

The Hawk's Eye

Hanover's Journalism Students bring you the latest news and updates around HA

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New Senior Privilege for the Class of 2024!

Class of 2024!



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By: Amber Keithline

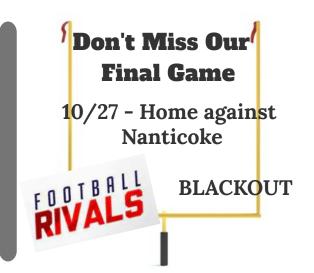
For a few years, the upperclassmen have seen the privilege of using phones during lunch, which the lower grades have not earned. However, this year, the Seniors have an advantage that sets them apart from all other students. For a low fee, the Seniors were allowed to paint a parking spot for use throughout their Senior year. The only painted spot beforehand was the Student of the Month spot, which is still utilized after all these years. The class of 2024 was the first to experience this painting activity, so only a few spots were painted. Even though there were only 22 spots painted, the vibrancy of all the colors really shows the creativity of the Class of 2024. Some of the participants needed to stay longer to finish their ideas, and thankfully, our wonderful principal, Mr. Sipper, was very lenient with giving extra time to complete the painting. The students who did paint their spots were extremely enthusiastic about it, even bringing friends and family to help. The teamwork and generosity of our Senior class was certainly observed through that day. Many students helped others that needed it, by either lending an extra hand or offering any extra paint or tools that others may have needed. One of the Seniors who painted her spot, Kailey Remish, said she finally felt like there was power being a Senior. She said the environment felt very welcoming and everyone was having a good time with all different kinds of music enjoyed by all. The only downside about the day was that she didn't bring enough snacks and drinks. Thankfully, there were gas stations near to purchase snacks, and water was provided by the school. Hopefully this privilege will be around for many years to come.





Where Have All The Teachers Gone?

Teacher	New Room	
		Have you
Mrs. Sevinski	B12	noticed a
Mrs. Everetts	B11	teacher or two
Ms. Kirchner	B07	out of place from
Mr. Stelma	B31	last year? Here's
Ms. Pierce	B28	a quick guide to
Mr. Samkough	B20	get you where
Ms. Pac	A26	you need to be.
Mrs. Mackachinas	A11	you need to be.



Hawkeye News

Let's Get to Know the New Teachers at HA

By: Kai Mikus

Ever wonder what it's like to feel like a new student? Well, in the 2023-2024 school year, Hanover has welcomed not one, but six new teachers: Mr. Petrovich, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Mercadante, Mrs. Mahle, Mrs. Owens, and Mrs. Shingler.







L to R: Mrs. Mercadante, Mr. Petrovich, & Mrs. Owens

Mr. Petrovich

Prior to becoming a psychology teacher and a football coach, Mr. Petrovich was a department head at Bath and Beyond while also attending graduate school and substitute teaching. His favorite part about teaching at Hanover has been getting to know the students and becoming part of the community, though he'd like to see some more school spirit and pride in being a Hawkeye. When he's not coaching or teaching he likes spending time with his two pugs, Rocky and Rolly.

Mrs. Mercadante

Before coming into Hanover Mrs. Mercadante taught Pre-K Counts in the Hazleton Area School District for six years, and now she teaches English Language Learners. She loves teaching and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Owens

Mrs. Owens was working at the Geisinger and VA Medical center before becoming a certified school nurse at Hanover. She loves to see the kindness, acceptance, and school spirit of the staff and the students, and she especially loves to see the Sip2Sucess traveling coffee cart. She is optimistic as to what this year will bring. In addition, she has traveled to six different European countries and attended Oktoberfest.

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Graduating from 6th Grade

By: Kai Mikus

Since the Homecoming pep rally, you may have noticed a new, but familiar face has appeared within Hanover's High School faculty. Mrs. Rupert (formally Miss Shipula) is in fact our new Assistant Principal! As the Assistant Principal, it is her duty to manage student discipline, schedule hall monitors, update the school's handbooks, as well as other protocols within the school. She is very enthusiastic about, "Helping the students achieve their goals." She wants to help student have their best experience as a Hawkeye. In addition, "She loves seeing her students share their talents with the world." When not attending sporting events, Mrs. Rupert can be seen with a book in her hand, for she is an avid reader. Congratulations to Mrs. Rupert in her Assistant Principal position!



Photo by: Mrs. Rupert

Hawkeye News

New Staff, Continued







L to R: Mrs. Mahle, Mrs. Shingler, & Mrs. Willis

Mrs. Shingler

Before coming to teach at Hanover, Mrs. Shingler had previously taught at Lakeland High School for 17 years, and is currently teaching English III for the 11th grade, Journalism and Creative Writing for both the 11th and 12th grades, and College Placement English. Her favorite part about working at Hanover is how welcoming and helpful all of the faculty have been since her arrival. When not in school, Mrs. Shingler loves to hike and go to the lake. One last fun fact is the 4th of July is her favorite holiday.

Mrs. Mahle

Mrs. Mahle, before coming up to be a learning support teacher in the Hanover Area High School, had been working at Lee Park and worked for the Scranton School District even before then. Getting to know the students and the other staff has been her favorite part about working in the high school.

Mrs. Willis

Mrs. Willis is an ESL teacher at Hanover but was a part of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 prior to coming here. She loves sharing a room with Mrs. Mercadante and would like to see a multicultural night take place within the school one day. During the winter months, she loves to snowboard.

Tuning in to Music 7

By: Malachi Downey











Hanover's new music class, Music 7-Instrumentals, is now offered for all 7th graders. This class will replace the Music 7 class offered in the past. Our music program was given a grant this past year and the grant money was used to buy new instruments for the Music 7-Instrumental class. The class will still be teaching melody, harmony, rhythm, and pitch, but it will also teach students how to play their own personal instrument. Each student is given an instrument to play as part of the class in the hope they will play as part of the Concert Band that starts in the beginning of October and eventually join the Marching Band, which begins after winter break. The class is offered for one quarter to 7th grade students, and the class currently has a total of 22 students.

Students and teachers: if you have younger siblings or children coming up to the High School next year that enjoy music and want to play instruments, Mr. Lussier would be glad to have them as a member of his classroom.

Hawkeye Sports

Hanover Area is certainly producing some talent this fall season. We had the opportunity to interview two of its finest.

By: Malachi Downey

Jayden Skipalis: 1 Game, 6 Touchdowns

- Q: What were you feeling at the end of the game after scoring 6 touchdowns?
- A: I was very proud of myself and excited to celebrate with the team.
- Q: Were you treated differently after, and how?
- A: Yes, I got hyped up a lot and proved myself to the team.
- Q: What was your pre-game routine (what did you eat, what music did you listen to)?
- A: I was excited but nervous. I ate a granola bar and listened to Nirvana. After I turned off the music, I only had my thoughts to get myself locked in.



Photo by: Kaidence Ankner

- McKenzie Bannon: First Girl on Hanover Area Football Team
 - Q: When did it really hit you that you were the first girl ever to join the Hanover Area football team?
- A: I became aware a little after I had started practicing with the team.
- Q: How has your position as kicker been going, so far?
- A: It's interesting. I'm just the backup kicker, so it's a lot less intense than you'd think.
- Q: How are you balancing between Football and Soccer activities?
- A: I'm at soccer more than football, because that team depends on me more. For now, that's more important. I try to make it to football as much as possible, but the balance is difficult.



Photo By: Dr. Holodick-Reed



Photo by: Mrs. Bannon

Hawkeye Sports

Meet the Teacher Coaches of HA Fall Sports

Mrs. Coleman





Mr. Daubert





Football & Basketball Cheerleading

Coaching for 2 years

Tryouts are held every year in March, and we are constantly looking for ways to grow our program. If you have a positive attitude, love to cheer on others, and enjoy performing, please reach out with interest!

Boys' and Girls' Cross Country

Coaching for 24 years

Cross-Country is a great sport because it gives you a chance to challenge yourself and see how good you can be. In the end it is just you against yourself.

Dr. Holodick-Reed





Girls' Field Hockey

Coaching for 21 years at Hanover
Field hockey is a great sport. The Wyoming Valley conference is one
of the top conferences for field hockey in the country. You will be
challenged to develop your skills, perform at a high level, and all while
having fun and becoming a part of the best family in HA!!

Mr. Samkough





Mr. Petrovich





Girls' Volleyball

Coaching for 6 years as Head Coach

Volleyball is a fun sport, but requires dedication and commitment in order to excel at it. It is a sport you can play almost anywhere and doesn't cost much to play it. Sign ups for Girls Volleyball is in May and we practice over the summer. If anyone is interested feel free to see me towards the end of the school year.

Varsity & JV Assistant Football

Coaching for 3 years

The program is on the rise. It was not an overnight process like some people thought it was going to be, but we are very excited for what the future holds for Hawk's football, both on the field and in the weight room. Our players stress to each other all the time that we are not just a team, but a family, and that says a lot about the student athletes that represent the team and the community.

Hawkeye Life

Officer Smith Reporting for Duty

By: Carina Shaver

Hanover's new School Resource Officer is here to protect and serve, and she does not take her position lightly. To become a SRO, she went through the NASRO training program. This taught her how to handle kids inside school while doing police work. Before becoming an SRO, Smith was a traffic officer and started doing drug work. She sees herself staying as the SRO for the foreseeable future. Her goal is providing valuable resources to Hanover Area. She likes to resolve the problems the students go through so that they could reach their full potential.



I want everyone in Hanover to feel protected.

- SRO Smith







Photos by: Hanover Area Facebook Page

Out with the Old; In with the New

By: Amber Keithline

It's been nearly 20 years since Hanover Area High School has seen a change in its gymnasium. However, many students noticed as they were going back to school that our gym floor had been remodeled. The floor changed from an orange tan to a more light colored wood with fresh designs for our athletic teams and physical education classes games.

The athletes in volleyball and basketball were very excited for the gym floors, but unfortunately, the Girl's Volleyball Team was unable to practice on the floor all summer due to the construction. Instead of practicing in the gym, they practiced on the tennis courts or in the wrestling/weight room. One of the volleyball team captains, Alana Hughes, noted the wrestling rooms were really hot, but she did enjoy practicing on the tennis courts, even if the sun was really bright at times. Another player, Alexis McGrady, said she felt less prepared for the season as they could not practice in the gym where games were played. She even said how their first home game was pushed back because the court wasn't finished yet. Nonetheless, the new court was still something the team appreciated and they bragged how amazing it looked with the bright colors. McGrady hopes maybe the bleachers will be painted to match the colors of the new gym some day.

We are confident that the new design will energize our athletes with the bright vibrancy creating a positive atmosphere for all who enter.

Hawkeye Life



Senior Class Officers, from L to R: Secretary, Audrianna Mangan Treasurer, Paige Engleman Vice President, Jocelyn Mihalko President, Dorrian Nelson



UNIVERSITY S.O.M.

But First,
Flag Football
Juniors Take #1

Junior Class Officer, from L to R:
Vice President- Conor Englemen
President, Creed Gorham
Secretary, Mckenzie Bannon
Treasurer, Lily Matthews



Seniors couldn't stretch it our for a win.



L: Prepping for battle R: Winning the war

Photo By: Emmy Harris



9th grade was no match for these Wise Fools.

Hawkeye Fun

What's In

What's Out

Claw Clips Football Aquaphor Pumpkin Spice Jewerly Ice Spice Fall Short Shorts Long Hair Paper Copies Taylor Swift The Summer L

Turned Pretty

Taco Tuesday Refreshers **Swimming** Hailey Bieber Summer Leggings The Old Gym Chromebooks **Snow Days** Heat



2 Truths & a Lie

Can you deciper the truth from the lie? Watch in next month's paper for the results.

Mr. Bush

- * Served on a jury for a murder trial
- * Family once owned the land where Wall Street is located today
- * Worked as a CIA agent prior to teaching

Mrs. Grosky

- * Went sky diving this summer
- * Swam with manatees last December
- * Scored a perfect 300 game in bowling

Mrs. Mullery

- * Zip-lined through the jungle in Mexico
- * Rescued her dog from a puppy mill
- * Got married on New Year's Eve

Locker Lottery

Is this your locker? See Mrs. Shingler in B19.

460

210

1020

The Hawk's Eye Newspaper Staff



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Gabriel's Top Pics

Barbie Girl by Aqua Young, Wild & Free by Snoop Dogg & Wiz Khalifa **Dreams** by The Cranberries Good Morning by Kanye West

Where She Goes by Bad Bunny

Hawkeye Fun

Did you Know...

56.3% of Juniors and Seniors prefer pumpkin spice over apple cider, but...

HA students are split 50/50 between hay rides or haunted houses.

"Even though apple cider is healthier, I still choose pumpkin spice because it just has that taste that everyone loves."

- Zach Gensel, Senior

"Haunted house costs are crazy when you're unemployed (like me!) Hay rides though are such a classic, friendly for the whole family, so serene."

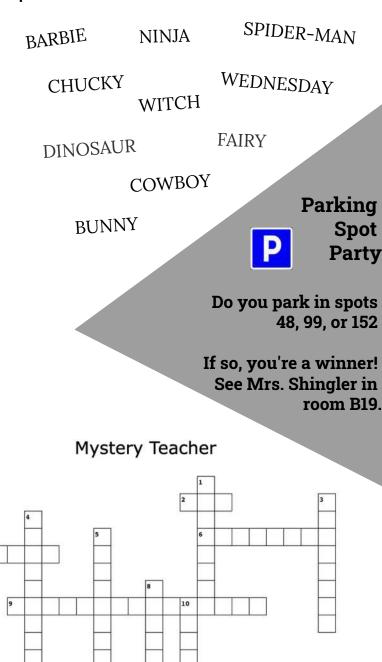
- Kieran Xu, Senior

Think you. know the faculty at HA?

Submit to Mrs. Shingler in B19. First correctly completed puzzle wins a prize.

Good luck!

Top Halloween Costumes of 2023



Across

- 2. Favorite ice cream is peanut butter swirl
- 6. Hometown of Nanticoke
- 7. Attended King's College
- 9. Hometown of Larksville

Down

- 1. Favorite food is pizza
- 3. Favorite ice cream is salted caramel
- 4. Favorite place is the beach
- 5. First car was a 2003 Ford Escape
- 8. Favorite color is red
- 10. Favorite musical artist is Notorious BIG

Hawkeye Clubs

Chess Club

By: Malachi Downey





"Chess is like a hidden talent. All different kinds of people play."

- Mr. Borofski

Students who wish to challenge their minds should join Hanover's Chess Club. This club was created last year by Mr. Borofski for people who enjoy playing chess and wish to compete against other students.

If chess is your game, you can meet a variety of different students, make connections, and build bonds through this strategic game. For now the club is open to 9th-12th graders, but if you are a Junior High student, you are always welcome to the meetings.

The Chess Club meets during WIN every Friday in Mr. Borofski's room, B-09. For now, there are no tournaments or competitions with other schools, so you will play against your classmate, but Mr. Borofski does wish to compete against other schools in the future of the program.

LEO Club Gives Back

By: Carina Shaver

The LEO Club is back into action with their newest club advisor, Mrs. Alansky.

The Club is currently conducting a food drive contest that started on October 23 and runs until November 3. The homeroom upstairs, as well as the homeroom downstairs, that collects the most non-perishable food items will win cupcakes for their homeroom. All food collected is getting used to build a food pantry right here at HA High School Mrs. Richardson, Homeless/Foster/CST/504 Coordinator.

Suggestions for non-perishable food items:

Canned beans **Boxed Pasta** Jelly

Canned vegetables Rice Instant potatoes Canned fruit Peanut Butter Instant stuffing Canned soup Pancake Mix Honey

Student Council Cleans House

By: Amber Keithline

The New Commerce Boulevard was left spotless after Hanover's Student Council members volunteered their time to pick up any trash and discarded items. The club advisor, Mr. Dubinski, and some students sacrificed their class time to better the environment of Hanover Area. They all jumped on some buses around first period and rode to their clean-up location. All of the participants split up into small groups to tackle different areas.

Dorrian Nelson, one of the participants, teamed up with Alana Hughes and Kailey Remish to collect the garbage out of the one area. This activity took Mr. Dubinski and the other club member the entire school day. Kailey Remish said she was relieved once they finished. The crew went to the Red Cross to take a much deserved break where they enjoyed some snacks and drinks to cool off. After all of their hard work, they rode back to the High School and waited for the dismissal bell to go home.

This yearly tradition really helps the community, and next year, you too can sign up to be a part of the Student Council and help clean your home of Hanover Area.

"It was a great day out, and the kids had fun learning to take care of the environment" - Mr. Dubinski





Photos By: Kailey Remish



Hawkeye Spirit Week

Twin Day



Mismach Day

Blue & White Day









JERSEY DAY



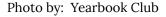




Photo by: Yearbook Club



The Hawk's Nest

Students gathered to rally the Varsity Football team against Wyoming Area during the September 22nd Homecoming Game.

Photo Credit: Carina Shaver Did you miss the faculty dance-off during the HoCo pep rally? Scan here to see it!



Hawkeye Homecoming



Top Left: Queen Isabella Curcio

Top Right: King Jayden Shortz

R to L: Jocelyn Mihalko, Audri Mangan, Alana Hughes, Kayla Gist, Alexis McGrady, and Isabella Curcio



Isabella Curcio was crowned as Homecoming Queen for Hanover Area. Lets see how she felt in the momnent:

Q: How did you feel when they announced your name?

A: It was an indescribable feeling. I've never felt so happy and emotional at once.

Q: What was your favorite part of it all? A: My favorite part was riding in the nice convertible with the other girls in our fancy dresses.

Q: How did you celebrate after? A: I hung out with my family, ate dinner with my friends, and had a lot of fun with my brother.





Jayden Shortz was crowned Bonfire King during the Homecoming Dance. Out of all the senior football players, he was chosen. Congratulations, Jayden!



Have you seen these familiar faces around the hallways? They are your 2023 Homecoming Court, and they are wonderful students to know!

- * Jocelyn Mihalko is the Vice-President for the Sr. Class and on the Field Hockey Team
- * Audri Mangan is the Secetary for the Sr. Class and a captain on the Field Hockey Team
- * Alana Hughes is a part of Student Council and a captain on the Volleyball team
- * Isabella Curcio is a captain of the Volleyball team and crowned Homecoming Queen
- * Alexis McGrady is a part of Student Council and a member of the Volleyball Team
- * Kayla Gist is a softball player for both Hanover and Lackawanna Lightning (travel team)