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## A "Funner" Day for Huskies & Special Education Students

BY AMELIA ZOLLNER AND CLAIRE DWYER



Students play with a parachute, one of the many activities provided at this year's Funner Olympics.

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Students in Service Over Self and special education students from around Arlington Heights gathered in the field house for Funner Olympics on May 22.

Every year, Funner Olympics hosts a variety of games and activities. Some students acted as a buddy for the special education students while others ran booths, allowing for a wide variety of games and activities that students were free to navigate their ways through. "I liked running a booth because I got to interact with many different children instead of just one," sophomore Lauren Steininger said.

Funner Olympics provided an opportunity for special education students to try new activities. "[Something new I tried was] the party bus," Jocelyn Doby, a student from Miner School, said. From flying kites to sidewalk chalk, plenty of activities are available to capture each student's unique interests.

The young students aren't the only ones who enjoy the experience. High school students find joy through giving back to the community and interacting with the students.

"I was able to connect with my buddy at

funner Olympics particularly through dancing," sophomore Joanna Malec said. "She had such an amazing attitude the whole day and loved to dance all over the dance area."

The teachers of the young students laud the event as an opportunity for their young students to reach outside of their comfort zone and as a break from their typical routine. "They really look forward to it every year. They love having a high school buddy for the day, and getting to be with their peers, but in a different, less restrictive environment. It's a great opportunity for them to grow socially too. It's a fun day, all about them, and I know they really appreciate and enjoy it. Even if they can't quite articulate it the way we can," Corrie Freres, a teacher at Miner School, said.

With hopes to continue this unique tradition for years to come, students are excited for the opportunities that lie ahead, recognizing that the months of planning the event pay off with the smiles that the event creates.

"The other kids and buddies at Funner Olympics seemed to be having an amazing time! Everywhere I looked I saw smiles and laughter making the whole environment an amazing one to experience," Malec said. "It felt really good seeing so many Hersey students help out in such a unique day."



Senior Jan Bautista, one of the event's organizers, dances with a student.



Sophomores Natalie Wozny and Joanna Malec pose with MacArthur student Stephanie Wozny.



Sophomores Alyssa Flowers, Natalia Kubsik, and junior Megan Mullen pose with their buddy.

Sophomore Emma Donner dances with her buddy.

## Graduation Seating Brings Stress

BY CLAIRE DWYER

**G**raduation season is rapidly approaching, and with the joy and excitement for many graduates, there is also stress. From receiving enough tickets for the ceremony, seating at the ceremony, along with pictures and other logistics, seniors have a lot to plan out leading up to graduation day celebrations.

The ticket policy for graduation is very strict. Every graduate receives 4 tickets, and with every family receiving no more than 7

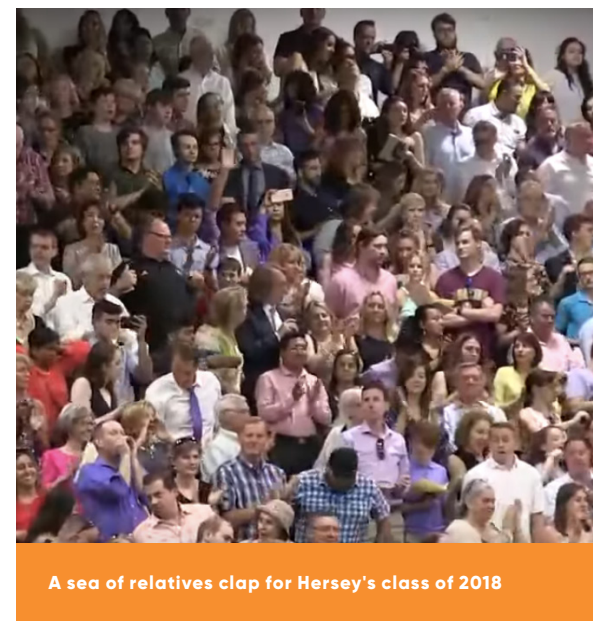
tickets during the ticket lottery in February, there is sometimes a scramble to receive extra tickets. "I was able to get enough tickets as I wasn't inviting many family. If I had tried to invite everyone I wanted to then I definitely would not have had enough tickets," senior Lucy Bornhorst said.

Due to the limited seating capacity of the gym, with 2000 seats available in the gym and an additional 475 tickets available in the theater, tickets are almost always extremely limited.

However, some graduates enjoy the limited number of tickets available. "Only the people in my immediate family want to come and they are covered," senior Cassidy Ginder said. "I wish they could fit everyone into the gym, but the theater is a nice option for grandparents and other relatives that need better seats than the bleachers," Bornhorst said.

Some students believe an outdoor ceremony could be a possible solution. "If it's outside, hopefully then you could have more family members there. I'm really worried we won't have enough tickets because we have a massive family," junior Dana Palmer said.

However, even with the possibilities of an outdoor ceremony allowing for more space, the question of the weather always looms. "For the current system, I think that it is nice to have technological availabilities in the gym, such as air conditioning and easier microphone control, but I would not have a problem with them moving the ceremony outside. I think that the current processes are easier though because



A sea of relatives clap for Hersey's class of 2018

they are not weather dependent," Ginder said.

Some schools have graduation ceremonies at other venues for increased seating capacity, which some believe could be a possible solution to seating capacity limitations. "I know Fremd does theirs at the Sear Center, which would be a better spot as we could fit lots of people, and it would be better seats," Bornhorst said.

Upcoming seniors, however, hope to see some changes with the current system. "The gym is just so crowded, and hot, and just really congested. I remember the Thomas graduation was just really crowded," junior Gwen Scott said.



The overcrowded bleachers during the Hersey 2018 graduation

## Proposed Club Encourages Girls in STEM

BY CLAIRE DWYER

**W**omen comprise approximately half of the US workforce, but only 29% are in STEM related fields, according to the National Girls Collaboration Project. In addition, of this 29%, only 25% are in the field of computer science and only 15% are in the field of engineering.

Rising seniors Amelie Smithson and Karolina Groszewska have a plan to try and change some of these statistics. The pair introduced a plan to establish a new computer coding club, called Techettes, with an emphasis on encouraging girls into STEM related fields.

"Our goal for the club is to provide a safe and welcoming environment for girls interested in learning about Computer Science. We hope to teach girls about coding and about the opportunities out there for them in Computer Science," Smithson said.

STEM, or science, technology, engineering, and math, is one of the fastest growing fields in the workforce. And although women earn

nearly 60% of all bachelor's degrees in the US as of 2013, only 18% of bachelor's degrees in computer science majors. The lack of gender diversity has prompted some to take action at an earlier stage, exposing female students to STEM opportunities at a younger age.

Starting next school year, Smithson and Groszewska hope the club brings new opportunities and resources for beginning and expert coders alike. With a final goal of possibly coding a complete video game, the two hope to spark students' interests in STEM related majors and careers. The club is also ideal for students who may have limited flexibility in their schedules to take a full computer science course.

Techettes also hopes to curb some negative stereotypes associated with STEM related careers. When middle school aged girls were asked to describe what they thought of when they heard of a coder, Fortune reports that students often responded with "nerdy" or "a man". With an encouraging club supporting students every step of the way, Smithson and Groszewska hope to shed light on the positives of gender diversity in computer science.

## West Side Story

BY ANNEKEN LE BOUAR AND ANGELIKI VITOGIANNIS

**T**hroughout the first week in May, West Side Story had been performing at the Lyric Opera in Chicago. Hersey fine arts students were fortunate enough to experience this thrilling Broadway performance. On May 8th, choir, band, orchestra, and acting students got to spend the day watching, learning, and celebrating the end of the school year.

As member of Hersey's Chamber Choir, Junior Jacklyn Kragt attended this year's performance of West Side Story. "This field trip came about in choir. Every year we go to a different musical and this year it was West Side Story." Kragt was absolutely amazed with the Broadway performance and hopes to encourage others to go see West Side Story as well. "I wasn't expecting how complicated the dancing would be. My expectations definitely changed for the better. The most exciting this for me was where we were sitting. We got to sit in box seats on the second balcony and even had our own little room." As a choir member, Kragt received a greater understanding of exactly how important diction is while singing. "When anyone even slightly mumbled a word, you couldn't really understand what they were saying." Overall, Jacklyn Kragt believes West Side Story is a show everyone should see.

Junior Nina Gillespie who is a part Hersey's band also had the opportunity to go see West Side Story. "I was really excited before hand seeing the show especially in such a high caliber environment. It was really cool

and we were able to see the original choreography from when the show was first put together. I just didn't know what to expect, especially how amazing the singers and musical pit would be, so I was just blown away."

Kinga Pacana is a member of the JHHS symphony orchestra. She was very excited about seeing the show and ended up being extremely impressed. Unfortunately, she wasn't able to see into the pit, but Pacana still enjoyed the show from the boxed seats. "I just liked the singing and the dancing and then the set was really cool and then the actors were really good, too", said Kinga Pacana and would definitely recommend the show.

Freshman Otto Brautigam went with the acting class to see the performance. Despite the other fine arts departments he and his class had a few critics- "It was mainly the casting and the costuming and some of the choices that were made. For costuming I just didn't like what a few people were wearing; that didn't make a lot of sense." Overall, he still enjoyed the show, in particular just spending time with his acting class and talking about it afterwards.

"It's like this modern story of Romeo and Juliet. That story was just really awesome and powerful and it's fun how they changed and modernized it in their own way. I would just have liked to see something more original than trying to be the original story."

For the Fine Arts Program, West Side Story was an amazing way to conclude the year. Students really got the experience of a lifetime!

## May Food: Ice Cream

BY JOSH HO AND SAM SOBCZAK

### CREAM BAR:

**Cost:** \$5/ Cookie Ice Cream Sandwich  
**Taste:** 7/10  
**Appearance:** 7/10  
**Location:** 8/10

### MY FLAVOR IT! PLACE:

**Cost:** \$3.59/ Small Shaved Ice  
**Taste:** 8/10  
**Appearance:** 9/10  
**Location:** 8/10

### KILWINS:

**Cost:** \$6/ One Scoop  
**Taste:** 8/10  
**Appearance:** 6/10  
**Location:** 10/10

Tucked away in the Streets of Woodfield is the Cream Bar, a dessert shop that offers a wide variety of ice cream and cookie creations. The Cream Bar allows guests to choose up to two different kinds of cookies and one ice cream flavor for an ice cream sandwich. They also sell traditional sundaes and cookies for those who prefer something lighter.

The atmosphere is very modern, with warm tungsten lights and various wood patterns. The location provides ample seating for guests, sheltering them from the hot sun.

This leads to the main problem with the Cream Bar: the ice cream melts extremely easily. Although the ice cream and cookies are undoubtedly delicious, the ice cream sandwiches melt quickly, resulting in a messy eating experience.

Despite this, the Cream Bar is still worth checking out for its customizable treats.

For those looking for a unique dessert experience, head to one of My Flavor It! Place's four locations in the Chicagoland area. We visited their location in Palatine, only a 15-minute drive from Hersey. My Flavor It! Place offers authentic Hawaiian shaved ice in a variety of flavors that can be combined to create thousands of combinations. If you can think of a flavor, My Flavor It! Place can most likely make it for you. The shop also sells ice cream, which can be combined with the shaved ice to create a dessert unlike any other.

Immediately noticeable is the bright and lively appearance of the shop. From bright yellow tables to rainbow-spotted trash cans, My Flavor It! Place takes great care to create a fun environment for guests.

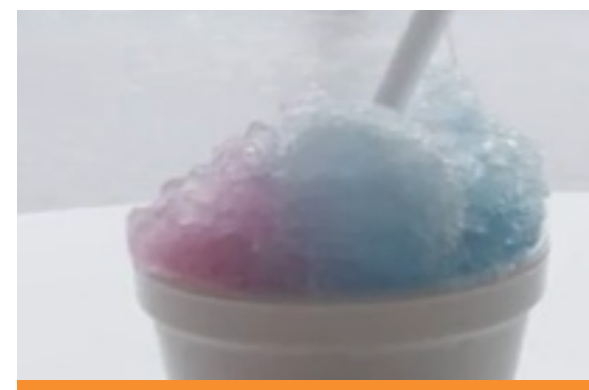
Their shaved ice comes in four sizes: junior, small, medium, and large. Surprisingly, even their junior-sized shaved ice was filling. Their 100% cane sugar flavor syrups give the shaved ice a very sweet flavor that doesn't feel too overpowering. The flavors that we tried were very authentic. The cotton candy syrups tasted exactly like cotton candy.

Overall, My Flavor It! Place provides unique desserts with large portions and affordable prices. Their shaved ice is the perfect treat for a hot summer day.

Located in the heart of Downtown Arlington Heights, newly-opened Kilwins has tasty treats for everyone. Kilwins sells ice cream in a variety of flavors, ranging from classics like cookie dough to unique creations like Superman. They also feature homemade fudge and other assorted chocolate treats.

The location has a very unique aesthetic and feels like an authentic dessert shop. However, one downside is the lack of seating inside the shop. Customers looking for a seat are forced to enjoy their treats on the benches located by the sidewalk.

The ice cream is very creamy and rich, and comes with fairly large portions. However, the price is steep, with one scoop costing \$6. Although expensive, the richness and intense flavor is sure to delight dessert-lovers everywhere.



Cotton Candy shaved ice from My Flavor It! Place

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MY FLAVOR IT!  
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Video by Josh Ho

# Summer is... CONCERT SEASON

**T**his summer, a plethora of artists will be making their way to Chicago as part of their summer tours. Plenty of students already have their tickets and are already anticipating shows over the summer. In honor of summer being a few short weeks away, we spoke to a few students about the summer shows they're looking forward to.

## Students Gear up for Summer Concerts Around Chicago

BY AMELIA ZOLLNER AND ANGELICA VITIOGIANNIS

### Shawn Mendes

The wait is finally over! On June 27 and 28, Shawn Mendes: The Tour will be coming to Rosemont. Both nights, the concert will begin at 7:30pm, at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont. Not only is Mendes performing, but on June 28, Alessia Cara will be the opening guest. Ticket prices range from \$69 - \$400+. In total, this will be Mendes's third tour and expectations have definitely risen over the past five years since his first concert. Junior Laura Zak is one of the many attending and even though she has not attended in the past, she is still looking forward to the concert. "I'm looking forward to seeing Shawn Mendes specifically because his personality differs from other musicians and I think it's cool the kind of music he makes at such a young age," Zak said. "I've been listening to his music with my friends for years so it's awesome to finally get to hear it live."

### Summerfest

Located just an hour away in Milwaukee, Summerfest is a great summer concert option for students looking to save money on festival tickets. Single day tickets are around \$20 and grant ticketholders the ability to see a wide variety of up-and-coming bands, while paying extra money to get into larger stages to see headliners sets attendees back around an extra \$50. This can be pricey, but if you're set on seeing one of the headliners, which include Billie Eilish, The Killers, Bon Iver, Lord Huron, and plenty of others to fill the festival's two-week span, the extra money is definitely worth it. If you're not determined to see any of those artists, though, the general admission single-day ticket is still a great way to see plenty of bands.



Singer/songwriter Khalid, who tours Chicago in July

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### Billie Eilish

Rising artist-turned pop star Billie Eilish will be making a stop at the Aragon on June 9. Eilish, whose popularity exploded after her single "ocean eyes", was playing bar-sized venues and tiny stages at low-profile festivals just a few years ago. The fact that her popularity instantaneously gained her a spot at the Aragon is definitely impressive, especially since she's only 17. The concert will feature opener Denzel Curry and tickets are priced at around \$55. Since it's only one of Eilish's first tours, many fans are ecstatic to see her for the first time.

### Khalid

In support of his sophomore album Free Spirit, the breakout pop artist Khalid will be stopping at the United Center on July 25. Over the past few years, the artist has garnered praise due to his relaxing music that's perfect to listen to over the summer, and his concert at the United Center with rising artist Clairo will surely be a perfect way to escape the summer sun. Tickets range from \$50 to a few hundred dollars. "I'm really excited to go to the show because I think it'll be an experience with really chill and positive energy and I'll get to see one of my favorite artists with some of my best friends," sophomore Samantha Corley said.

## An Exhilarating, Cathartic Break from AP Testing with The 1975

BY AMELIA ZOLLNER

**A**fter two years since their last stop in Chicago, the British pop-rock outfit The 1975 played the United Center on May 8. As a huge fan of the band, along with a few other students, I decided to sacrifice studying for AP tests for a night to go see the band for the third time.

For those who haven't heard of them, the band The 1975 is somewhat of a powerhouse in the alternative music scene. They rose to fame after the release of their self-titled debut album, but their most recent album, A Brief Inquiry Into Online Relationships, finally earned the band the critical praise that they deserve and a worldwide arena tour. Since the beginning, though, the band has had a cult following comprised of incredibly devoted fans, so it was no surprise that when I arrived at the venue with my friends that people were already lined up, some having camped overnight in an act of rebellion against the venue's no-camping policy and in a desperate bid to watch the show from the barricade.

After waiting in line for hours, weaving our way through security, and getting general admission wristbands, we were inside. Fans conversed with friends as the pit slowly filled up.

The first to take the stage was opener No Rome, The 1975's labelmate. Although No Rome lacked the stage presence of the following two bands, this tour was his first ever, and playing the United Center that early in a musical career is impressive. Despite not knowing most of his songs, the crowd bopped their heads to his trap-infused dreamy beats, a welcome change from most crowds' disinterest in opening bands.

Shortly after No Rome's set, the second opener Pale Waves graced the stage. There's no denying that all the band's members are talented, but after a few minutes, their '80s-inspired songs began to sound too similar, as each song lacked something to differentiate it from the next. Still, their songs, especially the fan favorite "There's A Honey", had the crowd dancing and singing along.

The second after Pale Waves left the stage, my heart was racing. It had been two years

since the band's last stop in Chicago and I was ecstatic to see them again. The crowd felt the same way, too; the energy before a The 1975 show is unlike no other. People gradually grew more anxious as a lengthened recording of "Love Theme" played through speakers became louder. Suddenly, the lights went out and the band walked on as fans screamed the lyrics to the self-titled track "The 1975".

The band, fronted by chaotically charismatic singer Matty Healy, dove straight into "Give Yourself A Try", an energetic rock tune that fans yelled the lyrics to, phones recording as they pushed their way up to the barricade. People standing in the seated area respectfully swayed to each song, but in the pit, the energy was like no other arena show; fans danced with their hands up during almost every song, jumping and screaming carefully memorized lyrics back.

The band maneuvered through a mixture of songs from their trio of albums, making sure to hit all the newest album's singles and old favorites. Songs like "She's American" and "Loving Someone" showcased the band's ability to present a wide variety of genres, with drummer George Daniel, bassist Ross MacDonald, and guitarist Adam Hann all standing out as great musicians.

The 1975 has been known to stick to "eras", redoing their aesthetic for each album cycle. This tour, they went for a revamped stage design, sticking to their classic rectangle theme with a large neon rectangle in the center of the stage. They also brought along the Jaii Twins, two dancers that livened up the stage alongside Healy's entertaining and slightly awkward dance moves. There were plenty of surprises in store, too. During the jazz-inspired track "Sincerity Is Scary", Healy jumped onto a treadmill that was built into the stage and recreated parts of the corresponding music video.

Much later in the set, the band toned things down for an arrangement of slower, sadder songs. During "Robbers", "You", and "Fallingforyou", people around me sang back as if their lives depended on it, some crying in a moment of catharsis.

After an emotional performance of "I Always Wanna Die (Sometimes)", the band left the stage and reentered for an encore. Their next song, "Love It If We Made It", was undeniably the show's highlight. "Love It If We Made It" became one of the band's most popular songs after positive reviews from the pickiest of publications. It's a powerful political anthem that regards almost every single headline that has been written over the past few years, and as the band played it, I could feel every the audience's anger at our country's current political state in their voices, with every single attendee screaming back the lyrics colossally louder than Healy.

We were all tired from singing along, but it wasn't over. After playing two more of their most popular songs, The 1975 began playing "The Sound". At every show, Healy commands the entire crowd to jump during Hann's guitar solo. Of course, this show was no different, and at the end of the song, we all jumped, nearly falling over and running into each other.

I left the pit exhausted from dancing my heart out, sweaty from being crowded in such a small space with thousands of people, and having lost my voice from screaming lyrics. But even though it was one of the most exhausting crowds I've been in, I somehow left feeling energized and temporarily released from the stress of AP testing week. And, above all else, I was ready to see them again two days later in Milwaukee.



The 1975 plays for a packed crowd at the United Center on May 8.

PHOTO BY AMELIA ZOLLNER

## Can't make it to a concert? Stream these summer songs curated by our entertainment writers instead!

### Josh

Modern Love / David Bowie  
Pool / Paramore  
Where Did The Party Go / Fall Out Boy

### Amelia

Audio Pono / Feed Me Jack  
The Man of Metropolis Steals Our Hearts / Sufjan Stevens  
Flowers for All Occasions / Blood Cultures  
Strawberita / Remo Drive

### Alexis

The Less I Know The Better / Tame Impala  
Midsummer Madness / 88rising  
The Other Side / Conan Gray  
Verite / Claire Laffut

### Max

We Didn't Start The Fire / Billy Joel  
Pretty Young Girl / Logic  
Come And Get Your Love / Redbone



Billie Eilish performs at Bonnaroo in 2018.

PHOTO BY AMELIA ZOLLNER



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## Ranking The Marvel Cinematic Universe

BY JOSH HO AND MAX GARCIA

The Marvel Cinematic Universe has left a major impact in the movie industry and pop culture in general. For the past 11 years, Marvel has been producing movies for fans new and old all over the world. With the recent release of Avengers: Endgame, let's take a look at the past, present, and future of the MCU, as well as some of the film's achievements.

### RECORDS:

The MCU has broken many records over the past 11 years, many of them thanks to Avengers: Endgame. Endgame has broken 11 records already and may break more. Some of the records include the most viewed movie trailer in 24 hours, most ticket presales, widest release ever, and fastest movie to \$1 billion. Other Marvel movies have also set records. Black Panther was the highest-grossing solo superhero movie ever, and half of the highest grossing movies of all time are from the MCU (Avengers Endgame, Avengers: Infinity War, Marvel's The Avengers, Avengers: Age Of Ultron, Black Panther)

### THE FUTURE:

After the events of Avengers: Endgame and the shock it has brought to all audiences, fans are dying to see what the future of the MCU holds. It's already been confirmed that Spider-Man: Far From Home, which comes out on July 2nd, will be the first movie to take place after the events in Endgame. The film will follow Spider-Man as he must step up to take on new threats in a world that has changed forever. Although nothing else has been officially announced yet for the MCU, it has been confirmed that sequels to Doctor Strange and Black Panther will be produced, as well as a third installment to the Guardians Of The Galaxy franchise. A Black Widow prequel detailing the character's origins is also in the works. Finally, a movie based on the character Shang Chi, a master martial artist, has been confirmed.

### EASTER EGGS:

The Marvel Universe has so many easter eggs that it could take pages to write them all so here are just some fan favorites. Spoilers ahead if you haven't seen these movies. First off this can be considered a easter egg or not, but in Avengers: Infinity War when Thanos sends his minions to get the Time Stone from Doctor Strange, Peter Parker is on the bus going on a field trip and his hairs on his arms stick up, confirming that Spider-Man has spider-sense. A neat little callback to the 80s occurs when the Guardians are introduced in Infinity War. We can see Groot playing the 1981 arcade game Defender (the handheld model which was released one year later). At the end of Infinity War when Thanos finally got his desire and snapped half the universe away, he escapes to a farmland. This may seem odd to a new viewer, but fans of the comics recognize this as the place where Thanos is exiled after losing to the Avengers. In Avengers: Endgame when Thor, Iron Man, and Captain America are fighting Thanos, Thanos pins Thor down. When Thor summons his axe, Stormbreaker, Thanos grabs it and tries to shove it in Thor's chest. This parallels what Thor did to Thanos back in Infinity War. The audience then sees Mjolnir fly up and hit Thanos in the face. It is then shown that Captain America is worthy of wielding Mjolnir. This is a reference to not only the comics where Captain America is seen wielding it but also a reference to Avengers: Age of Ultron. In one of the film's most memorable scenes, all the Avengers are try and fail to lift Mjolnir. However, when Captain America tries to lift Mjolnir, it starts to shake, indicating that Captain America may be worthy. Finally in one of the final scenes in Avengers: Endgame, when Tony steals all the stones from Thanos, he says "I am Iron Man." This is a callback to the ending of the original Iron Man movie where Iron Man announces to the public that he is Iron Man.

### THE RANKINGS:

#### 1. SPIDERMAN: HOMECOMING

Spider-Man: Homecoming is the second reboot of the Spider-Man character and is recognized as one of the best movies in the MCU. Tom Holland plays the character of Peter Parker and Spider-Man perfectly and Michael Keaton who plays The Vulture played the role very well with most fans thought his performance would be low they then later said that they enjoyed it very much, the side cast is a joy to have with characters like Ned and Aunt May played by Jacob Batalon and Marisa Tomei are a joy to have and bring a lot of fun. With lots of twist and turns and a very simple but motivational story, your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man is back in action.

#### 2. AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR

2018's Avengers: Infinity War is deemed one of the best movies in the MCU, with the perfect balance of story and action, Infinity War is a masterpiece and celibates Marvels 10th anniversary perfectly with a beautiful cast and crew. While the story does have some flaws it still doesn't take away from the fact that almost every Marvel hero is here and are going to try and stop Thanos from getting rid of half the universe. Perfect build up for the future of the MCU.

#### 3. GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 2

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 is the sequel to 2014's Guardians of the Galaxy and is such a fun movie to watch it really puts a smile on ones face while watching. With having a heartwarming story and great acting, Vol. 2 is a joy to watch. This movie also has some really awesome character development and makes the world feel so real.

#### 4. AVENGERS: ENDGAME

Billed as the culmination of a decade of storytelling, Endgame does not disappoint. The three-hour runtime allows the film to explore the relationships between characters in depth. The film's use of time travel could cause viewers some confusion, however it is executed coherently enough to not detract from the film. This movie is by far the most emotional MCU film and is a surprisingly touching study on how humans deal with grief.

#### 5. GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

James Gunn's 2014 film is one of the quirkiest films in the MCU, with a ragtag ensemble cast and a distinctly 70s soundtrack. This movie is responsible for rejuvenating the MCU with style, proving that not all superhero movies need to be dark and serious. The film's tone and color palette complement each other well, resulting in a film that is pure fun.

#### 6. THOR: RAGNAROK

Thor: Ragnarok is probably the funniest MCU movie ever, this wacky space adventure starring Thor is what fans never thought they wanted but are so glad they got it and with Chris Hemsworth's amazing acting it's such a joy to watch. The only problem with this movie is that the villain is pretty boring and has the laziest motivations. With a few fixes to the story Thor: Ragnarok would be much higher on the list.

#### 7. CAPTAIN AMERICA: THE WINTER SOLDIER

Captain America: The Winter Soldier is a very enjoyable movie to watch. This MCU movie is on the more serious end of Marvel movies but that is not a bad thing at all. The plot can get kinda slow at times with a few plot holes but the acting and characters make up for that. With introductions of Falcon and The Winter Soldier this is still a very enjoyable movie to watch and is very important for the timeline and upcoming events for the MCU.

#### 8. IRON MAN

Iron Man is the film that started it all. This movie achieved the impossible: taking a lesser known intellectual property and developing it into one of the most iconic figures in modern pop culture. Gorgeously shot on celluloid film, Iron Man solidified Robert Downey Jr.'s career resurrection and kicked off the MCU.

#### 9. THE AVENGERS

This superhero team-up took the world by storm, combining multiple superheroes and integrating their storylines into a cohesive sequel. The revolutionary storytelling method reinforced Hollywood's obsession with sequels and reboots. With a star-studded cast and dozens of epic shots, The Avengers remains one of the most entertaining films in the MCU.

#### 10. CAPTAIN AMERICA

Captain America is a touching period piece about soldiers during World War II. The film's political commentary feels especially applicable in today's climate, increasing this movie's watchability. Chris Evans, who before this film mainly played heartthrobs in teen movies, carries the story with his charismatic performance. Although the film has pacing and tonal issues, the movie is a good introduction to America's favorite captain.

#### 11. CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR

Captain America: Civil War has very mixed opinions in the fan base. While the acting is fine and the action is awesome they story was really flat at times and Tony Stark was very out of character and it just didn't make sense how he was acting in some scenes. But this movie did introduce one of the most iconic superhero of all time, Spider-Man makes his debut in the MCU and it's amazing to see him back in action, another drawback is how altered it was from the source material.

#### 12. DOCTOR STRANGE

This movie was responsible for introducing the Time Stone into the MCU. As a result, it had the tricky task of explaining alternate dimensions and timelines. However, the film clearly explains this to the audience, and includes stunning CGI to keep the audience entertained. Although the film's emphasis on magic may turn away some viewers, Dr. Strange is an entertaining origin story.

#### 13. ANT-MAN AND THE WASP

Ant-Man and the Wasp is such a fun sweet superhero movie. The plot is super simple with some weird choices but the characters are so funny and are a joy to watch interact like Scott Lang trying to be a good dad while under house arrest or all the crazy shenanigans he and Hope get into this movie has his flaws but is still an enjoyable movie to watch and sets up a lot for the future of the MCU.

#### 13. BLACK PANTHER

This film made history, becoming the first superhero movie to be nominated for the Best Picture Oscar. Black Panther features excellent performances and one of the MCU's best villains in Killmonger. However, as in many cases, the hype exceeds the quality. The film can drag at times, resulting in a film that is good, but not outstanding as others have said.

#### 15. IRON MAN 3

The conclusion of the Iron Man trilogy goes out with a bang, literally. Without spoiling the film, the climax features a spectacular fireworks show sure to delight audiences. The movie does an excellent job of continuing Tony Stark's character arc. However, Mandarin as a villain is rather weak, resulting in a less than stellar plot.

#### 16. ANT-MAN

Ant-Man is a funny movie, but the plot is very weak. The characters are fun and the actors do an amazing job, but this movie don't really do much and can get kinda boring at sometimes. If you are looking for a fun comedy action film though this isn't a bad choice.

#### 17. AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON

2015's follow-up to the global phenomenon The Avengers is not bad by any stretch, but rather a poor sequel to one of the most unique films of all time. Age of Ultron introduces Vision and marks a significant change in Tony Stark's worldview. The events of this film cause Tony to doubt the role of the superhero in global security, as well as the limits of technology, themes that continue all the way to Captain America: Civil War. However, the film's awkward pacing and action scenes hold the film back.

#### 18. IRON MAN 2

Widely recognized as the weakest of the Iron Man trilogy, Iron Man 2 represents the MCU still trying to find its footing and voice. The film does a good job of continuing Tony Stark's character arc and introduces Black Widow, but a poor villain in Whiplash and a thin plot result in an average film.

#### 19. THOR

The MCU's introduction to the Norse god of thunder does a good job of setting the stage for the character. However, the film has the hard task of explaining Asgard and space travel to a mainstream audience, resulting in a film that is mostly expository.

#### 20. CAPTAIN MARVEL

While this film is a giant step forward in female superhero representation, Captain Marvel is still one of the weaker movies in the MCU. Oscar-winner Brie Larson feels out of her element, giving a very subdued performance. Larson's previous films Short Term 12 and Room prove that she excels at playing strong characters with emotional complexity. However, Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck's uneven script don't give Larson much to work with.

#### 21. THOR: THE DARK WORLD

Critics and Marvel fans alike have dismissed this film as one of the worst movies in the MCU. Hemsworth and Hiddleston give very strong performances, but the film's convoluted plot results in one of the MCU's weaker entries.

#### 22. THE INCREDIBLE HULK

Out of the 22 MCU movies, this one undoubtedly feels the most out of place. Other than the end of the film, this movie has little significance within the scope of the Infinity Saga. Edward Norton's performance as the Hulk isn't terrible, but the extremely flawed script and poor CGI result in a mess of a film. At least Marvel has learned from its mistakes and now utilizes the Hulk as a side character (See: Thor: Ragnarok).

Avengers concept art from Disney's D23 Expo



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# Stepping into Summer



A clothing rack featuring many summer trends such as bold patterns and bright colors

## What Fits This Summer

BY NATALIE WOZNY

**Y**ou can always tell summer is around the corner when it's time to clear your closet of winter essentials. One of the best parts of summer is trading in those sweaters for t-shirts and pants for shorts. Students prepare their closets for the summer each year by doing a deep clean and splurging at the mall.

As the summers pass, there are certain pieces that never get old. Sandals, especially espadrilles, can top off any outfit. "Some trends I've noticed coming up this summer are cork wedge sandals, also known as espadrilles. They match to pretty much any type of summer outfit," said sophomore Joanna Malec.

Another popular shoe trend in the past year has been crocs. The comfy shoes come in a variety of colors and are easy to slip on for a day at the beach. Swimsuits are also summer essential and often are the first thing that comes into mind when hearing "summer fashion". Along with swimsuits come oversized t-shirts and shorts. Those two make the perfect combo after swimming or hanging out during hot days.

Certain summer trends can be seen each year. When asked about a trend coming back from the past, sophomore Ava Dudick said, "Gingham! It was a big trend last summer as well but I think it'll be just as cute this summer whether it be pants or a cute bag." Gingham is a plaid pattern in style almost every summer.

It's exciting to see what new styles become popular each year as well. This summer, animal print is definitely a big one. Animal prints, especially cheetah print, have been popular since the start of 2019 and are probably going to stay fashionable this summer.

"Neon is really starting to become big and I won't be surprised if I see that start to emerge even more," Dudick said. Neon colored clothing has been popping up all over stores as the summer approaches.

No matter the upcoming or consistent trends, some pieces are just special. "My favorite summer piece that I wear each year are my red and white striped "paper bag" tied shorts. I got them in Poland a few years ago and they've been my favorite pair since!" Malec said.

When getting ready for summer, fashion always comes to mind. Summer is all about making memories, and the clothing you wear each summer is tied to those memories.

## Spicing up Your Summer Workout

BY TEDDY ZHAKLINOVA

**A**s summer approaches, fitness enthusiasts of all ages, from teenagers to senior citizens, search for fun and innovative ways to prepare for beach days. There are unlimited fitness classes that increase energy to feel both physically and mentally perfect for the summer. Fitness classes are a great way to get rid of excess energy and unwanted emotions. Exercising with friends creates a very positive and bonding environment.

One very famous and liked class is yoga. Yoga focuses on both the mind and the body of the person, and helps people with anxiety, depression and ADHD. "During my yoga classes I not only get to relax but you do get a workout while doing it," senior Annie Slania said. Yoga includes breathing and calming exercises and it's a great place for anybody that is stressed or going through a rough time. It's also a perfect way to let go of all of the stress from school and enjoy yourself.

There are several types of yoga classes that focus on different mental and physical exercises. "Yoga can be a lot of things and

there's a lot of different types of yoga cause there are restorative yoga classes that are a lot more focused on breathing intentions finding calm and peace and there's venalisse yoga that's more with your breath that's connected to your movements and you get a little more of a work out in," PE teacher Danielle Freeman said. The different types of yoga can be combined for a broader physical and mental affect.

There are many health benefits to yoga. People see different results because of their different body types or the different classes that they participate in. "Improvements I've seen since starting yoga are increased flexibility, balance, and strength. Yoga has also helped improve my focus, concentration, and confidence," senior Aisling O'Leary said. As in any other sport, being careful and listening to your instructor leads to the best results and helps prevent any injuries.

Another often heard class is Pilates. "Pilates class is toning, strengthening and lengthening," dance teacher Christine Widell said. Pilates involves a lot of core, back, legs, and glutes exercises but is not very intensive (no jumps or running involved). Widell explained that "core work is really important for stability, preventing injury, and keeping your body really strong overall."

A Pilates class doesn't focus on the mental health of a person like a yoga class does. Instead, it focuses more on the physical work but without raising heart rate up too much. For example, a spin class (soul cycling class) includes more cardio than a Pilates class does. Widell mentioned that a combination of Pilates and Cycling class is a very

good option to improve overall physical health, "I don't think either [class] is better than the other. I just think it depends on what your fitness goals are."

Alongside yoga and pilates there is the option of soul cycling class. This class is very energetic supported by upbeat music and it includes the most amount of cardio. "One of my favorite things about the class is the loud music, it makes it feel like I'm at a music festival," sophomore Victoria Glowacka said.

During soul cycling class everybody gets to go with their own pace and set their own goals for the day, but the instructors, the music, and the people around them are strong motivators that push the individual to work at their hardest. There are different types of spin classes, the intensity and the interval of the class vary on the different classes and as the levels change. One option is the combined burn cycle class that combines the benefits of high intensity intervals with slower, longer intervals to increase cardio speed, endurance, metabolism, and muscle mass while burning fat. "The class barely feels like a workout, it's relaxing and just overall exciting especially when you go with a friend," Glowacka said. Soul cycle class or also called spin class is a great way to burn calories and improve overall health with friends and motivational music.

All of the classes have important benefits on the overall health of a person and are very fun when shared with friends. The combination of these classes is a great opportunity that allows to take the different health benefits of each class to improve overall health.



A woman practices venalisse yoga, which focuses on breathing and movement.

# SPORTS

## Huskies Hoops

BY MAX HANSON

Hersey High School's girls' basketball team, coached by Mary Fendley, bounced back from their 2017-2018 season to a new year filled with wins and accolades.

With only returning one starter, Mary Kate Fahey, Hersey had a roster of six seniors, four juniors and three sophomores. Senior Guard and MVP (Most Valuable Player) Emily Collins, led the Huskies, and had a fantastic year in the main spotlight for the Huskies' 20 wins this season playing against the toughest competition possible.

The Huskies, having to play Maine West (State Champs) and Mother McAuley (State Runner-up) in the first eight days of the season, learned

quickly and built chemistry between teammates. Going 8-3 at home the Huskies capitalized in the Carter Gymnasium when cheered on by the Orange Crush.

After winning their first conference championship in six years, the girls squad put together another solid season, claiming their fifth Regional Championship over the past six seasons.



Team huddle before tip-off

MVP: EMILY COLLINS

## Michael's Take: Paying College Athletes

A few weeks ago, news came out describing how much money Deandre Ayton, a former University of Arizona basketball player, was making during his collegiate career.

Ayton was a high profile recruit out of high school and ended up being the #1 overall pick in the 2018 NBA Draft.

He was getting paid \$10,000 per month while he was enrolled at the school. Many analysts are astonished by this number, but in reality Ayton should be getting paid more than that in his time at the University of Arizona.

I'm not advocating breaking the rules, but I am advocating proper compensation for the true money-makers at the school.

Recently, the NCAA is taking some good steps in the right direction with their explo-

ration of the possibility of allowing players to be compensated for their likeness.

It is mind-boggling that to this day players are not only not getting paid, but they can't even make money from signing t-shirts and selling them. The NCAA is taking their humanity away by not allowing them to earn money for just being themselves.

Another good sign is the media's response to coaches breaking the rules to pay a player has changed tremendously over the years. It has gone from "they should be lucky they have a free education" to "why aren't they getting paid more?"

There have been talks in the NBA recently that the NBA might eliminate the rule that forces the best high school basketball players to play one year of college before entering the NBA. There is no doubt

BY MICHAEL SOMARY

## ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

### Sarah Bailitz

Sarah Bailitz, senior pitcher and first basemen, is a leader for the 2019 Huskies' softball team. "I'm a leader on and off the field, especially to the underclassmen, and I try to help them with whatever they need," Bailitz said. This team has a very strong bond. "We make sure we all have each other's backs on the field," Bailitz said. Bailitz had a whopping batting average of (.484) and led the Huskies to a very successful regular season, obtaining a 23-6 record and the MSL East division trophy. Bailitz and the Huskies are looking to close the season out strongly. "We are hoping to have a great playoff run and become a historically good team," Bailitz said.

### Abe Pennant

Abe Pennant, senior long jumper, started in track in 4th grade. He didn't take it very seriously until middle school. He was an avid baseball player and chose to play baseball in high school instead of track. He switched from baseball to track after his sophomore year and hasn't looked back. "I wanted to do something that I could really compete in and possibly go to state for," Pennant said. Pennant was learning a lot about track during his junior year and improved immensely. When his senior year season came around, Pennant absorbed a leadership role. "I didn't really choose to be a leader, guys started doing things I would do, so the role came to me," Pennant said. Pennant finished his final season very strongly and should be a role model for up and coming track athletes.

## Magnificent Mile

BY MAX HANSON

Completing an absolutely unbelievable year, placing in state and even participating in Cross Country nationals, in Portland last fall, were the Hersey Huskies, coached by Kevin Young.

Junior and three-time state qualifier, Josh Methner, was in the spotlight for the Huskies as he is the #1 runner for Hersey as well as leading the team to their first ever nationals.

With Methner finishing 1st at state and running the 3 mile in his personal-best time 14:11, it sparked the rest of the team to tally up 156 points and finished second in state as a team.

"The key for me was getting out with my teammates for the first mile and sticking with the lead for the last part by running as hard as I could," Methner said to the Daily Herald. "It's great to experience this with my teammates and coaches. I can't believe I did this."

The team competed in the NXR Midwest and placed first altogether.

Placing first as a team in the NXR Midwest after state gave the Huskies momentum heading into Nationals.

Going to Nationals is no small feat because you're going against the best of the best. However, that didn't stop the team from competing at the top tier, with Methner running a 15:27 5k, Max Svienty running a 16:25, Colin Safford running a 16:27, Ryan Buch running a 16:37, Thomas McCarthy running a 16:52, Josh Harden running a 17:25, and Luis Vazquez running a 17:45, leading the Huskies to place 19th in Nationals.



Winners podium at event this year

MVP: JOSH METHNER

BY MICHAEL SOMARY

that in the coming years, the NCAA will have to compensate the big-time players more or else it will no longer be relevant.

Arizona coach Sean Miller knew what he was doing was against the rules, but can anyone say that what he was doing was truly wrong? The answer is no.

### HUSKY'S TAKE

"I think it's unfair that some players are getting paid and some aren't. Either everyone should get paid or no one should," sophomore Annie Lindgren said.

"The best basketball players out of high school should not have to play a year of college if they don't want to. They should be able to just go straight to the NBA," sophomore Kevin Szwedo said.

The girls soccer team breaks their huddle, ready to play the Barrington Fillies on May 8th



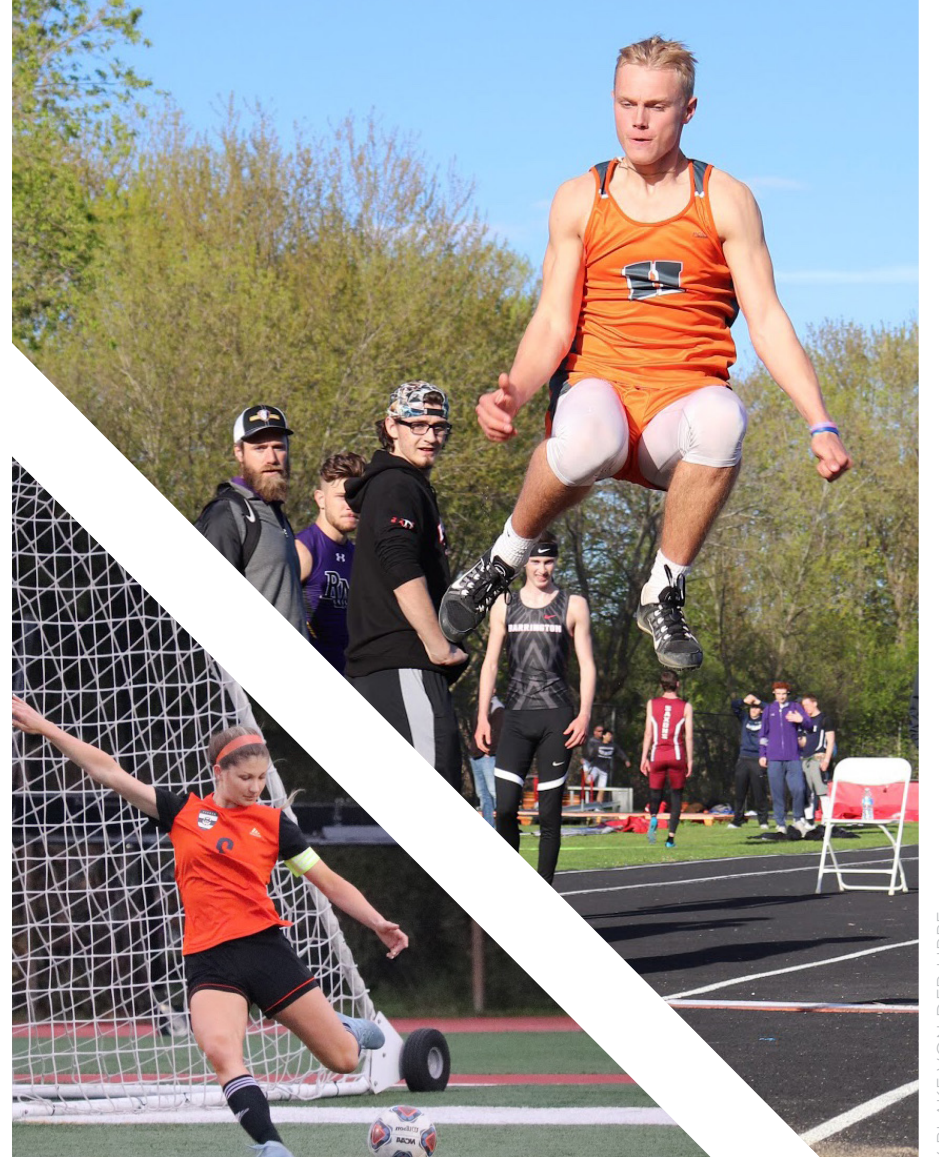
Sarah Bailitz (Senior) yells to her bench after hitting a RBI to send her teammate home to go up 4-2 in the 10th Inning

Josh Methner (Junior) finishes in first place in the mile at Conference



James Denton (Senior) strikes out his opponent to end the 4th inning

Jordan Hanson (Junior) jumps in the long jump to try to make it into the finals at Barrington High School



McKenna Kopeny (Junior) takes the goal kick in the second half at Roland R. Gains Stadium

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