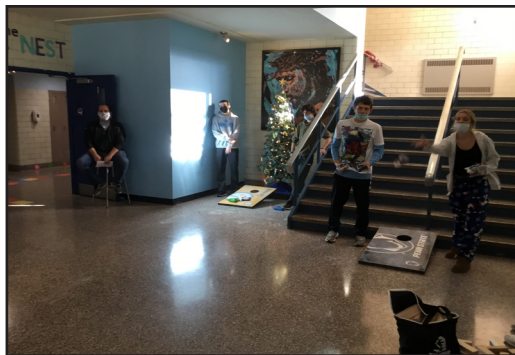




## Canevin Christmas Celebration

*The student body celebrated Christmas at Canevin in new and festive ways this year, including fun activities, traditions and extra holiday spirit!*

Jillian Frosell | Staff Reporter



During Canevin Christmas the Crusaders participated in Christmas stations set up around the school that included holiday themed Kahoots, Christmas crafts, Scene It games, gingerbread decorating, board games, Christmas bingo, Christmas movies and indoor tailgate games.

Student Government, led by moderator and teacher David Casavale, planned special holiday events for the Crusaders to enjoy. In addition, Art teacher Karen Kennedy led the students in decorating the school.

“Typically members of the Student Government assist her [Kennedy] in decorating after school during the first week back from Turkey Break,” Casavale said.

The Christmas planning timeline dates all the way back to October. Casavale managed the planning for Christmas while simultaneously dealing with the craziness of Homecoming and Fall Fest. Student Government’s hard work paid off when Kennedy’s annual Christmas decorations were displayed around the school.

“I am always on the lookout for wreath hangers, decorations, etc. whenever I go to flea markets or thrift stores, so I kind of have it on my radar year round. I really start to think about decorating once it turns November, even though the stores have had stuff out long before then,” Kennedy said.

Casavale and Kennedy have been partnering for years, providing the best experience possible for the student body during the Christmas season. Casavale even shared some of his favorite decorations.

“I really think that the holly and lights on the ceiling on the first floor really make the building look festive,” Casavale said. “I enjoy seeing how creative a job each homeroom does in decorating their rooms and hallways.”

Kennedy added her favorite Canevin decorations as well.

“Although I love nativity sets, and the set Canevin has is very beautiful, my favorite decorations are the wreaths that are on the office and classroom doors,” Kennedy said. “Every single one is different, and they range from funny and cute, to more formal and decorative, so hopefully everyone can find one that they like for their door.”

On Dec. 17, students celebrated the yearly Can-

evin Christmas as a community. The day started off with students enjoying coffee and doughnuts. Then, students participated in many Christmas activities in the afternoon. There was even a toy drive where students donated toys for those in need.

It is important we recognize how much work goes into creating the annual Christmas-like atmosphere at the school, and the “awe inspiring” decorations according to Kennedy.

In years to come, the Christmas crew is always on the lookout for extra help during the holiday season.

“The biggest thing is getting students to help with the decorating. When you have a lot of hands, it makes light work of all the different things we do,” Kennedy said. “This includes setting up a decorated tree for each house in the side lobbies, a big tree in the main lobby, wreaths for all the office and classroom doors, the lighted swags on the hallway ceilings, outdoor decorations on the grotto fence and lamp posts and the nativity set.”

The students also pitch in during the house hallway decorating competition. For example, Rahner House produced a “Candyland” themed hallway this year. Each house put in so much work to compete with each other. The tight competition between the houses resulted in Rahner House taking the win!

“I have been told that Canevin is the only high school that decorates to the extent, and the way that we do, so that makes me proud to know that we are unique,” Kennedy said.

In addition to all of the decorations and activities, Canevin hosted “Christmas in the Courtyard” for the grade schools and incoming freshmen to come and enjoy Canevin’s holiday spirit. This year’s special holiday season was a huge success with all of the decorations, activities and the Canevin family coming together!

The terrific celebration was made possible by Kennedy, Casavale, Student Government and student volunteers.



## Pittsburgh Christmas Events

*The City of Pittsburgh is bustling with Christmas spirit and holiday themed events*

Erin LaQuatra | Staff Reporter

Christmas is right around the corner, and there are many fun and festive events to bring out your holiday spirit in the Pittsburgh area. Downtown Pittsburgh is the center for all things Christmas during the holiday season. Starting Nov. 20, most Christmas activities had their debut around the area. Most events are open until Christmas Day or longer.

The famous lighting of the Christmas tree in PPG Place is an annual tradition. This is one of the biggest attractions during the season. Most people like to look at the lights while ice skating. The Wintergarden, which is inside PPG Place, annually has a showing of a model train, gingerbread houses and a collection of life-sized Santa Claus figures in different outfits representing countries around the world. Market Square also has a Christmas themed booth where sellers sell their homemade crafts. One of these booths is Duquesne Light, where they hand out free glow sticks to everyone. KDKA also hands out free hot chocolate and cookies. They also have live music around the Square, so you can listen as you walk.

Kennywood’s Holiday Lights is a must see in Pittsburgh. It has 1 million twinkling lights and the tallest Christmas tree in the state. The time is a little different; Nov. 20 through Dec. 24, 2021: Friday, Saturday and Sunday; Dec. 26, 2021 through Jan. 2, 2022: daily. It is closed on Christmas Day.

If you are looking for a scary but festive place “A Creepy Christmas at ScareHouse” is the place to go. They have scary Christmas toys and elves inside. The tickets are limited, and it is open for two weekends only in December: Dec. 10-11 and the 17-18.

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There are many drive through Christmas light shows around the area. One of the most well known is Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland. It is known as one of the "most technically advanced light shows in the area." It is two miles long and music can be played through your radio matching the lights. After it is done, you can even go inside for a "Christmas Village experience." It is open from mid-November to early-January. Tickets must be purchased online and waits are known to be very long since it is so popular. If you want to go, it is located at the Butler County Fairgrounds at 1127 New Castle Road, Prospect, PA. A closer drive is the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium. It is a mile long and has a podcast that goes with it. It costs roughly \$40-50. Tickets plan to sell out fast so plan ahead if you are interested. The address is 7370 Baker St in Pittsburgh.

From Dec. 1 to 22, North Park has a holiday themed Laser Light Display Show. This is its second year doing a light display. The display includes fog and lasers with matching music that

can be played through your radio. The show lasts about 40 minutes. Tickets are bought online and prices vary based on weeknights and weekends, and for county residents and non-residents. It takes place in the pool parking lot on S. Ridge Drive.

The Phipps Conservatory Winter Flower Show has a different holiday theme each year. Phipps' opening was the Friday before Thanksgiving and runs until the first week of January. There is usually a long wait but they recently converted the outside garden into a light display while you wait.

The Pittsburgh Creche at the US Steel Plaza building is one of the largest nativity scenes to ever exist. It is about 64 feet wide by 36 feet long. It features 20 life-sized figures. This creche in particular holds an important figure that is a replica of the nativity scene featured at Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. It is the only authorized replica in the world.

In conclusion, there are many fun things that you can do in the area to get you in the Christmas spirit. Pittsburgh has so many things that you can drive, walk or skate through!



*Have a Blessed  
Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!  
Love,  
The Leonid Staff*



# Bustling Black Friday

*Is the notorious money saving holiday losing its flare?*

Carolyn Bigley | Co-Editor-in-Chief



"The Blue Snail Gift Shop—a local and Bishop Canevin alumni owned business—welcomes customers in amongst the holiday season." (@BlueSnailGiftShop via Instagram)



"Less shoppers crowding the mall on Black Friday (via Reuters)"

For years, families across the country have eagerly headed out to stores in an effort to take advantage of the low prices available on Black Friday. The price drop makes it an ideal time to shop for the upcoming holiday season. However, as time passes, Black Friday's crowds are becoming increasingly smaller.

With chances of getting injured in the overly crowded stores, gambling on actually finding good deals, sacrificing family time during Thanksgiving break, inadvertently hurting small businesses and worrying about recent Covid-19 surges—the star question then presents itself: is the risk worth the reward?

Every year around this time, the YouTube homepage becomes populated with shakily recorded videos that display the true madness that ensues on the holiday. Grown adults are seen snatching boxes from children's hands as the bustling stampedes of shoppers trample over a few unlucky passers. Does this really turn people away, though?

Despite the few viral videos posted online, most Black Friday experiences tend to be pretty tame. More often than not, the biggest issue of Black Friday is overcrowding which is a bit chaotic in and of itself. This can prove to be a big concern as we have seen in the past few years with Covid-19.

"I worked on Black Friday in the mall," senior Olivia Thomas said. "It was madness and the line to get into the store was so long because of the covid restrictions on capacity."

Coronavirus and store restrictions surely played a part in a decrease in the traffic at stores on Black Friday. Also, many deals have been moved online. With so many variables driving people away from going out in person, stores are converting to more convenient, online deals.

Furthermore, many Americans began to be against the idea of stores opening on Thanksgiving.

"I don't love that Black Friday has become so much more important than spending time with family, but I do see some companies making an effort to try to stray away from the Black Friday madness, which makes me happy," Spanish teacher Claire Barber said.

A new light has been shone upon supporting small, local businesses. As things like pollution and corruption plague the world at the hands of big name brands, more and more people are deciding to boycott these corporations and support shops closer to them.

"I am much more interested in doing Small Business Saturday shopping which is the following day," Barber said. "I love to support local stores, rather than the bigger faceless ones. For the past couple of years I have been putting in an effort to just purchase my Christmas gifts from small businesses."

The rapidly growing push to support small businesses is sure to go beyond the holiday seasons. The ethical shift is being urged more in an effort to combat the issues being perpetuated by steam rolling corporations.

The biggest shopping holiday of the country is losing a lot of its fame as more Americans focus on these issues and do what they can to help. Small Business Saturday is gaining where Black Friday is losing. It not only helps the small businesses and their families, but also the entire planet and environment alike.

So, really, the hype for Black Friday is wavering. Less and less people feel the need to shop on Black Friday, or even at big name stores at all.

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# Anon's Answers

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

***I've noticed that lately I've had a negative mindset. How can I change it to be more positive?***

Thank you so much for sharing. By even admitting and noticing your change in mindset, you are helping yourself. Shifting your mindset won't be easy. It's a long process of changing the way you perceive yourself and the world around you. You have to ensure that you put your needs first. Your first priority should be yourself. Whether you meditate, practice journaling, workout or pray, taking time for yourself will be beneficial to your mental health. Make an effort to focus on positive experiences that happen throughout your day. A lot of times, we find ourselves focusing only on the negatives. Turn that negativity into something positive. If you still need help, talk to a trustworthy person like the school counselor, a parent or a friend. Advice from someone who truly cares about you is always worth listening to. With practice, you can retrain your brain to be more positive. Keep going!

***I feel overwhelmed with school lately. I have more tabs open on my iPad than I can count. It seems like my grades are slipping, too. How can I try to organize myself better?***

I have the same problem with my iPad tabs, too. I currently have 88 tabs on Chrome, 34 on Safari and 306 unopened emails. Try finding time to go through all your tabs and delete the ones you don't need. I often find that I have the same website open multiple times. Another useful feature on Chrome is the OneTab extension that keeps all your tabs saved into different groups so you can open only the ones you need at a certain time but still have the other ones saved to open back up with one click. It is much more efficient than bookmarking everything. On

a desktop, you can also group tabs in Chrome by right clicking them. Once you make your tabs easier to access, it becomes much less stressful to actually accomplish things and get work done. Multitasking can also present many problems. Trying to accomplish too many tasks at one time can be overwhelming. It can lead to burnout quickly. The internet has an endless amount of information and it's important that you try to focus on one project at a time.

***How can I find a balance between social media and my social life?***

Social media has been proven to cause stress and increases feelings of missing out. By sitting in your room and scrolling through endless pictures and videos, you might feel lonely and isolated. It's important to remember that not everything you see on social media is true. Think about it, are you going to post something that portrays you or your friends' negatively? Most likely you said no. Limit your time on social media. Try turning off your notifications so you aren't as tempted to open any apps. As a society, we spend a lot of time on our phones. Next time you're with your friends, try to put your phone down. Finding balance between social media and social life will be a constant struggle. Remember that it's okay to check your phone to stay connected; it's only a problem when you are ultimately consumed by it. Set a few boundaries. Unfollow people who make you feel inferior or people who you no longer want to talk to. Try setting screen time limits. Most of the time, we aren't aware of how long we spend on social media. Most importantly, remember that not everything you see on social media is true. You've got this!



# Get to Know the Class of 2022

Theresa Skindzier | Staff Reporter



**M**olly Frick–Molly is a captain of the Cheerleading team and is involved in many clubs such as, International Club, Circle of Friends, Junior Achievement and BCTV. Her favorite subject is science with her favorite class being Human Structure. In her free time she likes to shop, go to concerts and be with her family and friends. Her favorite high school memory was cheering at the Canevin football games and going out with her friends afterwards. She plans to go to college for nursing or criminology.

**J**illian Frosell–Jill’s favorite subject is Advanced Biology with Mrs. Streeter. She is the Captain of the Crusettes and the Fundraising Committee for the International Club. She is currently involved in the BCTV Broadcasting Team, Science Club, the Leonid Newspaper, Junior Achievement, Creative Writing Club and Adventure Club. In the past she was also in Speech and Debate, Art Club, Circle of Friends and Future Business Leaders of America. She is a very talented dancer and was the musical dance captain her sophomore year. She also practices yoga daily and has an extra tooth. Her favorite memory is going on the ski trip over the past four years, and going down Black Diamond with her friends. Jill is also member of the National Honor Society and St. Ignatius Scholars Program and plans to attend Penn State University for Health Policy and Administration.



**K**eshawn Harris–Keshawn’s favorite subject is IC3 and he likes to work-out and play video games in his free time. He is a captain of the football team and has been a valued player all four years of high school. His favorite Canevin memory was sleep away football camp. He plans to play football for Westminster College.

**K**yla Hartoyo–Kyla’s favorite class was Advanced Biology with Mrs. Streeter. She has played on the girl’s volleyball team all four years of high school and is in Circle of Friends, St. Ignatius Scholars, Junior Achievement, FBLA and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a captain for the International Club. In her free time she likes to play volleyball and watch tv. Her favorite Canevin memory was going to football games. She plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh in the Fall.



**L**auren Kirsch–Lauren’s favorite teacher is Mr. Fearer, but her favorite class was Advanced Biology last year. She plays basketball, runs track and is the girls’ soccer captain. Her list of extracurricular activities includes International Club, Photography Club, Academic Team, Junior Achievement, Student Ambassadors, Circle of Friends, Adventure Club and Ping Pong Club. She is also a member of the St. Ignatius Scholars, a House Captain and this year’s President of the Bishop Canevin chapter of the National Honor Society. In her free time she likes to sleep or watch TV. Her favorite Canevin memories were school dances and Fall Fest. She has also been to 14 different National Parks and has won a hula-hooping contest at Kalahari. She plans to study physical therapy at a small, private college in the Fall.



**R**enee LaGrosse–Renee has been on the tennis team since sophomore year. She is a member of Adventure Club, BC<sup>2</sup>, Photography Club, Robotics Club, St. Ignatius Scholars and the Bishop Canevin chapter of the National Honor Society. She holds leadership positions as the vice president of Crusaders for Justice, senior committee captain of International Club and a Leonid Newspaper editor. Outside of school she is a part of a group starting a nonprofit called PA Reads YA to encourage teens to read more often. In her free time she enjoys hanging out with friends. At school, her favorite class is Engineering Research and Development and her favorite memory was exploring the catacombs with Mr. Schultz while looking for Dave. As a very advantageous student, she plans to have a creative writing minor with a double major in business and urban and environmental studies.



**E**rin LaQuatra–Erin’s favorite subject is science and she likes to bake in her free time. She is an involved Canevin athlete as she plays on the volleyball team and runs for the track and field team. She is also the captain of the cross country team. Her dedication has led to her most memorable moments at Canevin--playing her various sports. She is also involved in International Club, Circle of Friends and Junior Achievement. She plans to go to college and major in nursing.

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# Teacher Spotlight: Karen Kennedy

Mac Johnson | Co-Editor-in-Chief

Very few people can say that they worked at the same place their entire adult life. This remarkable feat has been accomplished by Karen Kennedy, Bishop Canevin's Art Department chair.

"I love the students and the teachers, and the fact that every day is different," Kennedy said.

Kennedy graduated from Carlow University with a double major in English and Art. While at Carlow, she student-taught at Canevin. This prompted the administration to offer her a job teaching English. There was an opening in the Art Department the following year, so she decided to take it. These are both subjects that she is really passionate about. She eventually decided to stick mainly with teaching art.

Also in her first year of teaching, Kennedy started to help out with the musical. The reason she got involved was because her friends, Brother Jim Moore and Brother Tom Purcell, invited her to get involved with the program. Moore and Purcell were Franciscan Friars who were a part of the teaching staff at Canevin at that time.

"Stage crew seemed like a good fit and a way to help out with artwork that might be needed," Kennedy said.

Her artistic prowess made her a great fit for the stage crew and for her to really help out the program. She also helps to promote and organize the musical.

Throughout her teach-



Photo courtesy of the Mosaic Yearbook Staff

ing career, Kennedy has made it a tradition to bring students to volunteer at the Jubilee Soup Kitchen. She, along with her husband, normally volunteer twice a month. Because of the pandemic increasing the workload of the soup kitchen staff, Kennedy decided to go every Saturday to help out.

"I feel that it's just a small way that I can help," Kennedy said.

Bishop Canevin is very lucky to have such a dedicated and talented teacher like Kennedy. She truly loves being a part of the B.C. community.

Kennedy's favorite part about working at Canevin is the students.

"[My favorite thing about Canevin is] the students and their everyday actions, watching them grow and mature and graduate, and all the crazy things they do and say," Kennedy said. "Along with [the students], my other favorite part is the faculty. I truly appreciate everyone's unique gifts that they bring to their teaching, and I feel I have made good and special friends here. Hey - that's how I met and married Mr. Kennedy!"

# Lenci Boheme Takes Center Stage

Grace Ravenstahl | Staff Reporter



Junior Lenci Boehme performs in shows through Pittsburgh Musical Theatre and Civic Light Opera Academy.



The curtain opens and Lenci Boehme stands in the center of the stage. This is a familiar experience for Boehme, a junior at Bishop Canevin and a talented singer, actress and dancer. Boehme takes classes at Pittsburgh Musical Theatre, Civic Light Opera Academy and performs in the Bishop Canevin Spring Musical.

Performing has been a part of Boehme's life ever since she was very young.

"I have been involved in the arts for almost my entire life," Boehme said. "At four I started dance classes, at 11 I joined Pittsburgh Musical Theatre and at 13 I joined Civic Light Opera Academy."

She has truly grown up in the spotlight and shows no sign of stopping. Boehme loves to be a storyteller and expresses the emotions of the people she portrays.

"My favorite part of all of this is getting to go onstage and portray a character who is alike, or on the contrary, vastly different from myself," Boehme said. "I enjoy being able to get lost in the story of so many different groups of people and to be able to tell their stories."

There is a lot of pressure, though, in being so talented. Stage fright is common among actors and actresses and Boehme is no exception to it. She gets stage fright all of the time.

"Once I go onstage and I'm under the lights, though, it all melts away. That is the magic of theatre—one moment being nervous, the next being totally immersed in the story of the character I am playing," Boehme said.

A talented actress is not only a creation of herself, but backed by the hard work of parents, friends, mentors and directors. Catherine Brown, a director of Boehme's, has worked with her for several years.

"Lenci has an incredible amount of talent which serves her well in theater. She is a strong vocalist, who adapts quickly to mu-

sical changes and works well with others," Brown said.

But her talents do not rest in theatre.

"Her positive attitude and immense talent make her an asset to any production that she is a part of," Brown said. "She is a team player, and puts the good of the production before any personal benefit, which is invaluable in the theater community," Brown said.

Boehme's future is as bright as the lights she performs under.

"Everything about Lenci's future is exciting to me, but mostly I wish for Lenci the same that I wish for all of my students," Brady Patsy, another director for Boehme, said.

"I look forward to the day that you look into the mirror and see into the eyes of who you are and the person looking back is as proud of you as I am!" Andy Folmer, Bishop Canevin's Spring Musical Director, said.

Boehme loves what she does and works harder at it every day. She has performed in countless numbers of shows, in dozens of different roles. Boehme's favorite role though is more recent.

"I had a really lovely time during last year's Spring Musical, *The Sound of Music*, where I got the chance to play Maria," Boehme said. "All of the shows I do are unique and special in their own ways and I sincerely enjoy every opportunity I get to perform."

She is always working on a new project and is currently preparing for Bishop Canevin's Spring Musical, *Anything Goes*, taking place late next April.

Boehme is a very talented young actress with a bright future. She works hard on her shows and brings positive energy to everyone she works with. Boehme has put in so much effort for every role she has received and continues to do so every day.



# Feis' with Frick

## Senior Molly Frick takes cultural dance and turns it into a competitive sport

Ava Gaitens | Staff Reporter

Molly Frick has been competitively Irish dancing for 13 years through the Shovlin Academy of Irish Dance.

“People might not know that it is not only an individual sport but it can also be a group sport as well,” Frick said. “I think that is one of the coolest aspects about Irish dance because it’s not like other kinds of dance. You not only get to learn about a culture, but you can compete all over the world as well,” Frick said.

Molly has traveled all over Eastern United States for competitions, or more commonly called ‘feiseanna.’ The term ‘feis’ commonly refers to Irish dance competitions.

Frick also traveled, or almost traveled, across the globe to compete.

“I was supposed to compete in Ireland last February, but since the Covid-19 pandemic hit, I wasn’t able to travel at that time. So the furthest I have traveled would probably be to Florida!” Frick said.

Frick travels to showcase her skills she’s acquired and perfected over the years in both hard and soft shoes.

“My favorite skill that I have mastered is in my hard shoes and it is called a

drum,” Frick said.

When competing in a feis, dancers wear extravagant dresses that are usually decked out in bling and bright colors. The dancers also wear their hair in big updo’s on the top of their heads, paired with headpieces and bold makeup.

Leading up to a feis, dancers must prepare themselves. They will put on a full wig and stage makeup, before rehearsing and re-rehearsing in their hotel rooms.

They practice with a recording of live music, because once they get to the feis, it will be a live band providing the music for their routine.

Dancers will sign in and receive a number based off of their last names and then prepare to perform.

“We will be allowed to enter into the ballroom of the hotel or convention center, wherever we are performing and we’ll get dressed,” Frick said. “Competition dresses are usually around 15 pounds due to all the bling and details on them. We also wear a matching headpiece that gets woven in with our wigs.”

Frick has been extremely successful in her career as an Irish dancer and takes much pride in her craft.



Senior Molly Frick and her dance teacher, Sheila Shovlin.



Senior Molly Frick on the Shovlin Float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade!

# Freshman Life at B.C. Question and Answer

Megan McCartney | Staff Reporter



Freshman Sean Frosell



Freshman Kelsey Adamski



Freshman Susan Skindzier



Freshman Noelle Miller

## **Sean Frosell, Freshman**

Q: How was your first semester at B.C.?

A: My first semester at B.C. was great. I like all of my teachers and all of the students are nice to me.

Q: Do you like having your older brother or sister with you in the same school?

A: I do like having an older sibling at the school because it makes some things much easier, like finding a ride home.

Q: Do you have a favorite teacher or class and why?

A: I don't really have a favorite teacher yet. So far, I like them all, and I enjoy all of my classes.

Q: What is your favorite memory at B.C. so far?

A: My favorite memory at B.C. so far is probably just being able to hang out with my friends at all of the football games or any of the other games that I've been to.

Q: What middle school did you attend before B.C.?

A: I attended Archangel Gabriel.

Q: Were you nervous about your first day at B.C.?

A: I was pretty nervous on my first day because I wasn't really sure what to expect.

Q: What were you most looking forward to in high school?

A: I was mostly looking forward to getting to know teachers and friends.

## **Kelsey Adamski, Freshman**

Q: How was your first semester at B.C.?

A: It went really well.

Q: Do you like having your older brother or sister at the same school?

A: Not really, it's awkward seeing him in the halls.

Q: Do you have a favorite teacher or class and why?

A: Mrs. Streeter is my favorite teacher. I have her Biology class. She's always energetic and makes jokes.

Q: What is your favorite memory at B.C. so far?

A: My favorite memory is winning sections in soccer.

Q: What middle school did you attend before BC?

A: I attended Holy Child Catholic, Our Lady of Grace and Saint Phillip.

## **Susan Skindzier, Freshman**

Q: How was your first semester at B.C.?

A: It was good. It is a lot different from my old school, but I have made friends that I thought I would never make.

Q: Do you like having your older brother or sister at the same school?

A: Kind of. She drives me whenever I have to do stuff after school and gives me good advice on future classes.

Q: Do you have a favorite teacher or class and why?

A: I love Mr. Schultz because he is a really good math teacher and helps a lot in the band. He is a really good person.

Q: What is your favorite memory at B.C. so far?

A: Going to football games with the band, especially whenever we ride the bus to away games.

Q: What middle school did you attend before B.C.?

A: Saint Gabriel's now Mother of Mercy Academy.

Q: Were you nervous about your first day at B.C.?

A: Yes. I was afraid I was not going to make any friends and would be a social outcast.

Q: What were you most looking forward to in high school?

A: I was most excited for Day Aways and house competitions. I was always told how fun they were whenever my siblings attended them.

## **Noelle Miller, Freshman**

Q: How was your first semester at B.C.?

A: The first semester was pretty good. I met a lot of nice people and the classes are going great.

Q: Do you like having your older brother or sister at the same school?

A: Sometimes. I like how they look out for me, but I have so many friends and I just like to talk to them instead of my brother since I live with him and I can talk to him any day after school.

Q: Do you have a favorite teacher or class and why?

A: I don't have a favorite teacher because all the teachers are really nice and friendly.

Q: What is your favorite memory at B.C. so far?

A: My favorite memory at B.C. is probably going to Fall Fest with my friends because we got to do a lot of fun stuff together.

Q: What middle school did you attend before B.C.?

A: Before B.C., I attended Archangel Gabriel Catholic School in Robinson which was Holy Trinity that merged with Saint Malachy.

Q: Were you nervous about your first day at B.C.?

A: I was very nervous my first day because I didn't know many people. I only knew a couple of people from my old school and I knew people from soccer.

Q: What were you most looking forward to in high school?

A: I was excited about making new friends and how we can hang out a lot outside of school.

## Director of Campus Ministry Andrea Collins Welcomes a Baby Girl

Erin LaQuatra | Staff Reporter



Her daughter's name is Dominica Siena Collins, and the meaning behind it is touching.

"Dominica is a family name, and Siena is to honor St. Catherine of Siena, a fierce, bold female saint whom I love!" Collins said.

Sometimes Dominica is called "baby goat" because she sounds really noisy. So far, she has been a very calm baby and not a frequent crier.

Collins plans to return to her previous working schedule in January. She talks about how lucky she is for being able to work part time.

"I am so grateful that the B.C. administration was able to accommodate my part-time position, which has made child care much easier to coordinate," Collins said. "As a PhD student, my husband has a lot of flexibility in his work schedule, and so he will watch Dominica for the two days I come into Canevin. I will be home with her for the remaining three days!"

Congratulations to Collins and her family!

Members of the Bishop Canevin faculty, especially the Director of Campus Ministry Andrea Collins, have enjoyed life changing events over the last semester.

Recently, Collins had a baby girl. This is her first child, and Collins thinks that she and her husband are adjusting to such a big change very well. Her husband has been on paternity leave, so it has made the change much easier.

"It is a crucial part of empowering families to be the best they can be," Collins said.

## Guidance Counselor Lydia Albin Ties the Knot

Halle Bergman | Staff Reporter



Oct. 23 was a memorable day for B.C.'s Guidance Counselor Lydia Albin. She married her love Daniel Lanigan.

"He [Daniel] has been my best friend for a really long time. Being with him has been breathtaking in the fact that it's so easy and joyful," Albin said.

Albin proposed first a few years ago. "I designed his ring and everything!" Albin said. "Daniel also surprised me by proposing to me with my ring in my kitchen a few months before the wedding."

They have been engaged for a few years.

"When we went on vacation in July we decided together that we were ready to make it official," Albin said. "With my brother Nathaniel going to Navy Nuclear Submarine School in November, we made the decision to get married before he left so he would be able to be there for sure."

Albin and her husband rented a cabin in Ohionyle, PA to fulfill their dream of having an outdoor ceremony. The couple enjoyed an intimate dinner reception with 23 close family and friends.

"It was wonderful! Everything looked beautiful, and we had fun," Albin said. "We were lucky that the rain stopped in time for our outdoor ceremony. Everything was exactly as we hoped it would be."

At the dinner reception the guests had the opportunity to get to know each other.

"We had a giant Western PA-style cookie table and everyone brought lots of cookies," Albin said. "It was fun to enjoy watching all the people we care about the most playing pool, talking, eating cookies and enjoying a casual family-style dinner together."

Albin and her husband decided to not include a bridal party. It was just the couple and their officiant in the ceremony.

"I did tell my best girlfriend that she was my Maid of Honor, and she helped us plan a few things," Albin said.

Lanigan's brother offered the opening prayer, which was the closest thing to someone being in the wedding other than the couple.

Albin and her husband both agreed that they should wait to plan an official honeymoon. They will plan a trip in the future when they can both take some time off at the same time and when it is safer to travel.

"We talk about everything. Being able to marry and be with him feels like I was given a cheat code for life. Healthy love and relationships are like that," Albin said. "We can both be ourselves and love and respect each other without trying to make the other into someone they aren't. It's a really peaceful and quiet love that's more than I ever thought was possible to obtain, and I'm excited to see where it goes in the future."

Congratulations to the beautiful, new couple!



Have a Blessed  
Christmas and a Happy  
New Year!

Love,  
The Leonid Staff





# International Club is Bishop Canevin's Must Join Extracurricular

CeCe Sciuillo | Staff Reporter



Dec. 6-10, the International Club held their annual Chupa Chup Fundraiser. Chupa Chups are lollipops from Spain. In fact, Salvador Dalí actually designed their logo. During lunches, members of the International Club sold the Chupa Chups, while Srta Barber sold them in her classroom. All the money raised is going towards the biggest event of the year, International Week. This year, International Week will take place during Catholic Schools Week. It will end with the World Fair during a Day Away devoted to International Club activities for the whole school. The club thanks everyone for their donations and can't wait to make this the best International Week yet.

The International Club run by Spanish teacher Claire Barber is a beloved Crusader club that highlights the many cultures at Bishop Canevin and beyond.

The club meets during collaboration periods. The International Club is involved with many activities, such as the Lunar New Year Luncheon and International Week that includes the International Fair and is sponsored partly by the Chupa Chup Fundraiser.

The committees of the club include fundraising, decorating, special events and International Fair. The Fundraising Committee is in charge of the World Cup and selling Chupa Chups. The Special Events Committee plans the Lunar New Year Luncheon, other holidays, the International Mass and the International Week Scavenger Hunt. The Decorating Committee decorates the school for International Week. The International Fair Committee plans the logistics of the fair.

International Club has been a school club for the past five years. Some of the seniors in the club have been in the club for all of their four years of high school.

"I started the International Club because I am very passionate about traveling and learning about other cultures," Barber said. "While I was living in Spain, I had the opportunity to travel to many different countries and through this gained a great appreciation of the world that I wanted to share with my students."

Students join because they want to learn about different cultures and to participate in fun activities.

Some of the most popular events are the International Fair and International Week.

"During last year's International Fair my group presented on Madagascar and had the song 'I Like To Move It' blasting on my speaker," senior and club president Mac Johnson said.

Senior and club vice president Sophia Maida said her favorite memory was last year's World Cup.

There are many things being planned for the International Club this year. Barber and the International Club captains are coming up with new things to do this year that the school has never done before.

# Junior Ring Ceremony

Mac Johnson | Co-Editor-in-Chief

Receiving a class ring is an important milestone in a student's high school career. It is a celebration of becoming an upperclassman and a symbol of the time spent in high school. Being an upperclassman comes with certain responsibilities and a sense of maturity.

To celebrate this important moment in a student's high school career, the juniors spent the school day on a retreat.

Guest speakers came in and talked to the students about becoming upperclassmen. Then, they went outside for mass, where they were joined by their families. During the mass, Father Alek Schrenk, Canevin's chaplain, gave a homily about the responsibilities and the importance of being upperclassmen. Schrenk's inspirational message resonated with the juniors. After the mass, the ring ceremony began.

"The ceremony was certainly very special," junior Keira Ko-

zowski said.

Students were called one by one to receive either a ring or a medallion. Those who chose not to buy a class ring were given the medallion. After the ceremony, the juniors went to the gym to play board games, sports and other activities.

For some, the experience was a reality check.

"To me, it feels like I was still only a freshman last year," junior Gianna Beichner said. "Time really does fly, and I didn't realize this until the ring ceremony to be honest."

The juniors enjoyed the whole retreat, especially the ceremony.

"It was the best part of the retreat in my opinion," junior Marlena Battista said.

Junior Josie Bochiccio summed up the day best when she said, "Overall, the retreat and Ring Ceremony was a great time for peer bonding as we all took our next step together as juniors."



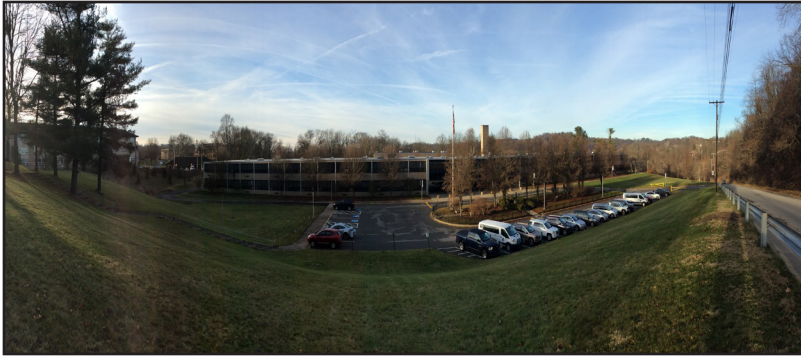
**BISHOP CANEVIN HIGH SCHOOL IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE SENIOR MAC JOHNSON AS THE LATEST RECIPIENT OF ITS PRESTIGIOUS AMDG AWARD.**



# Winter Weather Where are You?

*The effects of climate change on this winter and many winters to come*

Carolyn Bigley | Co-Editor-in-Chief



As global temperatures face a gradual increase at the hands of climate change, weather patterns and seasons alike are changing in unexpected but dangerous ways.

Many ask how an increase of climatal temperatures can result in colder winters and worsening weather patterns. First, it is important to recognize the difference between weather and climate.

“Weather describes what’s happening at a particular moment in time and in a particular place,” Climate Reality Project said. “Weather can change minute by minute, hour by hour, day by day. Climate, on the other hand, is the average weather over time, usually 30 years or more, and space.”

Climate change, also referred to as global warming, denotes the gradual increase of the planet’s average temperature over time. This increase, though, is happening at a much faster rate in recent years.

“Earth’s temperature has risen by 0.14 [degrees] Fahrenheit per decade since 1880, and the rate of warming over the past 40 years is more than twice that: 0.32 [degrees] Fahrenheit per decade since 1981,” Climate.gov said.

This gradual increase can be largely attributed to increases in air pollution. The burning of pollutants, such as coal and gas, releases greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. According to National Geographic, these gases contribute to heat from the Sun being trapped in the Earth’s atmosphere.

But how can an increase in averaging temperatures result in phenomena like more frigid temperatures and snow? As we have seen in recent years, climate change is playing its hand in rising sea levels, specifically

through melting the ice caps. This increase in melting results in more water able to be precipitated. This, with warmer temperatures, can lead to floods, tsunamis, hurricanes, torrential downpours—and in colder months, snowstorms and blizzards.

“It is thought that melting sea ice in the Arctic can weaken the jet stream, allowing for frigid polar air to penetrate farther south than normal,” the Environmental Defense Fund said.

This is a key factor in how climate change affects our weather. But, what exactly is the jet stream?

“Earth is split into two hemispheres, and air is constantly moving around to spread heat and energy from the equator to the poles,” the Met Office said. “Three large groups, or cells, in each hemisphere help to circulate this air within the lowest part of the atmosphere, the troposphere. Therefore, the jet stream exists largely because of a difference in heat, which in the northern hemisphere means cold air on the northern side of the jet stream and warm air to the south.”

The displacement of the stream of warm air as a result of melting ice and varying temperatures across the globe makes new areas have record temperatures—warm and cold—in winter. Cooler air is being pushed down the globe from the weakened jet stream, and warmer air is being pushed north, causing a wavy, weakened stream. This is what is causing northern America’s drastically wavering temperatures this winter.

Climate change is causing detrimental effects to our current winter weather and will only worsen in the years to come if changes are not made to combat pollution and other climate change causing factors.

# Has Christmas Lost Its Meaning?

*The Christmas season arrives with rising concerns of Christmas’ sacred spirituality being trumped by material motives*

Molly Frick | Staff Reporter



With an emphasis on material items rather than the spirituality of the holiday season, many Christians believe Christmas has lost its true meaning.

People today argue that Christmas is losing its meaning and that the traditional holiday that we know and love is becoming a capitalist competition.

“I think Christmas has, in some ways, become overshadowed by consumerism and materialism, at least in our American context,” Director of Campus Ministry Andrea Collins said.

Christmas has become more about the gift giving and receiving aspect and less about why we even celebrate Christmas in the first place. Christmas is supposed to be the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, instead Christmas is evolving into something much different.

“What I find less encouraging is the much more commercialized nature of the season. I think this commercialization drives a lot of what we currently understand the Christmas (or “holiday”) season to be, even among Christians,” Father Alec Schrenk, Canevin’s chaplain, said. “If Christmas has lost its meaning in our society it’s because of that. It’s a cliché, obviously, but Christmas is about much, much more than the exchange of gifts and presents.”

All of the different nationalities and cultures have mixed in the melting pot that is the United States. So perhaps the Christmas

holiday, in the United States, has become a cross between different cultures and capitalism to form what we call our unique American holiday season, while still maintaining its traditional religious meaning.

“I think that Christmas has maintained its original religious meaning for many individuals. Today we are happy to acknowledge the holidays of other faiths and traditions, as well. I don’t see that as a bad thing at all,” Schrenk said.

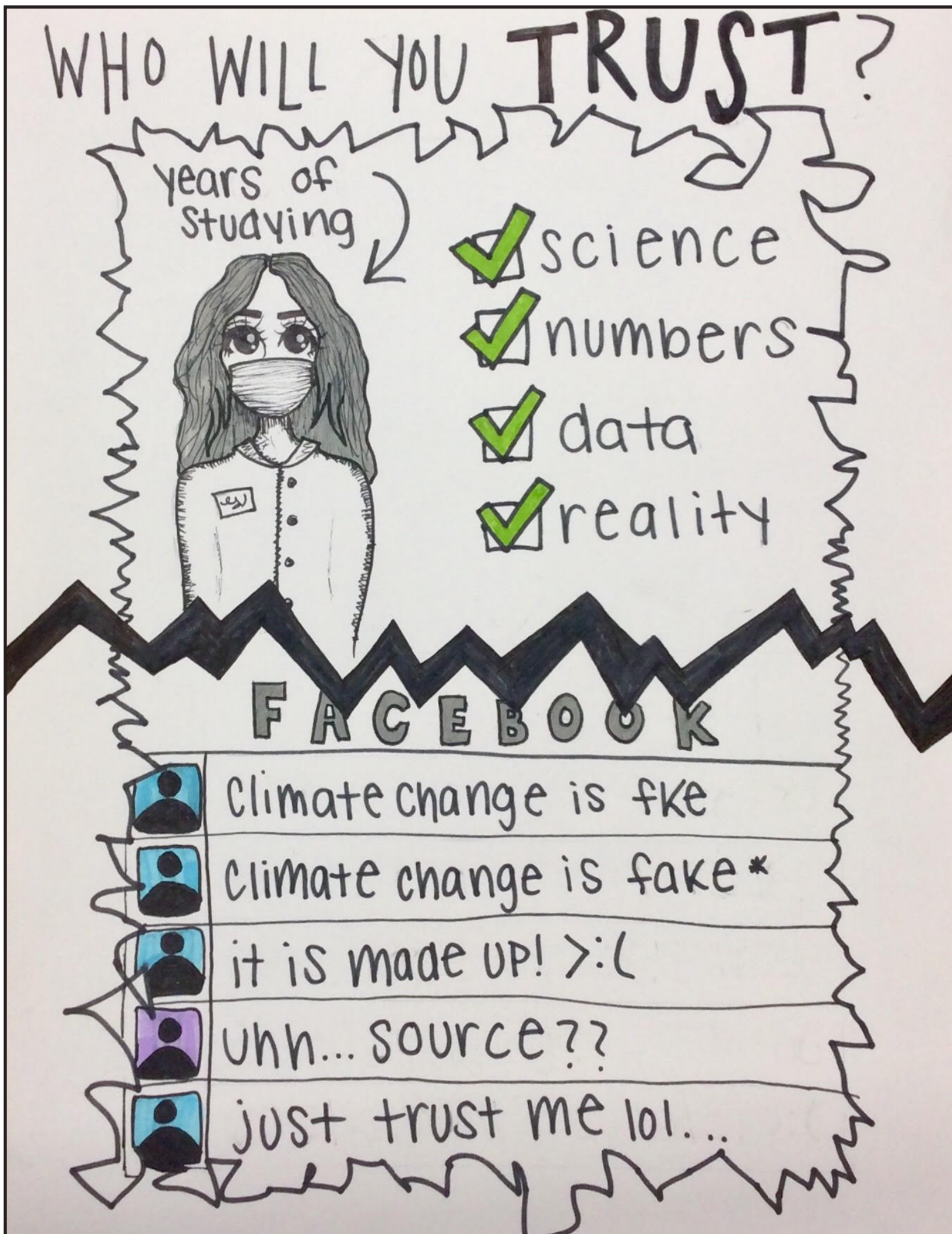
For many Americans Christmas has maintained its religious roots and has been preserved through the commercialism that comes with our capitalistic economy.

“My family is very faithful, and we have that faith at the center of our Christmas. Because we keep it at the center, I don’t think it has lost its meaning,” senior Sani Jones said. “Christmas for me is a time to celebrate Christ’s birth while also remembering all the blessings I’ve been given throughout my life. I know not everyone is as fortunate as others, so I try to make an effort to show appreciation to those who have helped me become the person I am today.”

The question of if the true meaning of Christmas has been lost or if it has just evolved is up for debate depending upon who is asked. The definition of the holiday season and the reason it is celebrated is up for interpretation.

# Winter Weather Cartoon

Carolyn Bigley | Co-Editor-in-Chief



# Canevin's Opinion on Christmas Decorations

Grace Ravenstahl | Staff Reporter



A Christmas tree with colorful ornaments and bright lights can help to make the season bright.



Colored and white lights together make for a beautiful display for the whole neighborhood to enjoy.

In a survey sent out to the student body, students and teachers were asked their opinion on certain Christmas decorations. The results are in and shared below.

In the colored versus white light debate, white lights came out on top with 39% of voters choosing white lights and 35.6% choosing colored lights. Another option, both colored and white lights, received 25.4% of the votes.

The highly controversial and hot button debate over fake versus real Christmas trees has finally been decided on. 45.8% of voters chose a real tree with 54.2% of voters picking a fake tree.

As to the question of what should go on top of a Christmas tree, several options were given: a star, a bow, an angel or something else. Each choice received 74.6%, 10.2%, 13.6%, and 1.6% of the votes respectively.

Blow up Christmas decorations are commonly seen on many lawns, but not everyone is a fan of these decorations. 59.3% of voters think the decorations are great, but 20.3% do not agree. Still 20.3% more voters only like blow up decorations when they are put up with other decorations.

Christmas decorations come in many different colors, and everyone

has an opinion on which ones are the best. 42.4% of voters want decorations to be red and green, 33.9% of voters want decorations that are red, white and gold, 10.2% want white and gold, and the remaining 13.5% are split between blue, white and silver or other colors.

On the topic of stockings, an overwhelming majority of 96.6% of voters hang up stockings during the Christmas season. The other 3.4% of voters do not.

White lights come in two different varieties, soft white or LED white. 74.6% of voters chose soft white lights and 25.4% of voters chose LED white lights.

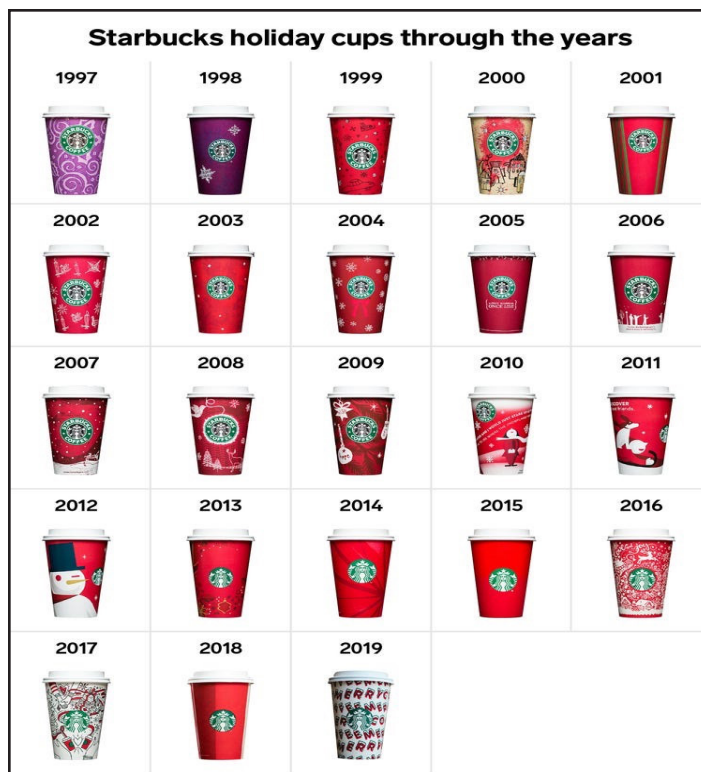
Advent wreaths are a symbol for Catholics of the coming arrival of Jesus Christ. Only 27.1% of voters put up an Advent wreath with the other 72.9% of voters not putting one up.

Another popular Christmas tradition for many families is an Elf on the Shelf. 59.3% of voters say they did have one, but 40.7% did not.

There you have it! Canevin's opinions on popular Christmas decorations is finally revealed. No matter what your opinion is on Christmas decorations, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the *Leonid Staff!*

# Let's Talk Starbucks

Ava Gaitens | Staff Reporter



With Christmas right around the corner, it's time to talk about Starbucks' famed Christmas cups.

Starbucks is known for many things: trendy coffee, adorable cake pops, "secret menu" items and, most importantly, their Christmas themed cups. The cups usually show up in stores during the beginning of November.

They've been causing a commotion since their very first year, 1997. The first two cups were actually deep shades of purple, before donning their classic red color in 1999. The cups usually cause quite a stir as avid Starbucks' drinkers are eager to see the designs, as they change every year.

There are debates all over the world as to whether people like the cups or not. The cups get judged on creativity and festiveness, and are compared to previous years. Starbucks' enthusiasts have made polls, voting websites and more to rank these disposable paper cups. Starbucks enthusiasts know their favorites at the drop of a hat.

"2017 is definitely my favorite year," junior Tegan Matteo said.

Many coffee drinkers have been upset with the lack of creativity in the past few years.

"I absolutely think that they have gotten less creative. All of the Christmas cups look extremely similar to each other and there are not as many patterns as there used to be," junior Lily Barbisch said. "Part of the fun of getting hot drinks from

Starbucks during the Christmas season is seeing which cup you are going to get."

It is true that the number of designs per year has gone down. In 2016, the coffee company had 12 cups from six different countries designed by cup design contest winners. In the past years, there have only been about four or five varying cups per Christmas set. This year was no different.

2021's Christmas cup set features four mostly red cups with green, white and—this is new(er)—purple accents. The cups are decked out in streamers, stripes, polka dots and the letters, S-T-A-R-B-U-C-K-S.

"I like that they incorporated my favorite color—purple," junior and Starbucks Barista Lexi Zurbola said.

This year wasn't really anyone's favorite, but also not least favorite either.

"Besides the fact that they look almost the exact same, I do like the cups this year. They are very pretty and elegant," Barbisch said.

In the grand ranking of Starbucks' Christmas cups, the 2021 cups fall in about the middle.

The coffee company has inspired many other companies, though. Dunkin' and many more small coffee shops, including our very own Betsy's Place, now have Christmas cups. Betsy's place even held a decorating contest early this December. The winner, Science Teacher Denise Streeter, won five free small drinks!

# What Should Your New Year's Resolution Be?

*The Leonid staff surveyed the Crusader students about their New Year resolutions*

Jillian Frosell | Staff Reporter

## QUESTIONS

1. Have you been tired throughout the school day?
2. Have you been bored at home?
3. Have you spent more than two hours on your phone a day?
4. Do you often want to do something new?
5. Do you have a dream vacation?
6. Have you wanted to get out of the house during Covid-19?
7. Are you excited to see people during the holiday?



## ANSWERS

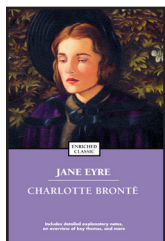
5 or more YES's- Learn a new hobby! It's time to take on something new to start the 2022 year! Go on the internet and learn something new, and do it throughout the year!

4 YES's- Less phone time! Limiting your screen time will benefit you in all aspects of your life! It might be hard, but it will be the best decision that you have ever made!

3 YES's- Travel more! Getting out of the house more will help you explore and get the change of scenery you're craving! Going outside to new places will help you experience more than being in your house all of the time!

## Book Review:

# Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte



## What is freedom worth?

Renee LaGrosse | Staff Reporter

**J**ane Eyre written by Charlotte Bronte is a literary classic. The novel is set in Northern England in the nineteenth century. Jane Eyre is a young orphan living at Gateshead: home to Jane's aunt Mrs. Reed and her three cousins. Life at Gateshead is lonely and mentally exhausting for Jane.

One day, after an altercation with her cousin, Jane is sent to the room where Mr. Reed died. While in the room, she passes out and sees an apparition of Mr. Reed. Only after a physician suggests that Jane would be happier at a boarding school, Jane will be able to gain independence from her family.

Lowood Institute, a charity school for female orphans, is the school Jane will be attending. Harsh conditions await the first half of her journey. It is up to Jane to find a sense of freedom in this prison like

school. Only after she graduates and finds a job as a governess, will she be able to find freedom and unexpected romances. Will Jane be able to survive her new job?

I would have to rate this novel 3/5. Although the novel was beautifully written and had a plot that had me sitting at the edge of my seat, I found myself quite confused because of the muddled plot. The ending in particular sounded like that of a children's story—it seemed unrealistic and enigmatic.

Besides the ending, the rest of the book was quite interesting. The insight it gave on conditions of charity school was page-turning, not to mention the hidden romances towards the end of the book.

I would suggest this book to teens who are interested in subtly learning more about nineteenth century culture and to those who enjoy romance novels.

# Crusader Christmas Movie Favorites

Keyshawn McCaskill | Staff Reporter



**C**hristmas movies put you in the Christmas spirit. The movies are enjoyable to the point that you can watch them multiple times during the holiday season. There are all kinds of good Christmas movies, such as *The Polar Express*, *The Grinch*, *Rise of the Guardian* and *Elf* and the list could go on and on. Not only are Christmas movies great but so are Christmas cartoon specials. Also Christmas is one of those holidays where you can turn on a movie to enjoy with the whole family.

## Question and Answer

### Coach Bryan Bennett

Q: What are your favorite Christmas movies?

A: My favorites are *Friday After the Next* and *Nightmare before Christmas*.

Q: Do you think that Christmas movies bring Christmas together?

A: Yes, I do because Christmas gets a chill type of vibe because of the movies you know.

### Azjaun Marshall, Sophomore

Q: What is your favorite Christmas

movie?

A: *The Polar Express* and *Elf*.

Q: Do you think that Christmas movies tie Christmas together?

A: Yes, because Christmas is Christmas. You get to open presents and things like that but with the movies it brings it all together because Christmas has its own little flow and the movies match perfectly with that same flow.

### Coach Richard Johnson

Q: What are your favorite Christmas movies?

A: *This Christmas* and *The Perfect Holiday*.

Q: Do you think the movies make Christmas?

No, me personally, I think that the movies are just movies and that Christmas would be the same with or without the movies.

### Sean McCaskill, College Student

Q: What are your favorite Christmas movies?

A: *The Grinch* and *This Christmas*.

Q: Do you think that Christmas movies bring Christmas together?

A: I feel like what's Christmas without the movies?

# Bounceback Season for Girls' Basketball

Geno DeFrank | Staff Reporter



B.C. Girls Varsity Basketball team beat Steel Valley in Season Opener, 59-34.

The girls basketball team has been a dynasty here at Canevin over the past decade. Last year was not the standard for this team, and finding the right coach since Tim Joyce, who helped to win the 2013 State Championship, has been a hard task. There have been a few coaches since then. This season another coach will have the task of bringing this team back to what it was, and that is making it to the WPIAL Championship.

The team will have most of their players returning this year. They lost last year in the WPIAL quarterfinals to West Greene. When the season ended the girls finished with a 7-7 overall and

a 4-4 conference record. Being in a section with the defending WPIAL champion in Rochester and a tough Eden Christian team will be a test for this young Crusader squad. Also, expect Union to be a tough game with it being a very young team last year.

Returning for the Crusaders, who saw minutes last year, are seniors Erin Jameson and Lauren Kirsch, juniors Aliyah Scott, Ashley Lippold, Josie Bochicchio and Mackenzie Huet. With some good freshman players expecting to make a quick impact and lots of returning players with experience, we should see a good year from the lady Crusaders.

"I think our team has definitely put in a lot of work in the off season and we are coming back this year more ready than ever," senior Lauren Kirsch said. "In the off season, we have been focusing a lot on working more as a team and improving our fundamental skills. We have also been getting used to our new coaches and are starting to buy into their style of coaching. I think when we get to section play, we will be much better than we are right now and we will be getting a lot of good practices and scrimmages against better teams."

The team will need players to step up and lead this talented group to the WPIAL finals.

# Crusader Bowling is Looking for a Strike

Geno DeFrank | Staff Reporter

Bowling is always a sport where at a small school like Canevin it's more individual than a team sport. It's hard to get the numbers out to bowl every year.

This year isn't any different as finding competitors is the biggest task. With the low numbers it seems that the boys and girls teams will have to be combined to participate.

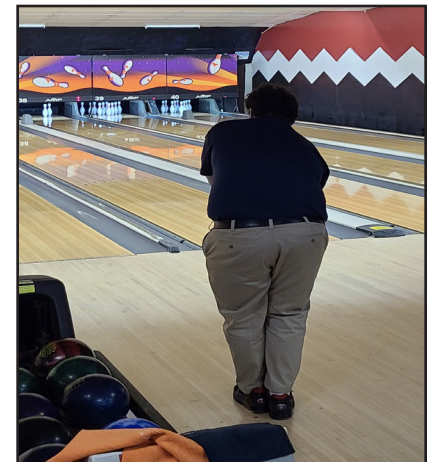
B.C. has a great bowler in

sophomore Johnathon Bernotas. He looks to continue on a great freshman season. He'll be joined by freshman Noah Bloom and senior Gabe Miller. The girls on the bowling team are junior Annaliese Mertz and sophomore Emily Peters. It will be a challenging season but a fun one.

"Due to the roster sizes having less members than last year the team will be combined with both the boys and girls in order to

make one cohesive team to represent Bishop Canevin," Miller said. "The bowling atmosphere is good, morale is high, despite having less members. We are all very excited for this year's bowling season and we are confident in our abilities."

Being a single A school there will always be challenges, but the team is up for the task and will take on the season confidently.



Sophomore Jonathan Bernotas led the Crusaders with a high game of 220 and a 607 series against Montour.



The team enjoyed a pre-match picture.



Senior Alysha Cutri led the Crusaders with a high game of 185 and a 545 series against Montour.



# Fall Sports Recap

*Bishop Canevin sports took a turn for nothing but success this year*

Halle Bergman | Staff Reporter



The Crusaders fall sports season was filled with clinching section titles, breaking records and putting B.C. sports on the map.

The Bishop Canevin golf season started in the summer. The team had a drastic leap in the number of golfers participating this year. It was also a groundbreaking season in terms of wins versus losses as the team finished with its best record in years. They ended the season with a record of 10-2 and clinched their first Section Championship in decades. Golfers Ryan Saginaw, Tyler Maddix, Zach Bittner, Mark Ingold, Michael McFetridge and Cooper Yuhas led the way. Saginaw qualified for the WPIAL Championship with a score of 79 at Sectionals, but was unable to play due to an injury.

"We are strongly looking forward to the next season because we believe we can make it even further in the following season!" Coach Claire Barber said.

The Crusader cross country team had one of its most successful seasons as well.

"I think the team did really well overall and definitely beat our pre-season expectations. Throughout the season we had five different runners place first for our team," captain Trey Varley said. "It just shows how we are not just individuals, but a team who lifts each other up. Getting to run and compete with this group was the perfect way to end my senior year."

Seniors Erin LaQuatra, Trey Varley and Kailen Spears all qualified for states. LaQuatra placed 89th and Varley placed 86th. The team also had some school records tied and broken. LaQuatra was the fourth girls' runner in school history to

win all the section meets. She also tied the second place female runners for highest finisher at WPIALS. Spears placed 16th at WPIALS which is the highest placement at a WPIAL meet in B.C. history. Varley placed 86th at the state meet which is the highest placement at a state meet in the program's history. The boys' team also finished seventh at WPIALS which is the highest place since 2009.

The Bishop Canevin girls' volleyball team completed the regular 2021 season with a 27-2 overall record. The girls finished with a perfect 12-0 record in Section 1A to win their fifth straight Section Championship. It's the 15th Section Championship in the school's volleyball history.

"I thought the team this year was the team that would win States. Unfortunately, we lost in the playoffs. On the other hand, the success the volleyball team had this year was unmatched," captain Olivia Thomas said. "There's nothing better than winning another championship with my team and going 27-2 overall while beating some of the biggest schools in the WPIAL."

The Bishop Canevin varsity girls' volleyball team won their fifth straight WPIAL Class A Volleyball Championship with a four set victory over Greensburg Central Catholic at the UPMC Events Center at Robert Morris University on Nov. 6. It was the eighth playoff meeting between the two teams. The team finished with a perfect 12-0 record. This championship was just another plus 1 title for the Crusaders since 2013. It was a full team accomplishment and it was especially rewarding as it was on the anniversary date of

losing long-time head coach, Kevin Walters.

"Bishop Canevin volleyball has been one of the best experiences and the girls on the team made it such a great program," Thomas said. "There would be no success without every single one of you. We're a huge family and I love all of you!"

The lady Crusaders advanced to the PIAA Class A First Round State Playoff match with a three set sweep over Oswayo Valley at Bishop Canevin High School on Nov. 9. It was the second straight year that Bishop Canevin had the opportunity to host a PIAA Playoff match. In the PIAA Class A Quarterfinal match, Bishop Canevin beat Cochran in five sets at Slippery Rock High School. An exciting game as the girls came from behind, after losing the first two sets, to win the next three sets. The exciting season came to an end on Nov. 16 in a tough match with a loss to Clarion at Slippery Rock High School.

"The ending to the season was bittersweet. I'm so proud of how much work my team has put in since May," Thomas said. "Even if the season didn't end how we hoped, we still brought home our Fifth Consecutive WPIAL Championship and a final 4-appearance in States."

The Bishop Canevin football team went to Heinz Field for the first time in 31 years. The boys have been working harder and harder everyday since January. They finally got what they deserved.

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“Having coaches that just stay for a year and leave doesn’t build a program. Coach Rich was probably the best thing that happened for not only me but everyone’s high school football experience,” caption Keshawn Harris said. “He came to build something. He knew how to push everyone to their full potential and how to bring a team together.”

In the beginning of the season the team had a 5-0 winning streak, and then lost to the number one seed Clarion High School in section play. The boys finished the regular season 9-1. Throughout the season, the Crusaders earned many team and individual accomplishments. From having one of the worst records in the section for years to becoming WPIAL Champions was a huge accomplishment. It showed the dedication, hard work and trust each player brought to the field.

Junior Lesae Lacks was even recognized by Overtime Sports on social media.

“It felt fake for real. I didn’t think they would see it after a couple of days, but after practice that day I saw the notification from Instagram and Twitter and I couldn’t believe it,” Lacks said.

The boys played school rival, the OLSH Chargers on Nov. 26 at Heinz Field. Going into Heinz the team’s record was 12-1. That game made Bishop Canevin history and every player contributed. After a slow start the boys were down 7-0. Then a high snap on a punt for OLSH resulted in the Crusaders starting on the six yard line. On the next play Harris scored. From then on the Chargers had no answer to the Crusader defense.

Junior Xavier Nelson had a 67 yard reception followed by a 46 yard pick six all happening in about 15 seconds. Nelson wasn’t done yet as he caught another 35 yard touchdown to go into the half with the Crusaders up 28-7. Two touchdowns

in the second half by seniors Willie Banks and Jaiden Torres put the game out of reach for the OLSH Chargers. The Crusader defense finished with five turnovers. Interceptions by sophomore Marquis Carter, freshman Jayden Lindsey and juniors Keyshawn McCaskill and Nelson followed by a fumble recovery from freshman Donavan Mitchell helped secure the win. Nelson had received the “Player of the Game” based on his accomplishments.

“I was excited and relieved that all of the hard work I put in over the past few months finally paid off,” Nelson said.

On Dec. 3, the boys finished their season against Red-Bank Valley. The Crusaders came out strong with a 14-0 lead, but a few key defensive plays by the Red Bank Valley defense took the Crusaders’ momentum and the Bulldogs rode that momentum to a 23-14 victory. Overall, it was a historic season for the Crusaders. The team went 13-2 overall and won the first WPIAL championship in 31 years. Second year coach Rich Johnson also won WPXI Coach of the Year.

“The season ended probably the best way I could imagine it. Even though a State Title would’ve been nice but being able to leave the school with a WPIAL Championship after the start I had to begin just feels nice,” Harris said.

The lady Crusaders soccer team had a long road of success.

“I wanted to work my hardest every single game and practice possible and get our team to work as a unit and be cohesive,” senior captain Lauren Kirsch said. “I wanted to lay it all out on the field for my fellow seniors and teammates.”

The girls finished as undefeated Section Champions for the second year in a row and advanced to the WPIAL Quarterfinals. The lady Crusaders were 15-1-1 overall and were undefeated in sec-

tion with an 11-0-1 record.

“In all honesty, I couldn’t believe it. I knew we had a really good group of senior defenders and leaders last year and that it would probably be harder to do the same thing without them,” Kirsch said. “However, I knew we had a good group of girls who worked hard every single game to push through in the end to make it happen.”

The team won their first round playoff game vs. Olsh but lost in the second round to Freedom. Seniors Ainsley Smith and Kirsch were voted All WPIAL and Smith, Kirsch, juniors Josie Bochichio and Ashley Lippold were named All Section.

The boys’ soccer team embarked on its season with a new head coach, Wes Burdette. The team focused on the fundamentals early in the year and learned to play a team game.

The early season saw the boys drop a few close matches before they earned their first victory of the Coach Burdette era with a 2-1 win over Riverview. The team would go on to earn victories over Chartiers Houston, Carlynton and Riverview to see it finish with four victories.

The team was led by seniors Francis Bochicio, Braehm Brown, Mark Ingold and Michael McFetridge. First year goalie and junior Bryce Hinkle earned All Section and All WPIAL honors for his strong play in net.

As it had a good building year, the boys soccer team ended with a tough non conference loss to North Catholic. Everyone is very proud of the effort and determination this group has shown throughout the season, and look forward to what they may achieve in the future.

Congratulations to all of the fall sports teams on great seasons and making B.C. history!

# Working for a Win

*The swim team graduated a dozen seniors last year but shows no signs of slowing down*

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The co-op BC/Carlynton Swim Team has been successful over the past several years, claiming five straight undefeated section titles and is looking for their sixth. Swimmers from both schools have looked for leadership in Head Coach Mike Schneiderlochner. Now former Assistant Coach, Emily Brill, has taken over. Swimmers are adjusting to the retirement of a coach and a new head coach, the graduation of teammates and new Covid protocols. The team is ready to work for a winning season led by a new Head Coach and new senior leaders. In a tough year that will require strength and perseverance, the team shows no sign of slowing down.

As the season begins, the team is looking to new solutions to train harder and win events.

Coach Brill has employed new strategies that involve drill work and team bonding to help the swimmers work as one. She has worked hard to fill the shoes of Schneiderlochner, and keeps

working at it every day. Coach Brill is still missing one thing though, more swimmers. She is looking for motivated students who are ready to work hard to win a sixth straight Section Title. Coach Emily emphasizes that no swim team experience is required, just the ability to swim and the motivation to learn. Coach Brill is not the only person making strides in a new direction, the swimmers are working harder than ever to keep the dynasty going.

Senior leaders Sarah Pallus and Layne Harman of Carlynton have really brought the team together. Cheering on team members and doing well in their own event just begins to describe what these young ladies are doing for their team. But the seniors are not the only ones with team spirit, freshmen, sophomore and junior team members carry just as much pride in their team as anyone.

Junior team member Ava Gaitens feels right at home in the team spotlight.

“To be honest, having older brothers on the team since 2014 has always kinda forced me to be a role model since freshman year,” Gaitens said. “But this year, I’m making sure to take things up a notch.”

All of the swimmers are coming together and leaning on each other to make this season one of the team’s best yet.

The swim team is constantly pushing the limits fighting for their turn in the spotlight. New changes will cause some roadblocks, but there will be nothing this determined team cannot handle. The team carries a fun and light atmosphere and is looking to welcome some new faces to the team. If you are interested in joining the reigning champion Bishop Canevin/Carlynton swim team, please contact Coach Brill at carlyntonswimteam@gmail.com.