana Plaza building in Dhaka, Bangladesh, which housed five garment factories, killed at least 1,132 people and injured more than 2,500,” The International Labor Organization said. “Only five months earlier, at least 112 workers had lost their lives in another tragic accident, trapped inside the burning Tazreen Fashions factory on the outskirts of Dhaka.”

The immorality of fast fashion goes beyond just this. Fast fashion’s effects

plague not only people directly but also the environment.

First, fast fashion uses and pollutes record amounts of water.

“The fashion industry is the second most water-intensive industry in the world, consuming around 79 billion cubic metres of water per year,” Florida State University’s Sustainable Campus said.

Furthermore, the cheap materials used in the manufacturing process contribute to polluting the ocean with fibers of polyester and microplastics (psci.princeton.edu). Microplastics are unable to be broken down and in turn end up in things like ecosystems and drinking water.

Additionally, the overproduction of clothing is resulting in a true surplus of clothing.

“57% of all discarded clothing ends up in landfill; the landfills start to pile up, then the trash is moved to an area to be incinerated,” Princeton said. “This process poses multiple public health and environmental dangers to the people who live in nearby communities as toxic substances or large amounts of poisonous gases are released as a result of burning landfill.”

How can we fix this issue? With fast fashion’s prices being so cheap, as well as the gradual rising of prices coinciding with stagnant wages, it will be hard to move beyond that.

Brands such as Zara, H&M, Fruit of the Loom, Adidas, Nike and Shein—some of the most popular brands of today—all fall under the category of fast fashion. Forever 21 and Abercrombie and Fitch were given the grade D- in the 2019 Ethical Fashion Report for their sustainability efforts.

Buying clothes second hand is not only an amazing way to help combat the effects of fast fashion, but it is also extremely affordable. Not only can you go somewhere in person, such as Goodwill, but you can also buy second hand clothing from places online like Depop.

Upcycling is a method of taking older clothes and personally altering them to make a uniquely new piece. You can do this with your old clothing or a thrifted piece. Not only does it promote creativity, but it also helps boycott big name brands. While we, as consumers, can make changes in our everyday lives, holding corporations accountable and urging change is of the utmost importance.

Fatality of Fast Fashion Cartoon

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Bishop Canevin Hosts the 5th Annual Fall Fest

Molly Frick | Staff Reporter

The 2021 BC Fall Fest was held in early Oct. The event was started by student officers five years ago to kick off Homecoming weekend. Student Council moderator, David Casavale said, "I think one of our strengths we have here at Canevin is our sense of community among our student body, families and friends." Highlights at this year's Fall Fest were the haunted hallway, hayrides, tailgate games and a food truck from the South Side Barbeque Works.



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The Labsy Awards

Canevin students' artwork earns awards and is now featured in the library

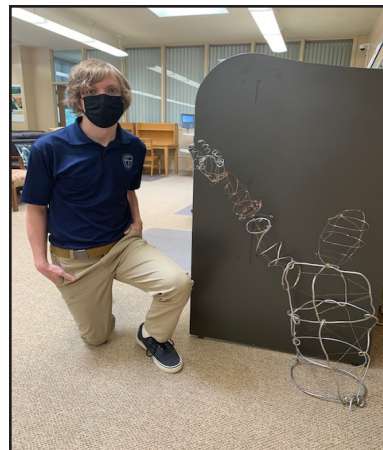
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Sydney Morningstar - Honorable Mention: Photography Category



Julianna Umalin - "The Great Threaded Wave" - 2nd Place: 3-D Art Category



George Shorthouse - Honorable Mention: 3-D Art Category



Cecilia Sciuлло - Honorable Mention: 3-D Art Category

Every year, the annual Labsy Awards through the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh invites teens in grades 6-12 to submit original creations, inventions and works of art for the Teen Media Contest.

"Each year the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh sends me promotional material about the Labsy Awards. I distribute to faculty members who teach classes in the contest categories such as 2-D and 3-D art, music and photography. I make sure they have the guidelines for submission and the information about deadlines," Bishop Canevin Librarian Susan Rakaczky said.

"My part in the Labsy Awards is to encourage students to enter the contest, and suggest pieces of art that I feel are done very well and worthy of competing

against art work done by the students in other schools in Pittsburgh," Bishop Canevin's art teacher Karen Kennedy said.

This year BC had four winners: seniors George Shorthouse and Cecilia Sciuлло and sophomores Sydney Morningstar and Julianna Umalin.

"It is so amazing and such an honor to have my artwork in the library," Umalin said. "I love how everyone is able to see my creation and hard work!"

"I feel that it is very cool to have one of my creations to show the school," Sciuлло said.

When Kennedy and Rakaczky were asked if they were going to continue promoting the Labsy Awards all year around, they both agreed, encouraging students to enter.

Pittsburgh Concert List of 2021

During the summer and fall of 2021, Pittsburgh is a concert hot spot!

Ava Gaitens | Staff Reporter



The crowd at PNC Park for the Hella Mega Tour this summer.

Pittsburgh has always been a stop on the World Tours taken by bands and artists, and this year is no different. Even with COVID-19 restrictions, concert goers are ready to return to their natural habitat.

“[Green Day, Weezer, and Fall Out Boy] was probably one of the best concerts I’ve been to. I actually think the pandemic amplified the experience. Everyone was just so happy to be outside and having a good time,” senior Molly Frick said.

2021 and 2022 are jam packed with hot concerts at The Pavilion at Star Lake, Stage AE, Heinz Field, PPG Paints Arena, UPMC Events Center and the Petersen Events Center.

Some of the artists visiting Star Lake include: the Jonas Brothers on Oct. 6, Lil Baby with Lil Durk on Oct. 9, Kiss on Oct. 13 and Backstreet Boys on July 5.

PPG Paints Arena will be hosting Harry Styles on Oct. 14, The Weeknd on Jan. 29, Billie Eilish on Feb. 8, Imagine Dragons on Feb. 19, John Mayer on Feb. 25, Justin Bieber on April 4 and Shawn Mendes on

July 20.

The Pete will be hosting Machine Gun Kelly on Oct. 30, Tyler the Creator on March 12 and The Killers on Oct. 6, and many more!

UPMC Events Center and Stage AE will host Playboi Carti on Dec. 5, Louis Tomlinson on Feb. 14, 2022 and Brockhampton on March 27, 2022, along with many others.

Beginning on Aug. 18, North Shore venue Stage AE started to require concert goers to present proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours. Then, beginning on Oct. 1, a vaccination card or digital copy of the card is required for concert goers and staff according to the Pittsburgh Post Gazette.

At the Pavilion at Star Lake, proof of full vaccination or a negative test result within 72 hours is required for entry to all shows at the Burgettstown amphitheater according to WTAE.

PPG Paints Arena is requiring masks inside of the facility, regardless of vaccination status, and is also now requiring all tickets to be presented on a mobile phone, and the facility is cashless according to WTAE.

Activities to Fall into this November

Keyshawn McCaskill | Staff Reporter

One activity the students and staff overwhelmingly recommended for the Fall season is Kennywood Fright Night. It is a fun, spooky and enjoyable event for a night out in Pittsburgh.

Another fall staple event is to head to a BC football game and cheer on the Crusaders. The games have one of the best student sections in Pittsburgh, so you can grab a snack and get comfortable watching the Crusaders push to make playoffs.

Haunted house are events that you can enjoy with family and friends. Scary creatures and villains come out of nowhere and scare you. Haunted Houses are always fun experiences all around.

Family and friend photoshoots are a must this Fall season. You can save the photos in

memory books so that you can look back on them when you are older. Also you can hang the pictures up and enjoy them on a daily basis. The photos can help you remember your past emotions, the people you were with and the places you visited.

The best part of the Fall season is spending time with family and friends. You can make s’mores over a campfire. Also you can tell scary stories and watch seasonal movies with your loved ones. You can carve pumpkins and go apple picking as well.

The best days to enjoy Fall events are on Saturdays and Sundays. Most venues holding Fall events are also open on the weekdays except Kennywood.

Enjoy the Fall season with your family and friends!

Crusader Football

The determination and drive of the team paves the way to playoffs

Luke Andruscik | Staff Reporter



Junior WR Lesae Lacks leaps a player to score a huge touchdown.



Coach Rich Johnson brought the saying “Brick by Brick” with him to Canevin to motivate the team.

The Crusaders football team is looking to make their first playoff appearance in five years. They are led by a group of juniors and seniors, who have gone through many coaching changes. The team has gone from playing on teams with merely 15 players, to playing with a full roster

After the hiring of coach Rich Johnson, the Crusaders have put up two straight winning seasons—after winning just one game the prior season.

Junior Tackle Justin Lashley spoke about the team’s success.

“I think it’s a mixture of both defense and coaching,” Lashley said.

Coach Rich attributed their success to the obvious “...defense and hard work” of the team.

“The only team that can beat us is us. If we put in the work and true the process success will come.” Rich said. “If you believe and work hard to get it done the sky is the limit.”

The team’s determination is apparent beyond just its words. Nothing displays the players’ drive more than their performance on the field, as well as their track record. The players and coaches are both looking forward to a successful playoff run.

Girls Volleyball is on the Road for the 5-Peat

The team is putting in more effort than ever to redeem itself after last season's semi-final loss

Halle Bergman | Staff Reporter



Senior Abbie Maziarz blocking moments before a key win against the Seton Rebels.



The Varsity team huddles to say its good luck prayer before a big non-conference game against North Catholic.

With a dramatic loss to Clarion last year in the PIAA Semifinals, the girl's volleyball team is on track to reach WPIALs and the PIAA Class State Championship. The team has worked hard since last November to capture the glory of a WPIAL and state championship. The returning varsity girls knew that they could come back for another successful season and are determined to go back to WPIALs.

Many of the girls continued playing in the winter on various club volleyball teams to sharpen their skills. At the start of June, the team got back in the gym for workouts and participated in a summer league at Greentree Sportsplex. They became filled with the determination and commitment to get better for the 2021 season.

Head coach Angela Wyman is excited by the determination of her team.

"We have a great team returning this year, with great experience and great work ethic. This has created a foundation to build on from last year," Wyman said. "In order to prepare, I encourage the girls to reflect on last year and focus on pushing harder and farther - something that we are more than capable of doing."

A captain, setter Sani Jones feels that the team is "utilizing the time we have in the gym and taking it

one game at a time."

"I think for us it's important to remember staying in the moment and realizing the task at hand," Jones said.

The 10 senior players have been on a successful team since their freshman year. The team is looking for four straight WPIAL titles and redemption to get past the PIAA Semifinals to become State Champs in section 1A.

"This is my third consecutive year back with the program. All of the teams have been special to me, and I remain in contact with several of the players from years past. But this year, this team has a very special place in my heart, not just because this is my first year as head coach at Bishop Canevin, but for several other reasons," Wyman said. "Over the last season's heartbreaking loss of our leader, Kevin, this team persevered, showing grit and determination to battle through to win another WPIAL championship and push to the PIAA semifinals. Their ability to buckle down and get the job done was a huge testament to their maturity and determination. The sky, or in this case a WPIAL and PIAA Championship, is within their grasps this year."

Recently, the Bishop Canevin gym was renovated with a new floor. Before the match began, senior Captains Abbie Maziarz and Olivia Thomas, along with Janet Walters unveiled the "KW" initials that were

included on the new court design. This was to honor and remember Kevin Walters, who led the program for 14 years and to six WPIAL championships before his passing last November.

"I'm glad we have a way to respect him before our games because it's a way to connect with our roots, in a manner of speaking," Jones said. "Coach Kevin impacted everyone on the team so seeing that K.W. after we run to join our team is a good way to remember how we have all been able to become the players we are today."

The team has a large influx of new talent on the J.V. team.

"The goals I have for our team is to keep the energy up throughout the entire game and not get down on ourselves," freshman Ayla Altman said. "Another goal is for everyone to talk on the court. We will trust each other more and do better if we do this."

The girls volleyball season has shown the promise needed to achieve the goal of becoming, once again, WPIAL Champs and then, with determination and heart, PIAA State Champs!

Fall and Halloween Q&A with the Fall Sport Captains

Mac Johnson | Co-Editor-in-Chief



Xavier Nelson- Football Captain

Q: What's your favorite team memory?

A: Beating Carlynton 50-0

Q: What's your favorite Halloween costume?

A: Morph suits

Q: What's your scariest memory?

A: Almost getting attacked by a raccoon on my back porch

Q: Do you like carving jack-o-lanterns, and, if so, what was your coolest design?

A: Yes, I like to carve Jack from *The Nightmare Before Christmas*

Q: What was the weirdest thing you got while trick-or-treating?

A: A box of markers

Ezekiel Swift- Football Captain

Q: What's your favorite fall activity?

A: Spending time outside and playing football

Q: What's your favorite team memory?

A: Stay away football camp with the team

Q: What's your favorite fall memory?

A: Spending time with family and friends on Thanksgiving

Q: Do you like carving jack-o-lanterns, and, if so, what was your coolest design?

A: Yes, I carved a *Star Wars* mandalorian helmet when I was 10

Q: What was the weirdest thing you got while trick-or-treating?

A: A lemon and a rock

Lily Barbisch- Crusette Co-Captain

Q: What's your favorite Halloween costume?

A: I dressed up as a banana one year

Q: What's your scariest memory?

A: My first time in the Haunted House at Fall Fest really freaked me out

Q: Do you like carving jack-o-lanterns, and, if so, what was your coolest design?

A: Yes, I carved a cat

Q: What is your favorite candy?

A: Trolli sour worms

Q: What was the weirdest thing you got while trick-or-treating?

A: Probably a tennis ball

Katie Drauch- Crusette Co-Captain

Q: What's your favorite team memory?

A: Doing splits in the mud at Carlynton band festival

Q: What's the scariest movie or show you ever watched?

A: *The Nun*

Q: Do you like carving jack-o-lanterns, and, if so, what was your coolest design?

A: I love carving pumpkins! I love to make my faces silly

Q: What's your favorite candy?

A: Reese's cups

Q: What was the weirdest thing you got while trick-or-treating?

A: Someone was grilling and giving out hot dogs

Jillian Frosell- Crusette Captain

Q: What's your favorite fall activity?

A: I love going to haunted houses

Q: What's your favorite Halloween costume?

A: My favorite was my ghost costume

Q: What's the scariest movie or show you ever watched?

A: *The Conjuring*

Q: Do you like carving jack-o-lanterns, and, if so, what was your coolest design?

A: Yes, my pumpkin was eating a little pumpkin

Q: What's your favorite candy?

A: Hershey's bar

Tony Cicchino- Golf Captain

Q: What's your favorite fall activity?

A: Going to haunted houses

Q: What's your favorite Halloween costume?

A: One year I was the Hulk

Q: What's the scariest movie or show you ever watched?

A: *The Shining*

Q: What's your scariest memory?

A: Going to 7 Floors of Hell

Q: What's your favorite candy?

A: Kit Kat

Sani Jones- Volleyball Captain

Q: What's your favorite fall activity?

A: Watching movies while drinking hot chocolate

Q: What's your favorite team memory?

A: Getting a 4peat WPIAL win

Q: What's your favorite Halloween costume?

A: Panda

Q: What's your favorite candy?

A: Ferrero Rocher

Q: What was the weirdest thing you got while trick-or-treating?

A: A toy

Katie Duca- Cheer Captain

Q: What's your favorite team memory?

A: Cheer camp at Slippery Rock and the overnight we did at a hotel this year

Q: What's your favorite Halloween costume?

A: My favorite costume ever was a Burger and French Fries with my grade school friend

Q: What's your favorite pumpkin patch activity?

A: Picking out the perfect pumpkin and obviously the corn maze

Q: Do you like carving jack-o-lanterns, and, if so, what was your coolest design?

A: I love carving them! I'm not good at it so I just do a basic little face design

Q: What was the weirdest thing you got while trick-or-treating?

A: A pamphlet about how zoos abuse animals and how I, as a 6-year-old child, should stop going to support them

Lauren Kirsch- Soccer Captain

Q: What's your favorite team memory?

A: Being undefeated section champs last year with some of my favorite people

Q: What's your favorite Halloween costume?

A: When I was a scarecrow with Carolyn Bigley

Q: What's the scariest movie or show you ever watched?

A: *The Conjuring*

Q: What is your favorite candy?

A: Sour Patch Watermelon

Q: What was the weirdest thing you got while trick-or-treating?

A: Pencils and stickers

From Winless to Playoff Picture

Going from not having a win the season before, the boys team looked to make a push for the playoffs

Geno DeFrank | Staff Reporter



Front Row Starting From the Left- TJ Wanamaker, Joey Hurley, Owen Huet, Sean Kelsch, Cole Evans, Jonathan Mox Middle Row- Leyton Cypher, Nick Adamski, Geno DeFrank, Ryan McFetridge, Joey Cicchino, Evan Seitz, Bryce Hinkle Back Row- Head Coach Wes Burdette, Michael McFetridge, Francis Bochicchio, Braehm Brown, Mark Ingold, John Ridilla, Assistant Coach Steve Burdette

The Bishop Canevin boys soccer team had a rough season last year when top senior player Nevan Crossey was injured prior to the season and from there things went downhill. After a tough year going 0-8, the head coach quitting and only three starters returning, there wasn't much to look forward to for the 2021 season.

As May hit there was still no new coach assigned. The players were worried that no one wanted to take charge in leading their program. Then came Wes Burdette--a 2011 Upper St. Clair graduate who went on to play at The University of Delaware.

Burdette, with his father as assistant coach, started with the fundamentals and worked from there. They built the team from the ground up. After long hard summer workouts the team was able to replace the missing pieces and set high goals.

Junior midfielder Leyton Cypher spoke about how the culture has changed since last year.

"I think I share the opinion as my other teammates in saying that he [Coach Burdette] has brought a new light to our organization. Ending last year's season 0-8, losing 8 starters and losing our whole coaching staff brought our hopes down for this year's season. With some in-school recruitment and Coach Wes joining the team along with his dad to be the assistant coach, we came into the season with a renewed hope of improving upon that 0-8 record," Cypher said. "We successfully did that because of the dedication of Coach Wes and the setting up drills and practices of specific areas we needed to improve upon. He is personally a great guy and fun to be around. He's the type of guy you would want to make proud, and I feel that we have done that this year. I'm looking forward to next season with hopefully some new faces and Coach Wes doing what he does best."

Senior Francis Bochicchio and junior Geno DeFrank came back this season with the most experience and they were joined by seniors Braehm Brown and John Ridilla both coming back with a great deal of experience as well. Returning Sophomores Joey Hurley, Sean Kelsch and Owen Huet and junior Evan Seitz all gained some valuable experience last season.

What truly has been a huge factor this year is getting guys to come out for the team. Senior defenders Mark

Ingold and Mike McFetridge joined the team this year and have made a huge difference on defense. Behind them in goal is junior and newcomer Bryce Hinkle. Sophomores Ryan McFetridge and Cole Evans have been great in the midfield.

"The impact of new players on the Bishop Canevin boys soccer program has been immeasurable this season. From worrying about having enough players to compete on the field to having eight robust subs suggests the progression of the interest in the program. The new players have played a large role in the development of competition on the practice field as well as against some of the best teams in the WPIAL," Coach Burdette said. "Almost over half of the starting line-up the majority of the year was composed of new players who had put in the work during the offseason to earn the right to start. I look forward to the experience these new players have gained and look forward to their continued growth. I believe this can also be used as an example for those other students who may have interest in joining the team."

There is a profound combination of newcomers and experience. The team started the preseason by playing competitive 2A and 3A programs in Keystone Oaks and Chartiers Valley. The team started by competing in the Lopes Cup by losing 5-0 to Avonworth and tied St Joes.

After a tough start to the beginning of the year and still searching for the team's first win in almost two years, the boys took on section play. They started section play at rival Carlynton in a tough scrappy match. The boys had the early lead, but could not hold the lead as Carlynton tied the game with less than two minutes to go in regulation. And in double overtime, Carlynton won the game with two minutes left. A tough defeat like that crushed the team.

The boys responded and got their first win of the year against Riverview as Evans and Kelsch scored as the Crusaders broke the losing streak. After another tough overtime loss against Aquinas Academy the turning point in the season happened when the boys played Chartiers Houston in a non-section game. This game meant a lot to the returning players as previous Coach Al Gesthr went on to be an assistant coach at Chartiers Houston. The boys played the game with a tone of energy and heart and weren't going to be denied. The

Crusaders won 2-0 as goals were scored by Ridilla and DeFrank. The win was a big confidence boost for the boys as they went into the second half of the season.

The second half of the season started with a bang. In a must win game against rival Carlynton, the boys came out with a huge victory on Senior Night. In a back and forth game at Youthtowne the only goal of the game came with 10 minutes left as DeFrank scored on an assist from Kelsch. With a big shut-out by Hinkle and a great defensive effort towards the end of the game, the Crusaders were able to knock off the Cougars. The game ended with a huge celebration.

The team was then faced with its make or break week to get into playoffs. Giving up two leads to Springdale and Eden, both top teams, the boys then beat Riverview. That same day though they were knocked out as Aquinas tied Springdale ending all chances to make the playoffs. It was a tough way to find out about the season ending.

The boys ended with a 4-11-1 record. Although it was not the team's record goal, the season still proved to outshine previous seasons.

Unfortunately, next year the team will lose graduating seniors Bochicchio, Brown, Ridilla, Ingold and McFetridge. The team will respond just how they did this year with hard work and dedication as they look to make the postseason next year.

Coach Burdette will be awarded with the turn around of this team, but even he will tell you that the attitude and the work ethic of the players made everything work.

The team will move forward to a productive off-season with skill work and weight training.

"The team's goal as well as the program's goal are to build a consistently successful Bishop Canevin boys soccer program on and off the field through character development and teaching the game. The foundation of the program is on the fundamentals and basics of the game, enabling the team to achieve larger successes on the field and in life. As the program continues to master the pillars of the game, our goal as a team moving forward is to be uncommon even amongst the uncommon resulting in success within the section, WPIAL and PIAA as well as developing our players into successful men in life," Coach Burdette said.



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