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The Russo-Ukrainian War Continues

As we know, on February 24, 2022, Russia launched an attack on Ukraine. Russian troops have moved into the country. Ukraine is led by its president Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and Russia is led by Vladimir Putin. Putin claims that the attack was launched as a "special military operation" for the "demilitarization and denazification" of Ukraine. Putin also claimed the attack was needed to protect people in two parts of eastern Ukraine. In Ukraine, two separatist groups wish to break away from Ukraine. Even though Ukraine isn't part of NATO, many NATO nations and their leaders, including the United States of America, support the country. Many world leaders assume Putin caused this unnecessary war because of his strong desire for domination and power. Our president, Joe Biden, says that the recent attacks have been "unprovoked and unjustified". There are daily protests in cities everywhere, including Russia, to stop the fighting. Still, Putin continues with his acts. Today, many Ukrainians have had to evacuate their beloved home country due to bombs and other forms of attack. Many men had to stay to fight for their country while others and children moved to other countries. These countries include the USA. Recently our high school, Wallington Jr./Sr. High School, has welcomed many new students who had to flee the country or have chosen to move. Ukrainian troops and citizens are still staying strong against Russia. The attacks continue, and no one knows how long the war will last.

Wallington Welcomes Ukrainian Students

The war in Ukraine has displaced millions of people to countries around the world. Wallington is now the temporary home to several Ukrainian students. When you see them, say hello and show them your support.

Anna-Mariia lived in Lviv. She came here by herself to stay with her sister who already lives here. She misses her family and the food. Anna-Mariia likes all the holidays in the United States. She wants everyone to know that Ukraine has an interesting and difficult history, and that the country has breathtaking natural beauty.



Irena came from Ternopil with her parents. She really misses the rest of her family. She is looking forward to celebrating Christmas here. She wants Americans to know that Ukrainians will always help in difficult moments.



Stanislav is from the Ternopil Region. He came here with his family. He really misses his friends, grandparents, and his old school. He likes the school program here. He thinks it's easy to learn and he thinks the teachers are good. He would like everyone to know that Ukraine is beautiful with friendly people. If you come to visit, you will know it's true.



Khrystyna left Chervonohrad with her parents, aunt, uncle, and cousins. She misses her brother, her friends, and relatives. Here, in the United States, she likes school, the new people, the food, and the language. She thinks Americans need to know that Ukraine is very beautiful, with a rich history in the arts, for example - Taras Shevchenko - who wrote many poems about the captivity of his native land.

Sofiia came here from Chortkiv with her family. She misses her friends and the lifestyle she had in Ukraine. She likes all the new experiences she is having here, but wants everyone to understand that her safety and the safety of other Ukrainians has come at a great cost.



Tereza Before coming here, she lived in the western part of Ukraine, in Volochysk in the Khmelnytsky region. She came to Wallington with her mom. She misses peace in Ukraine, her home, and her friends. She feels that she can be more carefree in the United States. She said that the prices here are much more reasonable than in Ukraine where you have to work for two weeks to buy a sweater and a pair of pants. She likes the teachers here who are always positive, smiling, and willing to help her. The teachers in Ukraine are good but the workload is very heavy.

Kateryna used to live in Kopychyntsi until she came here with her parents, brother, and sister. She misses her friends, her house, her town, and her relatives who stayed behind. She likes school here and the new people she has met. She likes the holidays, shops, scenery, and food. She feels that the news hides all the cruel things that are happening in Ukraine. People are being killed in front of their relatives on purpose, but it doesn't make the news because it would upset the viewers. She wants everyone to know that they are not moving away; they are holding on to defend their country. Ukraine recently returned to Kherson and soon all of the cities will return.



Diwali

by: Leonita Gashi

What is Diwali? Diwali is the holiday where Indians honor a god or lord who has been exiled for 14 years. On the day that Lord Ram came back to his kingdom in Ayodhya, everyone in India lit a diya (lamp) to greet him. Diwali is known as the festival of lights for this reason.

Diwali is celebrated by decorating homes with lights, engaging with family and friends, wearing traditional attire, visiting temples, and having fun with companions. Diwali lasts for 5 days. Diwali does not have an exact date, but is celebrated somewhere between October and November. The five days are Dhanteras, Kali Chaudas, Diwali, Bestu Varas (New Year), and Bhai Dooj. Each day differs from one another and is unique.

The first day, Dhanteras, is the day where people clean their homes, and shop for gold/ kitchen utensils in order to bring good fortune. There is also a prayer called Laxmi which is for money. On the second day, Kali Chaudas, Lord Krishna defeated a monster that could turn animals to humans. It is also common to take a shower that day before sunrise, as it will take away all of your sins. Indians light up their homes on the third day of the festival, Diwali. On the fourth day, Bestu Varas, Indians dress in their formal attire and go to the temple. They eat delicious traditional food, and sing to their lords. On the fifth and final day of the festival, Bhai Dooj, sisters prepare food for their brothers and feed them. For the holiday, any food can be prepared. Girls typically wear sarees, gowns, anarkali, lehenga or chaniya choli, which are all traditional clothing of India, meanwhile boys wear a traditional sherwani.

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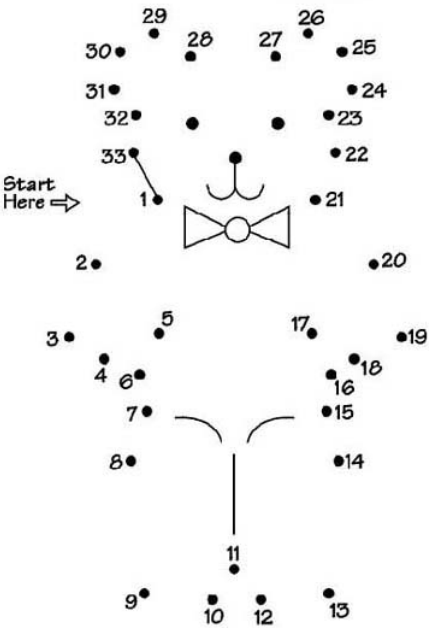
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NEW CLUBS



Photography Club

by: Nelly Gugala

One of the new clubs this school year is the Photography Club. The club was founded by senior, Nelly Gugala, and is run by the art teacher, Ms. Jannicelli. The purpose of the club is to take photographs. Every month, a theme or idea will be chosen. Participants of the club will simply have to snap a picture or pictures relating to that theme, using their phone or camera. At the end of the month, the photos will be gathered and displayed.

For the month of October, the theme was Halloween-black and white. Participants had to photograph something relating to Halloween, in black and white colors. If you are interested in the club, it's never too late to join. The club meets once a month, in the art room (109), after school. The google classroom code is "jurpypw." All grades are welcome!



Badminton Club

by: Leonita Gashi

Did you know physical activity helps increase self-confidence, reduces stress, and lowers symptoms of anxiety and depression? Students can relax from their academic work by playing together in the gym at the badminton club. While learning the rules, students will learn how to increase social interaction and knowledge in the game. The club advisor is Ms. Balagula, and the student advisor is sophomore Leonita Gashi.

Meetings are normally held on Tuesdays or Thursdays, although students are free to organize meetings on days that work for them. Everyone enjoys themselves at the badminton club! While they play the game, the students create suggestions for songs. The google classroom code is "are6jsh". You can reach Ms. Balagula via email or by stopping by room 103 after school if you have any questions.

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AV Club

By: Milani Silva

Recently the AV club has been receiving a lot of recognition for its morning announcements as they have started posting videos on the Wallington High School’s Youtube channel. The biggest question was, why the club made such a major change to the announcement style. I interviewed the face of the AV club Juan Halat and managed to learn a quick and brief history of the club. The AV club originally removed the AV television in 2019 due to budgeting and modernizing the club. Recently the club organizers Mrs. Mena and Mr. Alessio brought it upon themselves to restart the AV club. This was also done by assigning the club roles (cameraman, anchors, writers, co-host, host, etc).



Mainly the co-host and anchor roles vary. Most of the juniors in the club are writers. The AV club gets its information from a Google form for every single teacher that runs clubs, extra help, school events, or anything in between. After looking through the documents they pick and assign what to announce. As of right now, the AV club is always looking for new members from grades 9-12 they meet some mornings and afternoons and the classroom code is "q52sktz" if you want to join.

Clubs You Should Check Out

by: Rachel Ponce

What would a school be without clubs? Wallington High School has many to offer for all different people with varied interests. Take a look at a few of them.

The Wallington AV club is starting up again. For those of you who don't know, the audio-visual club is the one that takes care of the morning announcements every day. In the past years, they were only featured on the loudspeaker but now with brand-new equipment, they are ready to expand their horizons. Advised by Ms. Mena and Mr. Alessio, they have now shifted from using the P.A. system to actually being shown on screen. Every morning, they come in early to record the morning announcements so they are ready to be showcased during homeroom. Teachers and homeroom representatives are now faced with the task of making sure everyone gets to watch the morning announcements on time. All are welcome to join, so don't be shy to check it out. Make sure to check it out every morning on the school's Youtube channel!

Do you love to sing? Well, then the Wallington High School Choir might be the right club for you. Students here enjoy singing together whether it be popular, traditional, or even multicultural pieces of music. This club is advised by the one and only Mr. Rivera. Here you not only sing but learn special techniques and explore your own singing abilities. Depending on what grade you are in, the choir usually meets on Tuesdays and Fridays during lunch. Your talents won't go to waste here as the Choir gets featured during both Winter and Spring Concerts. While the winter concert is right around the corner, that doesn't mean it's too late to join. All grades are welcome to join and be a part of the 2023 spring concert. The club is always looking for new singers, especially boys, so talk to Mr. Rivera if you are interested.

Don't be afraid to check out these clubs and many more. We hope to see you at future meetings!

Homecoming

by: Zuzanna Lejawa

On Friday, September 30, 2022, the Panthers went head to head with Palisades Park. Although the Panthers tried their hardest, the final score was 13-8. Despite losing the game, they still had some amazing plays - a safety by Othman Hussein in the first quarter and a touchdown by Thomas Bohnarczyk later on in the game. The theme for the football game was neon and it was safe to say the crowd delivered. During halftime we were introduced to our Homecoming attendants, Laura Debska and Anna Zielonka, who made their special entrance being driven through the field in their long blue dresses to where they were crowned by former Homecoming queen, Salome Pabon-Molina. After the attendants' arrival, came our Homecoming queen - Angelica Androwis. The queen was also driven across the field, wearing her gorgeous long white dress, where she was also crowned by last year's homecoming queen. After, our cheer team performed and both schools' bands performed. The Wallington Band introduced a special performance as they were met with band alumni.

Saturday October 1, 2022 was the actual dance. It started at 6:00 and ended at 9:00. Although it was not too long, it was most definitely eventful. The music was produced by K&D entertainment, and they played all night long. Food was available to everyone and was very good. Thankfully, volunteers came just hours before the actual dance and helped set up and decorate our gymnasium. A beautiful photo booth was made and pictures were taken. Throughout the night a form for choosing the Homecoming



King was provided through Google Classroom. Wallington Jr./Sr. High School 2022 Homecoming King was Thomas Bohnarczyk. After the election, the Homecoming King shared a dance with the Homecoming Queen, Angelica Androwis. The rest of the night continued to be filled with music and fun, leading to an overall incredibly successful Homecoming.

Mr. Vellis Becomes the New Athletic Director

By Isabelle Tinghino

Wallington High School proudly welcomes Mr. Vellis as our new Athletic Director.

This school year, Mr. Vellis took over the position due to our previous athletic director, Mr. Barchi, moving to Vice Principal. Before taking on this position, he was an active member of the Wallington community and coached many sports. He also taught at WHS and continues to teach classes such as Accounting and Marketing. He describes his teaching style as student driven and enjoys having discussions in class. A WHS alumnus, he attended Monmouth University and finished his schooling at Kean University. He says coaching is what made him want to become a teacher and that he fell in love with the environment and the strong connection of the community.

Some of Mr. Vellis’ hobbies include working out and business. He is a self-proclaimed “foodie” and enjoys trying out new restaurants. He enjoys and listens to all kinds of music from rock music to EDM to country music. One of his favorite quotes is, “Failing to prepare is preparing to fail.”

In the next five years, Mr. Vellis hopes to be exactly where he is right now. As for improving our education and athletic department, he is someone who will always put students first and will look at the bigger picture. Before becoming our school's Athletic Director, he coached many sports, such as softball, football and basketball.

An aspect that he misses about coaching is the interactions he had with players on a daily basis and the practices and games. As for a favorite sport he has coached, he said that he enjoyed coaching all of them. Some motivational words Mr. Vellis has for students is to always give your best effort and don’t be afraid to try new things. Change may be scary but it isn’t always a bad thing.

We all wish Mr. Vellis the best of luck as the new Athletic Director!

The Victorious Season for Girls Volleyball

by: Liliana Dlugi

The Wallington’s Girls Volleyball team is one like no other, showcasing talented student athletes with bright futures. This year, they have demolished many neighboring towns with varsity winning 10 out of 15 games, and growing tremendously with there being 28 members between junior varsity and varsity. A large portion of this team’s success is from the guidance of their coach, Ms. Luberto, a teacher at Wallington's Jr./Sr. High school, creating an amazing team and an even better one in the making.

An aspect of this team’s success is due to their bond with one another. Their coach displays the importance of creating a friendly environment for their players; an environment where they can be comfortable with one another. In doing so, players are asked outside of practice to spend time with each other. Team bonding creates relationships between each student and ultimately creates a congenial environment for all. Practices are also mainly focused on team strategy and individual skill development. It can be inferred that the sport itself can be seen as a “choreography”, as Coach Luberto states, since each player has their own individual role on the court and is dependent on others.

This year, the Wallington Girls Volleyball team has been active in many affairs, such as competing in two tournaments instead of one like last year and in the Battle of Paterson Ave. The Battle of Paterson Ave is a competition between the Becton High School Girls Volleyball Team and Wallington Jr./Sr. High School’s. The competition is named after Paterson Ave, the street that separates the two towns. Whoever wins the battle ‘owns’ Paterson Ave and unlike last year Wallington finally took the trophy! Players also wear pink during this tournament for breast cancer awareness, where they raise money to donate. Not only is this a fun activity for both towns, it is also a great way to raise money and awareness for breast cancer.

Overall, the Wallington’s Girls Volleyball team exudes confidence and due to their competitiveness have exceeded expectations in all games, no matter the outcome; continuing to be a representation for the younger students who may be interested in joining volleyball.



Boys Soccer was Unstoppable

by: Julia Wdowiak

According to varsity coach Albert Dul, the JV and Varsity teams have displayed immense skills and talents, which make him very proud of this year's team's progression. Some players that surprised him with their skills and progress were David Chudzik, Eric Moroz, and Peter Motyl. The team is made up of 22 players, many of whom are returning seniors, as well as a couple of new ones. Although the team had a couple of unexpected losses, they came back up better and stronger than before, resulting in a record of 14 wins to 6 losses. The Varsity team has two leading captains, Peter Motyl and Krystian Zurawski. The JV team's captain is Matthew Rodzen. The two team goalies are senior Krzysztof Galus and sophomore Samuel Stanko, and the two combined have 153 saves. In the near future, it is crucial for JV team players to keep up their hard work and dedication to the team in hopes of moving up to the varsity level.

It is always hard to say goodbye, mainly when you've been dedicated and used to something for so long. As the season ends, so does Coach Albert Dul's outstanding coaching career at Wallington High School. Albert Dul graduated from Wallington High School and was an active



player for the Boys' soccer team during his high school years. He moved on to coaching the team for the next ten years, acting as a mentor and successful coach. The team is one of his main reasons for staying behind, which shows his overall dedication to the team. He knows the administration will try to find someone to replace him, and lead the future generation of players to many great successful seasons, the same way he did.

A Memorable Football Season

by: Zuzanna Lewaja

With the 2022 football season coming to an end, we look forward to seeing what the team has in store for us next year, given the incredible season the team had this year. The Panthers threw some amazing plays this year making the panther pit go wild. A quote from one of the coaches, Coach Mr. Hourigan, "This year was year 1 for new Head Coach Justin Avedissian. Coach A came over from a very successful Wayne Hills program. The team finished the season with a 3 and 4 record. This year's team was very young with underclassmen across the board. Junior wideout Dariel Gil Polanco had a successful season with 18 catches, 392 yards and 6 touchdowns. First year Junior Quarterback Fillip Lyczko threw for over 800 yards and 13 touchdowns leading the offense in his first year under center. Defensively, Walter Konefal held down the defense with 35 tackles, as well as Othman Hussein, 27 tackles. Senior playmaker, Jhamir Soto, was the all around MVP returning kicks, catching touchdowns, and making tackles from sideline to sideline.



Congratulations to all the seniors and thank you for making this season a memorable one. With our seniors going off to college and leaving some pretty big shoes to fill, our underclassmen will have to step up. As always the entire Wallington student body and faculty are beyond proud of all athletes this season, and we look forward to seeing them again next year.

Middle School Volleyball Returns

by: Leeyana Henry

As everybody argues about something, there is one thing we can all agree on- everyone loves a good thrill. This is where sports take place; the enjoyment of watching two teams go against each other, not knowing what is going to happen next, all going on live. It's something hundreds of thousands of people love. That's why we do it here in WHS, to keep our students fit and for the enjoyment of others. But what if I told you there was another sport added this year? Forgotten in 2008, and brought back to life in 2022, it's the 7th and 8th-grade girls' volleyball team! This was brought back to encourage young females to play sports and for fun.

This incredible season is played by 17 girls who are amazing at what they do. The team at the moment is 5-3 and their coach Angelica Urban is so proud of them. This team should be proud of themselves because they always show up, work hard, and never give up on themselves or their teammates. I encourage other 7th-grade girls to join next year and to try your best!



Wallington Welcomes New Teachers

Ms. Calderone

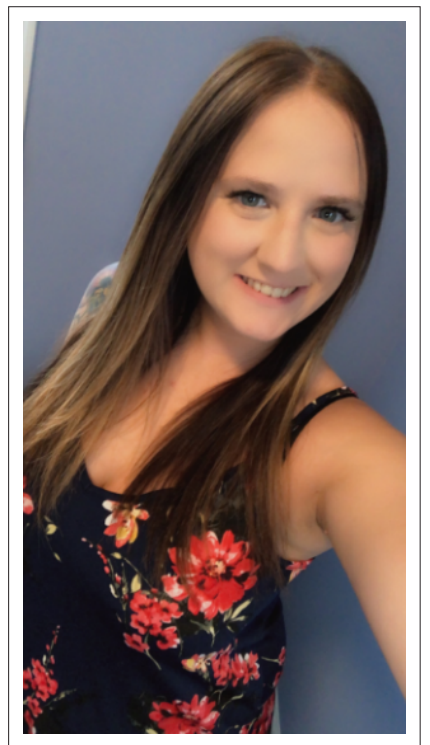
by: Leonita Gashi

Wallington Jr/Sr High School warmly welcomes Ms. Calderone as the new guidance counselor. Since Ms. Calderone began her career in Wallington as an intern last year, her name is not completely unknown. She claims that the students are friendly and her experience has been really enjoyable thus far. She felt comfortable with her internship and enjoyed working with Mrs. Machtemes. She prefers small communities where everyone knows one another and collaborates together.

Her childhood passion was initially to become a teacher. She attended college intending to become a teacher. However, she found out teaching wasn't for her when she got to college and took an education class. She reflected on her childhood, and how she had a lovely counselor. She was not the best student in high school, and this reflection motivated her to help other kids by becoming a counselor herself.

Speaking about Ms. Calderone, she enjoys reading. Her favorite quote is stated by author Colleen Hoover, "If you only shine light on your flaws, all your perfects will dim." She listens to all music and is open to listening to different genres. Her undergraduate degree came from William Paterson University, while her graduate degree came from Montclair State University. She hopes to start a family in the near future and continue counseling students.

Concluding, Ms. Calderone wants students to comprehend that they should always give their utmost effort. Each learner, according to her, is capable of far more than is imagined possible. She also wants the students to understand that asking for assistance is never a sign of weakness because everyone needs support to succeed. We all wish Ms. Calderone success and happiness!



Mrs. Radan

by: Karolina Dabal



Wallington High School gives a warm and happy welcome to Ms. Radan, our new guidance counselor. Ms. Radan originally joined the Wallington community offering guidance to elementary students in Gavlak Elementary School. She was drawn to the heart of the community, feeling that it was relatable to her, personally. Transitioning to the high school, she now does similar work with older students. Thus far, Ms. Radan finds it extremely new and exciting to offer guidance at a high school level in a new environment. Previously transitioning from the pandemic school year, she has encountered few challenges adjusting to normalcy. Overall, the transition has been good and she continues to look forward to meeting more students and working to meet their needs in achieving goals. Her main ambition for the Wallington community as a whole is to bring out genuine desires to expand student growth and learning.

Ms. Radan completed both her undergraduate and graduate studies at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ). From the time that she was a compassionate young child, she found enjoyment in helping other people. Whether that meant helping other individuals learn, supporting their mental health, or encouraging their social and emotional growth, her present line of work seemed "natural" to her. Currently, she works on achieving and maintaining an authoritative classroom style, that promotes students' engagement in learning and activities. That being said, her teaching style mainly rests on discussion, as she finds that it furthers learning through verbal interaction.

Outside of the school, Ms. Radan's hobbies include traveling, staying active, and reading, as well as trying and learning new things. Acquiring a love for music, she enjoys listening to various music genres, although her favorite depends entirely on the setting and her mood. Ms. Radan's favorite quote would have to be, "Be better and not bitter". Looking to the future, she is not exactly sure how different her life will be in five years. She does, however, plan to pursue further education and to continue to grow. If Ms. Radan could give a word of advice to her students, she would say, "You can do almost anything you put your mind to". Welcome Ms. Radan, we wish you the best of luck!

Mr. Ralph

By: Milani Silva

This past year, Wallington High School welcomed a new teacher, Mr. Ralph. He teaches 7th-grade Financial Literacy and 9th, 11th, and 12th-grade History. Mr. Ralph has expressed he has enjoyed his experience here at Wallington High School for the positive experience from both the students and staff. He feels that the students are great and are awesome to work with and the staff are warm and can always help him if necessary. This is what drew him to join the Wallington community. Mr. Ralph was inspired to be a teacher by his family who works in mainly public service. Mr. Ralph's grandparents worked as teachers so all his life he was in a classroom, and he always enjoyed school as a kid. Later he discovered he had a passion of working with kids because of how he interacted with them. As an educator, he thinks his teaching style is trying to show guidance but also letting the students figure things out on their own. Mr. Ralph went to the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania and Pascack Valley High School. A quote that inspires Mr. Ralph is from a movie called Wedding Crashers, "rule #76: no excuses, play like a champion." For him, the quote means to do whatever at the moment and have fun with it.

When not in school, Mr. Ralph likes to play golf and enjoys playing competitively for the fun. He plays a lot on weekends as a side hobby. Mr. Ralph enjoys a mixture of different music but mainly likes country, rap, and a little rock. In 5 years he doesn't exactly know what he sees himself doing and is taking everything day by day. Lastly, his word to the students is to enjoy the moments and memories as middle school and high school is a short but valuable moment in your life.



Mrs. Raslowsky

by: Karolina Dabal



Wallington High School gives a big welcome to Mrs. Raslowsky, our 7th grade math teacher. Mrs. Raslowsky originally joined the community during the later part of the 2020-21 school year, covering for Mrs. Naumann while she was on maternity leave. Transferring to Gavlak Elementary School last year, she taught 6th grade math to students before returning to her work in the high school. Her connection to the Wallington community was drawn by her association to Mr. Fromfield. Thus far, her experience in this part of New Jersey has been positive.

Mrs. Raslowsky graduated from Brown University and Rutgers Graduate School of Education. Her passion for teaching developed early on, as she comes from a family of many educators. Following their guidance, she explored the same career path. Throughout her years of teaching, she has had the pleasure of working with students from various parts of the country; Colorado, New York, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. Getting to know and explore various parts of the United States, Mrs. Raslowsky has much fun with her work. Her greatest word of advice to students is the following: “If it’s possible, go live in a different part of the United States”. She considers there to be variety beyond the East Coast, and encourages students to put themselves out there if they wish to do so. With relevance to this motivation, she thanks Nike for her favorite quote...“Just Do It”.

Outside of school, Mrs. Raslowsky enjoys working on puzzles, playing golf, and spending her summers in Rhode Island. Although she does not listen to much music, she likes to listen to podcasts and audio recorded books, noting, “Once you start listening to NPR it’s a sure sign that you are older than younger”. Looking into the near future, Mrs. Raslowsky envisions herself continuing her work as a math teacher. Being the mother of four children, all of whom attend college, she hopes to financially support their educations before deciding on her retirement term. We wish Mrs. Raslowsky a warm welcome and the best of luck!

Ms. Silivanch

by: Leonita Gashi

The Wallington district happily welcomes Ms. Silivanch as the new 11th grade English teacher. She began her career at Wallington by standing in for Ms. Franz during the last few months of the 2021–2022 academic year. Here, she feels really welcomed and at ease. She says that Wallington has administrators with extensive backgrounds, which benefit, strengthen, and enhance the community. She is also very proud of her students. She observes that they are thoughtful, ambitious, and confident which she did not encounter at her previous schools.

Ever since she was seven years old, she aspired to become a writer and a teacher. She thinks about her honors English instructor from childhood on a regular basis. She was motivated by his enthusiasm for English and ability to make any classroom come alive when he taught. Previously a journalist, Ms. Silivanch started teaching college in 2005. She did, however, become aware of her desire to teach high school literature in 2015. She wanted to become a part of a more cohesive community. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Rutgers University and her master's degree in poetry from Sarah Lawrence College. She has worked at both very big schools and very small ones. She favors smaller schools because they promote a family atmosphere. She believes that she can bring kindness into her classroom in order to improve the education system at Wallington.

Ms. Silivanch writes throughout the summer in genres including poetry and is currently working on a novel. She also enjoys spending time with her two teenage daughters. Furthermore, she enjoys flying in airplanes as well. She has flown in a single-engine aircraft for more than 100 hours! Her favorite quote is by E.M Forster, “Only connect”. She enjoys listening to indie rock music, but was a classical musician for violin and goes to a lot of concerts. She believes that in 5 years she will still continue to teach and write. Her two daughters will be out of college, and she wants to explore new places and devote more time to her hobbies.

Concluding, her motivation to students is to tell yourself you deserve every greatness in life, whatever that looks like to you. She states, “Consider that your perfect job may actually be at the intersection of two of your interests. Choose a college major, sure, but don’t let go of the other things. At the very least, they will make you an interesting, compelling person who’ll get to meet other interesting, compelling people and get to do interesting, compelling things.” We wish Ms. Silivanch happiness and success working at Wallington!



Shine All the Lights on the Wallington Marching



by: Yaretzi Hernandez

The Wallington Marching Band has added four new majorettes to their line-up: sophomore Isabelle Tinghino, seventh graders Natalia Haliniak, Juliana Zagaja, and Julia Szawara, making a total of six majorettes, with veteran Rona Jakupi alongside our new majorette captain, Maria Halat! These girls put in a lot of effort into performing and learning new routines with the majorette director, Ms. Jannicelli. This is Ms. Jannicelli's third year at WHS and her second year teaching the majorettes. She is, "more than happy to be working with the majorettes this year! It's a wonderful extracurricular to be a part of and I'm hoping we grow more in the coming year! It gives students a great opportunity to join the marching band if they don't play an instrument. We had three shows this year and I hope we'll have two or three routines next year to match the trend we're setting up for ourselves."

On October 22, the marching band went to West Point and played with the cadet spirit band and along with the West Point band. The West Point band provided the marching band music to learn so they could perform with them in their halftime show, and the marching band used those tunes at their third halftime during the senior recognition game. Mr Lopuzzo would also like to say "I

am extremely proud at how far the band has come and its ability to perform alongside the West Point Band at the US Military Academy." This has been the 4th year of the marching band being on the field and they improve more and more each of those years from marching, music, uniforms, and going to amazing places we didn't think we would go.

Something that not many people know (other than those in the band) is that despite the hard work and dedication put into each show, practice, and school events, we have tons of fun. From inside jokes to the most random nicknames for new seventh graders each year, the hard work is always rewarded with fun. Andreas Preinfalk, Martin Szabo, and Drum Major Juan Halat, our three seniors who have been a part of the band since day one, would like to say "The band has had its ups and downs but there's a future being built, it'll just take time. We can see good contenders to keep that WMB legacy but it'll simply take time. I believe that this year is a rebuild year for the band, full of young people who I can see becoming talented musicians. I think that in the coming years, the band will find a good balance of quality and quantity of musicians, something we've struggled with in the past."

Popular Trends in Entertainment

by: Isabelle Tinghino & Rachel Ponce

Music

Harry's House

On May 20, Harry Styles released his third studio album titled Harry's House. This album comes three years after the release of Harry's previous album Fine Line. The lead single from the album, "As It Was," has over a billion streams on Spotify and 335 million views on Youtube. The title was inspired by Haruomi Hosono's 1973 album Hosono House and the album explores themes of love, confusion and joy. While touring this album, Harry has had many connections with fans. It is possible that you may have seen videos of him in concert all over social media talking to fans during his show and he even had a gender reveal at one of his concerts for a fan. It is clear that he cares a lot about his fans and his album is definitely one of the best this year!



Midnights by Taylor Swift

At this year's MTV Video Music Awards, Taylor Swift announced her tenth studio album "Midnights." This automatically got fans in a frenzy, while they highly anticipated the release. Two months later, the album was released on October 21 and easily became a hit. In just a day, it broke numerous records, becoming the top selling album of 2022 and Spotify's most streamed album in a single day. The album is a collection of songs the artist wrote in the middle of the night and many of the themes include reflection, love and relationships. As for Taylor's concerts, fans were so excited to see her album live that they broke Ticketmaster! This album is definitely not one to miss and we are so excited to see what else Taylor has in store.

