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## CHS becomes 1:1 with technology

by Ivy Vachereau

For the first time at CHS all students have been assigned their own laptop for the school year. Students are required to bring their laptop and charger to school everyday.

Freshmen were given new laptops, while the upperclassmen were given older ones. New devices can be seen throughout the district; students at Colchester Middle School have also been given individual laptops. These devices can be used at school and at home throughout the year, including school vacations. At CHS students are allowed to take their computers home during summer vacation, with the exception of seniors.

Some students still choose to use their own personal laptop, but they are limited to the resources in the school district and the support of IT.

Students devices are individualized by a unique serial number and label on their computer and charger. Principal Mrs. Baron said, "We knew that a 1:1 access to technology was critical to learning in the 21st Century. Since we already had a large inventory of devices, we used those devices and purchased additional devices (the 9th grade laptops) to create a 1:1 system."

You can see the changes that having individual laptops has caused. Around the cafe and library there are now several charging stations so students can plug in their computer while they're in lunch or during a study hall. The computer lab has also turned into a Genius Bar where students can get support from IT for their devices.

In order to keep students on track and appropriately using the laptops, the Colchester School District developed an Acceptable

Use Policy (AUP). This policy states that students have been given the privilege to use their laptop and that can be taken away if they misuse it or damage it. The Colchester School District monitors students internet use by filtering searches using The Children's Internet Protection Act while at school.

Many teachers have students use their computers during every class. When asked about the benefits of individual laptops, French teacher Madame Romary commented, "I was pleasantly surprised when we got back to school this year and everyone had a computer and I can ask everyone to get them out and they do. I thought that students would leave them uncharged and the students wouldn't take care of them, but they seem to be taking good care of them. I think the system is great... it is hard for teachers when all of the technology changes all at once, but in general I think it's been good."

Since every student has a laptop, it gives more flexibility for teacher's activities in class and homework assignments.

Students have a variety of opinions towards the computers; however, as the students continue to use them in school, it has become part of the routine.

CHS senior Charlie Powell commented, "There's a one to one ratio of students and computers which is nice. The computers weigh a little more than I expected them to, so carrying them around school is good conditioning. It helps me with my patience because I have to wait for the computers to load."



Photo by Ivy Vachereau

CHS Juniors Molly Fuller, Evan Fredericks, Gwendolyn Ruescher, and Landon Cayia use their laptops during a study hall.

## Performing Arts Center opens Upgrade features state of the art facilities

by Jackson Kerr

CHS opened in 1975 and the theater that hadn't been renovated since that time, has finally been upgraded. This follows recurring technical difficulties including the overheating of the ten year old soundboard and a stage light catching fire.

Funds for the \$700,000 price tag came from reallocations of extra funds from the recent science renovations. First steps to get the renovations underway was to have architects come in and draw out possible plans for the space, then the school under Principal Minor put together a budget that they believe was doable and what they thought taxpayers would

support. This was approved through a town bond, separately from the school and district budget.

Renovations include replacement seats for the original 1975 chairs, new floors and curtains, refinishing of the stage floor, new and improved state of the art lighting system, and a new sound system with digital board; also new acoustic panels around the theater which required acoustic testing.

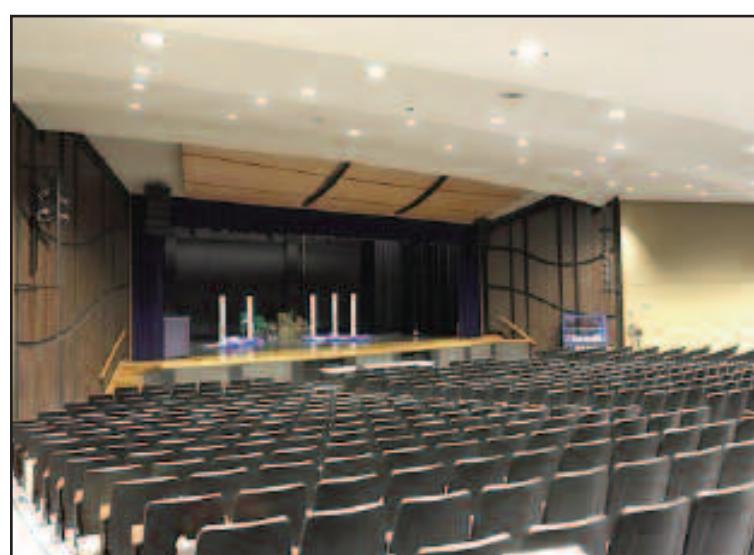
According to Principal Baron, "These improvements will provide our performing arts students a 21st century space that matches their abilities and allows them to grow artistically, be more

creative and have more options"

The Performing Arts Center won't only help our Theater program and students but also other school groups and community groups that would like to use the space.

Baron states, "We have already noticed that there are more outside groups whether from other Colchester district schools or just even other outside community groups asking to use the space".

Overall the Performing Arts Center has had a positive impact on our school and community.

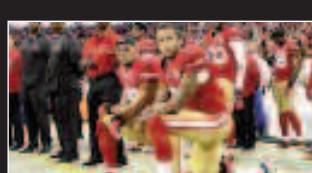


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# Shedding a light on Spotlight

by Colyn Hutchings

**Spotlight** (2015) directed by Tom McCarthy is a docudrama about a team of reporters for the Boston Globe investigating allegations of abuse in the Catholic church. The team is called **Spotlight**, hence the title of the movie. In 2001, the editor of the **Globe**, Marty Baron assigns the team to investigate a local priest accused of molesting more than 80 young boys. The team led by Walter Robinson (played by Michael Keaton) and comprised of Rachel McAdams, Liev Schreiber, and Mark Ruffalo, discovers a systematic cover up of molestations in the Catholic church.

After discovering this, the **Globe** decides to sue the Catholic church for access to court documents, which is not an easy thing to do. After months of legal hurdles and fighting from the church, the team finally finds what they are looking for. Evidence of cover-ups from across the country.

The team quickly realizes the weight of this story. In a city that is majority Catholic and a man that is the **Globe's** first Jewish lead editor, this story will have a massive impact on not only the church, but the newspaper as well. If they do it wrong, it could ruin them.

The storyline of **Spotlight** is the best part. It is fast paced, exciting, and keeps the audience engaged throughout the film. The writing makes every character seem real and viewers can connect with the cast, and sense that they truly feel troubled by what they have found through their investigative journalism. Not everyone handles it

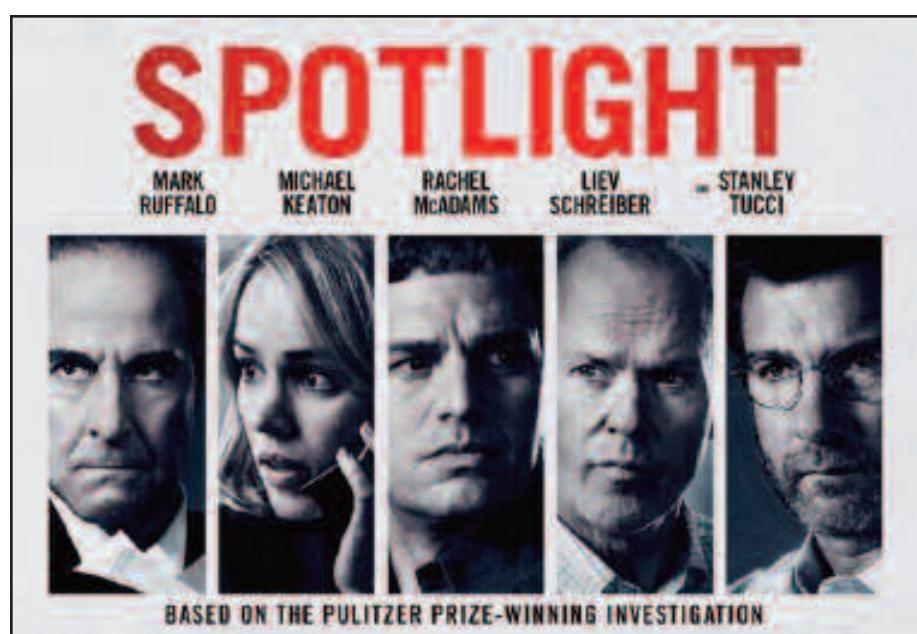


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Shown above, the all star cast of **Spotlight**.

the same way, which adds credibility to the story. Some are angered, and want to take the church down, while others want to leave the problem alone.

While the writing is exciting and makes the movie seem real, there is also a downside to the film. It seems biased. **Spotlight** makes the Catholic church out to be a sinister organization, comprised of evil priests and headed by criminals. It

focuses only on the negative side, and leads the audience to believe that all priests are abusers.

Despite these few lows, the film is outstanding. I would absolutely recommend this film to anyone interested in a good investigative journalism movie, especially those who love a movie based on real events.

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# Chance's big year

by Zach Piche



On May 12th, 2016, a fairly unknown artist at the time, Chance The Rapper, dropped his 3rd mixtape "Coloring Book" exclusively through Apple Music. It debuted at number 8 on the Billboard 200, and became the first ever Grammy nominated mixtape. It was a star studded album with features from Lil Wayne, Kanye West, 2 Chainz, Future, Justin Bieber, T-Pain among others.

Chancellor Jonathan Bennett, or better known by his stage name, Chance The Rapper is a 23 year old rapper from Chicago. He is quickly becoming one of raps brightest young stars. Since the release of his newest mixtape he has appeared or performed on The Today Show, The Ellen DeGeneres Show, Saturday Night Live and The Tonight Show. "Coloring Book" has received universal acclaim from critics with an average score of 90. What is more impressive is that the mixtape is exclu-

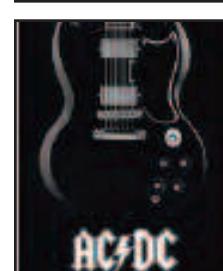
sively streamed and had 57.3 million streams the first week, which accounts to 38,000 actual units sold. The album has already won the award for both Best New Artist and Album of the Year at the BET Hip-Hop Awards. 2016 has been a very busy year for the 23 year old Chance. Before the release of his mixtape this year he had co-wrote and collaborated with Kanye West on his album "The Life Of Pablo".

His first two mixtapes also have received great reviews from critics, his very first mixtape 10 Days grabbed the attention of Forbes Magazine back in 2011, while his second mixtape Acid Rap received an 86 from critics in 2013. In 2014 he was selected by XXL for the annual hip hop freshman class, which shows off the new wave of hip hop talent.

Without being signed to a label, Chance The Rapper is making history and changing hip hop. His unique sound, music and lyrics are a pleasant change from a lot of what hip hop is today. "Coloring Book" by many is considered one of, if not the top, rap albums this year. He is trending upwards and is hoping to take home his first Grammy this February. So far 2016 has been a very great year for Chance.

# AC/DC is Back... In Black

by Mason Patrie



Classic AC/DC made many albums with many different people and producers.

Lead singer Brian Johnson, guitarist Malcolm Young, drummer Phil Rudd, bassist Cliff Williams all have a certain chemistry together. Back in Black is there number 1 selling album of all time. AC/DC has

When AC/DC started out they were not the most popular band, but as time went on they got more popular. 1980 is when AC/DC released their most popular album ever, Back in Black. Back in Black sold 50 million copies worldwide. This is the third highest selling album by any band ever.

AC/DC has sold 200 million records. Which adds them to the list of best selling music artists. In 2016, the band has undergone major lineup changes. Guitarist Malcolm Young had to retire because of dementia, Phil Rudd has legal troubles, and the lead

singer Brian Johnson has hearing problems. Taking Brian's place is Axel Rose from Guns n Roses. Stevie Young took over for Malcolm, and taking over for drumming is former drummer Chris Slade.

Back in Black is one of the best albums released by any band. The riffs and rhythms are very powerful. They are simple riffs but they sound so good and you always remember certain guitar solos from parts of their songs, because they get stuck in your head and you eventually you love listening to them. They have very mesmerizing riffs and guitar solos that keep you coming back for more.

AC/DC is one of those bands that your dad and grandpa listen too. AC/DC released an album in 2014 called Rock or Bust. This album is trying to be more modern rock n roll and more modern vocals, but it just isn't them. This album doesn't have any enticing guitar solos or roaring vocals like past albums. Real rock fans will be disappointed if they listen to any recent AC/DC. You won't find teenagers blasting AC/DC on a daily basis, but if you want to get pumped up or hear what music was like 30-40 years ago, play some rock and just enjoy the real music and real vocals.

## Seeing the World by Jennifer Thompson

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?



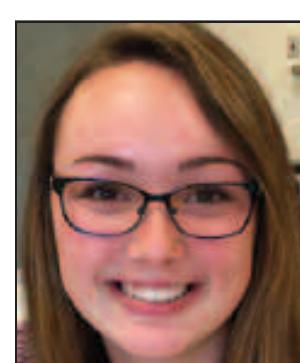
Aliza Bogner  
"Italy"



Hayden Fitzgerald  
"Greece"



Mr. Price  
"Circumnavigate the world."



Rachel Gervais  
"Australia"



Isaac Racine  
"Antarctica and swim with the penguins"

# iPhone vs. Android

by Shane Grant

Cell phones have been becoming more and more popular every year. Most people own one, but the big controversy about them is which type of phone is better iPhone or Android. Everybody has a different opinion about which phone is better and why.

Some people say iPhones are better because all the phones can get the updates. With androids users have to wait for 18 months then buy another phone to get new software.

Another reason is that the apps and filters for the iPhone are much better looking than the android phone and the warranty for iPhones is much better as well.

A common thing people say is that Androids have many different types of phones, but iPhones all look the same and there is never anything new. However, if one looks at all the different iPhone they do change in size and there are many new and different things users can do with the iPhone.

iPhone recently released iOS10 and the iPhone 7 just came out and that has been a big thing as well. Most people are concerned about the iPhone not having an audiojack.

Android does have its good phones and according to statistics and sales android is a better seller. People like the apps in google play because the apps that cost in the app store don't cost in google play. Also androids have



*Photo courtesy of www.macxdvd.com*

**iPhone 7 vs Galaxy S7:** Apple's 2016 smartphone takes on the Samsung Galaxy flagship in the ultimate iOS vs Android face-off.

better values on their phone. The screens are much better than iPhones because they don't crack as easily and the screens have a higher-resolution. Overall, people seem to like the android phone better than the iPhone. However, due to recent Samsung phone explosions sales have dropped dramatically for androids. The Samsung company is being sued by many different people because of their in-

juries sustained by the phone exploding in their pockets. People can send back the phone for a new one or they can get their money back.

In the end it is all about opinion. Many people prefer the iPhone and many people prefer the android. This debate has been going on ever since the phones first came out and it always will be going on.

## State of Union essay contest

Lakeside Voice Staff

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders launched his seventh annual State of the Union essay contest calling on Vermont's high school students to address what they view as the major issues facing the United States.

The U.S. Constitution calls for the president to "give to the Congress information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient." Sanders is again asking Vermont's high school students to consider writing an essay of 250 to 500 words detailing their own view of the state of the union.

Sanders' annual essay contest is an opportu-

nity for Vermont students to articulate what issues they would prioritize if they were president. A panel of Vermont teachers will judge the essays and select a winner. The finalists will have their essays entered into the Congressional Record -- the official archive of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. Sanders will also hold a roundtable discussion with the finalists.

"Our students are the future of our country -- and they must be involved in the discussion about where our country needs to go. This is a great opportunity for students to articulate their views and concerns," said Sanders, who serves on the Senate education committee.

"We need our students to be engaged, to help find solutions for the problems that face our country. That's what democracy is all about," Sanders said.

The deadline for student essay submissions is Wednesday, Jan. 11. More information can be found on the senator's webpage at <http://www.sanders.senate.gov/stateoftheunion/> or by calling (800) 339-9834.



*Photo from lessonbucket.com*

Vermont Senator Sanders sponsors his annual State of the Union essay contest for high school students.

## Food drive sponsored

by Alex O'Connell



CHS Cares Thanksgiving Drive annual Thanksgiving Day project.

Every year CHS comes together to donate turkeys, canned goods and money to provide food for twenty-five families that are in need of it to have their own Thanksgiving meal. This has become an essential need for families during the holiday sea-

son. There are multiple ways that the CHS community helps.

People were asked to bring canned goods to the designated boxes in their A.T. room. Some of the suggested items were canned vegetables, canned pie filling, cranberries, rice, stuffing, gravy etc. They also accepted other foods that aren't traditional Thanksgiving foods because anything helps.

On Friday, November 18th, everyone helping CHS Cares assembled at a meeting in the library to sort all of the items that we received. Then the next day on November 19th, they met again to divide the food and deliver it to the families in need.

## Traffic problems in the morning

by Mason Patrie

In the morning, the road students use to get to CHS is packed with many commuters, whether they are moms, dads, grandparents, or people trying to get to work. With lots of traffic going through one road, students have trouble getting to school on time. This can cause problems in school because students miss critical parts of class. As one can imagine this can hurt the students' grades, because they may not fully understand the subject or what to do when they miss the teacher explaining the classwork.

All the traffic comes in one way and out the other, so it gets very congested. According to senior Colyn Hutchings, "All the traffic leaves at one time and there is only one exit for everybody so it gets pretty crowded."

The intersection to get out of the school is poorly designed and it bottles up the traffic and causes a delay. Not only are there traffic problems right by the school on the road, there are problems in the CHS parking lot. This year there have been many accidents in the parking lot.

There are not enough spaces so students end up parking outside the spots and block traffic from being able to go two ways at once. If the parking lot were to be expanded, less accidents would happen and students wouldn't have to park at Bayside. At Bayside last year, countless students cars got keyed. If they parked in the parking lot this would not have happened, because the cameras can see most of the parking lot.

When students are trying to leave the school, it gets very congested and takes sometimes upwards of 15 minutes to get out of the parking lot. This bumper to bumper traffic can become very unsafe, because students are using their phone and not paying attention. Students cross the road to get to Jiffy and that is unsafe because there is no crosswalk unless they go to Bayside and cross there which is too far for some people. The students cross the road hoping cars will stop but they don't know for sure. High-school drivers usually like to drive fast and quick and this can't happen when there is a bunch of traffic and that could make accidents happen. If there were road signals and crosswalks the traffic issue wouldn't be such a problem.

## New shift in Common Core

by Aidan Jean

With the election of a new president, there will be new policy changes. One such change President-elect Trump has indicated will happen is a shift in the philosophy of the Common Core. Trump's resistance toward the Common Core is because of his obligation to a set of clear college expectations and to enable a career-ready education for every child in kindergarten through 12th grade adopted by 42 states and the District of Columbia.

The Common Core is greatly in line with Trump's party's stance. Trump refers to the program on a regular basis as an "education through Washington D.C." Mr. Trump wants to end the Common Core and "educate locally" around the U.S.

Some politicians disagree with the Common Core as well, but stress the importance of national educational standards. Former presidential candidate, Mrs. Clinton stated in an interview with Newsday, that the rollout and the execution of the Common Core was problematic, but the common criterion was rather important to the educational system.

"I've always believed that we need to have some basis on which to determine whether we're making progress, vis-à-vis other countries who all have national standards," said Mrs. Clinton.



Left to right Emma Corriveau, Nieve Callane, Chris McHugh

**by Hayley Giard**

Every year CHS gains a new freshman class, and this year the class of 2020 is one of the smallest freshman classes in at least 15 years.

As the years go on, one thing that doesn't change is going from the oldest of the school to the youngest and it can always be a little nerve-racking; luckily, only positive feedback was received from those interviewed in this year's freshman class.

Freedom is a huge piece with the transfer from middle school to high school. There is not someone watching every move and when students have study hall they can be in different locations around the school rather than it being structured.

Most kids really seemed to enjoy the freedom, along with a variety of classes; a few including Thinkers and Revolutionary (TREV), Earth Systems Science (ESS), Spanish, and Algebra.

Hunter Baker said his favorite is ESS, he enjoys learning about science because he thinks it is very interesting.

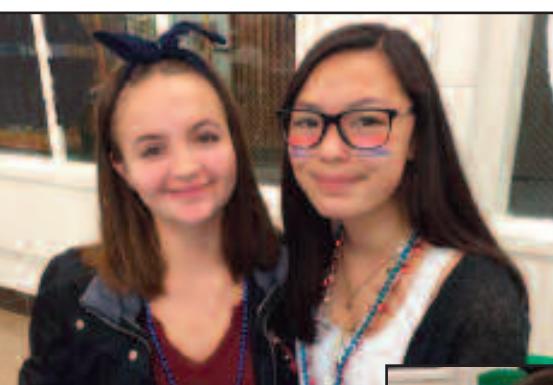
Many kids enjoy having teachers with many different teaching styles. As they begin to settle in they can't wait to become active members of the Colchester community not only their freshmen year, but in the three years to follow as well.

# Fresh Reactions

"It is going well, I like it. There is more freedom" -Preslie Beuschel (left)

"I like it, the teachers have different teaching styles. Everything is just better then middle school." -Jenna Walker (right)

"It is all right, way more freedom than middle school" -Mike Collins



"It is fun, there is a larger variety of classes, one of my favorites is Spanish because it's really fun and I like learning a new language." -Nieve Callane

# Protests spark controversy

**by Hayley Giard**

In August, almost everyone stood for the national anthem as it played but 49ers Colin Kaepernick sat on the sidelines. Jennifer Lee Chan of the Niners nation tweeted a photo of the anthem that gained a lot of social media attention throughout the country, it was not related to Kaepernick's sitting, but shortly after the 49ers released a statement that confirmed he did sit for the anthem.

Twitter exploded with pictures of his mansion; people suggested the 49ers cut him along with remarks about him having two white adopted parents.

One was from his biological mother who gave him up for adoption when he was 6 weeks old, "There's ways to make change w/o disrespecting & bringing shame to the very country & family who afforded you so many blessings"

Kaepernick claimed he was drawing attention to police brutality and the current Black Lives Matter movement.

He defended himself saying, "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color; to me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder."

According to The Washington Post, 49ers coach Chip Kelly said that it is his "right as a citizen" to sit or stand for the anthem although refusing to stand for the anthem had incredible

backlash.

Many NFL coaches were asked for their opinions following Kaepernick's sitting.

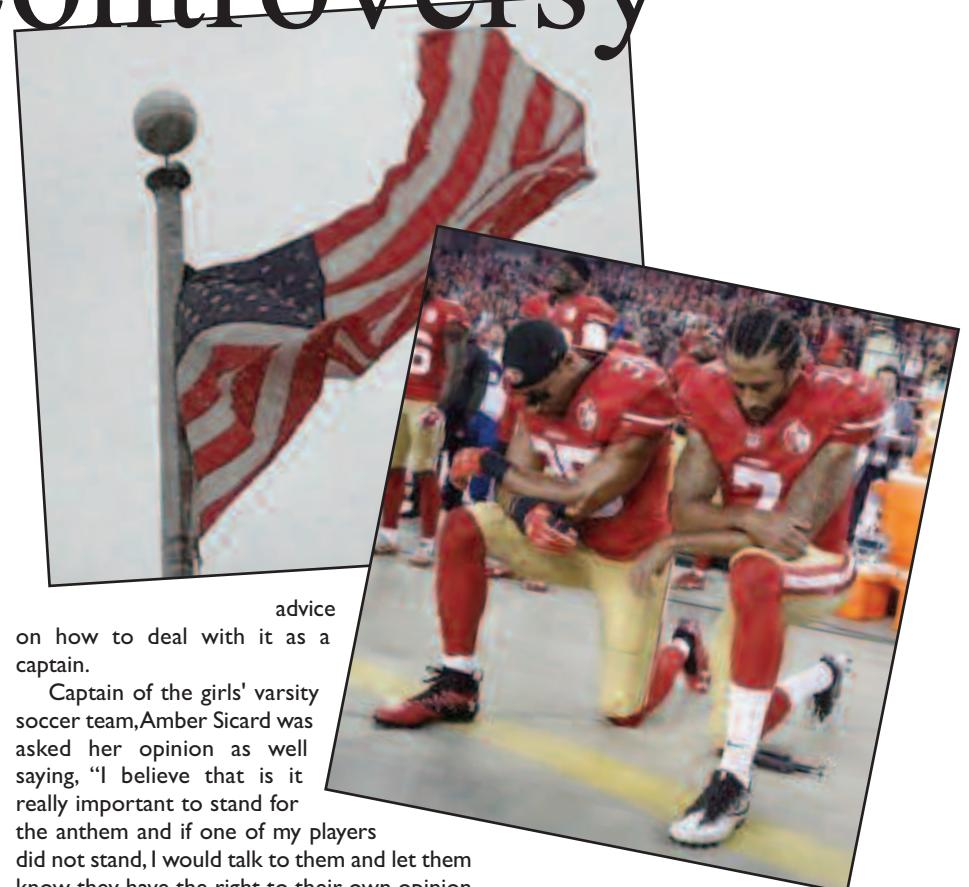
According to The Washington Post, Buccaneers' Dirk Koetter said, "I would be disappointed if any of our players didn't stand up for the national anthem, personally... I look at that as a salute to the people who have paved the way for us. But at the same time it is a free country and freedom of speech is something we all believe in, and freedom of expression. That's an individual's choice. That's a fine line there I would personally be disappointed, but I think that would be hard to enforce that rule."

Kaepernick even has had an affect on high school sports. In Seattle, Garfield High School's football team along with the coaches took a knee as the anthem played, CNN reported, "We respect people in the armed forces, the Army, the Navy. We can't say anything clearer than that. This is not a disrespectful movement. And I think that's kind of a smokescreen not to deal with the issues," Coach of the team Joey Thomas commented.

Many people had similar comments respecting his right to express his opinion. On a local level, Varsity football coach Mr. Perry commented saying, "It's unfortunate that he feels disrespected by his country and I would defend his right to do what he needs to do to make a statement."

Captain of the varsity football team Matt Hesford says "I believe it is tradition to stand for the anthem, it's respectful for those who serve our country."

When asked what his reaction would be if one of his teammates was not standing during the anthem Hesford went on to say, he would approach the coach for his opinion and seek his



advice on how to deal with it as a captain.

Captain of the girls' varsity soccer team, Amber Sicard was asked her opinion as well saying, "I believe that is it really important to stand for the anthem and if one of my players did not stand, I would talk to them and let them know they have the right to their own opinion but as a team we stand."

Athletic Director Bernie Cieplicki finally commented saying, "I think it is everyone's opinion and they have a choice, I personally would not chose that venue to make that point..."

Photo by USA Today

**San Francisco 49ers player Colin Kaepernick kneels in protest.**

## Modern twist on classic production

**by Hannah Achilles**

The Colchester Theatre Company performed its fall drama production, A Midsummer Night's Dream, November 11th and 12th. This was the first time performing in the newly remodeled theatre that was started over the summer and recently completed.

The famous play by Shakespeare is a comedy about the marriage of a Duke to a Amazon Queen set in the forest where fairies who live among the trees in the woods, mess with the lives of four lovers.

Ms. Hughes', the theatre director chose to perform A Midsummer Night's Dream due to, "... students read it in T-Rev classes at Colchester High School and I think that it would be a valuable opportunity for them to see it performed as theatre is more easily understood and fun when one sees it come alive on stage."

The play is a classic and is timeless, but what is special about this version of the play is that Colchester Theatre Company decided to perform a modern version with all characters in current dress.

"The characters should feel more relatable and more recognizable to modern day teenagers and to emphasize that fact that the people watching this play probably have more in common with Shakespearian characters than they think," Ms.



Lakeside Voice photo

On November 11th-13th, the Colchester Theater Company performed A Midsummer Night's Dream in the newly renovated theater.

Hughes said,

Student participation in the play is highly important as well. All elements of the play were made by students who volunteer their own time. Costume crew designs, creates, shops and pulls clothing items for actors after school and on weekends. In addition to that the set and props of the play were all handmade by students and actors came together in the theatre everyday after school to rehearse.

Kayley Tullgren, an actor, says that what she was most excited about

was how, "Whenever you act you get to take on this whole new persona. You'll be able to do things that you are not always comfortable with and so not only do you get to find more about your character, a person in the play, but find out more about yourself as a person."

The successful opening night was on Friday, the 11th at 7:30 and the play was also performed again the following Saturday night at 7:30, and again at 2pm on Sunday.

## CHS Calendar

**November:**

21- Winter Sports Practices Begin

**December:**

3- Speech and Debate Tournament 9:30

7- Student of the Month Luncheon

9- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for new Performing Arts Center

10- Winterball at CHS, 7:30

15- Colchester Theater Company Spring Musical Info Mtg. 2:35-3:00

16- Coffeehouse 7:00

18- Winter Music Concert 2:00

19-20 Colchester Theater Company Auditions 2:40-3:40

21- Colchester Theater Company Callbacks 2:40-3:40

23-30 Holiday Recess

**January:**

2- Holiday Recess

7- Dance Competition 1:00

9- Senior Seminar Gallery 6:30

11 Tribute Speech 6:00 Library

# Tracking the path to college

by Jenny Thompson

College can be the start to truly growing up. First time ever, students move out of their childhood bedrooms and experience what it is like to live without their parents. Students learn to be more independent and gain a small foothold into the adult world. College is the place to experience so many great memories and truly discover oneself, but the college process is daunting. Throughout one's high school career students endure numerous long core classes, guidance appointments, and many lectures from family about how to prepare for college. But none of that can begin to truly prepare one for the eerie long process of applying and preparing for college.

As junior year rolls around students are bombarded with loads of standardized testing. In the first months of school, students are expected to take the PSATs. By the beginning of spring, many are blessed with AP testing along with both the three hour long SATs and ACTs. As juniors prepare for the college applications through test taking, juniors also begin to build a list of colleges that meet their criteria based on size, location, and cost of attendance along with some safety schools for easy

admissions or are financially cheap.

Summer of senior year students are traveling to various colleges across the United States to tour campuses and get more information on the academic programs offered. With this information it al-

lows one to narrow down the college list. Finally, when senior year starts, all the craziness that the college process delivers, begins. Students start filling out the Common App being as in depth as possible. Colleges especially love looking at all of



Lakeside Voice photo

Senior Thomas Soons visits with Ms. DeCelle, CHS Guidance Registrar, with concerns about his college application process.

the activities, community service, and any jobs that one has worked. The common app allows students to apply to many schools with a single application. Along with the common app, an essay is required based on the topics given. This essay typically is a long process because one has to write about something personal and have a trusted teacher look over and help edit the essay. Along with filling out the common app, students ask two to three teachers for a letter of recommendation along with a guidance counselor recommendation.

When November 1st comes, many colleges have an early action or early decision deadline. Most senior students take advantage of this deadline, so they don't have to continue their stress later into the year. When one starts applying to the first colleges a sense of relief washes over having now time to relax for a couple of months before acceptance letters are mailed. The, the decision to select a college that one will be spending the next 2+ years.

Senior Laura Campbell gave the advice to future students applying to college, "Start your essays early and have as many teachers as you can read them and help revise them".

## Street fashion trends

by Thomas Soons

Fashion is a very important part in many different cultures around the world. One of the major newest trend in western fashion is the rise of street fashion. The company Supreme has taken that market by the horns, having one of the largest demands for Supreme products than any other brand. Based out of New York City, Supreme releases fall and spring catalogs; these catalogs will sell out in days and some items will sell out in hours. A basic Supreme red box t-shirt will be resold on ebay for up to 200

dollars for a white t-shirt.

Another very well known street fashion brand known as Bape which is short for "a bathing ape" is very common in the United States. Bape consists of a signature camo print on tees hoodies and jackets that has swept the street fashion market. Iconic Bape products include the full zip shark hoodie and shark tee.

"I think that the exclusiveness of Supreme and Bape makes the companies more unique and gives them a higher demand," says senior Jackson Kerr.

## Importance of community service

by Hannah Achilles

By the time a student becomes a senior, most students understand the importance of serving and giving back to one's community, still others may turn their nose up at community service as they see it only as another hurdle to graduate. However, those ten hours of community service needed to graduate one's senior year should be looked at as an opportunity.

As a member of a community, it is considered a civic duty to volunteer and to make an investment to preserve the community. The beautiful thing about volunteering is that it can be done in any area that interest-

ing one to benefit themselves, others, or a program they support. Giving back to the community is way to say thank you and can even make one feel good about themselves.

For those rushing to fill the requirement of ten hours some resources that are available include visiting the following site: [www.unitedwaynwvt.org](http://www.unitedwaynwvt.org) This site will direct you to many community service activities in the local area over the course of the year.

In addition to that, Burnham Memorial Library is always looking for volunteers in Colchester Village. For those with a busy schedule the library is very flexible and encourage volun-

## Technology you can't let go

by Jackson Kerr

Shane Grant- Gamecube  
Casey Duclos- Playstation 2  
Thomas Soons- Sega Dreamcast  
Hayley Giard- Gameboy  
Josh Ryan- Nintendo 64  
Mr. McCannell- Vinyl records and turntables  
Brady Wilkins- typewriter  
Gwendolyn Reuscher- Nintendo ds  
Molly Fuller -Wii  
Aiden Jean- iphone 5  
Gabby McDonald- DVD player  
Cam Rolston- Digital camera  
Dylan Davison- MP3  
Ryan Arel- ipod Classic  
Kelsey Leclair - Nintendo 3DS  
Ben Stapleton- Gameboy Color

teers to call 802-264-5660 for more information.

If one is looking for an easy way to check off hours without even leaving the school, Mr. Brown and the Genius Bar are looking for students who have some technology background.

Another opportunity coming soon occurs on December 2-4th; the Vermont International Fair is looking for anyone who can hang flags, signs, sell entrance tickets, and break down

Mckenna Stannard- My old email account  
Jon Carty- Laptop  
Jeff Southwell- Xbox 360  
Gabby Gosling- ipod mini  
Nicole Corriveau- ipod nano  
Dan Morton- Play Station 1

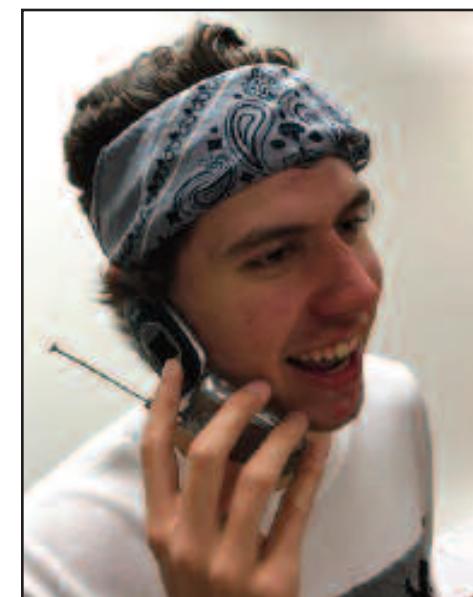


Photo by Jackson Kerr  
Senior Casey Duclos holding onto that flip phone

the Expo Center on that Sunday evening. One can contact Jennifer Billings at [jennifersusanbillings@gmail.com](mailto:jennifersusanbillings@gmail.com).

For many, community service is and has been an on going expectation, for others the senior year introduces a student to the importance and meaning of giving back to one's community.

# Features

## What is your biggest pet peeve?

by Thomas Soons

Gabby Gosselin: When people stand too close in line

Thomas Soons: When people over edit their Instagram pictures

Alex O'Connell: When teachers don't put grades in the gradebook

Casey Duclos: When people don't cut their nails

Matt Hesford: People who don't wear deodorant

Colyn Hutchings: When people come to my house and eat my food and leave trash on my floor

Austin Collins: When people step on my shoes and give me flat tires

Brooke Senesac:

People that chew with their mouth open

Caleb Tourville: When there is no parking spots

Molly Fuller: When people try and fit into tight spaces

Gwendolyn Ruescher: People that think they know what they're talking about

Mr. McCannell: When students arrive late and disrupt class

Will Holmes: People tapping their foot aggressively

Brandon Hayes: Stupid people

Abby Ladd: People Chewing loudly

Brenna McMannon: Slow computers

Ben Turner: People asking me to smell things

Mason Rogers: Not having enough weights to put on my bench press

Kevin Otto: When people chew their

**"When people are inconsiderate to others."**

-Ms. Romary

gum really loud

McKenna Stannard: When people put a capital "K" in my name

Jess Benoure: When I have to repeat myself over and over

Dylan Davison: I hate when people are ignorant

Matt LaChance: Slow Drivers

Jessica Erdmann: Feet/Bananas

Ian O'Brien: Liberals

Tate Hamblett: When I try to be a NASCAR driver but people do 25 in a 40

Alyssa Jenkins: Trump supporters

Alana Plumb: Mis-communication

Tim-John Brown: People that step in front of you and start walking very slowly

Shannon French: People chewing their food and talking

Kat Bergeron: People staring

Michaela Brodeur: When people eat onions next to me

Nikoli Holly: Lack of ability to understand where someone comes from

Jack Evans: Hillary Clinton

Tyler Cirillo: When people interrupt

Bailey Corbo: When people chew loudly

Shane Grant: People being late

Ivy Vachereau: People that chew very loud

Mason Patrie: Small portions when you go out to dinner

Charlie Powell: When we lose in stupid ways

## Re-visit to another time

by Ivy Vachereau

Recently students and faculty were asked "If you could be part of any historical event, what would it be?" Below are the responses that bring us through a time machine of history.

Being part of the first plane ever flown -Alex Carp

Women's suffrage -Abbie Longchamp

Alexander Graham Bell creating the first telephone -Lauren Zehnacker

I would like to see one of the first original Shakespeare plays -Mrs. Eldred

I would be part of the first ever plane flown -Gwendolyn Ruescher

I would protest for women's suffrage -Brooke Marcotte

The space race in the 1960's -Mr. Martin

The Stonehenge -Charlie Powell

When George Washington and Hamilton were alive or when women were oppressed to see what that was like or Ancient Greece -Alisa Blaisdell

Making the Constitution -Jace Laquerre

World War II -Logan Lemnah

Women's voting rights - Madame Romary

The 1920's -Courtney Phelps

The Boston Tea Party -Kristen Winchester

I would either want to march in the Civil Rights movement or fight for women's suffrage in the early 1900's -Sierra Gorkun

The 1920's - Kyra Walker

The Osama bin Laden raid -Ian Sarrazin

I would be part of the moon landing from mission control -Mr. Deane

## Binge worthy shows



by Joey Giroux

Over the past few years, traditional television viewing habits have changed with the technological advancements in programming. One phenomena that has occurred is binge watching one's favorite series. Below are some of Colchester High School's students and staff's recommended shows to binge watch.

Boys

Matt Hessford-Dexter

Shane Grant-Criminal Minds

Zach Piche- Impractical Jokers

Mr. McCannell - House of Cards

Tyler Daniels - Stranger Things

Jackson Kerr- Breaking Bad

Alex O'Connell - Blue Mountain State

Travis Galusha - Arrow

Ms. Romary- Good Girls Revolt

Other recommendations included Narcos, Making of a Murderer, Hell on Wheels, Bloodline, Orange is the New Black, Grey's Anatomy, Fargo, 11.22.63, I Robot



Photo by Thomas Soons

French teacher Ms. Romary shared with the Lakeside Voice one of her pet peeves.

Jacob Newsome- Blacklist

Nick Schramm- The League

Colyn Hutchins- Trailer Park

# Election 2016-CHS Reacts

Jon Carty - 10 "I'm surprised that Trump won because the polls predicted that Hillary would win, even though I wanted Trump to win."

Zach Piche - 12 "I hope these four years go by pretty quick. But I hope he does a good job even though I don't like him."

Jenny Thompson - 12 "I was shocked that Trump won, but I feel as though we should give him a chance and see what he will do as President."

Kyle McGuire - 10 "Well I was really shocked that Trump won Pennsylvania and Florida because they are Democratic states."

Colyn Hutchings - 12 "I was leaning towards Trump, so I'm partially happy. But I'm also scared for some of our geopolitical relations."

Thomas McHugh - 12 "I can't wait to see where America goes and what the wall will look like."

Jessica Erdmann - 12 "It could have been Rand Paul...."

Casey Duclos - 12 "I am proud to be an American and am proud for Donald as he takes power over our nation."

Evan Fredericks - 11 "Unexpected, not pleased."

Renee Brouillette - 11 "I didn't really want either of them to win, so I was neutral but now I'm concerned."

Olivia Schmidt - 11 "I supported Hillary so I was surprised when Trump won."

Matthew Hesford-12 "It doesn't matter that much, people just need to get over it".

Ms. Lessor- "I'm amazed that I can say I have lived during Obama and this very interesting election in 2016. Either way these elections have been very historical. We won't crash and burn tomorrow, we have lived through wars and we will make it through some more heated debates".

Ethan Dean-12 "I think that the election of Trump shows a shift in American politics, a shift which makes me fear for my future. It shows a shift towards intolerance, and towards feelings instead of fact evidence, two things that should not be part of the American agenda".

Megan Cameron-12 "I am relieved that this mess is over with but I am absolutely appalled and heartbroken with the end result."

Emma Lamoth-12 "This election is the election that I have been most involved in out of all that I have lived through, being that I could almost vote. I turned 18 two days after the election and many people would say to me 'you just missed voting'. But with these two choices, I don't feel I missed out on much".

Aidan Jean - 11 "I couldn't be happier with the election. Donald Trump is a man with not a lot of experience, but a great message when it comes to change for the U.S., I believe he will make changes happen and provide the jobs needed for our country's balanced wealth. I believe he will connect to the people unlike any other elects"

Courtney Phelps - 12 "I was shocked and kind of scared when I found out. I just keep thinking that if he does not keep saying things that he has been saying we should be okay, but I am still nervous for what can happen over the next four years".

Travis Galusha - 12 "I had a feeling that Trump was going to win. Now since Trump won, everything is going to change".

Charlie Powell - 12 "Maybe Trump will do some good for America, but I doubt it. It will be an experience with him as president, but as a whole majority, it will be fine".

Alyssa Jenkins - 12 "I'm disappointed in our country if I'm being honest. For so long we have been a

place people dreamed of coming to and now we have elected someone who will make sure this is no longer the case."

Brianna Lawyer - 12 "Shocked. Still hoping the whole thing is a joke. I just hope Trump actually will make "America Great Again" and doesn't ruin us".

Joey Giroux - 12 "I am happy that Trump won".

Mr. Martin - "I have so many concerns no matter who was elected".

Mr. Ellingson - "I was truly shocked, I didn't see this coming and I hope he can make America great again".

Ryan Arel - 12 "It is certainly surprising to see the outcome from many states generally liberal vote the other way. It is concerning that the House and Senate also hold the Republican majority. The next four years will certainly be memorable, to put it lightly".

Michael Draus - 12 "I stayed up late on a school night to watch the results of the election and it was well worth it. As a Catholic and the son of Polish immigrants who had to earn their citizenship, I couldn't be anymore proud that we have Donald Trump as the president of our great country".

Hayley Giard- 12 "I think it is important people remember one person can not change every problem this country has, people need to work together to make change."

Gabby Gosselin- 11 "Unexpected and not very happy, but would not of been happy either way."

Stephen Emmons- 11 "I was not surprised with the outcome. People need to get over it already."

Abigail Ladd- 12 "Wishing people knew what they were voting for."

Ms. Delaricheliere - "I think a lot of lines have been blurred and politics have been irrevocably changed - and many people, both Republicans and Democrats alike, are very hungry for a change. There's a lot of divisiveness in our country right now; I hope we can focus more on what unites us than what divides us - we need to work together to ensure that the changes are for the better."

Laura Campbell- 12 "I was surprised at how close the election was. I was also surprised by all the protests and negativity that erupted after Trump won."

Dylan St. Hilaire- 12 "All we can hope is he (Trump) does his best to keep the nation together. We need to stand together and work as a nation to mend."

Michael Littleton- 12 "The election was pretty hype. I thought the tension through our social media was great. It was funny how much drama was built up around both Clinton and Trump. Honestly, just make America great again! Also, I knew Trump was going to win and this election reminded me of a series finale of a reality TV show. I bet the ratings were through the roof."

Alex O'Connell- 12 "I wasn't fond or leaning either way, but I hope Trump does our country right."

Shane Grant- 12 "I was shocked. I knew it would be a close race. I didn't think Trump would win."

Keagan Landry- 12 "I was very happy when President Trump was announced as such. I helped campaign for him and am glad my efforts paid off. I believe he will lead the country to greatness."

Chloe Bullock- 12 "America has spoken and sided with Donald Trump. Whether you're a Democrat, Republican, or Independent, you're an American first. You have the right to protest and speak out, but just remember that the people in Congress are not evil and checks and balances exist to prevent any branch of the government from having absolute power."



# Fantasy sports gain popularity

by Alex O'Connell

Fantasy sports are very popular in today's world. Fantasy sports are an online games where participants draft and assemble virtual teams with real players of a professional sport. Then these teams will compete with each other on how they did statistically in real life.

Fantasy sports have come a very long way in the time they've existed. In 1988 there were around 500,000 users and in 2016 there are around 57.4 million users. The biggest jump was around the 1990's when personal computers were starting to become more available to the general public.

Fantasy sports actually were invented for golf in the late 1950's, where one would choose a team of golfers and the team with the lowest collective score would win. In 1960, the first fantasy baseball team was made in Boston by a Harvard student that played with his colleagues. In 1962, the first fantasy football draft was made, which is now the largest portion of fantasy sports with 33 million people participating. This industry is just getting larger by the day which makes it the multibillion-dollar industry it is today.



*Photo by Alex O'Connell*

Colyn Hutchings checks his fantasy football league during his spare time.

There are many aspects that make people enjoy and want to play fantasy sports. First off, everybody wants to always beat their friends in any sort of game. But another major part is that people like having to watch the games; it makes them want to watch more games than just the team that they like so they're more informed on the league.

For example those are senior Colyn Hutchings favorite reason saying, "I like crushing my competitors, and I like that it makes me care about all games and not just the Patriots".

*Colyn Hutchings*

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# Playing outside of school

by Matthew Hesford

In school sports teams that are sponsored by the school are talked about all the time all the time, but what about out of school sports? There are a variety of them that aren't touched upon very often.

There multiple sports outside of school including swimming, gymnastics, and extra leagues of sports in school, too.

CHS junior Autumn Christman is on a swim team outside of school. She was asked if it feels different being on a team that isn't run through the school?

"Yeah it does, nobody knows about your accomplishments from your sport, and the school doesn't know about meets or practices so school events usually get in the way."

She encourages students to compete in the out of school sports.

Christman believes the bonds with people are different than they would be if it was

a school sport.

"You see them less so it's a little harder and takes longer for the team to bond".

It seems that there are different experiences with out of school sports. Senior Zach Piche played on an out of school basketball team, played in the spring. He seemed to like the out of school team better and speaks about the differences, "It's more travelling, we have less practices, the coach has a different style, we have more fun and freedom on the out of school team and we seem to play better".

Out of school sports are clearly a different experience than in school teams. From different bonds and friends, to a more successful season. The experiences are all different but they all seem to be enjoyed.



*Photo by Laurie Hesford*

Zach Piche's basketball team after winning a tournament.

# Students win "Brains" battle

by Zach Piche

Each year a CHS tradition is the Battle of the Brains, Colchester High School's very own school game of Jeopardy. Hosted by former Jeopardy winner and current teacher here at CHS, Ms. Delaricheliere, who also created Battle of the Brains.

The event took place on November 2nd and lasted until November 10th. The first three rounds took place during lunches which were usually highly populated with student and teacher viewers, followed by a school-wide 60-minute long AT for the championship held on November 10th.

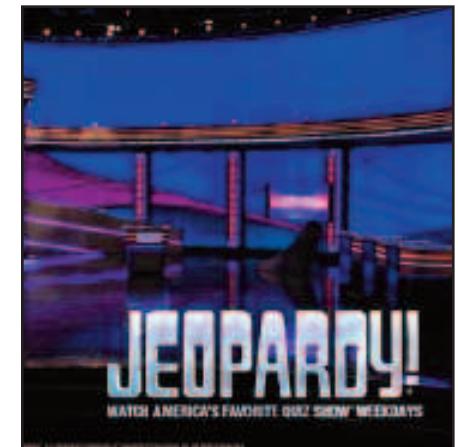
In the event 8 teacher teams and 8 student teams go head to head in a bracket style system where teams will eliminate each other leaving just one student team and one teacher team to face off in the championship. Last year's champions were multi-time winners, Mr. Warren and Mr. McClintock. This year is also the Battle of the Brain's 10th year anniversary at CHS. The student teams were very confident this year and all expected to fare well. Battle of the Brain participant senior Sullivan Crady shed some light on the uphill battle of knocking off a faculty team.

"Well, obviously students' team will be at a disadvantage in terms of age and experience, but I feel like we've all performed well so far

in the tournament. We already know that it isn't impossible to beat a faculty team, so we are definitely all eager for the challenge."

They certainly met the challenge as they became only the second student team in ten years to claim victory.

The student team of Nick Schramm, Sawyer Loftus, Corinna Pilcher and Brendan Adamczyk were able to cruise through the bracket and knock off the faculty team of Mr Deane and Mr Warren- who had to be a last second replacement for Mr Scheuch.



*Jeopardy Productions photo*

This year marked the 10th Annual Battle of the Brains.

# Fan rivalries heat up

by Casey Duclos

How far is too far in school rivalries? Anyone who has ever been to a sporting event with friends or other members of school, almost always get the feeling that the crowd from the other school are opponents. Past years there have been fights that break out, slurs to others, or just pure disrespect towards the other students.

Earlier this year at a Burlington football game against Rice Memorial School, a student from Rice brought a sign that stated "BHS Football Record Book -5 convicts -4 fathers -13 super seniors -All gang members". This sign sparked some controversy in the state of Vermont. Many Burlington students were offended and believed that sign was racist but as the popularity of this subject took off, police

officials deemed this sign as not racist.

Many know that attending a sporting event for Colchester, Mr. Emery and Mr. Sharkey are always there also. Why is that? It's their jobs to make sure the student body at the game is "safe, is respectful, and is not harming others".

There have been incidents where they have had to get involved in some student crowds due to disrespectful chants, students targeting a specific player or students insulting the game officials. Once they hear something like that happen, they shut it down immediately as they do not want fights to break out or even make our school look bad.

So how far is too far in school rivalries? We may never know! It seems to be each year there's one issue that sparks Vermont sports, but what will it be next sports season?

# Lady Lakers reach DI Finals

**by Shane Grant**

After having the perfect regular season last year and making it all the way to semi finals the girls' varsity soccer team was on a mission. They were aiming to do better than the previous season and that is exactly what they did.

Throughout the season the team found the competition to be easy. Only losing one game during the regular season to South Burlington, they knew they could make it to the championship game. Having strolled through the playoffs, beating North Country, Mt. Mansfield, and St. Johnsbury, the Lady Lakers were moving on to the championship game against the top seed Burr and Burton.

In a very intense game at the end of regulation the score was 0-0 forcing the

game to go into overtime. Overtime was just as engaging as regulation; the score was still 0-0 at the end of the first overtime. With time running out in double overtime it looked like the game might be going longer and into penalty kicks to be decided; however, in the 108th minute of the game Burr and Burton got a corner kick. Grace Pinkus headed the ball into the net giving the bulldogs a 1-0 win. Just like that the game was over.

It was a tough loss, but a very well played game. Even though the game didn't go as they would have liked it to it is hard not to be happy and proud of the Lady Lakers for all they have accomplished this season. Graduating only four seniors on a team that went 16-2 and 32-3 over the past two seasons, the future looks bright for the Lady Lakers next season.



*Vermont Sports Images photo*

Members of the girls' soccer team embrace after clinching a championship game appearance.

## Girls' cross-country experience success

**by Colyn Hutchings**

The girls' cross country team had an outstanding season this year. The team, coached by Cheryl Aley, finished fifth at the Northern Vermont Athletic Conference, or NVAC for short. According to the girls, the team was better this year than in many years past.

Team captain Margaret Chase said that the "season went very well. We are doing a lot better than we ever have".

The girls consistently placed high in meets, taking home first place finishes at home and Mt. Abe, allowing them to qualify for the state meet. They hoped to place at

least fifth in the state meet, giving them a chance to qualify for the very competitive New England meet.

According to team member Hannah Achilles, "The season was fantastic, and we had a good chance to go to the New England meet".

The girls finished many races in high standings, and as a result developed quite a talented team to compete against other top tier athletes. The girls headed into the State meet with seven competitors, led by Savannah Tebeau-Sherry and Myla Jacobs the first and second seed respectively. Completing the rest of the team in order of third to seventh seed were Shyanne Roberge, Becca St. Peter, Amelia Cassidy, Sabrina Alessi, and Margaret Chase.

## Boys run to the finish line

**by Colyn Hutchings**

The boys' cross country team finished the regular season in high standing. The team started off strong with a first place victory at home in the beginning of the season, showing other teams that they meant business.

The team, coached by Morgan Samler, continued the season on that competitive note, taking home strong second place finishes at BFA and MMU, all the while building up talent and momentum to come home with a strong sixth place finish at the North Vermont Athletic

Conference (NVAC).

Team member Jordan Bell said that, "The season went great. Everybody worked hard and exceeded our expectations. We had a lot of talent and definitely are competitive with other teams in the state".

The boys headed into the state meet with seven athletes, led by top seed Aidan Connors and followed by Alex Frank, Kristian Labrie, Ian Sarrazin, Jacob Dell, Ethan Dean, and Josh Weifers. They hoped to place well enough to bring home the victory, but also had the goal of the New England meet in mind.

## Lakers rally to playoffs

**by Matthew Hesford**

With a big chunk of seniors graduating last year, the Lakers needed some key players to step up. This season was a rollercoaster for the Lakers with their smallest team they've had since they became a Division I team.

Starting the season against Essex, the Lakers capitalized on their first play with a hook and ladder that put them up 6-0. Essex would end up taking it over from there. They ended up losing that game 40-6.

Next week, the Lakers had to game plan for Hartford, the number one team in the state this year. The game started with a touchdown pass from Alex O'Connell to Charlie Powell. From there, Hartford would get a ahead to beat the Lakers 32-7.

Week 3 is where CHS would find their groove. The Lakers made the trip to Mt. Anthony for what was supposed to be a close game. The

game was anything but that. From the trio of touchdowns including two scores for Keagan Landry, it was a blow out of 40-14.

Week 4 the Lakers went to Middlebury. The Lakers held the Tigers to a 7-7 game at the half.



*Photo by Paul Lamontagne*

Colchester football seniors gather for a the annual senior photo.

it seemed over when Brattleboro got the next score to go up 22-6. But the Lakers defense got a few crucial turnovers and the offense converted on many needed fourth downs. After a few touchdowns there were 2 minutes left. The score was 18-22, with one last touchdown and no time for Brattleboro to react, the Lakers won 25-22.

Week 6 was a rare Saturday trip to CVU. The Lakers lost 36-24.

Week 7 the Lakers had to go to South Burlington on SB's homecoming night. By the end of the third quarter the Lakers were up 37-6 and eventually won 37-22.

Week 8 was our homecoming against BFA. The Lakers scored drive after drive and were up 28-7 at the half. BFA look down going into the rest of the game and the Lakers won the game 35-14. With this win the Lakers punched a ticket to the playoffs.

Hartford beat the Lakers in the first round in a well fought game.

# Field Hockey resurgence

by Courtney Phelps

The varsity field hockey team stepped up to the game and gathered quite a few wins this season. Following past 0-14-0 seasons, this year the girls improved to a 6-7-3 season. With the help of new coaches, the team worked on new skills to help them allow them to reach their goals.

The team won their first game of the season against Rice in overtime. The girls then went on a streak winning three games and tying another. The team continued through the season stronger than ever. Ending the regular season with a tie against MMU after overtime, it helped the team advance to the Quarterfinals.

The last time the field hockey team was in Quarterfinals was in 2011.

After winning the Quarterfinal game 2-0 against Hartford, the field hockey team advanced to Semifinals. This is the first time in a decade that the field hockey team was been in the Semifinals.

With only one win away from making a championship appearance, they faced off against a tough Essex team. Even though it was a contested battle the entire game, their season came to an end after a 2-1 loss against Essex placing third.

This year's team renewed a tradition of winning and the 2016 field hockey team has now set new standards and a new name for the program.

## Underclassmen gain experience for future soccer success

by Joey Giroux

The Colchester boys' soccer team lost some key players going into the 2016 season, like All-State players Patrick Desmond, Chris Zamarripa, and, Drame Diatourou from last year's team.

This year they looked to have some players step up and fill their shoes. Most games were very competitive. The Lakers regular season record ended 3-9-2, and lost to the number three seeded CVU in the first round of playoffs.

The Lakers played good defense and that showed in the defensive battles they had with most teams. Having the season come to an end, the Lakers are looking to make offensive improvement over the off season. They are looking to come back with a good looking offense, and hoping to have some people step up to take the leadership role.

Juniors Jacob Blow and Thomas Col-

grove were selected for 2nd team All Metro, and Senior Jaeger Nedde was All Metro Honorable Mention.

Nedde commented "I thought we started off the season strong but towards the end of the season we may have lost some focus".

Senior Jace Laquerre said, "Thomas is hands down one of the best goalies in the Metro".

Lakers now look to use the experience they gained this season to build on for next year. The Lakers will have eleven seniors next year meaning they will have an older team that has good experience on varsity level. Of the eleven seniors six of them were on varsity their sophomore year; two since freshmen year.

Next year's soccer team will be a challenge for other teams because Colchester will return a majority of experienced, veteran players. Many of the players play soccer year round trying to improve their skills for the future high school season. The 2017 season is less than a year from opening day.

by Casey Duclos

As the eventful fall sports wrapped up, athletes begin to focus and look forward to the winter sports season as the leaves start falling and the weather gets colder. Athletes from some varsity winter sports such as basketball, Nordic skiing and hockey players express their opinion on how they think their team is going to do this winter season.

With the exception of hockey the winter season began the week of November 21st when most practices started up. All student-athletes are excited about this upcoming sports season as they hope to take home a title for Colchester.

## Basketball



"I think it's going to be a good season because our team has been playing together since 8th grade"-Shane Grant



*Photo by VT Sports Images*

The Laker field hockey team celebrates a game winning penalty shot taken by Meghan Lehouiller.

## Winter seasons open on courts, slopes, and ice

### Lakeside Voice staff

Girls' Varsity/JV Basketball  
@ MVU - December 14  
vs North Country - December 19  
vs Essex - December 22

Alpine Skiing  
vs Lamoille at Suggler's- January 4  
vs CVU at Lincoln Peak - January 9

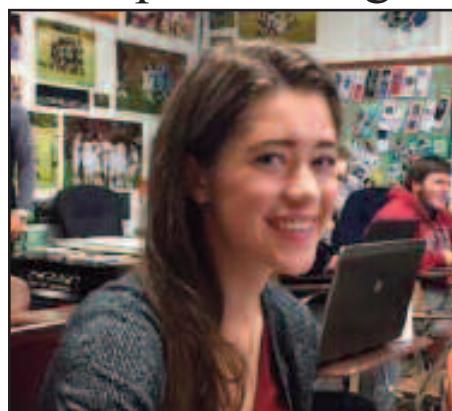
MMU Carnival @ Cochran's -  
January 16

Nordic Skiing  
@ Strafford vs South Royalton -  
December 10  
@ CHS - December 22  
@ Sleepy vs BHS - December  
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Dance  
@ CHS - January 7  
@ MMU - January 14  
@ Mt. Anthony - January 21

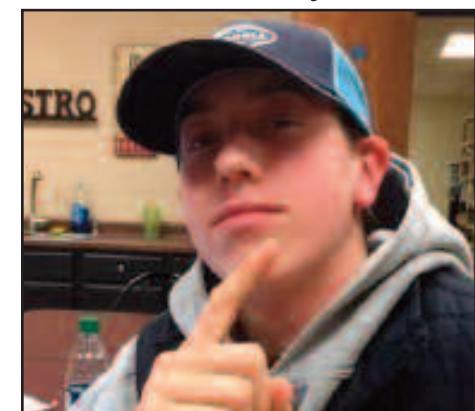
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## Alpine Skiing



"As this is my first year at Colchester, I'm excited to try out Nordic skiing." -Hannah Achilles

## Hockey



"I think it's going to be good season considering we have a brand new coach who's pretty young." -Cam Rolston



## We got spirit, how about you

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At Colchester High School, students celebrated another Spirit Week in late October. Sponsored by the Student Government, a lot of thinking and planning goes into the week to provide activities for each class. Prior to Spirit Week, each grade came up with ideas about hallway decorating and banner designs. This year, the freshmen theme was Finding Nemo, the sophomores theme was a ski lodge, the juniors theme was Harry Potter, and the seniors chose to center theirs around a castle theme.

The week started with Vermont Heritage Day where students showed their Vermont pride by wearing camo, flannel, and hunter orange hats or vests. The next day students showed their love for America by wearing all sorts of red, white, and blue. Then students went back in time for Decade Day. People were dressed up from the 1920's, 1950's, 1980's, and more.

On the final day of Spirit Week students wore their class color. Freshmen and juniors wore green, sophomores wore blue, and seniors wore white. The week ended by everyone gathering in the gym for the annual pep rally. As freshman just enjoyed their first spirit week, the senior class enjoyed their last, making more memories for the Class of 2017.