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Ready, set, spell

*Theater
season opens*

by Josh Porter

This fall the Colchester Theater Company performed their annual musical, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, APCSB for short. It's a musical comedy looking at a small county's fun and exciting spelling bee.

This was the first production with the CHS's new director, Victor Toman, who has many years of experience acting and teaching theater at Essex High School.

The play takes place in the theater of the Putnam County Middle School where the 25th Annual Spelling Bee is being held under the leadership of the County's number one realtor, Rona Lisa Perretti, played by Betty Faul-Welfare. She is the winner of the 3rd APCSB by correctly spelling syzygy. She is assisted by the Vice-Principal, Douglas Panch; played by Joshua Porter. Maeve Mahoney was played by Blayne Fitzgerald, an ex-con doing community service as the Official Comfort Counselor who gives the losers of the spelling bee a hug and a box of apple juice as she leads them off the stage.

Enough about the adults, the real stars of the show are the not so average middle schoolers. Leaf Coneybear, was played by Kaitlyn Hayes, and has grown up homeschooled with her six siblings in the woods of Putnam County. Marcy Parks, played Jenna Walker, placed ninth in nationals and moved to Putnam County this year. She speaks five languages and is on the All American hockey team. Chip Tolentino, played by Zac Lavalley, was last year's champion, but this year he has to spell though his awkward voice cracks. William Barfee, was played by Alex Ratkovits, and has a special advantage when it comes to spelling with his magic foot. There were also four audience volunteers that spelled in the show. We had amazing guests, such as Mr. Beaudion and Ms. deLaricheliere, who spelled alongside the cast trying to win the bee.



Photo by Victor Toman

Members of the cast go through one of their many rehearsals in preparation for opening night.

With all of these wild personalities it is easy to see how a spelling bee can be so interesting and exciting. There were ten seniors performing in the play and many of them were excited for one of their last chances to perform.

When asked how she thought the

play went, Nora Tetrick responded, "The play was a lot of fun to watch and be a part of. We look forward to performing another great show."

This comedic play marked the official opening to the Colchester Theater Company's season being staged November 8th-10th at 7, and also fea-

tured a 2 o'clock matinee on the 10th.

The Colchester Theater Company was happy to see so much of the community in attendance.

Winter Ball occurs Dec. 8

by Ally Peeters

Colchester High School's annual Winter Ball will be held on Saturday, December 8th, with a Hollywood theme.

The CHS administration, teachers, and a few Colchester Police Officers will be attending the dance to keep the event safe and fun.

The doors will open at 7:30 and close at 8:30, meaning that no one will be allowed to enter the dance after that time. It will go until 10:30, but if a student decides they want to leave, they will not be allowed back into the dance.

Tickets will be sold the week of the 3rd, in the Planning Room and cost \$10 but students will have to pay in cash. If a student is not around or forgets to buy a ticket during the week, they can buy a ticket at the door but it costs \$15. Students may request to bring a student from another school, but the guest will have to be approved by the CHS administration and the guest has to be under the age of 21; they also have to fill out a guest application form. No guest application forms will be accepted after Thursday, the 6th.

If students have coats or bags, there will be a mandatory but free bag/coat check that is run by chaperones in the auditorium. Under any circumstances, no backpacks will be allowed to enter the building. No outside food or drinks may be brought into the school building.

This dance is a semi formal event meaning students are expected to wear semi formal attire.



Photo by Andrew Ianni

The CHS Bass Fishing team with Vermont's first ever State Title trophy.

Bad Bass Champions

Colchester wins VPA's 1st Bass Fishing State Championship

by Cameron Rolston

Who would have thought Vermont high schools would get their very own Bass Fishing Teams and it would become a VPA sport. Many of CHS's own team members certainly did not think it would happen, but they're very grateful that it did.

The boys' Bass Fishing team had a great first season setting many records and even winning the first ever Bass Fishing State Championship.

Junior Caleb Curby stated his thoughts on the past season "I thought this was going to be an awesome

school sport and I just had to get involved."

Many of the team members dedicated a lot of their time to this sport, spending endless hours out on the lake, in local rivers and ponds, and occasional creeks.

Junior Andrew Ianni commented about the competitive fishing community, "We had a great coaching staff this year, all the guys on the team loved them. It works like this, they decide on who wins by the best of 6 fish, we won the State Championship

by 4 pounds which is a substantial difference when it comes down to bass. The adrenaline and emotions I felt when we found out we had won were something I had never felt before."

The boys on the team thanked their coaches for helping them win the first ever Bass Fishing State Championship and for a wonderful season. This sport will be an everlasting legacy now in the VPA and it will hopefully grab the attention of many students looking for a fall sport to join.

Binge worthy shows

by David Mansfield

What does it mean to “binge?” Binging is the trend of watching multiple episodes or even several seasons of television shows in one sitting. In 2018, this is extremely common among adults and teens alike.

When asked what their favorite shows to binge are, students at Colchester High School agree on a short list of some great shows. These shows are *Stranger Things*, *The Office*, and *Breaking Bad*.

361,000 people watched all nine episodes of the second season of *Stranger Things* on the first day it was released, October 27, 2017. The show is set in the 1980s, in Hawkins, Indiana; where (supposedly) nothing ever happens. That is, until a young boy mysteriously disappears on his bike ride home from his friend’s house. Shortly after, a young girl with a unique set of skills appears out of the blue. The rest of the show is packed with plot twists and a few good scares. 97% of google users like the Netflix original thriller and it is quite hard to find a bad review of either of the two seasons of *Stranger Things* anywhere. *Stranger Things* is hard to walk away from after the first episode.

The Office is arguably one of the funniest shows on Netflix. “Even if I’ve seen an episode 100 times, I notice something new every time,” says one fan. The sitcom has some of



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The cast of *The Office* pose for a picture to advertise the premiere of Season 6 in September, 2009.

the most unique characters who all generate different forms of comedy. From Jim’s sarcasm to Kevin’s ignorance, someone is bound to pick up the spirits of the viewer.

The Office is a great way to take one’s mind off of stressful, real-life problems.

According to Netflix, in 2018, *Breaking Bad* is still the most popular show that people

binge. When a high school chemistry teacher is been diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer, he turns to manufacturing and selling methamphetamine in order to secure his family’s future. With a unique plot and five seasons, *Breaking Bad* is a great option to watch every episode in a single sitting of a netflix binge.

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Shawn Mendes: *In My Blood*

by Mikayla Groseclose



The cover of Mendes's newest album, featuring *In My Blood*.

Shawn Mendes, who is now 20, was first seen on the social media app Vine in 2013. He would make six second covers of already produced songs.

Before no-time, he had gained a huge following. His talent and following on Vine got him noticed by artist manager Andrew Gertler and Island records A&R Ziggy Chareton, who ended up having him get signed with them to a record label.

Shawn Mendes recently came out with his third album, *Lost in Japan* with a featured hit single, *In My Blood*. This is one of his more meaningful songs, as it is about how he bat-

tles with anxiety. He said in an interview with Dan Wootton that he wanted to “make something serious as anxiety tangible where everyone can listen to it and either connect to it or understand it.”

This song is definitely a deep song, with lyrics like “Help me, it’s like the walls are caving in, sometimes I feel like giving up no medicine is strong enough, someone help me.”

Many people can probably connect to this song because so many people in the world are affected by anxiety, and no one has really made a song trying to connect people to the way they are feeling about anxiety like Shawn did with this song. I really like this song, and don’t think anyone could hate a song that is based on a struggle that someone has gone through. I would say this song has a 10/10, and everyone should listen to it if they haven’t.

Dexter worth re-living

by Kaleb Parton



Dexter Morgan, the main character of “Dexter”.

“Dexter” is a TV series on Showtime that follows Dexter Morgan (Michael C. Hall), a forensics expert who spends his days

solving murder cases and his nights committing them. The show keeps viewers interested easily by using a flashback technique adding clips of Dexter’s childhood as an upcoming serial killer and scenes of him committing his crimes as well.

The audience learns through the

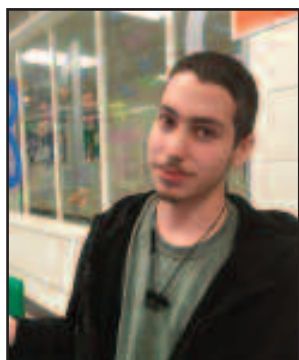
flashbacks why Dexter commits his crimes, all of which are against violent criminals. Each season follows Dexter's adventures as he tracks and is tracked by another violent criminal who he serves his own kind of justice against.

It gives the audience a refreshing and intriguing story of someone who has to hide his true ways. “Dexter” is placed in a mediocre spot at 76% on Rotten Tomatoes, and a 77 on Metacritic.

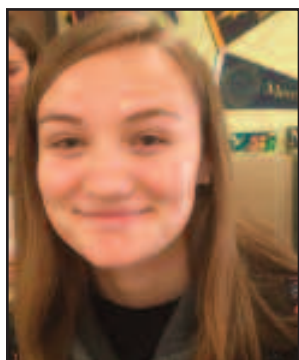
This “Bloody Masterpiece” (IMDB) won’t exactly be on one’s top 5 shows of all time, but will never disappoint in leaving it’s audience satisfied.

What is your favorite candy?

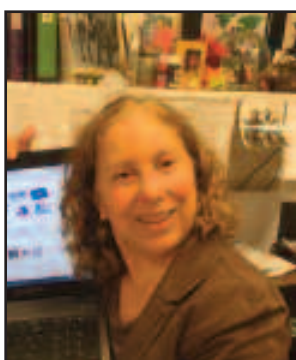
by Mikayla Groseclose



"Butterfinger"
Andrew Barrows



"Jolly Ranchers"
Alexis Merchant



"Baci (Italian Candy)"
Mrs. Cummings



"Three Musketeers"
Leandra Sawyer



"Nerds"
Angelo Trevisani

Is *Venom* worth watching?

by **Leandra Sawyer**

The movie *Venom* directed by Ruben Fleischer stars Tom Hardy as Eddie Brock and Venom.

The movie was released in theaters in early October and is still a popular choice during the November and December holiday season. Viewers can grab their own copy of this movie on DVD with its expected release in January, of 2019.

Eddie Brock, a journalist is trying to take down Carlton Drake, the founder of the Life Foundation. Without any true evidence other than a feeling that something isn't going right, Eddie decides to investigate Drake's lab. In the process Eddie's body merges with one of their contained symbiotes, the alien Venom. This causes Eddie to have superhuman power and strength. Venom an anti-hero with no good and no bad intentions tries to control the dangerous abilities that Eddie finds fascinating.

This Marvel movies quick moving plot allows viewers to stay engaged; there truly is not a dull moment in this



Photo by godisageek.com

All of the main characters of *Venom* in an epic display on a promotional movie poster.

movie with all of its humor. It starts off slow and then ends up heating up as soon as *Venom* is introduced.

Seeing this movie twice, once in 2-D and once in 3-D, this movie is not truly designed to be 3-D. The entertainment value was the main highlight of the movie, without it the movie would have

been a boring CGI fight between two wads of gum.

Although this movie is targeted towards young adult Marvel fans, with some of the graphic content, this movie could be disturbing to children.

French V France trip planned for April

by **Autumn Olsen**

From April 18-26, 2019, the French 5 students will be venturing to an exciting new landscape - Paris, France. As a reward for working hard during their 6 years of taking a French language course, Madame Loiseau and Madame Hanna have set up this nine-day trip for all students who are enrolled in French 5 this year. Some of the highlights for the trip include visiting the Notre-Dame, The Eiffel Tower, Le Musee d'Orsay, Le Chateau de Versailles, and many more.

Along the way, the students will visit many different local cafes and bakeries to truly experience French culture in a way that is not possible in the classroom. Madame Loiseau and Hanna have worked very hard to make this voyage happen, and the students are beyond excited to embark on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

Along the way, the students will be given many opportunities to debut their knowledge regarding the French language with real, authentic French people.

It is an amazing opportunity for every person involved, and will allow for some intense authentic learning opportunities.

Senior adjustments

by **Cameron Rolston**

One thing is for sure senior year is not as great as it sometimes seems. The first quarter is crammed packed with due dates and to do lists. Many seniors and also teachers were asked what they think "Adjusting to senior year" means.

The most common response from students was that the first quarter is a stressful process due to focusing on grades while at the same time having the college process hanging over your head. That may sound like a down side, but some say senior year is great.

Senior Dino Ayer stated, "I am more motivated to stay on top of my grades rather than sit back

and be lazy. I want to get really good grades so I don't have to take finals."

Teachers also play a big role in senior year. They have seen many kids go through this school district and at the same time they have seen everyone grow over the years and they get to know students better than ever.

Ms. Wolf says, "Senioritis is a real thing," she explains. "Our staff's top priority is to keep you students engaged in school and in all of your classes."

Senior privilege is another huge thing for seniors when it comes down to their final year. Some students wish they had more privileges, but some are ok with what they have.

Mackaylah O'Brien believes "Senior priv is a pretty great thing for us to have, yet I still think certain privileges should be added. However, because we do not have to take finals if we have an A, I am much more motivated to keep my grades up".

Autumn Olsen says, "Senior privileges are important to have because they give seniors more freedom, which comes with more responsibility - I think it prepares us for adulthood."



Photo by Cameron Rolston

Senior Ally Peeters uses her Senior Privilege card to access open campus freedom.

Tips to avoid the Flu

by **Jenna Breault**



Influenza, known mostly as Flu, is a viral infection that attacks the respiratory system, lungs, throats and nose.

The flu is a virus that is commonly spread through people, by physical contact to

There are many ways to confront the flu. The same air. Avoiding the Flu is actually very easy in many ways.

While having the flu, staying at home is something that is really important for both the person sick and the people around the one who is sick. This helps prevent others from getting sick and allows the body to rest while needing it the most.

Always make sure to cover nose or mouth when coughing or sneezing. Those sick should keep distance from others while sick with the Flu to avoiding spreading the illness.

Preventing the flu can be easily avoided, as well. Washing hands during flu season is

very important. Germs are very easily spread throughout almost everything people are in contact with on a daily basis. Always avoid touching the mouth, eyes or nose; As the things one touches can be contaminated with germs from other people, then spreading to the mouth, eyes or nose by touching those areas.

Practicing good health habits is important for a healthy body including, disinfecting and cleaning surfaces at home that are frequently touched by others. Getting plenty of sleep is important for everyone's body and its health, as well as finding time to be a little physically active when finding the time to do so.

Staying hydrated and eating nutritious foods helps the body as well, with avoiding the flu, as well as managing stress.

The body's health is very important especially when illness is present, even if not. The way a person treat their body is important, to protect from sickness. Especially at a school, with so many people present; believe it or not, washing hands should be an important part of anyone's daily routine.

Traffic causes frustration

by **MacKaylah O'Brien**

Lately, at the end of every school day, many students and staff struggle to exit the parking lot in order to get to work- or other after school activities or appointments- on time.

Hundreds of students and staff leave school at the end of every week day at the same time. This is a major challenge, causing not only traffic through the halls, but traffic on the roads. With this many people leaving at the same time from the same location, cars get backed up, which causes a large waste of time.

Many are forced to run or even "try to get out of class early", says senior Ally Peeters.

One of the main reasons traffic is an issue is because of the school buses. Unfortunately, after the tech bus arrives to drop off the tech students, all buses are let go before the majority of student traffic. This causes an obvious outrage with

many students, yet, it is necessary in order for the buses to get to the local elementary school (Malletts Bay School) on time, so they are prioritized in the traffic line.

According to Principal Baron, there is indeed a proposed plan to "ease the flow" of the horrible traffic. She also said, "I believe the plan includes a light at the end of Laker Lane."

A light at the end of Laker Lane would be a great possibility; hopefully, one that can reduce the stress of student drivers.

Baron says, "I don't know the details, as the discussion is happening between the district and the town."

With that, it is apparent that there is a proposed plan being discussed, yet there is no say to how or when exactly when the process will take place.

Any plan that eventually is in place will help alleviate a problem that has confronted drivers for many years on Laker Lane.

by Sophia Brigante

Entering a new school can be intimidating and result in a lot of stress and panic. The jump from middle school to high school is big and scary, especially with new rules, a huge new school, about 150 more students, and all new teachers. There's more tests, harder classes, essays, projects, and so much more, on top of the increased expectations teachers have. Some of the most popular concerns freshmen seem to have are navigating the halls of CHS, and learning to memorize each teachers room, as well as the transition into a more competitive sports environment.

Pre-season no longer includes a simple two laps around the perimeter of the Middle School, or simple passing drills. Pre-season includes a 7:00 AM track workout, sprinting through bleachers and bear crawling up hills. It includes cuts from the program completely.

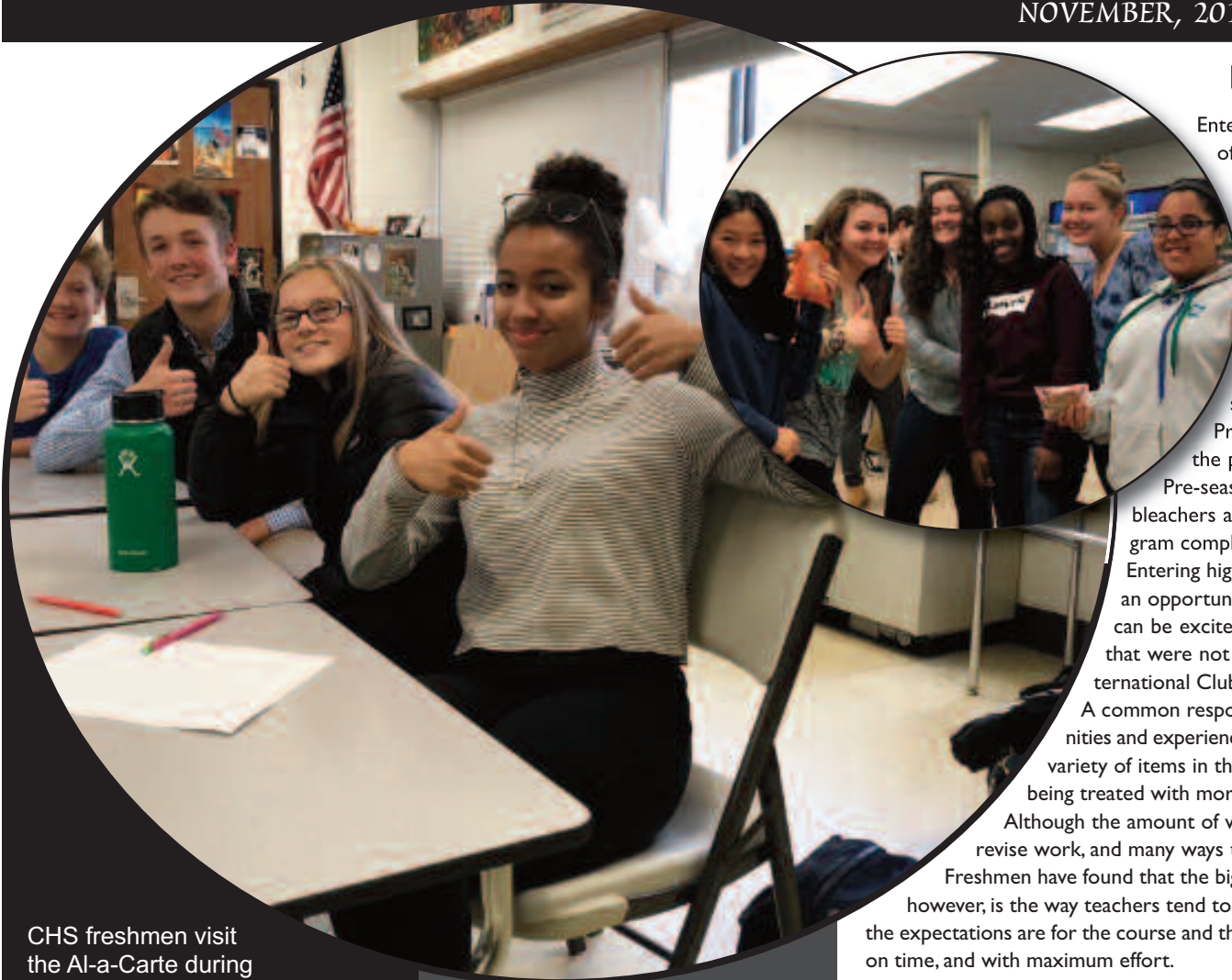
Entering high school is not all fear and confusion, however. It is also an opportunity to be excited and engage in new activities. Freshmen can be excited about the multiple clubs and extracurriculars offered that were not options at the middle school, such as Mathetes and International Club.

A common response many incoming freshmen have about new opportunities and experiences they are excited about taking advantage of include the variety of items in the A-la-Carte, more transition time between classes, and being treated with more respect.

Although the amount of work is increased, there are opportunities to retake and revise work, and many ways to connect with teachers who can help outside of class.

Freshmen have found that the biggest difference between high school and middle school, however, is the way teachers tend to treat their students. It's made clear from the start what the expectations are for the course and the students are expected to complete the assigned work, on time, and with maximum effort.

The class of 2022 has expressed that they feel they have more responsibilities, and that their teachers trust them more. They also feel like their peers have matured by being in this new environment, which could be in response to being surrounded by older and more mature individuals.



CHS freshmen visit the A-la-Carte during lunch. The four freshman student government representatives at a meeting.

New Kids on the Block

"It's really nice to have time in between classes to go to the A-la-Carte and get a snack, it helps me remain focused for the rest of class because I'm no longer distracted by my hunger." -Maggie Ryan



"The workload is definitely the biggest difference between middle school and high school, inside and outside of class." -Ben Knapp



"I really enjoy the longer classes. This way, I'm able to get more work done and can understand more about the topic." -Zoe Tarinelli
"I wish I had known more about the clubs and activities happening after school ahead of time." -Ethan Lovejoy



Features

Student Government taking charge

by Angelo Trevisani

CHS Student Government representatives for year 2018-2019 have been selected. This year had a lot of candidates from the juniors and freshmen, with 11 juniors running and 10 freshmen. Sophomores had 5 candidates, and, as always, the seniors are the juniors who were elected last year, them being Sam Fath, Conroy O'donnell, Kat Edelman, and Sophia Brigante. The elected freshmen are Maggie Ryan, Peyton Jenkins, Ben Knapp, and Gloria Kigonya. The Sophomore reps are Olivia Moore, Cat Jones, Jake Baird, and Brendon Fath. Lastly, but not leastly, the Junior representatives are Andy Rosato, Elise Scorsome, Kaity Mazza, and Ella Boardman-Wolfe.

For reference, some of the activities is involved with include sponsoring the Winter Ball and helping with the intramural volleyball tournament. They also organize Teacher Appreciation Week as well as food drives. Recently, the crew's biggest events have been Spirit Week and the pep rally.

Spirit Week and the pep rally are always harder to put together since the only student government members participating are the senior members, as they are the only ones who have been elected. One highlight to the pep rally this

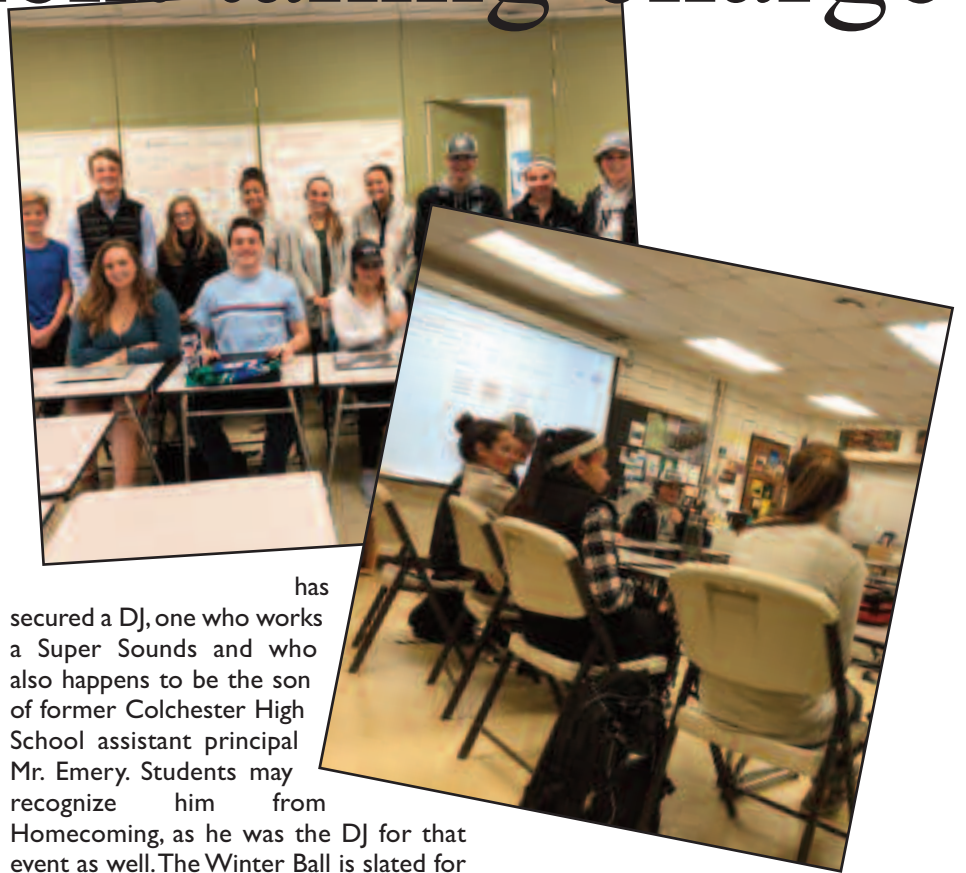
year was the scooter race. The race was a new addition, and the positive receptions ensures that it will return next year.

A goal this year for the student government is helping the freshmen feel as a part of the team as any other member.

"We are focusing on inclusion and togetherness," says senior member Sophia Brigante.

Since student government is such a time sink, it would be beneficial for the members to grow comfortable with each other early on. Another big goal is to organize a spring spirit week. In the past, this idea has received criticism by the staff for it's planning close to exams and AP tests. There are studies that show that when students are out of normal school environment, like wearing pajamas to school, for instance, their attention will lower. This of course would be bad for exam times, but if the spirit week is approved and the school goes forward with it, perhaps Colchester students can prove this study otherwise. If so, a second spirit week could become a regular event, which is the hope. The student government has already begun the scheduling for the event, in hopes to find a time that would be just right. Perhaps, after all, we could see ourselves celebrating school spirit one last time before summer comes again.

The looming event hanging over the student government at the moment is the Winter Ball. At this point in time, the team



has secured a DJ, one who works a Super Sounds and who also happens to be the son of former Colchester High School assistant principal Mr. Emery. Students may recognize him from Homecoming, as he was the DJ for that event as well. The Winter Ball is slated for December 8th.

The representatives are fairly busy with working out plans. For more information on student government activities, be sure to follow up with any member.

Photos by Angelo Trevisani
The Student Government sets up for the second meeting, regarding the Winter Ball.

Seniors stress the college process

by Lauren Pelletier

Many seniors are apply to colleges between November and January, causing them to have high amounts of stress. There are some who students apply early action because they take more of an initiative to apply to colleges. Early action deadlines are usually early November, which means those students need to finish their college essay, fill out the common application, retake SAT and ACT, and balance school work along with extra curriculars.

Many students have mentioned to teachers, staff, and other students about how stressed they are. The college process takes a lot of time. Between extracurriculars, homework, and personal commitments, students become very stressed because it is a lot to do in a short amount of time. Students spend weeks preparing their application, but many feel that a certain amount of school work on top of college stuff is too much.

Some teachers recognize that their students are stressed and try to assign less work, but others stick to the curriculum.

Seniors have a lot to do in the first half of the school year, but lots of fun events are going on at the same time. Spirit Week, football games, homecoming, and other sporting events are all going on, but they might not be as enjoyable because seniors are more worried about college than enjoying themselves.

Students that are applying regular decision are also stressed, but more towards the middle of the year. These students are studying for midterms while trying to start the college application process. Colleges like to see students be engaged in extracurricular activities, but participating in those activities is causing students to feel anxious. As students start to feel anxious, grades drop, which causes even more problems because



Photo by Lauren Pelletier

Senior Josh Porter schedules a guidance appointment with Ms. Ward to discuss college planning.

they are worried about grades improving for colleges rather than the content of their learning.

According to a college planning timeline, during the fall seniors should be visiting schools, finalizing their college list, stay on track with grades and extracurriculars, taking standardized tests, keeping track of deadlines, asking for letters of recommendation, meeting with a guidance counselor, completing applications, and researching scholarships.

In the winter seniors should be following up on applications, submit financial aid forms, and send mid-year grade reports. Seniors finish up the year in the spring by

comparing financial aid packages, preparing for AP tests, following up on financial aid information, and complete enrollment paperwork. Seniors have a lot to complete during the whole year, but the most stressful is between October and February. Schools will start to get back to early action applicants between December and January, but regular decision students will find out by the end of March or early April. As spring approaches, seniors will become less stressed because their applications are in and they can focus more on grades and extracurriculars.

CHS DATELINE

November:

- 16- CHS Cares Organizes Thanksgiving Baskets 2:30
- 17- CHS Cares Delivers Thanksgiving Baskets 10:00 Library
- 26- Winter Sports Practices Begin

December:

- 1- SAT Test Date
- 1- CHS Speech and Debate Tournament
- 7- Laker View Deadline
- 8- ACT Test Date
- 16- Winter Concert 2P

January:

- 4- Laker View Deadline
- 8- Senior Seminar Gallery 6:30-8:30
- 10- Junior College Night 6:30
- 12- Dance Competition 8A
- 14- End Quarter 2

If you could travel back in time . . .

by Autumn Olsen

Kendra Reen- The 80s because I want to see what my mom was like

Conroy O'Donnell- The 70s because there was great music and low expectations at school

Katarina Edelmann- I'd go back to the time when Cleopatra was alive so that we could become best friends

Emmakate O'Donnell- The 80s because there were fun clothes

Ms. Shea- I would travel back to the 80s because that was when the best music existed

Ms. deLaricheliere- I would go back to the time when I didn't have a to-do list

Anna Dean- The 80s because I like the way they dressed

Preslie Beuschel- The 1920s because I like the flapper fashion

Joseph Ward- 60s because I want to meet JFK, plus there was good music

Kelsey LeClair- I'd go back to the Salem Witch trials to become a witch

Megan Mulcahy- It would be the 60s because of the cute diners and cute clothes

Chloe Echo- I would want to go back to the 50s or 60s because technology didn't exist

Alex Aley- 60s because it was the Grease Age

Lucas McClanahan- The 90s so I could meet Eazy-E

Emal Crnalic- The 90s because of the style

Ayla Buerkett- The 70s because there were a ton of hippies

Owen Russo- The 50s because I could be part of a motorcycle gang

Tristan Olsen- I'd go back to the 1930s so that I could meet my grandparents when they were young

Mr. Samler- The Ice Age so that I could see all of the snow

Mr. DeMagistris- Back to my childhood because I had the freedom to do whatever I wanted

Quentin Hoskins- The 80s because my afro was in style

Tyler Daniels- The 70s because I want to see baby Michael Jackson

David Campbell- The 60s because of the cool cars

Bos Powell- The 70s because there was awesome music

Josh Wefers- The 50s because it was a time of peace

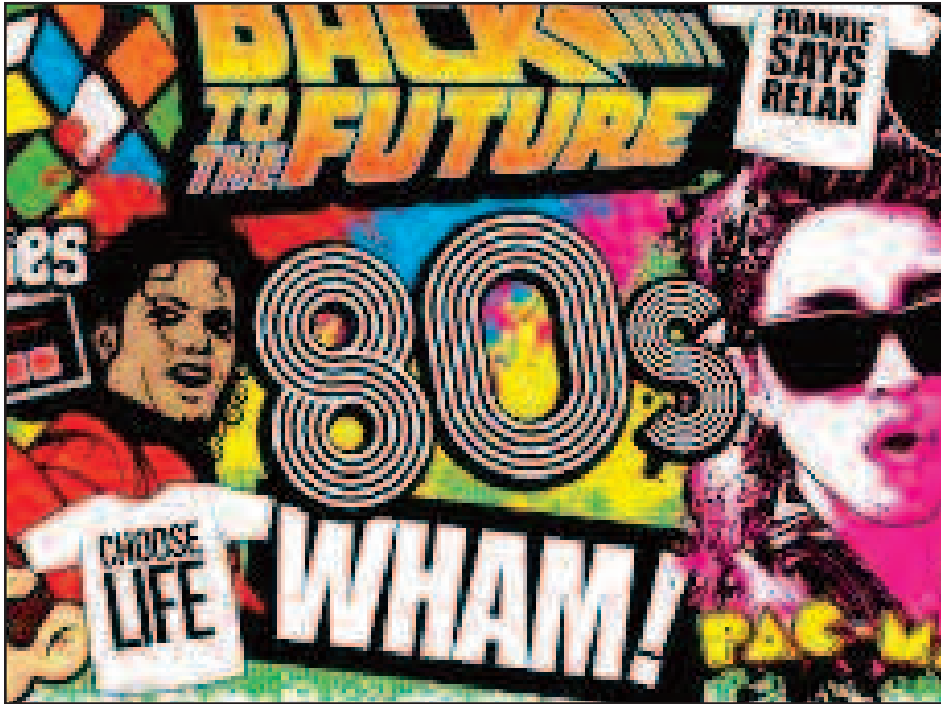


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Many events and pop culture moments occurred during the 80's that attract the attention of students.

Musical notes

by Lauren Pelletier

Band and chorus students finished their first concert in late October. There are three different bands: wind ensemble, concert band, and jazz band. There is also the Freshman chorus, concert choir, chamber, chorale, and the men's ensemble. The music program lost many talented seniors last year, but the program is still growing and there are many talented students this year, as well. These students worked very hard in the last eight weeks to prepare for this concert. Both programs are preparing for the Winter Concert on December 16, at 1:00pm.

Mr. Peltier thinks "the band concert went very well and ran smoothly". He is very impressed with how all the bands handled the music, since they were a bit challenging for the beginning of the year.

"The band students have been working on many techniques during the warm ups to improve their skills and work up to being able to play harder pieces throughout the year".

Mrs. Towle feels the same way. Both teachers feel their students are putting forth their best effort towards their classes and performances.

There are five concerts throughout the year. One in the fall, two in the winter, and two in the spring. The longest, and a popular concert of the year is the Pops Concert. Teachers and students believe this is usually one of the best concerts because it shows how all the band and chorus students have grown throughout the school year. It is also where the seniors are recognized for the efforts they have put in during the years.

Students are also able to participate in optional events. Those events could be districts, festivals, or even the trip the music department takes at the end of the year. This year, the music department is going to Six Flags in early June. At Six Flags they compete with many other bands that are participating.

Many students have taken the opportunity to audition for districts. Districts took place on November 2.

inviting students to pull easter eggs out of a bucket of intestines (which may have been red spaghetti and Jell-O, but you didn't hear that from me). If you are a student at Colchester High School, you should have an archive of the event in your email, but if you aren't here's the low down.

Ten eggs were hidden in the bucket. Five contained vital requirements the students must meet in their show, and the other five were duds, only containing blank slips of paper. The good eggs contain the theme, required lines, and required props.

The lines this year are "Can you believe someone threw this away!?" and "No, no, no... THIS is how you do the Charleston!"

The props are bubble wrap and a big foam finger, the kind one would see at big sports events. Since the freshmen and sophomores tied for the amount of good eggs pulled, they are receiving an extra 30 seconds to their show's time limit.

When asking Ms. deLaricheliere about what influenced the theme of this year, she said, "We wanted to keep things united with a theme but also allow more latitude in terms of how it is interpreted."

The committee behind variety night also just likes the "scary thing," hoping it would add to the comedy of the shows. "We've tried a character, we've tried a theme, we've tried plot devices." Having a more loose theme allows for more interpretation, leading to more variety.

Other things to take note is that the judges like more unique ideas. Originality is the key to a variety night show. One suggestion is to not have the setting of the show be in a school,

as it's overdone and not the most original.

Variety Night details set

by Angelo Trevisani

Every school year since 2014-15, Colchester High School has put on an event in March, known as Variety Night, and consists of four shows put on by each class of CHS; as well with some grown adults embarrassing themselves on stage in between.

The name Variety Night would lead one to believe that each class has a wholly original theme, but in reality, there is an overall theme students must adhere to. While themes are usually loose and allow for lots of creativity, Lost (2017-2018) and Time-Travel (2015-2016), others lead to a lack of, well, variety (I'm looking at you Elvis (2016-2017), the number of times I heard Jailhouse Rock . . .).

The teacher that coordinates Variety Night is Ms. deLaricheliere, also known as Dr. Demented, as this year's theme is HAUNTED, SPOOKY THRILLS AND CHILLS! Dr. Demented revealed this by

Online shopping shakes up retail

by Autumn Olsen

Online shopping has quickly taken over the retail world. According to The Statistics Portal, "In 2017, an estimated 1.66 billion people worldwide purchased goods online."

This outrageous number gives insight into how fast online shopping has grown in popularity over the past few years. In 2017, e-commerce sales increased by 16%. In that same year, Amazon gained a profit of \$54,470,000,000. With each coming year, online shopping sales are getting larger and larger, and if this trend continues, it is possible that local shopping will slowly diminish. Because of this, local stores and businesses have been pushing for more local-buying and supporting individual communities.

The problem with online shopping is that it is much more accessible to buyers than local shopping. In this day and age where laziness is superior to thoughtfulness, going out and actually shopping at a local store seems like a hassle in comparison to clicking a few buttons.

Students at CHS tend to favor online shopping over local shopping because as senior Ally Peters states, "You can do it from anywhere".

Other students claim that, "online stores frequently have more sizes and colors than local stores do", according to senior Sophia Brigante.

Senior MacKaylah O'Brien explains that despite the ease and more options of online shopping, her "favorite thing is the anticipation of getting a package, but it is annoying not being able to try the clothes on before I order them".

Senior MacKaylah O'Brien uses her spare time to shop online.

Online shopping, while having many pros, also has cons. It does not support local communities, but it is much less time-consuming. One is unable to know whether or not the goods will fit, but one can easily return the clothes if need be. Because of the increase in online shopping, local retail stores are losing a lot of money from consumers. This has caused the economy to change exponentially, for better or for worse.

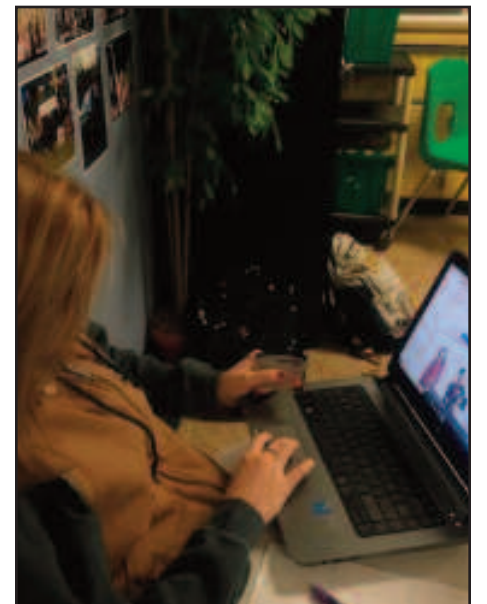


Photo by Autumn Olsen

Senior MacKaylah O'Brien uses her spare time to shop online.

as it's overdone and not the most original.

Last year's theme, "Lost," produced four very unique shows. All last years shows were pretty strong as well, so returnees are expected to have great productions.

As deLaricheliere put it, "This has become part of the culture here, and that people know it and participate in it, that it's got its legs under it. Kids know how to do it."

Even though it would seem that freshmen would be heavily disadvantaged from inexperience, the culture around Variety night has changed. It's more ingrained.

This year Variety Night falls on March 15th and 16th.



Leandra Sawyer

The library is a nice quiet place for Lakers to go to study.



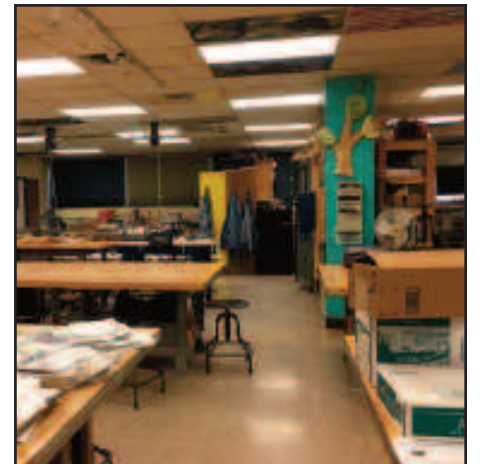
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Students leave their things in Mrs. Rutz's math classroom as they break to go to lunch.



Leandra Sawyer

Mrs. Cummings' Art 1 students study still life drawing and utilize a display set up.



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Mr. Cannizzaro, Art teacher, does pottery and 3-D art.



Leandra Sawyer

The gym is a common place where activities are held, like the CSD Art Show and the Blood Drive.



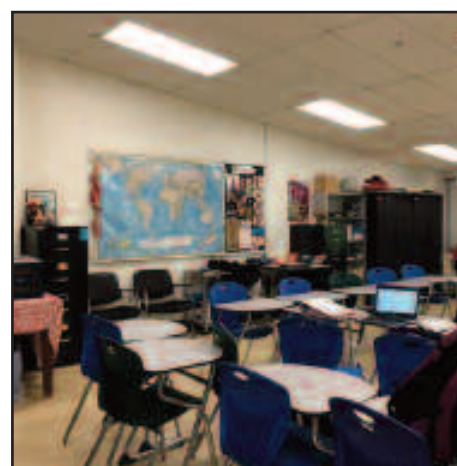
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A humanities classroom with a dividing wall set up that allows for larger groups or small group learning.



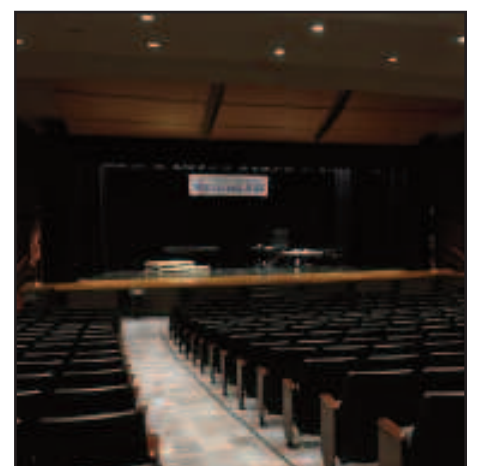
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One of the science rooms; a fume hood to the left is used for different chemical experiments.



Leandra Sawyer

Ms. Pedrin's Spanish room.



Leandra Sawyer

The Performing Arts Center is where plays, concerts, and some school meetings are held.

What I wished I knew my freshman year that I know now

*Poll conducted
by Hayden Fitzgerald*

Ani McMannon- I wish I knew that freshman year was going to be my easiest year

Jack Moore- I wish I put more of an effort in my freshman year classes

Katerina Edelmann- I wish I knew not to pack my schedule with too many extra classes

Quintin Hoskins- I wish I knew what I wanted to do with my life freshman year

Conroy O'Donnell- I wish I knew how to put my phone away to do homework and how to ask for help

Eben Provost- I wish I was more involved in sports events.

Patrick Flaherty- I wish I knew how to buckle down and focus on my work

Amelia Cassidy- I wish I knew how to study for tests

Olivia Brodeur- I wish I knew that it was important to pay attention in class

Edin Jukic- I wish I knew there were snakes in the grass

Alexander Bushell- I wish I had more information on college

Katie Delorme- I wish I knew that TREV was going to be my easiest class

Tyler Desjardin- I wish I knew how to get good grades

Lucas McClanahan- I wish I knew that I needed to mature

Emal Crnalic- I wish I knew that lunches would be short

Cam Rolston- I wish I knew how to curve all of the administration

Dino Ayer- I wish I knew all of the math skills

Kelsey LeClair- I wish I put forth more effort in my classes because it will affect my transcript

Josh Wefers- To try because grades matter down the road

Anna Nault- I wish I knew and realized that all grades from every year matter

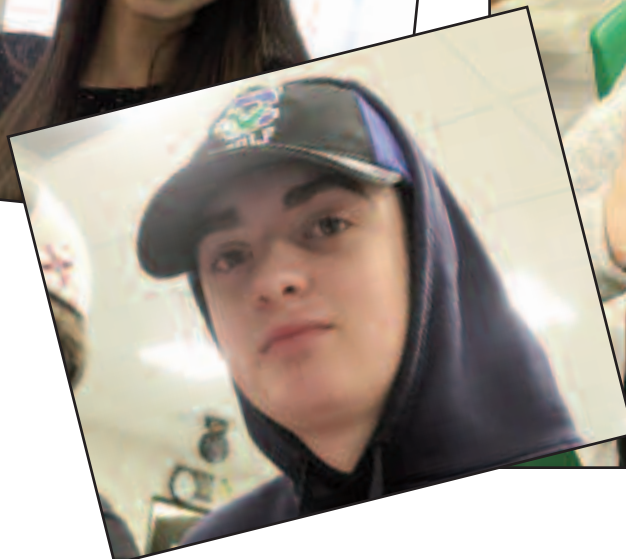
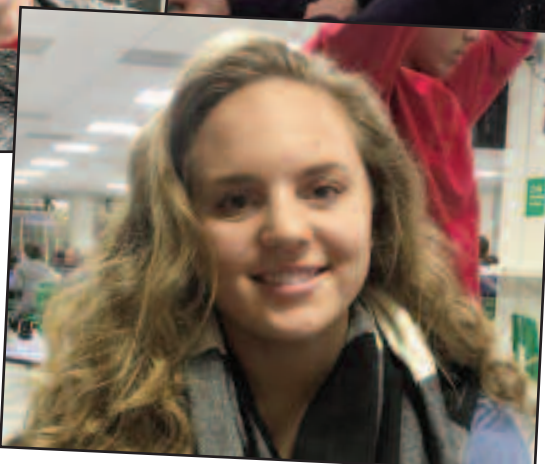
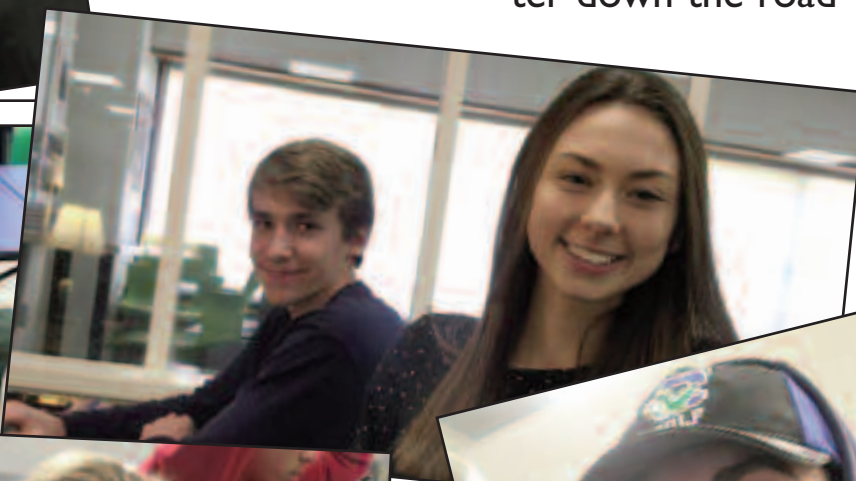
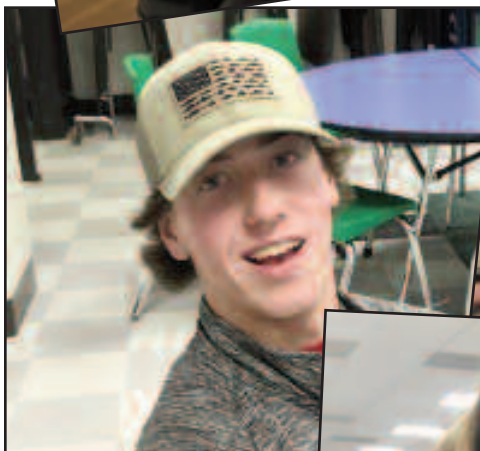
Ayla Buerkette- I wish I knew the process of school better

Bailey Olson- I wish I knew that focusing on school is important

Molly Ryan- I wish I actually tried freshman year

Mike Blair- I wish I knew to try harder in school

Alex L'Ecuyer- I wish I listened to people when they told me that high school goes by fast



L-R: C. O'Donnell,
P. Flaherty, A.
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L'Ecuyer,
C. Rolston, M. Ryan,
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Desjardin

What do you do when you're bored in class?

by MacKaylah O'Brien

Sophia Brigante- "Take BuzzFeed quizzes"

Autumn Olsen- "Online shop"

Ally Peeters- "Doodle"

Cannan Barrows- "Don't pay attention"

Riley Dubuque- "Sleep"

Nick Hath-

away- "Use my phone"

Katie De-
lorme- "I

check my so-
cial media"

Beatrice
Guariglia- "Go

to the bath-
room"

Alex Baggott- "Doodle"

Max Anderson- "Space out"

Jackson Muir- "Play Clash Royale"

A.J. Bushell- "Listen to music"

Emal Crnalic- "Go to the bathroom"

Jenna Breault- "Talk to Erika"

Erika Thibault- "Talk to Jenna"

Adriana Jacobs- "Fall asleep"

Kaleb Parton- "Listen to music"

Angelo Trevisani- "Doodle"

Lauren Pelletier- "Stare at board"

Hayden Fitzgerald- "Wander halls"

Mikayla Groseclose- "Sleep or watch Netflix"

Leandra Sawyer- "Draw or just completely space out"

Owen Downes- "Sleep"

Olivia Brodeur- "Draw flowers"

"Ask a question to make myself more intrigued"

-Christopher McHugh

Jordan Clark- "Go on my phone"

Andy Rosato- "Use my phone or space out"

Josh Wefers- "Space out"

Alaina Rol-
ston- "Go on

my phone and talk to my friends"

Alex Rublee- "Watch YouTube videos"

Maggie Ryan- "Go talk to friends"

Olivia Moore- "Sleep"

Cole Chagnon- "Talk to friends"

David Fournier- "Talk to my friends"

Jess Laquerre- "Talk to friends"



Photo by MacKaylah O'Brien

Senior student, Ally Peeters, breaks boredom by using her phone.

Powder Puff returns

by Ally Peeters

Powder Puff has been around for many years at Colchester High School. It gives many girls the chance to play in a football-like game while being coached by football players from the respective grade.

Nationwide, all proceeds from the games, go to a charity. This year at CHS, all proceeds made from the game went to the Vermont Suicide Prevention Chapter, a charity that hits close to home for many at CHS.

The games were held on November 9th, starting with the freshmen vs sophomores at 6. Following that game at 7, the juniors and seniors went head to head once again.

Practices were held Monday through Thursday the week of the 5th for all four classes to prepare for the big games. Both games had two 25 minute halves. The games were treated as if they were an actual sporting event.

Athletic trainers, officials were present, and real rules were followed. Many females from all

grades were very excited to participate, due to the freshmen and sophomores never having been able to play except this year. This year the freshmen, juniors, and seniors had many girls participate, but the sophomores had a whopping 30 girls.

Josh Wefers commented for both games, making it a more enjoyable game. Though powder-puff is not as entertaining as football, many people came out and enjoyed the energetic atmosphere.

All four teams were required to get their own equipment, "jerseys", and use their own plays. So there was no cheating, all teams were split up during the practice week by grade.

Even though two classes walked away with a winning score, all were winners, especially the charity they played for on Novem-



VT Sports Images

Seniors as freshmen during their first Powder Puff game.

ber 9th.

Drones on the rise

by Hayden Fitzgerald

Drones have recently become a very big part of modern lives. Before the drone was introduced to the public the military utilized drones for missions. The first drone that was used by the military was in 2003, and was unmanned and tasked to kill Bin Laden. The modern drone was introduced to the public in 2013. The first modern drone that was introduced was called, "The Parrot drone". There are currently nine different types of drones and are identified by how many motors they have attached to them.

Drone usage has taken off over the years. Moving from the military to commercial use, the uses include news outlets, police departments, architectural exploration, personal use, and film industries all utilize the versatility of drones.

An example of a personal use for drones, the Rice high school football team used a drone against the Colchester Lakers during the scrimmage they had earlier in the year during pre-season.

School Resource Officer, Officer Jacobs of the Colchester Police Department says drone usage in the police work force is used in different ways. "We at Colchester do not have one but other agencies do specifically designed for missing persons, investigations and also for motor vehicle crashes to check out the area map out the roadways and such. The other part for

drones is if we get a call and an incident where there are multi crime scenes we can take pictures of them so there are definitely uses for them but we unfortunately do not have one here at Colchester".

In all, the drone has been used in multiple ways throughout the years from personal use to professional use. As the years go by we can only imagine what the drone industry will come out with next and what the usage will look like.



Photo from airspacemag.com

Local drone being used for entertainment.

What's new in technology?

by David Mansfield

This fall, three new apple iPhones were released. This includes the iPhone XR, XS, and XS Max. Apple claims that the new iPhones all have improved stereo speakers with a wider audio presentation. The phones have an IP68 water-resistance rating (2 meters depth; up to 30 minutes in water). They also have Faster wireless charging.

Apple says all of its 2018 models support faster Qi charging than the iPhone X was capable of, but it's not providing any clear numbers on what the difference is.

The iPhone XR starts at \$749 with 64 gigabytes of data storage with 128GB and 256GB also available for \$799 and \$899. The iPhone XS is available with 64GB, 256GB or 512GB of storage for \$999, \$1,149 or \$1,349. Add \$100 on top of that for the iPhone XS Max

with a bigger display (\$1,099, \$1,249 or \$1,449).

In an increasingly interconnected world, language is still a barrier to communication. Google has come up with a solution: a \$159 pair of earbuds. The companies Google and Baidu have worked together to create "Pixel Buds." These work with its Pixel smartphones and Google Translate app to produce practically real-time translation. One person wears the earbuds, while the other holds a phone. The earbud wearer speaks in his or her language, and the app translates the speech and plays it aloud on the phone. The person holding the phone responds out loud; this response is translated and played through the earbuds. The earbuds provide Near-real-time translation which now works for a large number of languages and is easy to use.

Field Hockey unbeaten in regular season

by Ally Peeters

The Lady Lakers field hockey team was booming with wins. Going into playoffs undefeated put a little boost of confidence in the whole team. Whether it was Coach Katie Comeau or the girls' determination to win, they had locked up the first undefeated season in 28 years.

The field hockey team at Colchester has never been the top fall sport. Not many students attended the games, with only parents being the teams biggest fans, but that changed this year. During other sporting events, if the field hockey team would be playing, students would slowly drift over to watch some of the game. Though field hockey is very confusing, the fans still stayed intrigued by the intensity of the game.

Junior and captain, Meghan Lehouiller said, "We were a close knit team that was dedicated to win. Our goal going into the season was to win the ship. Even though it didn't happen, I'm proud of the team and the way the season went."

After a long and hard fought game, the Lakers fell to the South Burlington Wolves. Jackie

Palaza scored with 18:00 minutes left in the second half. "It was a game-changer for us. Our confidence level changed," Comeau said. "I think it gave us an opportunity take more control."

They were so close to advancing to the state finals, but South Burlington scored with 5 minutes and 22 seconds left in the second half, which tied up the game. The game was sent into not only one 10 minute overtime, but two. With only 22 seconds left in double overtime, South Burlington took a shot, and defeated the Lakers 2-1.

Coach Comeau said, "We were trying to just play our game, maintain possession and not get caught in a game of cat and mouse where we're chasing another team. They're a team that wins and has a history of winning so coming into that feels like the underdog sometimes."

The Lakers had the best season they have had in 28 years. It was an emotional day for all Lady Lakers, especially for the seniors, which for many of them, that was their last ever field hockey game. Six seniors all key players have made a huge impact, will be leaving CHS field hockey, but will remember this season forever.



Vermont Sports Images

Colchester players comforting each other as their undefeated season came to an end in the DI Semi-Finals

Boys' soccer sets framework for future

by Lakeside Voice staff

The 2018 version of the Laker boys' varsity soccer team featured only five seniors and many underclassmen; including one freshman, three sophomores, and nine juniors. Only six returning players from last year's team had varsity experience. This season became a developing year for the youth to gain the valuable experience for future seasons.

Led by senior captains Evan Lamothe and Van Nguyen and junior captain Alex Daignault, the Lakers improved through experience as the season progressed. While generating a steady offense, the defense was

young and developed as the season went through its fourteen game schedule; featuring tough matches against Division I Metro Conference teams.

Three members of the team earned post season honors. Senior Hans Nedde was selected All Metro First Team and to the Division I All State team. Evan Lamothe, another senior and four year starter for the Lakers, earned a spot on Second Team All Metro, and Senior Van Nguyen was named to the Honorable Mention team for 2018.

All three were invited to try out for the Twin State team that features the top players from Vermont against New Hampshire's best. The annual Twin State game is played in July.

Winter sports seasons begin soon

by Lakeside Voice staff

As the Fall sports seasons wrap up with their season ending banquets and post season awards, students begin to look forward to a new sports season that the winter months bring.

Many students will be trying out for the winter sports including, boys and girls hockey; girls and boys basketball; alpine skiing; nordic skiing and dance.

Most teams will begin after the Thanksgiving break and continue

until playoff time in late February.

Some of the first games and meets fans can catch include home hockey games at Leddy Park, basketball games at CHS, ski races at local ski areas, and dance competitions at CHS.

Overall, it will be another jam packed winter from November through February with plenty of activities for everyone. And of course, it won't be long before the annual Intramural Volleyball Tournament helps transition everyone to the Spring season. For now, enjoy the winter.

Football finishes successful season

by Joshua Porter

The Laker football team had a successful season going 5-3 in the regular season with some impressive victories.

One of the most impressive wins was the first game of the year against Middlebury, who has always dominated DI football in Vermont. Colchester has always been in the middle of the pack of the division with an average record of 4-4. This year they overcame many challenges such as beating Rice, and the season of doing the unexpected from defeating Middlebury to conquering a 4-4 record. The season came to an end when Colchester went to Mount Mans-

field High School to play in the first round of the playoffs. At the half there was hope of the 8th seed beating the 1st seed for the first time in DI history with



Photo by Gino Trevisani

Members of the 2018 Laker football team get ready to run a play.

the score being within one, but after half-time Mount Mansfield displayed why they were the number one seed and won the game 40-19. MMU would go on to

win the DI State Championship.

Senior Jack Moore said "We had a good season but sadly our playoff run was cut short by an amazing team".

The players were happy to have a great season but many players were very sad that their season had ended.

Team captain Quentin Hoskins claims, "This season was amazing! Most of us have been playing football together since we were little kids and this season was one that sums up our football throughout the years. We have always surpassed the expectations of us and this year is no exception."

The 2018 season was a surprising season and it was a good year for the Colchester Lakers.

The road to the 'Ship

by Sophia Brigante

The Girls' Varsity Soccer team has always been one to watch, and this year was no exception. Ending the regular season with a record of 10-4, the Lady Lakers entered playoffs locked in the number three seed, hosting all three play-off games. They ran circles around BFA in Play-downs with a 4-0 win, and then battled with a feisty Mount Anthony, pulling out a 6-1 win.

In a heated Semi Final game against Essex, the Lakers broke out of their 1-0 winning habit with the Hornets and won 2-0, sending them back to Burlington High School, to play at Buck Hard Field in the Championship game.

Coach Jeff Paul, the varsity soccer coach for the past 18 years, was determined to get back to the Division I State Championship game, after being so close the past five years. Two years ago, the team faced Burr and Burton Academy in the championship game, falling to a 1-0 loss after competing the whole match, and almost two double overtimes, leaving only seconds left until going into PK's.

This year, the Lady Lakers faced ancient rivals CVU in the game, where they fell in another 1-0 loss. With seven players and one manager leaving the team, underclassmen have stated that the seniors will be missed on and off the field.

Jordan Clark, a junior playing in the center of the midfield, stated, "The seniors are good leaders, and talented players. They've helped us feel comfortable and united, really developed the team bond early in the season."

Olivia Moore, a sophomore, All State goalie, and already a very active leader on the team, is concerned about the teams dynamic next season, reporting back, "it'll be hard to motivate each other like the seniors motivated us. We are all going to have to step up."

Returning members of the team do say that Coach Paul offers a large amount of inspiration for the team, and that he will be extremely helpful when welcoming new members. Although the season did not end the way the Lakers were hoping, they fought hard and gave CVU a run for their money, playing with nothing but heart and love for the game, their teammates, and their school.



Photo by Roger Nadeau

The team huddles up before starting the second half of one of their many wins this season.

Boys run to finish line

by Angelo Trevisani

The most hardcore of all sports:
RUNNING.

The boys this go around improved throughout the year. While as always, the varsity team fluctuates throughout the year as athletes improve, the top seven by the time of states were Alex Frank, Jaydon Sartwell, Joshua Weefers, Sebastian Alessi, Ethan Carnisale, Thomas Buckley, and Gavin Sicard.

Many of last year's seniors were top runners, so their loss put a hole in the varsity team. The team had some ups and downs throughout the year, but overall found a lot of improvement. The improvement allowed the team to fill in some of the gaps that the previous year left. Five veteran seniors, along with consistent yearly participation from the juniors and newcomer underclassmen, the team was set for a long road ahead. Coach Morgan Samler took the boys through the

season, guiding them towards their potential.

Of course, nobody can forget the weather at the State Meet. Cold, snow and sleet falling from the sky throughout the day. Not to mention the legendary DJ. The average race-goer would never guess that he hand picks each song throughout the day. Rather, in the words of cross country captain Zachary Goad, "It's like he bought Spotify premium and pressed shuffle before picking any preferences."

By the time of the JV race there had already been 7 races on the course, and the boys had been at Thetford for 6 and a half hours. The parts of the course out in the open were practically a mudslide. Of course, the varsity boys had it easier, being the fourth race of that long day at Thetford. While the boys never took any big victories, they did come in 11th place at the states meet, which is pretty impressive.

Girls' x-country step it up

by Angelo Trevisani

The Colchester High School girls' Cross-Country team had a good year. As coach Cheryl Aley took the reins for the third year in a row, accompanied by Colchester High School's very own Jaclyn Dixon as an assistant coach for the better half of the year, the running potential the team had began to truly be tapped. With this guidance, the girl's cross country team pushed themselves to the limit.

"The girls improved greatly throughout the season, especially at the end of the season," says Coach Dixon. "We had anywhere from seconds to minutes on personal best improvements throughout the season."

The girls' team, not unlike the boys, experienced a lot of growth this year. As if living in parallel universes, the girls lost two very talented runners as well, which opened up room for new talent. The top seven by the time of the State Meet were Maelyn Sartwell, Shyanne Roberge, Kyra Doloughty, Amelia Cassidy, Alex Aley, Sabrina Alessi, and Rebecca St. Peter. Alex Aley in particular was a newcomer who found herself part of the varsity team. Runners Shyanne Roberge and Maelyn Sartwell also found themselves winning some awards at a few races.

The team secured 7th place at states, just 2 points shy of making New England's. Last year, the girls made it to that. The girls that will be returning look to next year, which seems very promising.

"The girls improved greatly throughout the season."

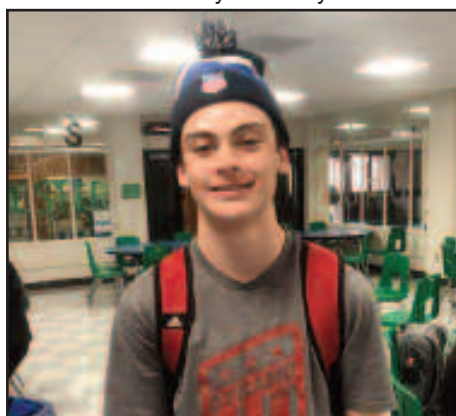
-Coach Dixon

Winter Sports Preview

by
Cameron Rolston

As fall sports come to an end winter sports are just picking up. Several academic athletes were asked how they think their upcoming seasons are going to turn out, and what kind of goals their looking to reach throughout the season.

Robbie Russell
Boys' Hockey



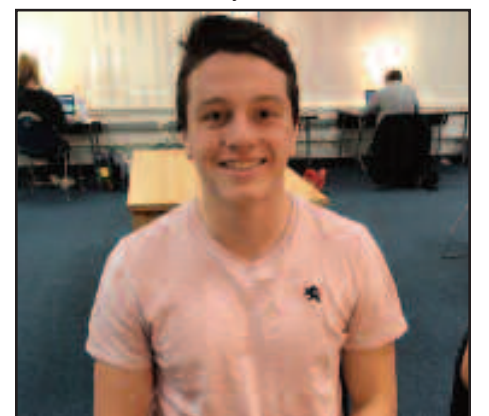
I'm looking forward to having fun with the boys and looking forward to winning some big games. I hope to win a championship this season. You're not going to want to miss this season so come out and watch!

Grace Martin
Apline Ski Team



We have two new boys from Mass who are hopefully going to be a good addition to the team. I had a great season last year so I'm hoping to go to Easterns again this year.

Conroy O'Donnell
Varsity Basketball



I think we're going to be very successful. We have 6 returning players and a young talented unit. We're definitely going to be a team you should come out and watch.



We got spirit, yes we do!!

by Erika Thibault

Photos contributed by CHS Yearbook staff

Colchester High School once again celebrated another Spirit Week in early October. Lots of thinking and time goes into this week, an annual event put together by Student Government.

Prior to Spirit Week each grade comes up with a theme for their hallways and designs for their class banner. This year, Freshmen theme was Night in the City; the Sophomores' theme was Wizard of Oz; the Juniors' theme was Mario Kart. The seniors was A Walk Down Memory Lane.

The week started with Pajama Day. The next day students showed their love for USA by wearing all sorts of red, white and blue. On Wednesday students dressed up as their favorite movie character. Then the following day we went back in time for Decade Day. People dressed up from the 1950's, 1970's, 1990's, and more.

On the final day of Spirit Week students and teachers wore their class color. Freshman and juniors wore green, sophomores wore blue, and seniors wore white. Spirit Week ended by everyone gathering in the gym for the annual pep rally.

The freshman enjoying their first pep rally and the seniors making it the best for their very last pep rally. The over all winner was the seniors. This was a very memorable Spirit Week for the Class of 2019!!!