

# THE STUDENT TIMES

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## Homecoming King and Queen



photo by Carly Hill

Pictured from left to right: **Queen Kaitlyn Emma Caladie** is the President of For the Cause Teen Center Youth Action Board, Senior Vice President of Student Council, and the Class of 2023 Treasurer. She plays field hockey and softball. She is a member of Interact, SADD, Woman's Chorus, Disc Golf, Ping-Pong Club, National Honor Society, FBLA, Spirit Club, Distinguished Honor Society, and Ski Club. She is a Physics Lab Assistant and is on the Chapter 339 Advisory Board. She plans to attend the college of her choice and Major in Business and Minor in Environmental Studies.

**King Ethan Daniel DiPippa** is the Senior Student Council President, the Class of 2023 Secretary, the FBLA Treasurer and the Varsity Golf team captain. He participates in Spirit Club, Prom Committee, Interact, Swing Choir, Men's Chorus, and Varsity Baseball. He has been inducted into the Nation Honor Society, and has qualified for Districts in Golf. His future plans include attending the college of his choice, Majoring in Business Marketing and Minor in Economics.

## Kupsky discusses cell phones

TRACE MANEVAL  
*Editor-in-Chief*

The debate about the cell phone policy ramps up at the onset of every school year. Students every year are left wondering whether the current policy will change. This year, the discussion escalated when the topic was brought up by school leaders at multiple introductory meetings. Students now have answers from Superintendent Wendy Kupsky about this issue.

Kupsky, the school district's superintendent since August 11, 2020, said that the cell phone policy will not change this school year, "unless something drastic happens. That is how policy gets made. I hate to change policy mid-year unless it's super obvious that a policy change is the best choice for the kids."

The decision to craft different cell phone policy is something the school district takes very seriously. Kupsky said, "We talk about cell phones all the time." She added that many people, including members of the School Board, will sometimes discuss cellu-

lar device policy with her at any given time; specifically, the discussion usually centers around whether students should be able to have device freedom or not. The superintendent said that no matter what new rule is made, it will never please everyone. She has to make the best decision for the students of Berwick Area School District.

Kupsky said that when a new rule is made, there is an entire enforcement angle that sprouts from the rule. In other words, when the school district makes a rule, they have to make sure students follow it. This factors heavily into the superintendent's mind when making a policy decision.

Kupsky personally believes in the practical usage of technology, "When teachers would tell students to fill out their homework tracker, I would say 'Why can't they just pull out their phone and snap a picture of it?'" To further these practicality discussions, Kupsky intends to start a Student Advisory Committee. Members of this committee would periodically

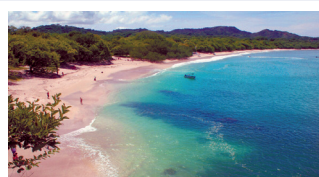
meet with Kupsky and give her the student perspective on the top issues facing BHS, including the debate over cell phones.

While addressing the potential implementation of a similar policy to Central Columbia School District, a strict ban of cell phone use in class, Kupsky reiterated that while she looks at the policy of other school districts, "We have to make it specific to this school district...I don't know what else Central has in place for cell phone policy versus what might work here for us."

Overall, Kupsky is aware of the controversies surrounding this issue, and the way she makes all of her decisions is what fits best for the students of Berwick Area School District. Although drastic situations may occur many years from now, current students can feel secure about the cell phone policy remaining the same. Students with questions or concerns about current policy or how it may change in the coming years can contact Kupsky at [wkupsky@berwickisd.org](mailto:wkupsky@berwickisd.org).

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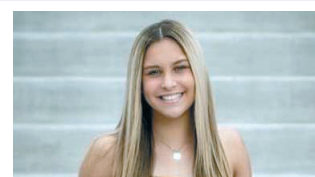
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## Since activities began before school started, how was your season affected?



**Coach Michael Bennett**  
“Everything that we did, we had that schedule in mind. When we would practice in the summer, we would go early knowing that the kids had to start being accustomed to waking up early working toward their get up time for school.”



**Flute Section Leader Cadence Zeigler**  
“The later start has been beneficial for the band as it has given us more time to focus on the show at the beginning of the season.”



**Captain Emily Talanca**  
“It was definitely nerve-racking because all the football games started earlier than usual, but with the new coach helping to bring everyone together, we were able to make it work, and for the most part, it went over smoothly.”



**Senior Quarterback Matt Lonczynski**  
“Since school started later this year we had 2 games this year before school even started... we got extra practice time, more rest, and all of our attention got diverted to those games with no school related distractions.”



**Senior Clarinet Regan Welch**  
“It didn’t really affect the group much, as our schedule did not change much until we added school (and class) into the mix. Overall, we pretty much ran things about the same, despite a later school start date.”



**Junior Member Carson Witner**  
“There were some setbacks to our season. We have been trying to catch up, but it has been a lot of hard work on all of us and the coaches.”

## New staff make introductions

ALYSSA LABOUR

*Sophomore*

New teachers entered the high school staff for the 2022-2023 school year. They are Chrysogonus Curry and Matthew Hertz. Curry teaches learning support; Hertz teaches health and physical education. Their experience will allow them to offer a unique perspective to their class.



Hertz teaches 9th Grade Health, Physical Education, Fitness for Life, Health Systems and Profession, and Medical Terminology. Hertz went to Lock Haven University, and has a bachelor’s degree in Health and Physical Education as well as Health Sciences. He attended North Penn High school. His prior job was an athletic trainer at Berwick. He also taught Health in Maryland from 2007- 2015.

One of Hertz’s goals for this year is “to work on creating an effective curriculum for the Rehabilitation Aide CTE program.” He hopes to “bring teaching and health-care experience to courses where both are beneficial.”

Hertz chose to teach health because he “believes health education is important for a person’s overall well-being... High school health class is a place where valid, pertinent information can be learned and used for a lifetime.”

Michael Bennett is a Health teacher at BHS; He said, “Mr. Hertz brings a wealth of knowledge to our PE/Health department in the high school.”

Students look forward to learning from the new staff. If any students would like to meet the new teachers, Curry’s class is room 59; Hertz’s class is in room 52.



Curry went to King’s College, studying Special Education and History. He was a football athlete when he attended Berwick High as a student. He later coached the Bulldog team. He taught learning support and math at the Berwick Middle School. Teaching at the high school, he said, is different. Curry said it is nice to get to know his old teachers on a different level.

Curry chose this job because he is passionate about helping people. He enjoys getting to know his students and seeing them succeed. In ten years, he hopes to “still be a Berwick Bulldog.”

Debbie Kern is a Life Skills Support teacher at the Berwick High School. She has known Curry for 24 years. She is confident he will make an excellent teacher because he “has a lot of knowledge about the field.”

photos by Carly Hill

# Students get opportunity to travel to Costa Rica

JOSEPHINE MORGAN

*Business Manager*

From June 26th to July 2nd, 2023, students from Berwick High School will be traveling to Costa Rica for educational experiences. This trip will benefit the students educationally while providing worldly experiences.

There will be many activities available on the trip. The jungle horseback tour, for example, will take the students through the Guanacaste region of the rain forests. While the students are in the jungle, they can also go ziplining.

Freshman Morgan Drauschak said, "One thing I've always wanted to do is something crazy like zip lining; I think this is gonna be the perfect chance to do it."

In the water, they will get to snorkel and, if they choose, Stephanie Rothery, chaperon and advisor for the trip, can take them to surfing lessons. Back on land, the students will get traditional cooking lessons and salsa dance instruction.

This trip will also allow the students to expand their capabilities. While in Costa Rica, the students will be exposing themselves to diverse cultural traditions. For instance, Costa Rica's official language is Spanish; as such, students will be learning Spanish phrases. Rothery said, "the longer we're there, the more they speak to us in Spanish and less in English because all the guides are bilingual." This opportunity allows students to interact in a foreign setting.

To go on this voyage, students must supply a passport and \$3,100, which will pay for their airfare, hotel stays, and meals. Besides those requirements, students will not need to bring any additional money unless they want to buy something not supplied on tour, like a souvenir.

If a student wishes to attend but is worried about being able to afford the trip, Rothery offered some advice, "World Stride has a program called the Gift of Education.

And the way that works is kids can set up a fundraiser of their own through social media, similar to a GoFundMe." If students' parents want to go along, they will have to pay.

Rothery is very excited about the opportunity to take students on this trip. Rothery said, "So for me, probably the biggest reward is getting to see the kids just experience the rainforest and get to do things they've never done."

However, due to COVID-19, "we've had to postpone" the trip for the last two summers. They've revamped the trip compared to previous ones, namely the chance to go snorkeling.

The students who planned to attend previous years were also very disappointed when they received news that the company running the trip canceled it. Jayde Bafile, a sophomore preparing to go on the journey a previous year, said, "It was honestly very upsetting for me, but I'm very happy and thank-

ful that it was moved to this year."

Attendees are also not required to get vaccinations; Rothery said, "as of right now, there are no vaccination requirements- those have been lifted. The only requirement is a passport."

The students who already signed up to travel are enthusiastic about the trip. When referring to the horseback riding event, Senior Carly Hill said, "It seems like an exciting experience, and I look forward to it." On the tour, students will see all the wildlife and vegetation that inhabits the rainforest. Some of the plants found on the tops of rainforests are unique to the environment; people cannot see this elsewhere.

The group will travel by plane, which can lead to stress or anxiety. Junior Carson Witner said, "I'm most afraid of the flight, actually. I'm not crazy about flying and just planes in general, but I think the long flight will be worth it." However, the

knowledge and memories gained far outweigh the fear.

In past years, the flight to Costa Rica has flown out of the Philadelphia Airport, with layovers in Texas or North Carolina. This year's layover will most likely be in Texas, as the group is traveling to the western coast of Costa Rica. Once they land in San Jose, they will take a bus into the Guanacaste region, where the trip will take place.

Individuals on the trip will have the chance to volunteer to help the people in the community and learn about conservation in the foreign environment. Individuals volunteering and participating in conservation will show them how to be more environmentally conscious. Additionally, students can use their accumulated hours on this trip toward their senior project.

For a more in-depth explanation of information about the events, payment, or other aspects of the trip, see Rothery in Room 29.

## Reviews

# Stardew Valley continues to entertain gamers

LAUREN BIRK

*Junior*

The fan-favorite RPG (role-play game) **Stardew Valley**, created by developer ConcernedApe, was released on November 26, 2016. Its charming pixelated graphics and the freedom granted to the player quickly made the game popular.

**Stardew Valley** sold one million copies two months after its release. Its popularity skyrocketed to ten million copies sold in 2020, then 20 million copies in 2022, according to Stardew Valley Lifetime Unit Sales World-

wide of March 2022. With popularity only trending upwards, Stardew Valley has a bright future.

When the player enters the game, they are greeted with a character customization screen that allows them to choose a map for their farm, a farm name, and a preferred pet. It is revealed that the player inherited a farm located in Pelican Town from their late grandfather. The player spawns on the farm, starting with a meager one-room house, a small packet of seeds, and an adventurous time ahead.

The game then tasks the player with meeting all 28 townsfolk, all of whom have their schedules dependent on the day of the week and time of day. A full in-game day is approximately 15 minutes, although the sun sets are altered for each season. The player also has an energy bar that increases as they level up skills (fishing, farming, foraging, and mining), along with various upgradeable tools. Out of the 28 townsfolk, 12 are romanceable and can be married and have children. Relationships can be grown through giving gifts and

speaking regularly.

Previous to the release of **Stardew Valley**, there have been few RPG games that so evenly balance the aspects of relationships, farming, mining, and fishing in such a way that gives the player complete control and freedom as to what they focus on, as well as how they make a profit. On top of this, many advancements and easter eggs can be discovered, including collectible statues and entirely new locations.

However, there are several minor concerns voiced by dedicated players. Children

can only grow to be toddlers, and do no impact the gameplay in any way. Players have also voiced a need for more spouse interactions or special events after marrying.

Stardew Valley is available on most platforms, including the PlayStation, Xbox systems, Nintendo Switch, PCs, and mobile. The price on every system is \$15, excluding mobile, which is \$5.

Overall, I would recommend this game to anyone who enjoys life simulation games focusing on nature and becoming successful through gratifying tasks.

# How teens celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday

**CARSON WITNER**  
Junior

Every year, people across America celebrate the fourth Thursday of November as a day to be thankful, but what are other things teenagers do to celebrate the holiday? Thanksgiving is not just a holiday for teenagers to sit down and think about all the reasons why they need to be thankful.

For some teenagers, Thanksgiving is a day to spend with family they may not see frequently. Some students have large families that only get together during these major holidays, so Thanksgiving is an event for them to look forward to in order to reunite with their distant relatives.

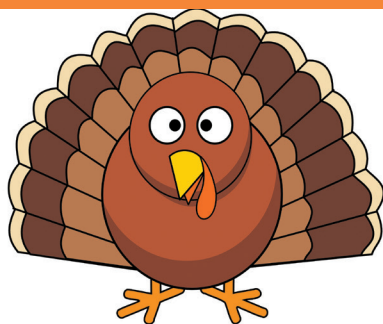
Other students look forward to eating some amazing homemade food. Food always tastes the best when it is homemade with love, and Thanksgiving is the perfect time for families to make favorite recipes. Thanksgiving is known for having a delicious feast for dinner followed by plentiful desserts. Many students love spending the day cooking and baking these scrumptious meals with their close family from recipes that have been handed down for years. These can be very special times, and Thanksgiving is an annual event for teenagers to create these moments.

Other teenagers look forward to other family traditions such as watching the parade or football games. Some students have fun family traditions that are special to them where

they can make meaningful memories with the people that they love. Thanksgiving may be a holiday that most people mainly associate with food, but there are other traditions families do with each other that are important to them. Some families simply enjoy sitting down after the meal to watch the Thanksgiving Day Parade, and some enjoy watching a good football game with each other. These may not be what first comes to mind when thinking of Thanksgiving, but it is what some teenagers truly look forward to on that day.

For those who are not the most excited about Thanksgiving, they still look forward to getting some time off of school. Even if some teenagers do not really celebrate the holiday or feel the need to, they certainly enjoy getting a break from all the schoolwork. Thanksgiving is a chance for these students to get a nice short break from relentless studying, assignments, and waking up early. They can use this time to relax, unwind, and get rid of built up stress. Thanksgiving may not be celebrated by these teenagers, but even these students still have this time off to be thankful.

Whether students spend Thanksgiving meeting distant family members, cooking and eating delicious meals, taking part in family traditions, or sleeping in for a few extra hours, teenagers have many ways to spend this wonderful holiday.



# Internet trend spreads kindness

**EDEN SAVOY**  
Features Editor

People across the United States have begun to participate in a new trend called 'Friendsgiving' in the wake of this year's holiday season. The trend consists of groups of friends coming together to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal while celebrating their friendship and how grateful they are for each other, holding the spirit of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Friendsgiving, unlike many trending activities in today's media, is a way to spread kindness. Friends can connect with each other while sharing the common goal of showing gratitude towards each other.

Kaylee Hacker, Junior, was the host of a Friendsgiving meal last year. "Hosting Friendsgiving was great because it gave me an opportunity to remind my friends just how much I appreciate and love them. When my friends and I hang out it's rare to do something meaningful, so it's nice to spread kindness with

them sometimes," Hacker said.

Many people have only celebrated the holiday of Thanksgiving with family prior to this trend, but still want to show appreciation for their friends, which is why so many people are beginning to participate in this second celebration. It is a great way to talk about and share memories of friendship from the year, or to reignite old friendships that may no longer be as strong.

While planning a Friendsgiving celebration, most people approach it potluck style. Everyone who is invited comes with some sort of dish to share, and together the different foods create a Thanksgiving meal for everyone. Participants can share their family's Thanksgiving traditions and recipes through this process. Hacker said, "I had my mom help me make the stuffing for my friends, and it was really cool getting to share what I usually have for

Thanksgiving with them"

The video-sharing app called TikTok has become a large part in popular culture as a platform to share the biggest trends and is where Friendsgiving has gained a lot of its traction. People post themselves with friends all over the media celebrating Friendsgiving, inspiring many others to host one of their own with friends.

Junior Addison Post, who participated in a Friendsgiving celebration last year, said "When I was invited to Friendsgiving, I immediately thought of the videos I saw about it on TikTok and guessed it would be a lot of fun. I was excited to cook something for all of my friends to enjoy."

Friendsgiving is a refreshing new trend spreading amongst teens that focuses on showing appreciation and kindness towards your friends. It's a great way to celebrate and remind your friends that you care about them.

# Pumpkin spice latte battle returns

**MADelyn BROWN**  
Reviews Editor

As the fall season begins, the biggest coffee shop chains in the nation have released their pumpkin spice lattes, and some smaller local shops have joined in on the trend. In search of the best pumpkin spice latte in our community, I have tried both iced and hot lattes from Dunkin', Starbucks, and A Perfect Blend. Dunkin':

Iced: The iced latte from Dunkin' was a letdown. While the latte's flavor was decent, it was indistinguishable from another of Dunkin's iced lattes. It could have easily been a French Vanilla and Carmel Latte.

Hot: After trying the iced latte, I was hesitant to spend

money on the hot latte. However, I was pleasantly surprised by the flavor of the hot latte. It actually tasted like pumpkin spice and was very creamy.

Starbucks:

Iced: Starbucks' Iced Pumpkin Spice Latte was good, but nothing special. While the latte did taste like pumpkin spice, it was a little too sweet and lacked the light taste of espresso a latte should have.

Hot: Starbucks' hot latte, however, stole the show with its delicious flavor and the perfect balance between sweetness and espresso. It is the perfect drink for a cold, rainy fall day. A Perfect Blend:

Iced: A Perfect Blend's Iced latte was delicious. It avoided being too sweet, the mistake

many other coffee shops make. Also, the superior quality of the espresso was undeniable and the sprinkle of cinnamon on top was a nice touch.

Hot: The hot latte was good but lacked the flavor of espresso. It definitely had the pumpkin spice flavor but tasted more like a steamer than a latte, and did not live up to what I hoped for.

While there is a variation of great options, I recommend trying the hot latte from Starbucks and the Iced from A Perfect Blend.

Ranking

1. Hot- Starbucks
2. Iced- A Perfect Blend
3. Hot- Dunkin'
4. Hot- A Perfect Blend
5. Iced- Starbucks
6. Iced- Dunkin'

# Cooking your blessings for Thanksgiving

**AMY BEER**

*Junior*

With the fall season in full swing and Thanksgiving right around the corner, what better treat is there to make than pumpkin cake? And what is even better than pumpkin cake? Pumpkin cake pops decorated to look like pumpkins! This is a very easy fall treat that is perfect for the upcoming Thanksgiving season. They take about an hour to complete and require minimal skill in baking. This treat also allows for a lot of personalization and can be decorated not only for Thanksgiving but for any other holiday that you may want to bake for!

For this recipe you are going to need a pre-baked pumpkin cake, frosting, green food coloring, 6 oz. of black or brown candy melts, 24 oz. of orange candy melts, lollipop sticks, and a roll of parchment paper. For the cake, I used a six pack of medium-sized pumpkin cupcakes with cream cheese frosting and it gave me a perfect amount of fourteen cake pops.

Unfortunately, I did not have lollipop sticks, however, cutting bamboo skewers to the appropriate size did the trick.

The first thing that you are going to do after you gather all of the ingredients is take the cake and separate the cake and the frosting into two large bowls. Then, you're going to take about half of the separated icing and fold it in with

the cake. Mix it around and combine it with your hands until it is a smooth, dense, moldable mixture. After you have your mixture ready, take the cake and roll them into balls about 1.5 inches in diameter. If the mixture gets too soft you can just pop them in the freezer for 10 minutes to firm them up again. Once you have your balls completed, take a

chopstick or toothpick and roll the sides to create a pumpkin-like shape. After you do this, place them in the freezer for 15 minutes.

While the cakes are put freezing, it's time to melt the chocolates! Melt the black or brown chocolate first in a bowl at 10-second increments. Make sure to stir after each one and take them out as soon as it reaches a smooth consistency. After that is finished, take the cakes out of the freezer and gather your sticks. Dip the sticks into the chocolate about an inch of the way in, and then immediately push the stick into the center of the cake pop, stopping when the stick is about halfway in the center. Once you finish with all of the pops, place them back into the freezer for another 15 minutes.

While those are freezing, melt the orange chocolates into a bowl, following the same increment rule as before. You can mix in some coconut oil in order to make the chocolate thinner if the chocolate does not melt well, however that is up to preference. Adding

coconut oil will help thin the chocolate and it does not have a strong taste. Transfer the newly melted chocolate into a glass to make it easier for dipping. Then you will need to dip the cake into the chocolate, allowing the extra chocolate to slowly drop off, then set it aside to dry. Let them sit off to the side and dry for about 5 minutes before preparing to add the decorations.

While the cake pops are drying, gather the leftover icing and green food coloring. Mix the food coloring in until the icing has reached the green color of your choice. Transfer the icing into a piping bag and you can either snip off the tip or use a metal decorating tip for the piping. Here you can go crazy decorating. Put as many leaves or vines on as you want, it's completely up to you! Once you finish the icing, you're ready to eat this delicious treat! Either serve them immediately or refrigerate them for a later time. These easy-to-make treats make for the perfect fall snack and will for sure have you reaching for more!



photo by Amy Beer

## Students share what they're thankful for



**Ethan Lear**  
**Junior**

"Eagles football being 7 and 0. They're going to win the Super Bowl."



**Hannah Zehner**  
**Sophomore**

"I'm thankful for Olivia Ellzy."



**Olivia Ellzy**  
**Sophomore**

"I'm thankful for Hannah Zehner."



**Joshua Kishbaugh**  
**Junior**

"I'm really thankful for my family."



**Norah Hestor**  
**Freshman**

"I'm thankful for all of my friends and the tennis girls."

# Football concludes season

**John Guerriero**  
*Senior*

The Berwick Bulldogs have been continuously battling so far this year. They have won great games against competitors like the Dallas Mountaineers, but have also had tough losses against teams such as the Wilkes-Barre Wolfpack.

The Bulldogs had a rough start, beginning with a record of 0-2 against the Southern Columbia Tigers and The Valley View Cougars. Since then, the Bulldogs have been successful, going 4-1 in the last five weeks.

In week 7, the Bulldogs obtained a big win against the undefeated Dallas Mountaineers with a score of 39-22. Against the Dallas Mountaineers the Bulldogs were successful offensively. Senior Quarterback Matthew Lonczynski scored 4 touchdowns that game, 3 rushing and 1 passing. Lonczynski said "I

contribute by being vocal and a leader along with everything else that entails with playing QB." The bulldogs have tough competitors to end their season, playing Danville, Crestwood, and Hazleton. Head Coach Mike Bennett said "we have a tough upcoming last half of the year. But we don't look at it that way. First, we look at it as an opportunity to play superior teams. That's how you get better. Second, we take it one game at a time. It is truly a "one game season" for us." This is Bennett's first year as the Bulldogs head coach.

The Bulldogs have the ability to get big wins. As a team they display many strengths. Senior Tight End and Defensive End Rowan Slabinski said "the team's biggest strength is our ability to score. In all of our wins we scored over 30 points."

Slabinski had an interception for a touchdown against Wyoming Valley West who the Bulldogs defeated 41-13. The team also has an extremely strong receiving core, including Senior Wide Receiver and Safety Dreyton Wilk who had 10 touchdowns through only 5 weeks of football. Wilk said "our receivers are weapons."

The Bulldogs have high expectations concluding their season. They are hoping to be successful in the playoffs and to have an opportunity to win the district championship. Slabinski said "during the playoffs I am expecting to beat every team in our division and win the district championship." Bennett also believes in his players and the team's ability to be successful. Bennett said "We can play with anybody on our schedule. Our kids are starting to play well together at the right time."

# Field Hockey finishes season

**Katya Newcomer**  
*Sophomore*

The Berwick Field Hockey team has potential this season. The group comprises 13 high schoolers and their head coach, Amy Daniel.

The Field Hockey Team has not started on the best note when it comes to wins, but this is attributed to the lack of a middle school team because of a shortage of players. Most of the first-year students have little to no experience in field hockey. Still, the team has succeeded in helping each other grow around the unfortunate circumstances. Senior Cassidy Feudale said, "The freshmen are inexperienced, but they work very hard."

Regardless, they have gotten very good at communicating on and off the field.

The players are also learning to adapt to frequent changes in positions, which is a learning curve for everyone.

The players often hang out with each other, which has led to a family-like bond within the team. Feudale said, "I'm happy with the team I got my senior year. I have played since 7th grade. These six years have made me a stronger person."

There are goals for the season's future; as freshman Callie Shultz said, "The team hopes to win a game." Even though the field hockey team has had little success on the field, they have accomplished great strides with communication and bonding in almost all aspects of team life. This will hopefully lead to an incredible 2023 season.

# Girls' Volleyball triumphs during season

**Sean Murphy**  
*Sports Editor*

With multiple huge wins in their rearview, the 19-0 Berwick Girls' Volleyball team looks to continue their success throughout the post-season.

The goal right now for the Lady Dawgs is to capture their third straight district title, and first state playoff win with this special group that they have.

Head Coach Sarah Warner says that in order to achieve this success in the post-season, the team's "effort every day in the gym has to be top notch...[they] also need to remain hungry and energized." The Lady Dawgs have shown this energy in their two key wins, knocking off last year's

Wyoming Valley Conference champions in Delaware Valley, and also top ranked Holy Redeemer. The only loss that the team had last year came to Delaware Valley, so Coach Warner said "it was sweet to earn some redemption" when the Dawgs traveled to the Warriors and defeated them in an intense 5 sets.

In order to accomplish their goals of district and state titles, Senior Hitter, Sarah Steeber says that the team needs to "stay disciplined" and use every game as an "opportunity to get better." The team has said they tend to struggle with opponents who are not as talented, so focus and discipline will need to be a focal point as they go against better teams come

playoff time.

Coach Warner says that the team emphasizes serving and passing at practice. She believes that these two skills are the most important in the game, "Without tough serving, you set yourself up for a difficult time on defense. Without consistent passing, offense doesn't exist." This specialized practice strategy has proven to be a key in the overall success of the team thus far.

The team's driving force this year has been their star-studded senior "fab four", with last year's WVC Coach's MVP Cecilia Isenberg, WVC First Team All-Star Morgan Nevel, WVC Honorable Mention Camille Pinterich, and also 2020's WVC Player of the

Year, Steeber. Steeber, who also would have had a successful season in 2021, was unfortunately unable to play due to an injury.

With the talent and experience that this group has, it makes the game a breeze for all those around. Not just the players have it easier, however. Coach Warner says that she "can let them flow through the game and have a bit more leash to work around the challenges of the game. I do not have to interfere as much." These seniors did not just show up one day with immense talent though, Coach Warner states that "[They] have given so much of themselves to this game. So much dedication and effort has led them to excel

on the court." Having teammates like this only makes other athletes want to work just as hard to get better, and that is another major reason this team has grown so prosperous together.

As the playoffs progress, there are certain aspects that the team feels they need to work on to have the best chance to make a deep run into the state tournament. Senior Libero, Camille Pinterich, expressed that the team tends to lack energy, which could prove to be a potential weakness when facing other talented teams in the playoffs. Coach Warner also mentioned a similar point that she will be trying to improve within the team, that being

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**TOP DAWGS**

**Cross Country**



The Cross Country Team finished with a record of 13-3. At districts, they placed third overall and won their league.

**Girls' Tennis**



The Girls' Tennis Team finished their season with a record of 5-7. Senior Milanna Reader and freshman Norah Hestor advanced to singles and doubles, while junior Addison Post and senior Julia Mowery advanced to doubles.

**Girls' Soccer**



The Girls' Soccer Team concluded their season with a record of 8-10 overall. They advanced to playoffs and recently competed in the District 2 Quarterfinals.

**Contribute to the Student Times**

Suggestions are welcome!  
Submit articles, editorials or ideas in room 60.

# New cheer coach arrives

**Riley Walls**  
*Freshman*

Penn State University freshman Sammy Schwartz has taken the reins for the cheerleading team.

Schwartz is one of the youngest cheerleading coaches for the high school to date; she is 18 years of age. Her goal for this year is to make sure each and every athlete is having fun but still understands discipline. Schwartz believes every athlete that enters the gym should know that it's a safe space and should be somewhere that they are stress free.

Being the new cheerlead-

ing coach, Schwartz has made a huge impact on this year's cheerleading team. A senior, Giuliana Force said, "The new cheer coach helps motivate and keep the team moving. She also encouraged me to push myself further than I had before."

Although Schwartz just came to the cheer team, she has made strong bonds with her cheerleaders. She described her team in 5 words, "dedicated, strong, motivated, fun, and willing."

This team will not only be cheering for football or at competitions. Schwartz also plans to cheer for basketball

and wrestling teams.

Schwartz is excited for upcoming cheer competitions. As Schwartz said, "Most of these athletes have not competed... I'm excited to get them out there just for an experience that they will never forget." Some locations for the competitions will be local at the start, then move to Stroudsburg and Misericordia University.

The Berwick cheer team best represents this school by being good people. As said by Schwartz, "They always have other people's backs and always have bulldog pride."

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stamina, "Playoffs will require a high level of consistent play for longer periods of time." Along with energy and stamina boosting, Warner looks to improve on "defensive positioning" as there will be teams "that will present tougher offensive hitters at the net and athletes

that can dig our best hitters." With the revamping of these key points, it will be hard for any team to stop this talented group of players Coach Warner has on her hands.

This year's Berwick Girls' Volleyball has two things on their mind at this point, defeating the Dallas Mountaineers to complete a 3-peat

for the district championship, and making a big splash in the state playoffs, looking not only to capture their first win in these playoffs, but their first string of wins. With the momentum that these girls have, teams should be afraid to face off against the Dawgs for the remainder of their triumphant season.

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# Students enjoy 2022 Homecoming dance



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## LILLIAN ROBINSON-GILDEN

*Freshman*

On October 29th, Berwick held this year's homecoming ceremony in the auditorium, followed by the dance in the cafeteria. The homecoming royalty was announced at the ceremony as **King Ethan Daniel DiPippa** and **Queen Kaityn Emma Caladie**.

The court promenade to "Feel This Moment" by Pitbull. The 2022 Homecoming King and Queen promenade to "Good Old Days" by Macklemore. Comments and Proclamation of King and Queen were provided by Principal of Operations Gregory Michael. The Recessional was to "Homecoming" by Kanye West.

Narrators included Seniors Tyrone Birt, Trace Maneval, and Jayda Powell, giving the Address of Welcome. Maneval and Powell introducing the court. The DJ was Berwick High graduate Shawn Sheptock.

Student Council Advisor Melissa Driscole was in charge of many aspects of the dance, including its organization. She says that "decorating for the dance in such a short amount of time is the biggest challenge." Driscole worked tirelessly to make an enjoyable night for students. She said, "my favorite part is working with the Homecoming Court and seeing it all come together at the ceremony."

Student Council decided the theme of the dance to be enchanted forest. Anticipation for the homecoming dance rose as the date inched closer. Student council members busily prepared decorations to make the night memorable for all.