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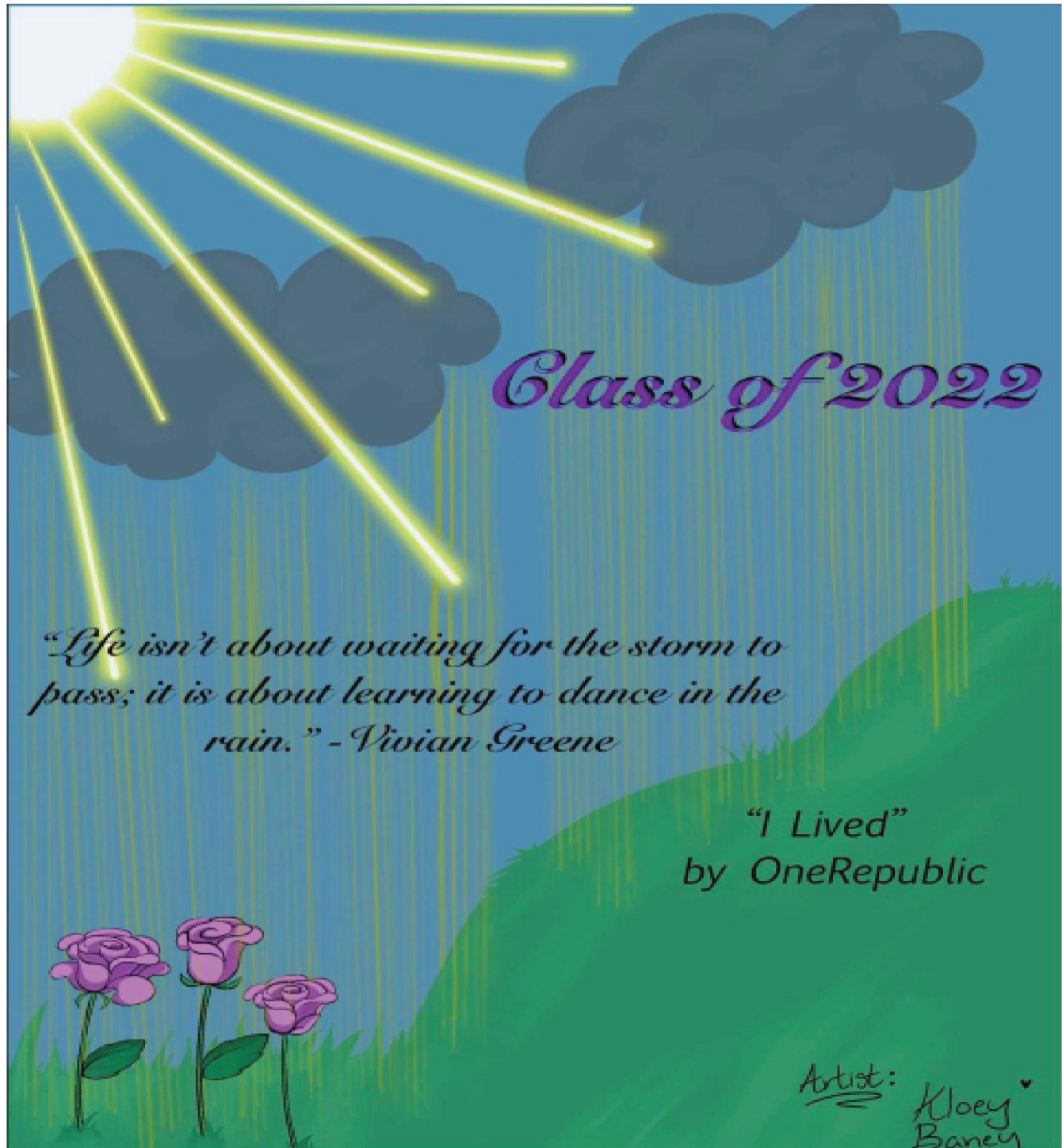
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Special Graduation Edition



School clothing closets are in need of donations

By Zakary Zanella, *news editor*

Have you outgrown your school clothing? Are you moving out of the school district and will no longer need a Shamokin Area wardrobe? Are you graduating? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then the school district invites students to donate to its elementary and high school clothing closets.

"The clothing closet is designed for students who either cannot afford clothing, or their clothing becomes ruined because of an unexpected incident, such as a stain or a tear," explained Mrs. Hughes, the school's social worker.

Students can donate gently-used school-approved uniform polos, pants and shorts, sneakers, boots, Crocs, belts, girls' and boys' school-appropriate sweaters, athletic shorts and sweatpants, and girls and boys T-shirts that are school-appropriate, and backpacks that are in good condition.

"There is an urgent request for donations of men's medium and large polo shirts, men's cargo pants in sizes 34 and 36, girls' and boys' 2XL polo shirts, girls' uniform pants in sizes 2 and 6," Hughes added.

Graduates in particular are asked to recycle gently-used school-approved clothing to restock the clothing closets.

Collection bins will be placed near the high school office doors and outside Mrs. Hughes's room on the second floor. The elementary school also has a clothing closet available for its students.



Nearly 200 students expected to graduate this year

By Nevach Grant, *staff writer*

As seniors prepare to move on to another big step in their lives, they leave with joy and spirit, but most importantly, hope. According to Mr. Hockenbroch, principal, graduation will be held May 26. "It's not where you start, it's where you finish," Mr. Hynoski said as the school year draws to a close. The Class of 2022 is expected to be one of the largest classes to graduate from Shamokin Area.

Other end-of-the-year events are Awards Night and Baccalaureate, a religious service, on May 25 at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively.

The Messy Napkin's food truck will visit seniors May 24 after rehearsal. "Strive to be the person you want to be and people will respect the person you become. Be true to oneself," Anthony Carrington, The Messy Napkin's owner, advised graduates.

The Alumni Banquet, where scholarships will be awarded to the top Alumni Exam participants, will be held May 28 at Masser's Banquet Hall, Paxinos.

Purple Perk impresses Congressman Meuser

By Erika Bellinger, *staff writer*

United States Representative Dan Meuser, 9th District, visited the Purple Perk Coffee Cafe April 22 to meet with the students from Mrs. Courtney Becker and Mrs. Traci Beck's classes who operate the business. Meuser also stopped by Mrs. Caitlin Vilcheck's civics class to speak briefly with students, and also met with several members of the faculty and staff.

Meuser was impressed with the student-run business and even sampled the coffee. "Shamokin is in my district and I heard so much about the school, the Purple Perk, and how the experience teaches students to run a business," said the Congressman, who serves on the House Committee on Small Businesses.

Meuser described the students as "nice, polite, and energetic" and noted that they all knew what they needed to do to take and fill orders, give change, and clean up. As for the coffee, Meuser didn't hesitate, "The coffee is delicious," he said.

Coffee wasn't the only topic of discussion. The congressman was serious and proud when asked about his job. "It's an honor representing 800,000 people. It's an important and responsible job," he responded.

Meuser is working hard to represent all of his constituents, including those who live in the Shamokin Area School District. When asked if the government was going to allocate more funding to coal region schools, Meuser said "Yes," but did not elaborate.

As a member of the United States House of Representatives, Meuser also serves on the Foreign Affairs Committee, is a member of numerous caucuses, and set as his priorities, revitalization, education and workforce, coal communities, First Responders, national security, healthcare, agriculture, flood prevention, drugs and opioid abuse, veterans' affairs, and working to reduce federal debt.

In March, Meuser's office announced that he advocated for \$14.2 million in federal funding for eight community projects in his district. Shamokin's share was \$2.675 million for revitalizing Independence Street to "improve the appearance and safety of Downtown Shamokin."



Congressman Dan Meuser talks to students who operate the Purple Perk. (Photo by Franklin Carranza, *staff photographer*)

Students of all ages enjoyed second annual Autism Day

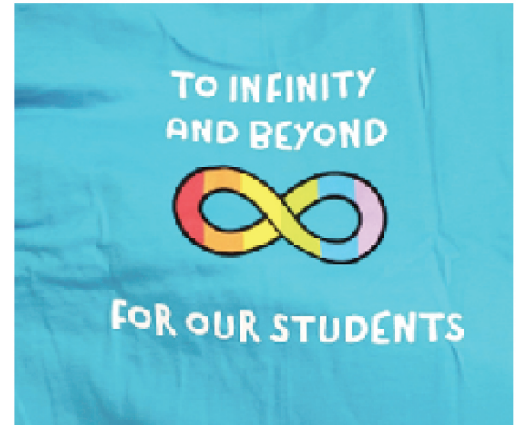
By Zak Zanella, news editor

Shamokin Area High School held its second annual Autism Day on April 29. The theme of this year's event revolved around the popular *Disney* and *Pixar* franchise *Toy Story*, as the goal was to go "To Infinity and Beyond" to celebrate all those students who were diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum, regardless of how severe their form of autism might be.

Several elementary school students were also invited to participate in the fun.

The school cafeteria provided a free bagged lunch to students who requested one on their parent form, or students had the option of bringing in their own packed lunch. There were various activities for students to participate in. Outside, at the Bridy-Ruane Field, students could participate in bubble blowing, kite flying and frisbee. Inside events that took place included a free swim period in the high school swimming pool, plus, a variety of games and other fun events inside the gymnasium, including a bounce house, obstacle course, a "pin the tail on Bullseye" game, among many other activities.

The purpose of the event was to "raise awareness for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), to promote inclusion, and to show support for students with ASD at Shamokin Area during Autism Awareness month," stated Danielle Kolody, licensed behavior specialist/SASD Autism internal coach.



To help fund the Autism Day festivities, organizers sold T-shirts with this logo to staff and students, who were permitted to wear them as part of a dress down day on April 29.



Members of the junior high track team stopped in and sang karaoke with students at Autism Day, while they were waiting for their bus to leave for the track meet.

(Submitted photo)

Career Help

<https://www.onetonline.org>

U.S. Department of Labor career exploration and job analysis site.

Over 900 occupations are listed.

<https://pathtocareers.org>

Businesses register with information about who they are, what they do, and how they'd like to connect with schools and students by providing career awareness experiences.

<https://www.gsvuw.org/workforce-guide>

United Way site with information about early college options, technical schools, workforce programs, and internships.

300 going to Hersheypark

By Nevaeh Grant, *staff writer*

Three hundred seventh and eighth grade students will travel to Hershey Park on May 20 in keeping with a longtime middle school tradition.

Mr. Keller stated, "We've been going to Hershey Park with the kids for more than 15 years." "We're just going to go have fun! The kids have a meeting point to where they will meet us and they know where the buses are. They're free to roam about and get on as many rides as they can. It's a time to go have fun and relax and let loose," added Mrs. Alonso.



The "Don't say gay" bill

By Terry Post, *staff writer*

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis recently passed a bill for Florida that is known as the "Don't say gay" bill by its opposition. It restricts the ability to speak of sexual orientation and gender identity for all classroom discussion from school personell and third parties for grades K-3.

"People should have the freedom to speak about what they want, if it's along the lines of discrimination then I understand, but they should be able to speak of things like this if they please," stated Cody Dombrowski, senior.

"I think it's {wrong}, it shouldn't be their concern, that's a talk that should be done with the student's parents," Chris Moore, junior said.

"It's {wrong}, kids should be able to learn and experience what they are as well as what others are," Nevaeh Grant, sophomore stated.

"Of course it's important to have talks like that with your kids, however for kids aged 5-8 it should be exclusively for the parents and not the school. I believe the openness about sexuality is too open for the younger generations." Mikai Medina, Freshman.

The majority of citizens disagree with the signing of the bill, even though DeSantis stated it was to restrict inappropriate content from being said to minors. Overall, public opinion is negative for the new bill, and only time will tell how that will affect its efficiency, as well as how long the bill stays.



Seniors' advice to Freshmen

By Erika Bellinger, *staff writer*

1. Straighten up (get your act together).
2. Do what you have to do and graduate.
3. Be a leader; don't be a follower.
4. Create your away path.
5. The pool is on the third floor.
6. Live your high school to the fullest.
7. Play at least one sport in high school.
8. Make good friends.
9. Teachers are your friends
10. Try to break out of your shell early as possible.
11. It's ok to be alone.



Board approves cargo and carpenter pants

By Carter Smink, *sports co-editor and copy editor*

After years of controversy regarding specifications within the dress code, changes are finally taking place. Shamokin Area School Board updated the district's dress code policy at its April meeting. Students will now be able to wear the following items: cargo or carpenter type pants/shorts with multiple pockets down the leg area, and solid color/opaque polo or Oxford style shirts (with collar) with a custom or brand logo. *Spandex* and yoga pants are NOT permitted. The updated dress code will be implemented at the beginning of next school year.



Cheerio! Students are finally traveling to England and Scotland this summer

By Carter Smink, *sports co-editor and copy editor*

After two years of frustration regarding COVID-19 travel restrictions, Shamokin's 'Scots, Bards, and Brits' study abroad trip is finally taking place this summer. The trip, originally planned for the summer of 2020, will receive a long-awaited welcome from both students and staff who have waited patiently to go.

Sixteen students and four teachers will depart from the school on July 12, and fly out of Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey to London, England. The group will return July 19.

"This trip was originally scheduled for the Summer of 2020 but was delayed until this summer due to COVID. This trip has gone through many changes with students coming and going. Unfortunately, many of the students originally signed up in 2020 have since graduated and moved on in their respective lives. But new students have since joined and we have a great group going," explained Mr. Keller, the trip's organizer.

The expedition will be led by the American Council for International Studies (ACIS), and will take the Shamokin travelers through sites in England including London, Oxford, Stratford area (William Shakespeare's birthplace), York area, Alnwick Castle, and Edinburgh, Scotland. The trip will also highlight landmarks such as Edinburgh Castle and Big Ben.

Graduation Practice

Seniors will have graduation practice May 23-26 at 8 am in the auditorium.



Cheerleading open gym

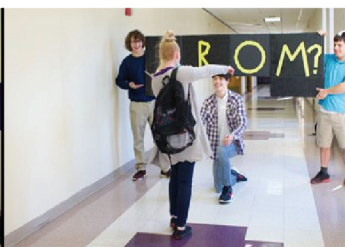
Open gyms for all cheer squads started March 7. Open gyms are every Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the elementary gym. Students in grades 7-12 are welcome.

Promposal

Senior **Cody Ketner** secretly created the letter boards, purchased flowers, arranged a photographer to capture the moment, and enlisted friends all to surprise his girlfriend **Krysta Smith**. The event took on the third floor near Mr. Cowder's room. Shamokin Area prom, "Starry Night," was held May 13. *(Photos by Franklin Carranza, staff photographer)*



Waiting...



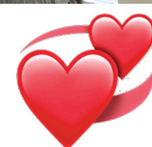
Senior Cody Ketner pops the prom question to Krysta Smith, junior. Helping him pull off the surprise are, from left, Lewis Ebersol and Matt Eisenhower, right, both seniors.



Asking...



She said yes!



Every student should participate in the musical

By Hannah Hess, *features editor*

From seventh through eleventh grade, I participated in musicals. In fact, I plan to do so next year, my final year at Shamokin Area. Whether I was moving props for the stage crew in *Les Miserables* or dancing in the ensemble for *Newsies*, I have always loved participating with the musical. In this year's *The Little Mermaid*, I learned so many life lessons and had more fun than you can imagine.

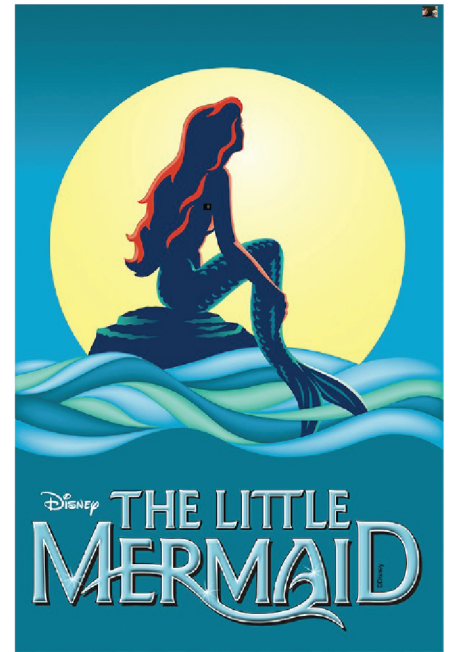
Every musical 'season,' I watched many upperclassmen leads graduate and pass the torch on to the underclassmen. From auditions in November to opening night in April, watching people grow from quiet and shy to outgoing and extroverted has been a great pleasure of mine and I would definitely do it over again a thousand times.

Being involved with the music department has given me the opportunity to meet the most compelling individuals you could not meet anywhere else. When you spend so much time with each other at musical rehearsals each week, you meet your best friends and some I would even consider to be like family.

Yes, the musical is a strenuous activity but the payoff is worth your time and efforts. I have learned so many life values and will continue to learn and take those lessons throughout my lifetime. Musicals are not just acting and singing. Musicals are made up of lights, curtains, props, mics, costumes, makeup and so much more. Behind every lead and ensemble member there's a crew member who helps them throughout the duration of the musical.

There is truly no feeling like bowing on a stage with your closest friends in front of an auditorium filled with hundreds of people during opening night of a show. I have so many people, teachers, and activities to thank for making my high school experience so far pretty good and the musical each year is definitely a huge one.

If you are ever wandering around the music suite looking for things, to do please sign up for next year's musical. Being a part of the musical is something that you will cherish forever, create lifelong friendships, and never forget.



Graduating athletes say goodbye to sports

By Marcus Moyer, *sports co-editor*

Saying farewell to sports is a rite of passage for graduating athletes at Shamokin Area High School. For some students, athletics is a huge part of their social life and saying goodbye is not easy. Whatever their reasons, most agree that participating in sports during high school is worth the time and effort and encourage underclassmen to take the chance to get involved.



Senior, Francis Sanzotto takes a swing during the Shamokin Area Golf season

"For the most part, I think I will most miss just hanging out and being with friends," said Robert Harvey. Harvey participated in football and wrestling during his high school career. "If I had to give advice to younger kids, I'd say just don't be afraid to get involved in things and get out and have fun."

This was a common theme among the quotes I received. "For the most part, I would say that kids should try things and get out of their comfort zone. If you don't like it, then you can just quit," said Cynthia Zheng. Zheng played volleyball and softball during her athletic career at Shamokin.

"I've been in football since I was 8 years old, and I've made some of my deepest friendships with the people I've played with, it's been an amazing journey" said Garrett Kitchen.

"I will miss the friendships I made through sports the most. My advice to underclassmen is to not be intimidated by upperclassmen, but instead work alongside them and make friendships while there is still time" said Kate Amato. Amato was a member of the track and field and cross country teams at Shamokin Area.

In conclusion, the overwhelming message of all these quotes is don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and make friends in your respective sports. Saying goodbye to athletics isn't easy, but the memories you make will last a lifetime.

Compiled by Emily Thomas and Cody Dombrowski, *staff writers*; Zak Zanella, *news editor*; Franklin Carranza, *photographer and staff writer*

Signal staffers asked teachers and staff members for some advice and well wishes to this year's graduates. Here are their words of wisdom:

"As you embark on this in your life remember that you are on your own journey. You may not reach your goals in the order that you planned, but take the path that leads to your destination. Accept challenges, embrace mistakes, and take accountability for your life. Your journey is yours and never compare your road of life to someone else's road of life. You do you, be happy, travel, love, and enjoy life. Reach for the stars, dreams can come true." ~ **Mrs. Koser**

"The sooner you realize that other people's opinions of you are none of your business, the sooner you'll be free, completely free." ~ **Mrs. Suchanick**

"Register to Vote and VOTE! Facts don't care about feelings. It's better to have a smaller group of friends than a larger group of acquaintances! Always do and be your BEST SELF." ~ **Mrs. Shaffer**

"Don't do anything illegal, immoral, or otherwise disruptive. IYKYK" ~ **Mr. Leshner**

"To summarize some of Jordan Peterson's 'Rules for Life' - Tell the truth, don't do anything you hate, maintain connections with people, start by assuming good intentions from others, find your purpose and what is meaningful, make those around you and the environment around you better, welcome adversity, continue to learn and grow as a person in every way possible." ~ **Mr. Grybos**

"Seize opportunities to try new things and expand your horizons. At the same time, make wise choices that won't come back to bite you later." ~ **Mrs. McDevitt**

"Good luck seniors!" ~ **Mr. Major**

"Work hard, but remember that it's OK to struggle. Treat people fairly, but realize that life's not fair. It might be the most important thing today, but the least important thing tomorrow. Don't dismiss criticism, but consider the source. Remember where you came from, but don't forget where you want to go." ~ **Mr. Cowder**

"No matter what you've been told, hard work is still the way to succeed. No one owes you anything. If you never take any risks, you'll end up a boring and unhappy person. Take pride in yourself, what you've done, and where you're at. Stay humble and do your best to help others whenever you can." ~ **Mr. Haupt**

"Don't Ever Do Drugs! Don't pity yourself! All you can do is all you can do! You can't eat grades! If you cheat you only cheat yourself!" ~ **Mr. Bailey's Requests for seniors**

"Never stop learning! Remember everyone's path is different. There is no wrong way to start your adult life. Make yourself a top priority, but also take time to stop and look around and take it all in! We will miss you all and wish you the best! Always here for you" ~ **Love, Mrs. M. and Mrs. Reed**

"Don't be lazy." ~ **Mr. Persing**

"Save your money when you're young." ~ **Mrs. Quincy**

"Attendance is extremely important in the workforce and in college." ~ **Mrs. Shadle**

"My advice for graduating seniors is, run... Seriously, don't take anyone else's advice, be yourself." ~ **Mr. Cowder**

"Keep your head focused. Speed kills." ~ **Mr. Styer**

"Don't quit, even before you give yourself a chance." ~ **Mr. McGugan**

"Make your own choices, and make sure they're good ones." ~ **Mrs. Bendas**

"Work hard, save money, be willing to grow and adapt, focus on being healthy, and never forget the people who make a priority in their lives." ~ **Mrs. Vilcheck**





Cody Dombrowski
Staff Photographer

Mass Media is a very interesting yet enjoyable elective to take. While there is work to do, there are many moments to enjoy in this class. There will never be a dull moment where you'll have nothing to do; there will always be an objective that will need to be completed and you will always be hard at work. My year of taking this class could not be expressed in just a word or two. I had so much fun in the class, enjoying the assignments and putting as much creativity into them as possible, having fun time with classmates and just sharing laughs all around. We can't forget to thank the person behind the scenes, Mrs. Rhoads, the fun teacher that she is, will be your guide along the way, showing you and teaching you everything you need to know. The class is easy, but challenging too. You will have assignments, but in the end what matters is that you can reflect on how much effort you put into your work like I did.



Dallas Scicchitano
Managing Editor

Hello everyone! My name is Dallas Scicchitano and I am going to be a graduate of Shamokin Area's class of 2022. I joined The Signal staff this year out of a total and complete whim. I had a schedule conflict that left my fifth period open and my close friends Carter Smink, Ben Cohoon, and Marcus Moyer were also taking the class from the beginning and they convinced me to join. I started as a sports co-editor then shifted into layout and design since there was only one returning staff member on that team. It was a bit tricky to learn at first, but with the help of Mr. Leshner and the motivational push from Mrs. Rhoads, I got the hang of it. I enjoyed my experience here with The Signal and I would absolutely recommend anyone to take the class. If you are interested in writing, become a staff writer or editor. If you are interested in photography, become a staff photographer. If you are interested in visual design, work layout and design. Basically, there is something here that has the potential to grab the interest of anyone. I had no intentions to work layout and design and it ended up being one of my favorite things to do this year.



Carter Smink
Sports Editor

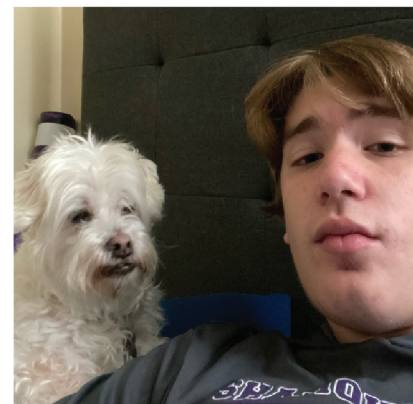
Hi readers! I'm Carter Smink, senior at Shamokin Area and sports co-editor of The Signal. This is my first year as a member of the The Signal staff, and I wish I would've joined earlier. This class grants you freedoms that not many others can, and gives you the chance to explore yourself and your interests in many different ways: from writing, to editing, to interviewing, to photography, and even technology in layout and design. I recommend this class to anyone who is interested in the topics previously listed, as your knowledge of each topic will improve drastically as long as you put in the work. My biggest takeaway from Mass Media class is discovering just how much I like to write and edit stories. To any underclassmen who is hesitant to join Mass Media or even try something new in general, I can't stress enough how now is the time to try new things, as they have the potential to shape the rest of your life. I know high school can seem like a drag, but I can now confidently say that your high school experience will pass like the blink of an eye. So, enjoy as much of it as possible, as a time like this will never happen again.



Ben Cohoon
Layout and Design

Hi, my name is Benjamin Cohoon and I'm graduating with the class of 2022. I joined The Signal initially as a way of filling my fifth period to not have to sit through a study hall. I convinced my friends Carter Smink, Marcus Moyer, and Dallas Scicchitano to join as well because we all had the same problem. I initially thought that this class would be hard, and that I would inevitably fail it, but I found that this class was interesting and rewarding.

Honestly, the work was hard and took a lot of effort but when the work was done I felt a sense of accomplishment that was incredibly satisfying. It's going to be very melancholy to say goodbye next month but I realize that my time here has been valuable and I've enjoyed nearly every moment of it. I highly recommend to anyone to take this class if they are interested in writing or layout but I would say that if you are not interested in those things you should still take this class because you never know if you're going to like it or not if you don't try it. I never thought that I would enjoy editing a newspaper as much as I did, but it was an interesting process. The experience and memories I have will be valuable to me later in life.



Marcus Moyer
Sports Editor

Hello, my name is Marcus Moyer, sports co-editor of The Signal. When I added Mass Media to my schedule last year, I honestly thought that it would be a free period for me to mess around with my friends. After the class started, I quickly realized that I was very wrong. Mass Media is far from a blow-off class. Writing for The Signal has taught me a multitude of things such as finishing things on time and interacting with people I may not be totally familiar with. I would recommend writing for The Signal to anybody interested in journalism or simply interested in getting involved in an organization at Shamokin.



Vincent Sawyer
Staff writer

My name is Vincent Sawyer, and I'm a senior of the class of 2022. It's been a long, interesting, and hardworking year. One of the most important and best parts of my school day was my Mass Media class. It helped me a lot with social interactions to make me a better person and to be a better public speaker. I learned to write all kinds of stories while becoming a better person overall. There are many other opportunities and values students can learn by taking this class. I think anyone would be lucky to have this experience. At first I wasn't sure if I could do it or be interested in it, but I really do appreciate everyone. I had an amazing time in Mass Media. I won't forget it. I can't wait to graduate and make my final byline to be published. That said, I'm a proud Signal member and I welcome you to come join!



Franklin Carranza
Staff photographer and writer

At the beginning of the year I was forced into this class and thought about dropping it the moment I came in. What a huge mistake that would have been. What a mistake that would have been. I definitely invite you to be a staff member of "The Signal." It's a great class, very fun, and an excellent opportunity to show your skills. If you're a writer, photographer, artist, composer, or if you just enjoy meeting people, taking Mass Media and working for The Signal is a good move. This year, I had the opportunity to meet Shamokin City Major John J. Brown, as well as other council members. I also had the opportunity to meet Nathan Grace, the youngest person to become mayor of a city, as well as US Congressman Dan Meuser's aide. In fact, he offered me the opportunity of becoming an intern with him and even being one of the photographers of his next campaign. Overall, this class opens up many doors for you. I would definitely recommend joining Mass Media.

**Farewell
and
Good Luck**

SA Alumni Association 139 years strong Association to award thousands of dollars in scholarships at banquet

By Benjamin Cohoon, *layout and design editor*

When members of the Class of 2022 participate in the commencement ceremony May 26 and walk across the stage to receive their diplomas to make their graduation official, they are also becoming SAHS alumni. The Shamokin Area High School Alumni Association is believed to be one of the oldest continuing active high school alumni associations in the country. The alumni association is a group of former Shamokin Area graduates that awards tens of thousands of dollars in college scholarships every year to graduating students for free, but few students actually know about it.

Last year, the SAHS Alumni Association presented over \$53,000 to the top 16 students who took the Alumni Exam. Seven awards were from the Coal Township Alumni Association while nine were from the Shamokin Area High School Alumni Association. In addition to these awards, eleven seniors received thousands of dollars from The R. Thomas Lynch Memorial Scholarship Fund and The Vincent P. DePiante and Elvira Mirarchi-DePiante Memorial Scholarship Fund. According to the Shamokin Area High School Alumni Association's recent newsletter, total scholarship payout, when extended for four years, equals \$213,600!

All Shamokin Area graduates should be grateful for, and proud of, the SAHS Alumni Association, which currently has over 20,792 members. According to its history, the first class graduated in 1877 and the alumni association formed in 1883 to support the school in keeping former students interested in Shamokin. The association was made up of graduating students, and from that year forward, focused its goals on the betterment of Shamokin Area students. According to its newsletter, the association has given 545 students scholarships since 1927.

For the 2022 school year, the association has been headed by five officers who all manage and orchestrate all association functions.. Current officers are Erik S. Anderson, president; Mary Anne Brennan Stump, vice president; Gregory Dwulet, treasurer; Jamie A. Hoffman Bordell, secretary, and Jeff Clutcher, Historian and Registrar. Each one of these officers are supported by several committees all specializing in one specific area or goal of the association. The councils are publicity, auditing, nominating, The Education Fund, program, memorabilia, class representatives, entertainment, banquet, bylaws, invitation/newsletter, website and awards.

Each committee is in charge of its own category involving the association. Publicity manages public relations and public outreach. Auditing deals with finances of the association and keeps records in order. Nominating is in charge of giving leadership roles to candidates. The Education Fund is responsible for the annual alumni banquet scholarships while Banquet and Program are in charge of setting up and catering the event while Entertainment sets up a band or other entertainment. Memorabilia is in charge of merchandise and the sale of it. Class Representatives are in charge of appointing a class rep for every graduating class of the alumni association. Bylaws manage the rules of the association and decide whether people are allowed to join or not. Invitation/newsletter are both involved in the periodic release of an association newsletter and invitations to send to guests of the banquet. Website is in charge of maintaining the website domain of the association. The awards committee is in charge of the yearly awards presented at the banquet. Each of these committees are responsible for all of the functions and activities the association is a part of throughout the year.

Some of these councils only have one or two members but some have three to ten members. For example Memorabilia and Class Representatives are both run by the same person, Jeffrey Clutcher, Class of '78. While on the other hand, The Education Fund has around 10 members and is led by Matthew Weller, Class of '91 and our very own guidance counselor. Of course, the amount of dedicated committee members is decided on how big of a workload the group has so groups in charge of the banquet and festivities would have more members.

One of the most important events the association sponsors every school year is the annual Alumni Exam where members of the senior class are invited and encouraged to take the exam and compete for one of fifteen scholarships. (ALUMNI, page 11)

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This year, the 139th Annual Banquet/Reunion will be held May 28 at Masser's Banquet Hall. During this event, the high school senior class is welcomed into the Alumni Association, scholarship winners are announced, and anniversary classes are honored. Traditionally, the banquet is held Memorial Day weekend; seniors who took the exam are invited to attend, and enjoy an evening of fellowship, a good meal, and reports about the association's members and activities.

As part of this year's celebration, Mr. John Clutcher, Class of '74 asked alumni to share their inspired thoughts in response to this prompt: What inspired you while attending Shamokin Area High School? Was it a teacher, fellow student or an event? We all have many worthwhile experiences to share. To view the responses, visit the school's website, click on the "About Us" title, and then the "Alumni" title, which will take you to the alumni association's webpage. Additionally, the site also contains information about school-related history, FAQs, a calendar, meeting minutes, banquet and commencement programs, lists of valedictorians and salutatorians, and so much more.

Besides sponsoring the Alumni Exam, the Alumni scholarships, and the Alumni Banquet, the association also works with many corporations that have "Employee Matching Gifts Programs," where the corporation will match the giving by eligible individuals to qualified institutions for educational programs.

Take a hike!

...or swim, or go on a road trip, or work...

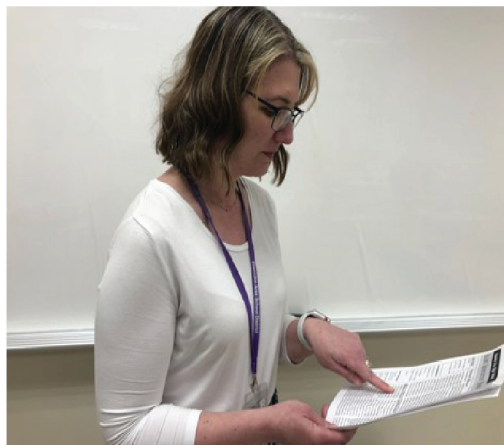
By Vincent Sawyer, *staff writer*

Ah yes! It's finally almost summer time and school is almost out. It's time to chill, be free, relax and learn to enjoy life again. Whatever you decide, always be careful in any situation, make smart decisions and try not to get into too much serious trouble. Make the most out of your break from school. Don't waste time in life; you'll regret it.

Some fun activities to do alone or with friends and loved ones are to go out for a walk, go to a park, play basketball, or play some other fun activities outside. Go on a roadtrip to somewhere you have never been. Climb a mountain, go on a hike, and enjoy the warm weather. Bathe in the sun or get a gym membership to work on yourself. Life is a beautiful thing.

If you're a teen it's a great time to start working, save up, and learn some discipline. Getting a job with a friend makes it easier and more fun. Knoebels has jobs in lifeguarding, food service, rides, and games. The Gun Club in Elysburg also offers jobs for students. There are many others at local stores, supermarkets, and restaurants.

The best part of summer is taking a vacation! Ask a friend or someone to go on vacation to the beach or anywhere just to get away. If you can't go on a vacation, meet a friend to play a game of basketball or catch, or just hangout. It's almost summer. Relax. Sit back. Clear your mind. Take it easy.



"Once you graduate and go out in the world you become part of a huge network of Shamokin area graduates. You can use this network to make connections to help yourself in your future career, and to also help future graduates coming up after you," stated Mrs. Stump, vice president of the Shamokin Area Alumni Association. Mrs. Stump review plans for the Alumni Banquet later this month. (Photo by Hannah Hess, features editor)

IN THE HALL

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

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Reese Allman
“I will attend Bloomsburg University and get a degree along the lines of computer science.”



Madison Smith
“Getting my gen eds at a community college and then transfer to university.”



Alexis Zawalick
“Going straight into the workforce.”



Rachael Schoch
“Going to Susquehanna to major in finance eventually to be an entrepreneur.”



Garrett Kitchen
“I will be attending Wilkes University to study mechanical engineering.”



Caleb Broschious
“I plan on either going to the Navy or Marines after high school.”



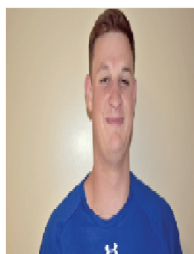
Jenna Barker
“Going to Wilson College on a scholarship.”



Brenden Beaver
“Going right into the workforce.”



Tommaso Sperandio
“I’m going to Susquehanna University to major in history.”



Riley Macalus
“I want to be a farmer.”



Dallas Scicchitano
“I plan on attending Elizabethtown College in their school of engineering, I’m hoping to intern and gain a job from there.”



Ashan Clinton
“I will be working for law enforcement.”

SHINTOWN SENIORITIS INFECTS SCHOOL POPULATION

By Carter Smink, *sports co-editor and copy editor*

High school students everywhere have heard of the term “Senioritis.” This terrible illness is found almost exclusively in high school seniors, mainly through self-diagnosis. However, such a controversial disease is often accompanied with a host of exaggerations regarding its destructiveness. So, what better way to find out more about Senioritis than to ask some Shamokin Area seniors?

Students with Senioritis suffer from a variety of symptoms, such as lack of motivation, poor attendance, increased tardiness, and lower grades.

When asked if he had experience with Senioritis, Shamokin Area senior Tommaso Sperandeo commented, “Yes, especially earlier in the school year. I would sign out after 6th period to go home and sleep before my shift at OIP. It went away for a little while, but I think it might be returning.”

Senior Gina Carapellucci was also going to be asked about her experience with Senioritis, but she wasn’t even in school to share a response. It seems her battle with Senioritis is self-explanatory...

Although these symptoms don’t affect every senior at Shamokin, it appears most have experienced at least one at some point in their high school career. However, there is one miraculous cure to Senioritis. Known as “Graduation,” this phenomenon instantly cures seniors of all symptoms, sending them into the summer with great anticipation for the future.



Mr. McGugan, left, winces as senior Gina Carapellucci slacks off during class. (Photo by: Erika Bellinger, staff writer)

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Teachers seniors will miss

By Zak Zanella, *news editor*; Carter Smink, *sports-co-editor and copy editor*; and Dallas Scicchitano, *managing editor*

What teacher are you going to miss the most? Why?

Carter Smink - “I’m going to miss many, but there are four main ones I’ll miss. **Miss Zettelmoyer**, because she makes learning Spanish so much easier, and the more I’ve gotten to know her, the more I enjoyed being around her. I will also miss **Mrs. Shaffer**, because she taught me for 3 years and is a great person. **Mr. Grybos**, because he was my favorite soccer coach, and **Mr. Major**, because of his great sense of humor and his ability to make a complex class enjoyable.”

I.R. - “**Mr. Haupt**, because he’s nice and he’s a great conversationalist.”

Marcus Moyer - “I would say **Mrs. Shaffer**, because I liked the roster of students in the class and she’s a good teacher, **Mr. Major** because he does a good job of teaching physics, and **Mr. Grybos**, because he was my soccer coach and teaches a fun class.”

Ben Cohoon - “I will miss **Mrs. Shaffer**, **Mr. Guerrero-Kees**, **Mr. Haupt** and **Mr. Bailey** because they are all unique and take a completely different approach to teaching.”

Karrah Kurtz - “**Mrs. Makowski**, because I can talk to her about all my problems and she is really nice.”

Sadie Komara - “**Ms. Zettelmoyer**, because she cares about her students and wants to see you succeed.”

Gabby Wagner - “**Ms. Cheunes**, I feel like she is a very intelligent person and [an impressive woman]. [She is] very open and easy to talk to, she is a girl boss.”

Want to be a 'rich brat'? Follow these steps

By Franklin Carranza, *staff photographer, staff writer, and self-proclaimed rich brat*

Do you want to become successful financially sooner rather than later? If so, strive to be a rich brat. By definition, a rich brat is someone who is sassy, confident, cocky, bossy, and commanding. A rich brat knows his or her limits, but is a bada**, doesn't care what the other people think or want, and does whatever he or she wants to do to become successful. Rich brats are extroverts, well-spoken, and have some unique moves that set them above the rest.

There are some simple steps to becoming a rich brat. Yes, simple steps, but that doesn't mean it's an escape from good old hard work.

Inspiration: Find inspiration. My inspiration came from personal struggle. Other people's inspiration can be avarice or something positive. Any type of inspiration you can find will push you to do the following steps.

Dedication: Dedicate yourself to what you're going to do. You need to make sure it's what you want to do. Make sure you're on top of it every day and every hour.

Consistency: Be consistent with the time you spend on your interest and in doing it. For example, if you offer leaf blowing services on Facebook, be consistent by advertising it every day.

Discipline and responsibility: Discipline yourself to learn, to do your job well, and to not slack off. Be responsible with your tools, your investments, your earnings, and your producers.

Successful mindset: If you want to be rich, start thinking like someone who is. Start planning and making ideas like an already successful person does. Start making decisions like one. Find and be with people who think what you think and want what you want and surround yourself with successful people.

Action: Planning is necessary, but if you do not take action, you will never be a rich brat. Don't just think of a plan; put that plan into action and make it happen. Be active in organizations and in the community. Get involved, because that is how you meet people.

Personal appearance: Look professional and appealing, smell good, don't have a greasy and musty face, and dress nicely. Wear clothing that makes you look like someone with a lot of money. Do not wear clothes that make you look lazy.

Have power moves: For example; write or say your last name before your first name (like "Bond, James Bond"). Look people in the eyes if they say something to insult you, give them a compliment, and then walk away. Always have good posture; it makes you look more confident. Use impressive vocabulary ('big' words). If you must, use 'hidden' insults ("Be yourself, but be better.") Use metaphors to clarify your points. Talk to people as if they are inferior to show your confidence.

Have some 'catch' phrases: Some of mine are "Move it." "I'm the baddest of them all." "I know." "Of course...it's me!"

Final thought: Whenever you're sad, stop. "When I get sad I stop being sad and be awesome instead. True Story." Barney Stinson, HIMYM character (Neil Patrick Harris). This is my favorite saying!

Do you remember.....

By Hannah Hess, *features editor*; Emily Thomas, *staff writer*

Seeing everyone unmasked for the first time in two years

Friday night football games

Homecoming dance

Trunk or Treat

Coming to school whether it be a tundra or a desert

Downtown parades

New orchestra teacher

Music department concerts

Annual Talent Show

New security guards



Shamokin hosts district orchestra

Successful basketball seasons

New charging stations

Samantha Stancavage and Hannah Bashore qualifying for PMEA Region IV Choral festival

Sold out musical for both nights

11th and 12th grade English trip to BTE

The Little Mermaid

Twosday

Act 80s every first Friday of the month

Skye Adams	Robert Depeal	Jasmine Kleman	Jason Rhodes	Davin Traver
Reese Alleman	Dominic Diehl	John Kodack III	Hunter Rodman	Sarah Vazquez
Wade Alleman	Cody Dombrowski	Sadie Komara	Brenden Rogers	Bradly Wagner
Kathleen Amato	Savanah Ducharme	Austin Kopp	Michael Roman	Gabrielle Wagner
Katrina Angstadt	Lewis Ebersole	Karrah Kurtz	Isabella Rosado	Isabella Wagner
Infinite Artis-Jones	Mathias Eckbold	Kalli Lahr	Michael Rosetta	Allison Walters
Samantha Bainbridge	Reilley Eisenbaugh	Cayan Lee	Mackenzie Rowe	Madyson Waugh
Alexis Baker	Matthew Eisenhauer	Booker Lewis	Francis Sanzotto	Ava Weikel
Ashley Baker	Devyn Erb	Brian Long	Vincent Sawyer	Christian Wesloskie
Skye Balonis	Abigail Eschbach	Matthew Long	Hannah Schaeffer	Gavin Wetzel
Kloey Baney	Andraya Faust	Riley Macaluso	Rachel Schoch	Tyler Whary
Jenna Barker	Michael Faux	Maximus Madden	Thomas Schoenknecht	Emily Wheary
Dan Bartholomew	Omar Figueroa	Maryann Maldonado	Lindsay Schuck	Elyse Whitmer
Brenden Beaver	Zandra Finkelstein	Valentin Martinez	Dallas Scicchitano	Logan Williams
Julissa Bednar	Kendra Flowers	Damion Mayenschein	Brady Sebasovich	Delroy Wolf
Adam Bentinez	Rachael Fortune	Iris McKown	Ashton Seedor	Leea Wolfe
Braydon Billig	Aaron Frasch	Christian Medina Jr.	Colin Seedor	Dawilton Wood
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Caydin Bowers	Olivia Geist	Dominic Michaels	Jadyn Shipe	Nathaniel Yost
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Caleb Broschious	Craig Grebe	Joseph Miner	Brooke Shull	Cynthia Zheng
Tucker Brosh	Jared Green	Paris Monroe	Jesse Shultz	Kolbie Zuech
Jaedyn Brown	Kayla Harvey	Savannah Monroe	Jaiveer Singh	
Jada Burd	Robert Harvey	Marcus Moyer	Kandi Slodysko	
Natalia Burton	Austin Heffner	Adell Munson	Ariana Smallwood	
Zy'aire Campbell	Lauryn Helt	Harlee Murphy	Carter Smink	
Gina Carapellucci	George Heverly Jr.	Xavier Negron	Bray Smith	
Santino Carapellucci	Destiny Hinkle	Samantha Nicola	Madisen Smith	
Franklin Carranza Jacinto	Emily Honicker	Morgan Nolter	Sarah Snavelly	
Gilbert Chelborg	Sarah Hoover	Gavin Nye	Carol Snyder	
Tahtiana Cintron	Annie Hornberger	Brian Olszewski	Katheryn Snyder	
Ahsan Clinton	Madison Hoy	Carson Ososkie	Scott Snyder Jr.	
Benjamin Cohoon	Layla Hunter	Brianna Pancher	Diego Soto	
Cecilio Cole	Kaley Hynoski	Bryce Pancher	Tommaso Sperandeo	
Terelina Conbeer	Nyirah Jackson	Alyssa Paul	Henry Stevens	
Richard Conner Jr.	Taylor Jarrell	Natalia Pazmino	Dakota Stewart	
Brent Costa	Leann Johnston	Nadia Pearson	Carson Sutsko	
Jordan Cruse	Isabelle Kapushinski	Michael Peifer	John Swank	
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