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## Scary Story

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The autumn chill was oppressive, extorting foggy exhalations from my throat. Leaves snaked past my fiancé and I as we crossed the dark parking lot. The silver handles warping our reflection, I pulled open the doors to the high school and was greeted enthusiastically by a gust of warm air and an overjoyed woman I hadn't seen in 15 years.

"Christine!!!" The woman poured herself onto me while I struggled to match name to face, her curled chestnut hair as bouncy as her personality. "How have you been?!" the woman exclaimed shrilly, pulling back excitedly.

"Uh, great! This is my fiancé, Oliver, and how have you been, uh..." - a name flashed briefly and cautiously, I ventured - "...Sarah?"

The woman glowed so brightly the lights dimmed. "You remember me! I knew you would! Freshman biology, eh?" She bumped my elbow conspiratorially, her grin wider than Mr. Grinch's. I chatted awkwardly, having forgotten her name again, and keenly excused myself when a familiar face, Cora, whisked me aside. While Oliver struggled to evade the chirpy woman's barrage, I dropped my smile like hot coals. Cora's shoulders tensed nervously under her shimmering dress, and she barely restrained her eyes from darting about.

"I didn't think you would show up, Chrissy," she murmured.

"Come on, Cora." I chided. "We're old friends. Former best friends, in fact. I couldn't miss our 15 year reunion, could I?"

She glanced back to confirm Oliver remained occupied. "Don't play games with me," she warned, her voice low and her alert eyes narrowing. "You know what happened last time. This isn't a joke."

A mutilated corpse, obstructed by a black body-bag and new paint covering "TONIGHT, ONE" pricked my memory. My mouth felt viscous and I tightened my jaw. "You don't need to remind me." I began to turn back when Cora caught my arm in a vise-like grip.

"By the way, *he's here.*"

No. My heart plummeting, I forced my stiffened arms into motion as I returned to my fiancé. Fear carved my features. *His* handwriting matched the threat preceding the murder. *His* unbroken stare. *His* foreboding smile. *He* was responsible, no doubt. Turning, Oliver stopped short, frowning.

"Hello, Christine." a disquieting voice crooned, silky smooth. Cora froze as I whipped around. A chill slunk down my back. Hollow eyes sat underneath blade-thin eyebrows and cockroach-colored curls. Pearly teeth and cracked lips drew into a pained grimace, his smile. Julian stood in a polka-dot suit. *Him.*

I leaned infirmly against Oliver. "Julian." I managed, salvaging Oliver's cologne from my overpowering stench of fear. Deliriously lightheaded, I closed my eyes but still felt his feathery

breath on my collarbone. Bile rose from my stomach, senior-year paranoia frenzying my brain. *Murder, murder!* echoed through the chambers of my head, ricocheting from wall to wall like an endless game of Pong.

Suddenly, screams slit through my inner hysteria. The electricity had choked and darkness menacingly cloaked the halted party. Seconds later, the flickering fluorescence brought with it dead shock. Upon the wall, an identical hand scrawled, "TONIGHT, THREE". I stumbled backwards, clutching desperately. Julian's icy grip met mine and with an injured cry, I shrank away and met Cora's petrified gaze. Revelers stampeded towards the exit to find the doors locked, feverish terror amassing so rapidly one would've thought fear decimated concrete walls. The congested room entered another phase of pandemonium as the lights cut out again.

I strained my eyes to no avail. Shuffling and breathing heavily like impatient buffalo, the mob had separated everyone. I clasped someone's jacket, unwilling to unhand it. Then it came. Out of thick air rose a lone shriek, a choked gurgle. People jostled around in a sweaty wave and I almost stepped on-

Cora. Her twisted figure sparkled on the linoleum floor, scarlet ichor pooling. A curl of brown hair rested on her nose. Blood stamped my arms in a sickening tattoo as I cradled her. Rage boiled in my throat. I knew who was responsible. *He* was. *Julian.* I lept to my feet, the crowd bending around me, oil to water. My singular wrath burned hotly, Cora's blood my streaking war paint. Bloody hand parting the sea, I clamped a polka dot shoulder and slammed my fist into Julian's face. He crumpled like paper and snarling, I punched him over and over and over again. I relished it as I thrashed him and laughed when his ribs cracked. My fist still went down. Thump, thump, thump.

I stared unflinchingly as breaths ceased rattling his chest. I stood, blood smearing my knuckles. Something sharply cold tickled my spine and groping at it, I fell backwards. A knife pierced my chest like a shark fin and I blinked slowly, my deafening pulse syncing with the throbbing ceiling. Oliver's face crowded my vision and with a start, I saw a woman raise another knife over his hunched figure. Pushing feebly, my fingers refused and I choked a sob as Oliver collapsed before my eyes, his blood mixing with mine. I forced my eyelids open and locked eyes with the woman. I'd seen her before. *Biology...brown curls...Sarah.* Her name was Sarah.

Then everything went dark. ■

## Peep this Month in

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## October This & That

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### Subway is a SCAM?

According to Irish High Courts, Subway's bread cannot be defined as bread due to its high sugar content. The chain serves make-your-own sandwiches to consumers in 100 countries and territories. However, Ireland's Value-Added Tax of 1972 draws a distinction between staple foods (bread, tea, coffee, milk, etc.) and "discretionary indulgences" (ice-cream, chocolate, pastries, popcorn, etc.). The law states that the amount of sugar can not exceed 2% of the weight of flour included in the dough. But, Subway's bread contains almost *five times* the amount of sugar in their breads, which counts as a confectionary in Ireland. So, if you want a dessert, you could treat yourself to some Subway! ■

### Vice Presidential Debate

Wednesday, October 7th marked the Vice Presidential debate between Democrat Kamala Harris and Republican Mike Pence. They were both asked about issues on racial injustice, climate change, handling of the Coronavirus, and the economy, among many other things. However, topics such as immigration and issues regarding the LGBTQIA+ community were absent.



While they each reiterated their party's statements, it wasn't the highlight of the show. What really stole the debate was the fly on Mike Pence's head during one of the segments, which remained put for almost two minutes! ■

### California Wildfires

Of course, 2020 wouldn't be 2020 without the return of the California wildfires. It has spawned a new milestone, the first "gigafire," spanning more than 1.03 million acres. The fire, larger than the state of Rhode Island, is currently spreading across 7 counties. The conflagration was said to be started by the strike of lightning during the dry month of August. The fires have been blazing for 50 days and are only half-contained. The 2020 fire season has caused a choking blanket of smoke to layer over the west coast and at times even blot out the sun. Residents are evacuating with the help of the fire department in hopes of finding safer locations while the fires blaze on. ■

### Baby Showers

On September 23, Gigi Hadid and Zayn Malik announced the birth of their new baby girl. Hadid reportedly gave birth in New York City and was accompanied by her sister, Bella, and mom, Yolanda. She was showered with many presents, including a personally stitched blanket by pop singer and songwriter, Taylor Swift. Then, on September 30, the rapper Nicki Minaj gave birth to her first child with her husband, Kenneth Petty. Her mother, Carol Minaj, shared the enthusiasm, thanking the Lord for blessing Minaj with such a beautiful daughter. ■



### Unfortunate COVID News

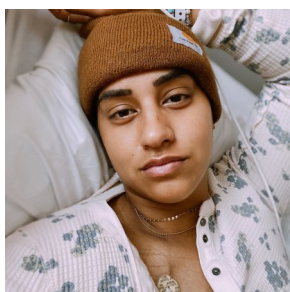
On October 2nd, President Donald Trump tweeted that he and First Lady, Melania Trump, tested positive for the Coronavirus. This threw the nation's leadership into uncertainty and escalated panic caused by the pandemic that has already killed over 200,000 Americans. Quarantining in the White House, the virus spread to numerous members of his cabinet as well. As he is still recovering, he was advised to take dexamethasone, a steroid given to COVID patients. ■

### iPhone 12 Already?

This year, like all others, would not be complete without the release of a new iPhone. The iPhone 12 is set to be released on October 13th, with pre-orders beginning October 16th. It is rumored that four options will be offered: iPhone 12 Mini (5.4 inches), iPhone 12 (6.1 inches), iPhone 12 Pro (6.1 inches), and iPhone 12 Pro Max (6.7 inches). If you're interested, you can check out the Apple website or the archived livestream! ■



### TikTok Warrior



At 34, Tia Stokes has accomplished many things in her life. She leads her own dance team that dances for those who have contracted diseases and assists in raising money for afflicted individuals. She has also danced for Beyonce, one of the most famous singers in the whole world. But, as most of TikTok knows, Tia Stokes hasn't been able to continue those activities. She contracted COVID-19, and was recently diagnosed with pneumonia, kidney failure, and cancer. While she herself is fighting, millions around the world have joined in, showering love through TikTok by duetting Tia's famous dance to "Glorious" by Macklemore. Another recent trend has been to wear red to support Tia. If you have TikTok and want to show some love to this fighting warrior, be sure to dance along Tia's remarkable journey! ■



## Supreme Court Nomination

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With the recent passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a seat has been left available on the Supreme Court. Normally, once a nomination is made, the process of filling an open seat would take months of extensive vetting, interviews with members of Congress, public hearings, and of course, voting. However, with the presidential and congressional elections less than a month away, the Republican party is seeking to expedite the process.

At first, there was some debate regarding whether a nomination this close to the election would be appropriate. After the death of Justice Antonin Scalia in 2016, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell blocked the Democratic nomination, explaining that the American people deserved to have a say in the next appointee. However, almost immediately after Justice Ginsburg's death, Senator McConnell vowed to nominate and confirm the next justice by the end of the year. In late September, President Trump nominated Amy Coney Barrett.

Amy Coney Barrett has served as a federal judge on the Seventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Indiana for about three years and teaches at Notre Dame's law school. Judge Barrett would be the fifth woman to ever serve on the Supreme Court and, at forty-eight, she would be the youngest current member. A long-time favorite of conservatives, Judge Barrett clerked for Justice Scalia and has been deemed "Scalia 2.0." This, in part, denotes her preference for a strict interpretation of the U.S. Constitution, opposed to the "living" interpretation utilized by more liberal justices.

If Judge Barrett is confirmed, the Court will lean farther right than it has in decades, with a six to three Republican majority. This potential tilt has raised concerns for both parties. On the left, Democrats worry about the future of abortion access. On the right, Republicans worry about the possibility of Democrats attempting to pack the Court. Although the future of the Court is unclear, one thing is for certain: this nomination is unlike any the country has seen before. ■

## Tax Scandal

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The New York Times dropped a bombshell (amidst an already-tumultuous political climate) Sunday night in a scathing piece entitled "The President's Taxes." The article revealed that The Times had recently gained access to President Donald Trump's tax records of the last two decades; documented in these files were years and years of little to no contribution to mandated federal taxes, annual losses in the millions (\$7,000,000 in 2018, despite boasting massive gains to the public), as well as his many attempts to shroud these financial falters. In fact, in the last 18 years, the president was able to successfully evade federal income taxes for 11 of those years, finally coughing up \$750 in 2016 shortly after being elected. Additionally, but not surprisingly, much of the money allowing him to continue his opulent way of life was written off as business expenses, including a \$70,000 fund for hair-styling.

President Trump had been questioned many times in the past concerning his tax records, but he maintained a dismissive attitude towards the subject. "There's nothing to learn from them," he said in 2016. He instead pointed out his presidential financial disclosures, which should indicate to the allegedly flourishing state of his personal taxes. In combination with the tension of such a fateful election coming up in a matter of weeks, the timing of such an exposé could not have been more contentious - which leads to the question of how this has affected voters. With Trump already projected as the underdog in this election, and the image of a successful business man that first attracted Republicans being shattered, support for Trump is gradually trending downward. However, Trump as a politician is truly a phenomenon in that he is idolized by supporters, so it's unclear if these events will truly impact the outcome on November 3rd. ■

## Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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On September 18, 2020, the world was shaken by the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who passed away from complications of metastatic pancreatic cancer, a battle she had been fighting for over two decades. An associate judge in the highest court of America, Ginsburg came to be known as an adamant fighter for gender equality.

Ginsburg was first elected to the Supreme Court by Former President Bill Clinton in 1993 to fill the seat vacated by Justice Byron White. With her acceptance, she started to make a mark on America's judicial system and history by becoming the first Jewish and second female Supreme Court Justice ever.



When Ginsburg began her career in 1959, the United States was a nation of gender apartheid. Women were placed under men in the social hierarchy and were tacitly confined to the house in terms of work. They were often denied access to higher education and paid considerably less than men. In 1959, this dream felt distant, but today it's the talk of town, sparking debate all over the world.

Ginsburg's experience with gender discrimination began while she was at Harvard Law School. One of only nine women in her class, Ginsburg and her female classmates were asked by the dean why they were occupying the seats of men. After graduation, she struggled to find a job, eventually landing a job as a professor at Rutgers Law School, only to realize she was being paid less than her male colleagues. In an effort to raise awareness about this situation, Ginsburg joined an equal pay campaign which led to an increased salary for herself

and other female professors.

Later, Ginsburg began to handle gender discrimination complaints that came from the New Jersey Affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Ginsburg imagined that women could create so much more change if the imaginary boundaries constructed by men were eradicated. Thus, the ACLU Women's Rights Project was born under Ginsburg's leadership.

As an attorney, Ginsburg began her fight for gender equality by applying the 14th amendment, one that protects the rights of all citizens, naturalized or by birth, to gender discrimination. She continued to promote gender equality with cases like *United States v. Virginia*, in which the Virginia Military Institute's policy of refusing to admit women was deemed unconstitutional by a landslide 7-1 victory. Ginsburg argued that women should be allowed to join the same program as men.

Further, in '74, Ginsburg helped pass the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, which allowed women to open bank accounts, apply for credit cards, etc., without a male co-signer. She also made sure that women could receive the same benefits as men on pension plans for the same price.

In the 1979 case, *Duren v. Missouri*, Ginsburg argued as an attorney that women should also serve on juries because they are equal to men. Before, it was only optional as it was thought of as a "burden" for women who were only to carry out family and household duties.

Judge Ruth Badger Ginsburg's work brought the true ratification of the Declaration of Independence, that "all men and women are created equal." She brought meaning and truth behind those long forgotten, empty words. Now, every person in this nation, male or female, is "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." ■

## Tired

Ethan Marx '21

“It is astounding and appalling that in the United States in the year 2019 the civil rights of Americans are still up for debate.” Those were the words that I used exactly a year ago when writing about the Supreme Court’s hearings in the cases *Bostock v. Clayton County, GA* and *R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes v. EEOC and Aimee Stephens*. In the spring of last year, however, these cases were decided in favor of the LGBTQIA+ community. It was another moment of celebration as civil liberties were being extended to more and more American citizens. Yet with one step forward, we come two steps back. With the passing of civil rights icon Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the subsequent opening of a seat in the U.S. Supreme Court, new challenges emerge in the pursuit of justice for members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Many legal scholars have raised concerns over the nomination and potential confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett and its impacts on the LGBTQ community. In a statement this week, Justices Thomas and Alito said that they see *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the 2015 Supreme Court decision that confirmed the right of LGBTQ couples to marry, as an issue the court needs to “fix.” While some may cast this off as a hypothetical scenario, major civil rights cases are coming to the Supreme Court and coming soon.

In the upcoming year, the Court will hear arguments in *Fulton v. Philadelphia*. If decided in the government’s favor, private agencies receiving taxpayer funding (e.g. food banks, homeless shelters) would be guaranteed the right to deny services to LGBTQ+ individuals. With a strong conservative majority emerging on the court, this may mean the rollback of rights for LGBTQ+ individuals that has been pushed by the agenda of the current administration. I am no longer astounded. I am tired.

I am tired of a group of nine people controlling the fate of my life. I am tired of the rights of an entire community potentially crumbling with the death of one judge. I am tired of being referred to as a problem to be “fix[ed].” I am tired of Vice President Pence being able to make it through a debate without receiving one question on LGBTQ issues despite his abhorrent history. I am tired. We are tired. But we will persist. Justice too long delayed is justice denied. ■

## Esoteric Empires: The Maratha Confederacy

David Kholodenko '21

During the 18th and 19th centuries, the Indian Subcontinent was a turbulent place. After the relative prosperity over the previous two centuries, the Mughal Empire began its slow decline; even though the Empire was extremely wealthy and prosperous, signs of weakness in leadership and foreign policy began to show. By the 1700s, India began to split apart between various powers, one of which was the Maratha Empire (later to become a confederacy of princes). Although this Confederacy managed to scrape together the remains of the Mughals, it would not last for very long - let’s take a look at why the Marathas didn’t make it.

The Maratha Confederacy managed to rule over (and keep control of) a large portion of the Indian subcontinent due to the considerable autonomy given to Indian princes who wielded power and authority. Compared to before, this was a compromise - while it created rival factions and was less centralized than absolute monarchy, it made it easier to control territories. However, it seems that the costs outweighed the benefits: not only did it cause infighting and feudal lords to refuse tribute, it allowed the British East India Company to sow dissent and pit princes against one another.

Oh yeah, the British: the East India Company’s subsequent conquest of India primarily relied on taking advantage of disorder in the Confederacy. After the first war ended in a Maratha Victory, the British took advantage of an opportunity in 1803 when the Peshwa (ruler) of the Confederacy signed a treaty with the EIC in order to remain in power, effectively becoming a puppet. Many princes denounced the Peshwa, and thus, the second Anglo-Maratha War began, ending in a decisive defeat for the Marathas. After a final war about 15 years later, the EIC had control over most of the Indian Subcontinent and the Marathas were destroyed. ■

## A Chance for a New Democratic Left

Anonymous

**ABSTRACT:** With the dramatic rise of Bernie Sanders in his last two presidential runs, startling wins in local elections by the Democratic Socialists of America and the exponential growth of support for leftist or progressive movements, both movements have been given a chance and platform unparalleled in modern American history. Will they seize the opportunity?



Demonstrators with the Democratic Socialists of America taking part in a rally on International Women’s Day in New York City.

In the months and weeks leading up to the 1912 presidential election, an article appeared in the Chicago Daily Socialist pamphlet which detailed the contents of a speech given earlier in Chicago by a rising star in the American leftist movement. In it, presidential candidate and labor organizer Eugene V. Debs rallied his support, bashing the political corruption, industrial stagnation, low wages, and high prices brought on by both the Republican and Democratic parties. The speech and the election which followed were proof that ‘socialism’ had seen the prejudice against it melt away. In that election, Debs

won six percent of the popular vote, and it seemed as if the American Left had finally found its moment. There was hope for the future of leftism in the United States.

The hope was dashed. No less than three decades later, being associated with the word ‘socialist’ would find one ostracized from friends and family, out of employment, and under government surveillance. From the end of the Second World War onwards, worker-driven movements and progressive economic agendas were discarded without a second thought. America was convinced of the infallibility of big business and capitalism.

Now, more than one hundred years after Eugene Debs’s speech in Chicago, a new chance has been born from the ashes of the consecutive neoliberal governments. Senator Bernie Sanders, a self-proclaimed democratic socialist, has reignited the American Left, running exceptional and unparalleled presidential campaigns in 2016 and 2020. In Chicago, six members of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) have won seats in the Chicago City Council, wielding twelve percent of the vote - a potentially significant voting share. In New York, a slew of DSA and DSA-endorsed candidates are positioned to win seats in the New York State Senate after wins against incumbent establishment Democrats. Even in West Virginia, overwhelmingly conservative districts have seen progressive candidates garner unprecedented support, the prime example being U.S. Army veteran Richard Ojeda’s 2018 run in the state’s third district. Once more, there is hope for the future of leftism in the United States. The question is no longer if socialists and social democrats can win - the answer to that is a resounding yes. The question is whether or not the American Left can seize the opportunity.

Many neoliberal and capitalist opponents of the democratic left continue to espouse the idea that ‘there is no alternative’ to the status quo. But, as Robert W. McChesney wrote in his introduction to Noam Chomsky’s ‘Profit Over People’, “The notion that there can be no superior alternative to the status quo is more farfetched today than ever, in this era where there are mind-boggling technologies for bettering the human condition. It is true that it remains unclear how to establish a viable, free, and humane post-capitalist order... But every advance in history, from ending slavery and establishing democracy to ending formal colonialism, has had to conquer the notion at some point that it was impossible to do so because it had never been done before”.

For now, organizations such as the Democratic Socialists of America, the Party for Socialism and Liberation, and the Industrial Workers of the World are making incredible progress unseen before in modern American history. The notion that at some point it would be impossible to elect socialists and social democrats is now gone. And now, we turn to a new notion, one that boldly claims there is no other way to move forward. Many have grown disillusioned, and many have grown hopeless. Yet, the job of progressives and leftists is not done. Apathy is not the solution. As is noted at the end of the introduction for ‘Profit Over People’, “if you act like there is no possibility of change for the better, you guarantee that there will be no change for the better.”

The choice is ours, the choice is yours. ■



## Health Matters: Vaping & COVID-19

Amitesh Verma '21

This year, more than three million American high schoolers reported e-cigarette usage on 20 or more of the past 30 days as evidenced by a report from the CDC — that's roughly 1 in 5 high schoolers engaged in vaping in 2020. On top of that, over the past months, the nation has been overwhelmed by the Coronavirus pandemic, a severe respiratory infection that attacks the lungs and other vital organs. What's the result of these two co-existing pandemics?

COVID-19 has been known to damage the small air sacs of the lungs (called alveoli) that facilitate the exchange of oxygen in the blood, leaving them inflamed with fluid. As a result, decreased oxygen supply to surrounding organs makes them highly susceptible to failure. Previous research has already found associations between e-cigarette usage and a mysterious lung infection termed EVALI — short for e-cigarette or vaping induced lung injury — that can present with shortness of breath and coughing. In fact, EVALI affects the very same air sacs in the lungs as COVID-19, allowing the virus to capitalize on weakened lungs in e-cigarette users.

A study from the Stanford University School of Medicine found that this increased risk isn't just a small one. While COVID-19 symptoms are normally less severe in younger generations, this isn't true for people who vape. Utilizing data collected from 4,351 people from the ages of 13-24, the study discovered that those who vape were five to seven times more likely to contract the virus and experience severe symptoms. Scientists have even speculated an association between hospitalization rate and e-cigarette usage throughout the cohort.

The bottom line: now more than ever, it is important to quit vaping and address the harms of e-cigarette usage. The research is being conducted and the facts are pointing toward a poor outlook for vapers who contract the coronavirus. A few states have already taken action, with California becoming the 5th state to ban the sale of flavored vaping products on August 24th, 2020. ■

## TikTok Ban

Arjun Verma '24

What began as a teenager's nightmare is becoming a reality: *TikTok* will be banned in the U.S. unless it is able to prove its legality. The case began when concerns about *TikTok's* privacy and user data use arose. Over the past years, tech companies have increased data manipulation and loosened privacy restrictions. Like any other app, there are often multiple terms and conditions you must abide by to utilize the app. However, *TikTok* has an unusual amount of additional terms regarding user data. In its privacy settings, *TikTok* includes, "We collect information about the device you use, including your IP address, model of your device, your mobile carrier, time zone setting, and file names and types." On the surface, this may not alarm users as illegal and malicious, but there are several problems with what these terms entail. Your IP address and mobile carrier allow *TikTok* to access your live location at all times. Even if *TikTok* does not ask directly through Apple, it is able to track you without a choice. Next, by granting *TikTok* access to your phone, it is able to read other files saved on your phone. Meaning, *TikTok* can access other information such as contacts, photos, and data from other apps. *TikTok's* unauthorized use of user data has brought attention from the US government as a potential threat. Government officials fear that American users' data is being given to the Chinese government. So far, *TikTok* has won the first injunction (September 20) to allow new downloads of the app, but the main judgement of whether *TikTok* will be allowed to function within the US will be determined on November 12th. Hopefully, the situation with *TikTok* will set an example for other tech companies about privacy and user data. ■

## The Microfiber and Microplastic Crisis

Memrie Harness '22

With every load of laundry, tiny fibers and bits of plastic come off in the washing machine since it does not have the lint filter that dryers have. With each wash, more and more of these microfibers and plastics make their journeys into waterways and continually break down into smaller and smaller fibers for millions of years. The materialistic mindset of our society does not help this issue, and neither do recent technological break-throughs. As time has passed and society has become more advanced, purchasing anything has become extremely accessible. This may seem like a positive, which it is at times, but it has had an extremely negative effect on pollution. Microfibers are estimated to be responsible for over 80% of shoreline pollution around the world and microplastics have been found in 83% of tap water samples. Not only are they found in our drinking water, but they are abundant in the ocean. They are showing up in fish and shellfish and even in salt. Due to microplastics' high surface area to volume ratio and chemical composition, they can absorb pollutants and pathogens and transfer them through ingestion to other trophic levels. Some marine animals consume enough synthetic or plastic fibers that they die and populations of fish and other aquatic species have begun to decrease due to the massive amount of deaths. Overall, 500,000 tons of microfibers are released into the ocean each year due to the washing of clothes and other textiles, which is equal to 50 billion plastic water bottles. Also, many of these fibers are polyester which release two times more carbon emissions than cotton and do not break down in the ocean. By purchasing an abundance of cheap clothing or even just buying a surplus of clothes that you don't need, you are contributing to this crisis. This issue can sound overwhelming, but there are ways that everyone can help. Because a surplus of clothing is bought for someone's wants rather than needs, the amount of garments being purchased can be reduced. An easy way to help lessen unnecessary clothing production is by refusing to buy from fast fashion stores. To decrease their sales would make a huge difference and also contribute greatly to our message. Another efficient way to shop is to purchase used or vintage clothing. That way, you are recycling and reusing materials. If this doesn't appeal to you, purchasing from certified high quality clothing stores is an excellent way to combat this issue. The better quality materials used in clothes, the less fi-

bers that end up in waterways and coasts. Though these articles of clothing may be a bit more expensive, they will overtime be better for the world and last longer, so you really will be paying less. Overall a win win situation.

Not only does the type of clothing affect the number of microfibers produced, but the wash cycle also has an effect. An experiment was run to investigate the effect of water-volume, agitation, temperature, and duration of the wash on microfiber release. The experiment showed that a delicate cycle released 800,000 more microfibers per wash than a lower water-volume standard wash and also increased microfiber release in subsequent washing cycles. The results found that a high water volume to fabric ratio is the most influential factor of microfiber and microplastic release. Everyone can reduce their microfiber release by using appliances that use a low water volume and are highly efficient and able to take on a large load of laundry.

The name microfiber is an understatement because this is a macro-problem! Luckily with a change of mindset and persistence, this issue can be fixed over time. If everyone becomes aware and makes changes, even moderate ones, to their lives, then pollution will decrease. ■

## Fashion Week

Charlotte McNair '21

New York Fashion Week is one of the biggest events in the fashion industry due to its outlandish nature and crazy couture, but fashion week looked a little different this year because of the Coronavirus. Fashion week, like the school year has been, was digital. Influencers from all over were sent special access codes to watch the shows, and some were even live-streamed so fans of the fashion industry could tune in.

Fashion icon Brittany Xavier and her daughter Jaden served many iconic looks over the course of September and October, and gave a peek into what it is like to be invited to a digital show on their Tiktok, Youtube, and Instagram accounts. They were sent clothes from every designer imaginable, and Fendi even sent them pasta in the shape of their logo. Other important people in fashion, such as Anna Wintour and Donatella Versace, only watched a few shows and had interns watch the others for them.

Perhaps the most unique part of this year's fashion week was the shows themselves and what designers did to make them extra special during this strange time. Christian Sirino held his show outside his house, and created a runway set-up spanning over his pool. At the end of Sirino's Show, famous model Coco Ratcha fell in the pool and could not get out because of how heavy her dress was. Louis Vuitton used green screens to change the background for each look, and made statements with items that referenced the upcoming election, and encouraged viewers to vote. Dior may have made this year the most special by filling chairs placed around the runway with iPads that had videos of influencers on them, allowing the models to feel like they were walking in front of a live audience.

If you feel like you missed out and want to see the shows, be sure to check them out on Youtube. ■

## To Bread or Not to Bread

Faye Hardek '21

Subway. The mediocre sandwich chain that everybody knows, yet only a certain breed of people love. With over 40,000 locations dispersed throughout 111 countries, one would think that they must have nailed every aspect of the classic sub, from the meat-to-cheese ratio, to sauces and spreads, all the way down to the most basic aspect, bread ... right? Wrong. Well, at least according to the Supreme Court of Ireland. This ruling alone raises two questions: first of all, why was the idea of Subway bread being 'real' a question in the first place? Second of all, if it's not bread, then what is it?

When it comes to food distribution, Ireland's government doesn't tax what are considered "staple foods," but does place a tax on other foods, especially sugary treats. The Irish retail company Bookfinders Limited was the first to raise this debate over Subway's food, arguing that some of its products were being unjustly taxed, with their bread being one of them. This eventually made its way up to the Supreme Court, who ruled that due to the unusually high sugar content, Subway's bread cannot be taxed as bread, a staple food, but rather should be taxed as a baked good. Essentially, Subway's bread is considered cake.

This may come as a shock to many. After all, Subway bread looks like real bread, smells like real bread, and tastes about as close to real bread as a fast-food chain can provide. However, the proof is in the numbers; as cited by Ireland's Supreme Court, the heated sandwiches have a sugar content that is "10% of the weight of the flour included in the dough," which far surpasses the 2% specified ratio. If something as simple as Subway's bread isn't what it is said to be, there's no telling what else the sandwich empire is hiding behind closed doors. ■

## Chieftain Chews: October

Amitesh Verma '21 and Will Ford '21

Chieftain Chews is back once again! For new readers and those who need a bit of a refresh, Chews is brought to you by a few members of the Chieftain staff who travel around Cincinnati to find the best eateries in town. For the second chews of the year, we traveled to two restaurants to find the best Asian food in Cincinnati. We narrowed our search down to two restaurants, The Korea House and the Pacific Kitchen. Both restaurants are judged on a ten-point scale (1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest) in six different categories! If you decide to visit any of these spots, we've included our favorites from each!

### Ambiance:

*Korea House* - 7: restaurant is well-decorated and large enough for individuals to have a conversation without disruption; it isn't too formal - dress casually.

*Pacific Kitchen* - 8: restaurant is very clean and comfortable for any form of dining; decorated with various Asian art forms, enhancing the restaurant's authentic nature; rustic, comfortable seating with unique lighting - aesthetically pleasing.

### Price:

*Korea House* - 6: though the food does make up for it, this restaurant can be a bit pricey; if you're looking for some quality Korean food, it's definitely worth it.

*Pacific Kitchen* - 5: the price might be slightly higher than what the average student might pay for a take-out meal after practice, but the price matches the food's quality, undoubtedly.

### Food Quality:

*Korea House* - 8: the food here is pretty traditional and sticks to its Korean roots; we have tried a multitude of the dishes and every option was fantastic.

*Pacific Kitchen* - 9.5: the Pacific Kitchen has extremely authentic food and there's always something new to try; they even label each dish from the country it originated from on the menu!

### Service:

*Korea House* - 7: service was decent; people were kind, but the overall dining experience was neither helped nor hurt by our interaction with the staff.

*Pacific Kitchen* - 8: great service, nice people - extremely understanding and accommodating towards our preferences!

### Location:

*Korea House* - 7: located on the opposite end of Montgomery, Korea House is a bit of trek from Indian Hill; however, it is a manageable drive.

*Pacific Kitchen* - 9: located right in the heart of Montgomery, the Pacific Kitchen is quite close to Indian Hill for a fine dining experience.

### The Champ: Pacific Kitchen

### Food to Order:

*Korean House*

1. Kimchi Fried Rice - made primarily with kimchi, rice, and a variety of diced vegetables, this savory meal is certainly delicious.
2. Seafood Pancake - these crispy seafood pancakes have a spicy tang from the kimchi integrated into the batter, allowing for a complex, yet satisfying flavor.
3. Volcano Sushi - a sushi that pairs the right amount of crunch with the right amount of tang from the spicy mayo; also cooked for people who are hesitant to try raw sushi.
4. Ddeokbokki - steamed and sliced rice cakes, cooked with fish cakes, scallions, and a spicy chili paste sauce; simply wonderful.

*Pacific Kitchen*

1. 5 Spiced Calamari - an Asian take on calamari with intense spices and sriracha flavor; soft calamari fried in a crispy tempura batter.
2. Shrimp Lollipops - crispy fried shrimp served with a spicy sriracha aioli.
3. Vegetable Mandu - filled with various cabbages and greens, this Korean dumpling is sure to leave your palette craving for more!
4. Pork Belly Ramen - if you're a ramen lover, you've got to try this; served in a savory bone-marrow miso broth with tender pork belly and vegetables.
5. Pacific Pork Belly Slider - crispy pork belly cooked in spices and vegetables served alongside a soft, steamed *Bao bun*.
6. Chicken Lo Mein - tender noodles topped with a plethora of vegetables and chicken with a loose, savory sauce - delicious! ■



## Schitt's Creek: Simply the Best

Ethan Marx '21

Last month when predicting the 2020 Primetime Emmy Awards, I predicted a potential success for the final season of PopTV's *Schitt's Creek*. Much to my surprise and elation, *Schitt's Creek* became the first series- comedy or drama - to sweep every main award in their respective category during the Emmy Awards ceremony. *Schitt's Creek* won the Primetime Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series, Outstanding Lead Actor (Eugene Levy), Outstanding Lead Actress (Catherine O'Hara), Outstanding Supporting Actor (Daniel Levy), Outstanding Supporting Actress (Annie Murphy), Outstanding Directing (Andrew Cividino and Daniel Levy), and Outstanding Writing (Daniel Levy). By the end of the night, *Schitt's Creek* went from a small Canadian sitcom to a record-breaking series. Given this historic moment, one (and by one, I mean me) may argue that *Schitt's Creek* has achieved the best single season of a television series.

While the prior conjecture may be a bit of a stretch, it is certainly true that *Schitt's Creek* means a lot to many around the world given its widespread acclaim. *Schitt's Creek* was best described by its creator, comedy legend and Emmy-award winner Eugene Levy, as "a celebration of inclusivity, a castigation of homophobia, and a declaration of the power of love." From a plot standpoint, the show follows the fall of an exorbitantly rich family that loses everything due to mismanagement by their wealth manager. The family's only remaining asset is a rural town, called *Schitt's Creek*, that Johnny purchased as a joke for his son David. However, the show is much more than that. It is an analysis of class, gender, community, and sexuality all within the span of a series of wickedly funny thirty-minute episodes. While *Schitt's Creek* may or may not lay claim to the best television season of all time, I would assert that it features one of the best portrayals of LGBTQIA+ characters ever seen on televi-

sion. And for someone growing up as a part of that community in the current tumultuous culture of the United States, that makes it "the best" in my books.

*Schitt's Creek* represents a community and a plot that completely lacks homophobia. Throughout the entire series, none of the townspeople of this rural community express any concern with David Rose's (portrayed by series creator Daniel Levy) sexuality. This is particularly refreshing for members of the LGBTQIA+ community whose characters often have to face seemingly insurmountable hurdles to love. Further, the LGBTQIA+ characters of *Schitt's Creek* don't fit into one single mold. While David has several archetypal characteristics of a queer male, he breaks the mold and shows that he is more than the labels often associated with queer and femme men. Further, David is not gay. David, as we find out later into the first season, is pansexual. A pansexual individual is someone that is attracted to all people: straight, gay, male, female, nonbinary, etc. This in itself sets *Schitt's Creek* apart from many television series and movies which only, if at all, feature gay or lesbian characters. Aside from the representation of many different parts of the LGBTQIA+ community, *Schitt's Creek* also introduces us to David's love interest, Patrick. Patrick does not seem to fit many of the tropes of a gay man. Patrick is a masculine businessman who loves sports, but also can sing a heartbreaking acoustic rendition of Tina Turner's "The Best." Like David, Patrick is not defined by his sexuality, but he also is not a foil for what is expected of a gay man. He is himself. Nothing more. Nothing less. The depth and diversity of representation seen on *Schitt's Creek* is arguably the best of pop culture. For the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences to recognize the series in this way is a monumental step for accurate queer representation on television. ■

## Halloween Costumes

Annie Joy '22 and Mady Kahn '22

As the colors change, temperatures get colder, and the smell of bonfires fill the air as you roll down your windows driving around Indian Hill, it's important to remember the next (and best) holiday of the year... Halloween! While most of us high-schoolers have outgrown trick or treating (more on that to come), that doesn't mean you are too old to conjure up a creative and festive costume this October. Especially with Halloween occurring on a Saturday night this year, expectations are high as to what or who you will choose to be. But, not to worry, this article is sure to help everyone and anyone find the perfect costume for this year.

The ~classic~ ghost: We know what you're thinking, who wants to wear a sheet over their head for halloween? Despite being unoriginal, we bring this costume up for anyone who is longing to go trick-or-treating, but is obviously just too old. But, we've got you covered. The sheet-over-head look is sure to not draw attention to yourself, and does an excellent job covering any features that make you look slightly too old to be trick or treating. We highly suggest pulling off this costume for at least part of your Halloween night to grab a few handfuls (or more) of candy, then get on with your night.

While being a ghost is the perfect costume to go trick or treating in, we realize some people will want to be something a little more creative. Here are some fun suggestions of costumes that can be great for individuals or groups:

Decades: Dressing up to match the fashion from older decades can be super fun and allows for you to be very creative! Some of our favorite decades to dress up as include:

- 20s: Flappers
- 50s: T-birds and Pink Ladies
- 60s: Hippies
- 70s: Disco
- 80s: Neon

Among Us characters: If you've been paying any attention to what's trending right now, you've definitely heard of the game Among Us. The Among Us characters would be a super fun and easy costume for you and your friends to dress up as; just pick a color, grab some goggles, and you're set!

TV Show/ Movie Characters: There's nothing more exciting than dressing up as your favorite TV/ movie character, but dressing up as the whole cast with your friends is even better! Some famous TV shows and movies that make for great group costumes are Scooby Doo, Mean Girls, Grease, The Office, Powerpuff Girls, Ghostbusters, Toy Story, and Clueless.

## Athlete of the Month: Ty Thornton

Olivia Vigran '21

This year, Chieftain is spotlighting one athlete every month who is excelling both on and off the field. This month we have chosen to honor Indian Hill junior, Ty Thornton. Ty is a two-sport athlete for the Braves, playing both football and basketball. This year he is the quarterback for our Dogmen, leading them to a 6-0 undefeated regular season record.

Ty has played basketball for the Braves all throughout high school, and played football his freshman and junior years. The Braves football team has scored 320 points in just 6 games, an amassing an average of 53.3 points per game.

This year in football, Ty has had 877 passing yards and 340 rushing yards. He says that his biggest accomplishment is being named 2nd team CHL as a sophomore in basketball. Ty says that he is "most excited for the playoffs and being able to play teams from other parts of the state." He states that his favorite part of playing football is "the Friday night lights feeling and competing with my friends." We are all very excited to see how Ty and our football team continues to play in the playoffs. Congratulations to our October athlete of the Month, Ty Thornton! ■



## October's Entertainment Critiques

Will Ford '21

Though not confined within our homes as we were a mere six months ago, there have been a few new releases in the entertainment industry that have been worth a watch! Please note that these movies/TV series can all be viewed on Netflix.

### ENOLA HOLMES (PG-13)

Loosely based on the acclaimed series by Nancy Springer, this movie follows the life of the 14-year old Enola Holmes, played by the title actress Millie Bobby Brown, well-recognized for her prominent role in *Stranger Things*. When Holmes discovers her mother is missing, the undismayed, strong-willed, independent thinker sets off to find her, utilizing her sleuthing skills to outwit her esteemed brother Sherlock Holmes (played by former Superman Henry Cavill). During this process, she unravels a dangerous conspiracy concerning a mysterious young Lord, threatening the future of her own country. Earning "generally favorable reviews," this gripping film is definitely worth a watch and fosters resolve and empowerment within audiences.

### RATCHED (TV SERIES)

This psychological series is based on the character of the same name from Ken Kesey's 1962 novel *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* - Nurse Ratched. This production details the life of a jaded young nurse - Mildred Ratched - at a mental institution, where she serves patients faced with mental illness; however, beneath her bitter exterior lies a sinister, enigmatic, monstrous, and unforgiving woman. Her mysterious ways seem off-putting: she's too comfortable unlocking doors, her movements are sudden and unsettling, cold air seems to follow her, and even the color of her fingernails sparks fear. Ratched's growing darkness consumes the plot of this thriller, though contrasts from her main objective as she looks to assist an individual faced with the death penalty for the murder of four priests. A series featuring cut-throat rivalry, domineering power, and tumultuous wrongdoing, *Ratched* is most definitely a must-watch. ■

## Teacher of the Month: Mr. Atwood

Will Ford '21

The Chieftain Staff would like to bestow the honor of "Teacher of the Month" upon Latin teacher Mr. Atwood. Known for his witty comedy, his genuine candor, and most notably, his casual vibe, Atwood was recently named a 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Distinguished Teacher by Indian Hill Class of 2020 graduate and current Columbia University student Liz Radway Below are a few questions I posed to Mr. Atwood so that we might learn a bit more about this mysterious lad (I pray that Mr. Atwood is applauding my use of a subjunctive!):

1) What is your favorite part of teaching?

First off, I am honored to be interviewed and to receive such an honor from this prestigious rag. My favorite part of teaching is getting to make a fool of myself for your enjoyment at things like pep-rallies, in shows like *BravesBeat*, and in interviews like this! Honestly though, I don't know any other profession where I would laugh as hard as I do so many times a day. My students bring pure joy and hilarity to my life. That's no joke.

2) What is your most significant accomplishment to date?

I'll be 40 in January. My biggest accomplishments are still ahead of me.

3) You have me over for dinner. What's on the menu?

Walleye that we caught together. I love fishing. I'm terrible at it. But, there is nothing like eating fresh caught fish with someone whose company you enjoy.

4) If you had to relive one day of your life over and over, what day would you choose? Why?

As some of you know, whether you wanted to hear the story or not, my 6th grade little league baseball team won the city championships. I went 4 for 4 that game, not that it's a big deal. That was a good day.

5) Who from the past would you invite over for an intellectual conversation?

Graham Pierce, but I think he is actually from the future.

6) One thing about you that would surprise students?

Gosh, I sat here for a while thinking about this question. I think I am a pretty open book.

7) Any comments on the man bun?

There are a lot of comments floating around right now about my man bun; I don't think I could get a comment in edgewise. You know, Ty Ignatz can rock a man bun too... ■

## Renaissance Man and Woman of the Month

Ethan Marx '21 and Pranav Rastogi '23

Continuing on our section from last month, we are happy to announce this month's Renaissance Man and Woman of the Month. For the most astute European history scholars, you already know what a "Renaissance man" is. A "Renaissance man" is someone who is well-rounded in every element of life. While we frequently commend those with academic, artistic, or athletic success, in this section we will focus on well-rounded students who are involved in many activities. This month we are happy to honor Faye Hardek and Harry Warfel!

Faye Hardek excels at everything she does academically, artistically, and athletically. Faye Hardek is, first and foremost, a two-time State Champion. Having participated in soccer for over a decade and feels that the activity has allowed her "to meet girls from different grades and create strong friendships ... while at the same time playing a sport that [she] truly love[s]." While Faye may be most recognized by her iconic neon orange cleats, she is also involved in a multitude of other activities including Science Olympiad, theatre, choir, Model UN, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Spanish Club, and Environment Club. Additionally, Faye is the founder of Indian Hill's Writing Club. Faye told us that her most meaningful experiences at Indian Hill came from soccer and theatre. As a part of theatre, Faye feels that she has "been able to break out of [her] shell and really embrace who" she is.

When asked to give advice to younger students who want to get involved, Faye recommended trying to branch out of their comfort zones. For example, Faye "never thought" she would participate in Science Olympiad but found it "extremely supportive" and "rewarding." Faye also recommends that students prioritize time management when balancing extracurriculars and schoolwork. Faye says that students should "find a few activities that [they're] passionate about and run with those." While Faye's time at Indian Hill may be coming to a close, she looks forward to "figuring out where [she]'ll attend college... [and] making unforgettable memories" with her friends. Faye is truly an exceptional student, artist, and athlete. However, most importantly, Faye is one of the kindest and most compassionate students Indian Hill has to offer. Whether you know her from class, the stage, or the soccer field, it is clear that Faye is going to do great things in this world!

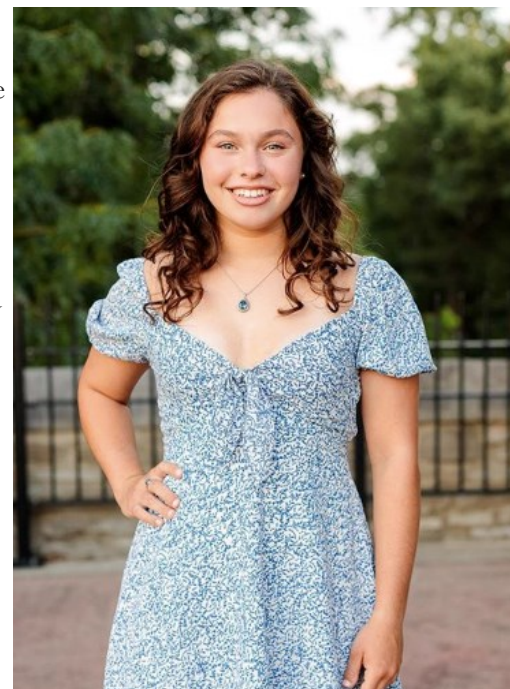
Harry Warfel further exemplifies what it means to be a Renaissance man. He is not only an artistic genius but also athletically and academically gifted. In the fall, Harry is part of the men's varsity soccer team, where he plays as a striker. Taking the winter season off,

Harry is a part of the Track and Field team. More importantly, however, are the friendships and relationships he has built on the pitch and the track. He says, being part of a sports team for the school lets you make some of your closest friends you'll have throughout high school, even if you hadn't talked too much before you joined." Even with these time-consuming sports, Harry is able to juggle being part of the Ultimate Frisbee team and indoor track team. Along with these, Harry is part of Indian Hill's Robotics team, Premieres (Advanced Choir), Investment Club, the Vinyl Club, a group that plays music at different sports events, and is also working tirelessly behind the curtains at most Indian Hill productions as the stage manager. That's not all for Harry. Outside of school, he does club swimming (over the summer) and is working on finishing up his Eagle Scout project with the Boy Scouts Troop 243.

When asked about tips on handling his heavy course load and the plethora of extracurriculars he's involved in, he says, "have a rough idea when everything is throughout the week so you can spread stuff out to be able to participate in as much as possible." He also said, "spread things out throughout the year, you don't want a season where you can't hang out with friends outside of school due to commitments you've already made."

For students looking to get involved in the variety of clubs that Indian Hill has to offer, Harry says, "be as active as you" and "join as many things as you can that interest you, and even if you don't join some things that your friends are in. It allows you to find new clubs and experience new things that you might not have otherwise tried."

Most importantly, Harry is the most down-to-earth and amiable person you'll ever meet. Whether he's on the field scoring goals, outrunning his competitors on the track, or running around backstage, you can always count on him. ■





## Charlotte McNair

Ellie Jones '21

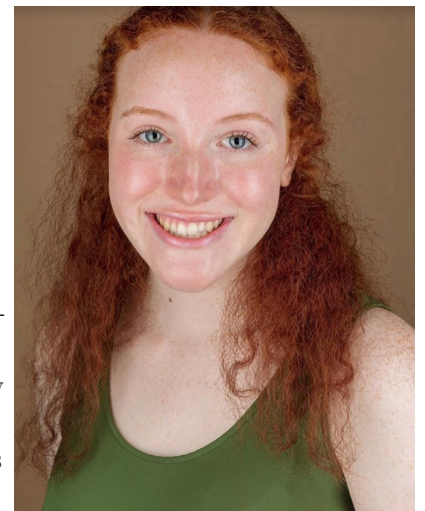
I met Charlotte when I moved here 2 years ago. Charlotte and I were the only two sophomores in our speech class and became friends almost instantly. If you were to have her tell you the story of how we became friends, she would say that she thought I was weird when I invited her to come to a football game with me, but in reality, we clicked from the start. I'm so thankful to have such a fun, caring, adventurous, and creative person in my life. Not only is she an amazing friend, but an amazing person as well. I will always treasure the memories we have together, whether they be from country concerts, school dances, trips to Georgia, or just hanging out together. I love you so much! (also, everyone follow @shopchar\_ on Instagram! :) ) ■



## Reilly Grace

Maya Anderson '21

Coming to Indian Hill in seventh grade, my very first class was WOCHO (short for women's chorus). All I remember from that first day, however, was desperately trying to pinpoint the source of the most mesmerizing, harmonious, and angelic voice I had ever heard. As expected, it didn't take long for me to finally find the culprit: the girl dressed in a plaid flannel with hair perfectly done up in a big red-bun (who of course was named Reilly Grace). What I didn't know at the time, however, was the significant role that this person would play in my life. Yes, we all know Reilly's unrivaled talent as a performer and have been continuously captivated by her phenomenal journey through the IH theatre program. Her insanely controlled voice combined with her impressive professionalism and gracefulness as an actress make it impossible for me, as well as I'm sure countless others, not to obsessively fan-girl from the audience and stage-wings (I'll even confess to having a hidden folder of "Reilly singing" videos saved on my phone). I want to point out, though, that Reilly is more than just mind-blowing talent seen on stage and under the spotlight: she is an incredible friend. Most know Reilly as the sweet, loving, and compassionate classmate who will help anyone in need and offer anyone support and kindness. But Reilly is not complete without her hilarious comedy, gracious leadership, secret rebellious side, confident independence, and overall strong character. I will always admire Reilly's spunk and boldness, whether that's while watching her thrive during our senior year together or while waiting outside her Broadway stage door amongst screaming fans. Whatever Reilly decides to accomplish, she will always bring joy and smiles to others. ■



## Annie Hovey

Caleb Zender '21

Charismatic. Enthusiastic. Empathetic. Expert-chauffeur. These are just a few words you could use to describe Annie. I first met Annie way back in fifth grade through orchestra, but I didn't really grow close to her until sixth and seventh grade when I learned who Annie really was: just an all-around fantastic person. Whether it be in orchestra class, marching band rehearsal, or a movie-night get-together, Annie brings life to every room she enters. Her warm personality easily puts a smile on the face of anyone who is lucky enough to cross paths with her. Annie has been a dedicated member of the orchestra at IH since fifth grade, of the marching band and Premiers choir since sophomore year, and has acted as the student director and Alto Section leader for the Premiers since last year. Annie plans on pursuing a career in music education after she graduates, and will surely attend a top-tier college for her tertiary education. Without a doubt, I am extremely lucky to have her as a friend. She inspires me to be a better musician, a better friend, and a better person. I will forever cherish all the moments I have spent with her. Thank you, Annie, for being you. Let movie night live on! ■



## Leo Mangiolardo

Harris Foad '21

It's difficult to describe one of the greatest guys I know in only 150 words. Leo Mangialardo was one of my first friends when I moved to Indian Hill. Since the first day I met him, he's been the type of guy that would do just about anything to help a homie out. Leo has an innate ability to find creative solutions to real world problems making him one of the main people I go to for advice. Some of the greatest memories I will take away from middle school and high school will be the bus rides back from football/baseball games and playing Halo 3 in Leo's basement with the boys. I'm honored to be able to call Leo one of my best friends, and I'm excited to see the adventures he has waiting for him in the future, PICCADIDDLE! ■





## Cameron Rabenold

Emily Eckert '23



Cam is such a rock star. She is a leader on and off the field. Cam is always including others and taking people in under her wing. She looks out for her teammates and peers, making sure everyone is in order. Recently, Cam committed to Babson for lacrosse. This is such a monumental moment, not only for her, but her teammates who follow her. We are all so impressed and proud of Cam for committing, after seeing all of the hard work she puts in behind the scenes. From keeping her grades up in the classroom, or going down to the field to shoot balls in 20 degree weather, no one works harder than Cam Rabenold. We

are all so proud of you Cam! ■

## Gillian Dunahoe

Audrey Bristol '21

Though when first meeting her you might think she is shy and reserved, I can assure you that Gillian is neither of those things. Gillian has been there for every 'crazy night' I can remember, but also the nights when we basically do nothing. However, no matter where Gillian is or what she is doing, she will be having a good time. Her sense of humor is immaculate, and very few people can make me laugh as hard as she can. Gillian always makes time for her friends, even though she is an incredible dancer and spends a lot of time at the studio. Over the years, from rec basketball games to North Avondale, Gillian and I have made some great memories, and I am going to miss her so much next year- and I know everyone else will miss her so much as well. ■



## Bridget Schumaker

Cameron Rabenold '21

Never in a million years did I think I would meet someone who completes me the way Bridget does. Although I've known Bridget for a while, we clicked in eighth grade and became instant best friends. I am so unbelievably lucky to have her as my partner-in-crime and wouldn't want to share my family's Netflix account with anyone else. Everyone needs a Bridget in their life; someone who is beyond caring, loyal, trustworthy, and has the best personality. Whether it's on the field, in class, or outside of school, I know I can always count on her. Bridget and I understand each other so well, often saying we are telepathic. She lights up every room she goes into and knows how to make everyone smile with her contagious laugh. Without Bridget, I would not be who I am today. I know Bridget will absolutely thrive next year, and I can't wait to see the people she meets and what she accomplishes! Love you! <3 ■



## Allen Choi

Victor Stettler '21

Who is Allen, if not thoughtful? In his work he divests great thought to ensure truly every assignment is a spectacle of skill. In his principles he divests his thought to ensure that his ideals serve only for the betterment of all around him. In his friendships he divests his thoughts to ensure that all are as happy as he has the power to make them be. Allen, you are truly wonderful to be around for everything you think, do, and say, and we can't wait until you come back to school! And if you don't, we'll keep showing up at your house! :) ■





## Charlie Sumerel

Will Klekamp '21

Charlie (Chuks) has become a good friend of mine since middle school. He is a perfect representation of a leader both in the classroom and on the football field or basketball court. As a conscientious and determined worker, Charlie excels in the classroom and in his athletics. His offered football roster spots from prestigious schools such as MIT, Carnegie Mellon, and Carleton speak to his superb character. In regards to his character, people look up to him; an honest and loyal friend, who is well liked by everyone. As a humble individual, he carries himself very well and is highly regarded by his peers and teachers. Charlie holds himself to a high standard and is well respected throughout the school. Without question, Charlie will go far in life and be successful no matter what path he chooses; his teachers, peers, and coaches would say the same. His endeavors will take him far in life. ■



## Kevin Lewis

Annie Hovey '21

Kevin Lewis is without a doubt one of the most unique people I have ever met and the most talented person I will ever know. He can do anything he sets his mind to. From perfect test scores in most subjects to winning the hearts of every listener at the talent show each year, Kevin succeeds everywhere he goes. But he doesn't just succeed - he brings out the best in everyone else around him so that they can too. He is always available to help you out when you need it and he is always very kind about the way that he does it. I've known Kevin since our spotlight years. Since then, we have become close friends. And that is a privilege that I never want to lose. He lights up a room when he walks in with his quirky dad jokes and references. He always makes sure that his friends know that they are loved. I think all of his friends can agree that he is very loved too. One final word: hummus. ■



## Caleb Zender

Kevin Lewis '21

What can I say about Caleb Zender? Put simply, he is the best friend someone could ask for. If you're lucky enough to spend time with him, you'll notice that he has a way of making everyone around him feel special. He has a lighthearted character that puts a smile on everyone's face around him. He doesn't take himself too seriously, which helps people have a great time while with him. While he's not very good at Call of Duty, talking to him in voice chat makes playing so much more fun. Everyone who meets him instantly likes him, and they have every reason to. He is an all around caring and superb human being who I have loved spending time with since I got to know him in Middle School. And on top of all of that, he's in a band. ■



## Audrey Bristol

Izzy L'Angiocola '22



Audrey Bristol is the brightest light on the planet Earth. From the second I met her, she took me under her wing. This is just the type of person that she is. Audrey will always be there whether you need her in a serious time or just to have fun with. If you ever need her, you can find her on the volleyball court, reviewing parks, or taking walks at 4 am. Not only is Audrey funny, talented, and supportive, she is smart too! Audrey maintains a 4.0 GPA and takes many rigorous classes. Along with that, Audrey participates in Mock Trial as an outstanding witness. I can't wait to see what Audrey does after high school and listen to all of her fun stories. Thank you for being my mom throughout all of high school. SO much love for you. ■

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# Astrology!

## Aries (March 21 – April 19)

Intense, impulsive and extremely enthusiastic about life, Aries can't imagine slowing down their tempo for you. They need a person who will share the exact same passion for life with them and someone who'll keep up with their dynamic flow. You can't stand routine and you're quickly bored by a person's mediocre life. Your perfect soulmate will be a person as confident as you are, someone who is determined and isn't afraid to take risks in life.

**Potential soulmates:** Aries, Leo, Sagittarius, Gemini and Aquarius.

## Taurus (April 20 – May 21)

The one thing that Taurus values the most is stability. Stubborn as hell, you won't allow anyone to bring sudden changes into your life. There is so no one more loyal and devoted than you because when a Taurus loves, they do it unconditionally. However, if they decide to walk the extra mile for you, they will expect nothing more than the same thing in return. Playing mind games are out of the question. Their intense sensibility requires a careful, loving and a trustworthy person who'll treat them like the royalty they are.

**Potential soulmates:** Cancer, Capricorn, Virgo and Pisces.

## Gemini (May 22 – June 21)

Gemini can get a little picky when it comes down to engaging in relationships. So, if you date a Gemini, you can be sure that they've been over and over that in their minds, so picking you means that you're special to them. Their true soulmate is a person who'll sweep them off their feet with their charismatic looks, someone clever enough to keep up with their witty humor and a person who has enough differences to keep things interesting.

**Potential soulmates:** Leo, Libra, Aries and Aquarius.

## Cancer (June 22 – July 22)

Cancer people have a big heart and lot of love to give... but only to those few lucky ones. If you really want to win them over, you should know that it will be expected of you to return your love in the best way possible. They need a person who'll be intelligent enough to arouse their mind and affectionate enough to make them feel loved and special. The perfect soulmate would be someone with a pure and empathetic mind as their own.

**Potential soulmates:** Scorpio, Taurus, Pisces and Virgo.

## Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Seeing as you are the supreme leader of the jungle, you demand the utmost respect and attention from every person you encounter. Although you seek for a someone who will be able to keep up with your fiery persona, you are hopelessly drawn to confident, yet mystical personalities. You need a special someone who'll keep the fire even more alive than it is, without being afraid to actually put themselves out there for you.

**Potential soulmates:** Gemini, Libra, Sagittarius and Aries.

## Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Virgos are considered as one of the most practical and logical signs of all the zodiac signs. While most of the people let love lead their way, you can't imagine putting yourself under something so unpredictable. Let's face it, you are a born perfectionist. So instead of having another person (besides you) who'll criticize you, you need a perfect someone who'll be there to accept you and show you the true meaning of unconditional love. Your true soulmate is an ambitious and complex person, someone who'll be intensely devoted to you.

**Potential soulmates:** Scorpio, Capricorn, Cancer and Taurus.

## Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Libra's are constantly working in order to create their dream life in which they would never allow a total stranger to just randomly venture into. They've set their standards high, and they won't settle for just about anyone that crosses their path. Considering that they are the ultimate aesthetic junkie, their true soulmate is a person with extremely good looks, self-confident as well as sharp-witted.

**Potential soulmates:** Gemini, Aquarius, Sagittarius and Leo.

## Scorpio (October 23 – November 22)

Scorpio's life is all about extremes. Your passion and fiery determination keeps you firmly on the ground, grasping life to the fullest. You refuse to engage in anything that is half-done, and it is the same with relationships. That's why Scorpios ideal mate is a person who'll keep challenging them and encourage them to grow. You need someone who'll be able to feel as deep as you, someone with a vivid imagination but will still remain a little mystery. You love to be left with little to your imagination and you are hopelessly drawn to sharp-witted people.

**Potential soulmates:** Pisces, Virgo, Capricorn and Cancer.

## Sagittarius (November 23 – December 21)

Sagittarians are people who are the most adventurous out of all signs. Being independent and flying free is their life motto, so you should know that they won't tolerate a partner who is getting all clingy and possessive of them. They steer clear of routines and endless boring rules on how to live life, so their perfect life companion would be a person who approaches life in a more fun-loving and open-minded way. Sagittarians need someone who'll contribute to their own madness and appetite for adventures, a person who'll be willing to conquer the world with them, not someone who'll cut off their wings.

**Potential soulmates:** Leo, Aquarius, Aries and Libra.

## Capricorn (December 22 – January 20)

Responsible and extremely disciplined, you won't be afraid to get a little picky when it comes down to choosing your life mate. The perfect person for you is someone who has class and takes pride in what they are. Your soulmate is someone who'll be able to manage your strong personality and engage with you on a deeper, more profound level.

But on top of it all, you need a special someone who'll be loyal enough to "ride or die" with you. Capricorn people need someone they can count on!

**Potential soulmates:** Leo, Aquarius, Aries and Libra.

## Aquarius (January 21 – February 18)

Aquarians need someone who'll sweep them off their feet by engaging them in a powerful stimulating conversation about all the right subjects. No small talk, no gibberish. Just a sensual one-on-one. Their ideal soulmate is an out-going person who'll always be up for a new adventure. They are extremely drawn to people who have a wickedly unique sense of humor. Considering this, keep in mind that if you can make them laugh, you can make them do anything.

Oh, and one more thing. Aquarians are the ultimate foodies, so make sure to throw them a tasty surprise every now and then!

**Potential soulmates:** Libra, Aries, Gemini, and Sagittarius

## Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

They often tend to live wrapped up in their own mind, their own thoughts trying to not take life that seriously. However, despite the fact that this helped them become an incredibly wise and gentle human being, it also managed to hold them back in life, afraid to step forward.

Their ideal mate will be a person with a healthy dose of self-confidence, a wild and curious mind who'll accept Pisces for their true personality and help them grow by encouraging them to chase down their highest goals and deepest desires.



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