Controversial Tweets Can Prove Harmful in Many Ways

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“I can’t seem to find Molly," “Popped a Molly, I’m sweating," “She went off that Molly," and “Now you know I’m on that Molly" are popular song lyrics sung by Tyga, Trinidad James, Kanye West, and French Montana all involving the drug called “Molly.”

Molly is not a new drug, but the popularity of it has recently become trendy with the name of the drug being found in many rap song lyrics or even popularized by Madonna at last March’s Ultra Music Festival in Miami when she asked the crowd “Has anyone out there seen Molly?”

With a name like “Molly” the drugs creates an appeal that it’s not that bad and it’s more innocent of a product, especially with the catchy name. The popularity of the drug has skyrocketed thanks to many song lyrics making it seem that taking Molly comes with no consequences. However, Molly is a nickname for the drug MDMA, which is often found in Ecstasy.

Ecstasy is often laced with other substances and Molly is marketed as the “purest” form of MDMA (www.cnn.com/2012/08/16/health/molly-mdma-drug). However, according to a local EMT, the drug never went away, “kids have just ‘refound’ it and it’s back.”

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Vermin Infestation Nauseates CHS Students and Faculty

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News Editor

There seems to be an apparent problem throughout CHS that has been around for ages. Whether you are a freshman still fairly new to the school or you are a senior, there are sure to be plenty of stories about the vermin of CHS. Insects, cockroaches and mice have been seen all around the school by many different people. In classrooms, hallways and especially staircases these vermin seem to be everywhere.

Mrs. Llewellyn had much to say about the issue. When asked if these insects and bugs have always been around she replied, “Bugs and mice have always been a problem around the school. We have an old building therefore it is easy for them to find ways to get in.” This problem is one noticed by many students, freshmen and seniors alike. Senior Dan Dunas commented, “I saw a huge spider while I was in the hallway. I just remember how big it was and thinking how gross it was.” Freshman Will Cablar shared his story, “I noticed the mice in the biology room one time. Another time I saw a mouse in the hallway. I think it’s pretty disgusting.”

Although many have commented that the issue is “disgusting” what many do not realize is the school is trying to take measures in alleviating the problem. Mrs. Llewellyn explained, “We cannot take extreme measures here at CHS since it is a public building. Therefore, we have to use low grade pesticides, which are not as strong and don’t do the job as efficiently.”

The problem is that some students may be allergic to the chemicals or have bad reactions. If we wanted to spray stronger chemicals we would have to close the classrooms. Students are also asked to not eat not in classrooms. Teacher have been asked to bring their students to other classrooms to avoid the traps. Mrs. Alvarado commented, “I put this trap down (pictured left) for one week and already it is filled with cockroaches.” Mrs. Llewellyn added, “I have the sticky traps as well and have even caught one in my office.” After these traps are set and have caught the vermin, Mr. Kennedy is kind enough to dispose of them. The problem with these traps is they do not exceed the expectations of the classrooms. There have also been more locker cleanouts so students have the opportunity to remove trash from their lockers that could potentially be feeding grounds for mice and other vermin.

In the beginning of the year, many have agreed that the problem was much worse, but as the year has progressed it seems to have become slightly better. Mrs. Llewellyn agreed, “At one point, yes I did think it was a major issue, but as of recently I think it has become better.” As the climate begins to change and the warmer weather continues to approach, these vermin seem to be spending more time outside then in.

Overall, the vermin problem at CHS is an issue that does not seem to be going away in the near future. Mr. Wilson added, “This issue just highlights some key flaws of the building. It emphasizes just how old the school building is and how many repairs are actually needed.” Although there are measures taken to help the problem, these “low grade pesticides” and sticky traps will no means fix the problem completely.

Video of Mrs. Alvarado’s “sticky trap” with several large cockroaches

A New Chapter Opens for CHS Summer Reading

by Michael Zelinka ‘16

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Heading into Cinnaminson High School as a freshman will no longer be a handicap for some students. The Language Arts and Reading Department has come up with a way to bridge the gap between seniors and the incoming freshmen. This program, called “United CHS Reads,” was suggested by English Supervisor Mr. Charles Kind and his fellow colleagues in the English Department.

The goal is for all grades at the high school to have a common ground. The idea of the “One Book, One School” movement, is to ensure “everyone is on the same page coming into the school year, having done the same thing, and really starting from the same place,” explains Mr. Kind. This group reading will be done during summer vacation, making room for in-depth conversations revolving around the same literary topics.

This will be the first year CHS adopts the movement. It had originally been tried successfully in the Lenape school district. Based on Lenape’s positive outcomes, it will be put into Cinnaminson’s curriculum as well.

The book chosen for the trial run of “United CHS Reads” will be I Am The Messenger by Markus Zusak. According to Amazon, “The book is about Ed Kennedy, who is an under-age cab driver without much of a future. He’s pathetic at playing cards, hopelessly in love with his best friend Audrey, and utterly devoted to his coffee drinking dog, the Doorman. His life is one of a peaceful routine and incompetence until he inadvertently stops a bank robbery. That is when the first Ace arrives in the mail. That is when Ed becomes the messenger. Chosen to care he makes his way through town helping and hurting (when necessary) until only one question remains: who’s behind Ed’s mission?” This book was chosen out of 10 possible others, because “we decided this was the best one for the students in terms of appeal and readability,” says Kind. The other teachers who helped in the selection of Zusak’s novel were Language Arts department members Laurie Hyland, Michele Jaconelli, Gwynne McCormick and Reading Specialist Mary Damiri. Freshman Sophia Volpe reflected on past books she had read for school, saying, “I wished we read more interesting books… It’s so boring.” Hopefully this book will exceed the expectations of our past summer reading books for students who have become bored with previous selections. Kind reassures that, “It was such an easy read, easy in terms of enjoyable,” adding, “it was such an enjoyable, light read.” Kind hopes that because the book is so fun to read that kids will appreciate it above some older classics they have read in the past. This addition of the “One Book, One School” in CHS will help to level the playing field for all grades and teachers. “Everyone’s reading the same book now, rather than sixteen different levels of books being read. Now it’s one book which will hopefully appeal to all,” says Kind. There is even thought of having assembles once the school year begins, which would be based on the book the school read as a whole that summer. This would prove to be a great opportunity to test to see whether you did your homework or not.

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It is that time of the year again. Girls anxiously purchase their gowns as the male student body nervously tries to ask out their dates in over-the-top ways. With the venue booked and the invitations sent, prom season is in full effect.

The annual junior/senior prom causes much hype and anticipation throughout the entire school. Each year the junior class student council organizes the event and tries to create a new and unique atmosphere for both classes to enjoy.

On May 17th the student council cabinet members have decided to hold the prom at the Franklin Institute. The Franklin Institute is a museum located in Philadelphia that is one of the oldest centers of education in the city. The unexpected location of the prom has received mixed reviews. When asked if he was excited for this year’s prom senior Quierre Murden replied, “Yes I’m excited because it’s at the Franklin Institute so I’ll get to [dance] with Ben Franklin.” Another senior, Chapel Weikel disagreed saying, “I’m not sure if the prom is going to be fun at the Franklin Institute. It seems like a hassle to get there, especially since it’s going to be during traffic in Philly.”

There are other new aspects of the prom that are sure to have students that both agree and disagree with the junior class cabinet’s decisions. For example, one major change is that there will be no favors handed out to the students at the end of the prom. Instead, this money will be sent to the charity. The advisors for the junior class are Mr. Meile and Mrs. Mancinelli and Mrs. Mancinelli commented on the charity idea replying, “In an effort to give back to the community and to help others, the junior class has decided to donate money in lieu of prom favors to a deployed company (troops) in Afghanistan. Also, the juniors will be collecting items to be shipped to the company in early June.”

Inside the invitations, a letter explained the charity donations. The money will be sent to the United States Army 919th Engineer Support Company. Additionally, the class will also be collecting donations such as toiletries, books, and Amazon gift cards. Many students have agreed that though the idea is thoughtful, it does not seem quite fair. “I think it’s a good idea to some extent, but it’s not fair that we won’t have anything to remember the prom,” stated an anonymous junior.

Another new feature is the option of having a CHS bus to leave for the prom. Also included in the invitations, a letter informed students that if there is enough interest a bus can also leave from the school to the Franklin Institute. The bus will leave the school at 6:15 and leave the Franklin Institute at 11:00, for a charge of $6. Many seniors did not feel they would utilize this opportunity. “I think seniors would rather get a limo with their friends. But the underclassman might use it,” expressed senior Sara Butch. This years’ theme for the prom is “Fire and Ice.” Mrs. Mancinelli explained, “Fire and Ice was suggested by our class officers and voted on by the students. It was a very close vote between that and a Masquerade.”

For this theme the junior class is incorporating different aspects to help tie in the theme. For example they are using elegant center pieces and different colored lighting to help set the tone of the prom.

Overall, there seems to be mixed reviews for the quickly approaching prom. Some feel that going to the Franklin Institute will be a fun and exciting experience. They feel that going to Philadelphia will also be exciting and are not bothered by not receiving a prom favor. Senior Victoria Anstey agreed, “I feel that this year’s prom will be a good way to end my senior year.” Others disagree completely. They feel that going to Philadelphia during rush hour will cause a major issue.

One junior commented, “I don’t think it is going to be much fun. I’m not going and I know of others who are not either.”
Molly May Sound Innocent, But Still Dangerous

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thing that is just as dangerous, according to CHS Crisis Counselor, Mr. Faltz.  

“It can be fatal for first-time users because it is different than prescribed medications because it is specifically made to alter one’s perception,” he warned.  

People should also know that you don’t necessarily know what you’re getting. Much like Ecstasy, the drug can be mixed or “cut.” A drug being “cut” is simply being diluted with other substances. The student even said there’s “a lot of fake Molly going around.”  

The local EMT said that high percentage of Molly on the street is often mixed with many other drugs. He says as warning to students, “you as the consumer have no idea what you are, in fact, taking.”  

The side effects of the drug are crippling - some even describe it as a hangover because of the electrolytes that were robbed from your body while taking it. “The next day makes you like a zombie. It’s like a hangover,” the student said.  

Another side effect of Molly is a depression - a major side effect of the drug. Because the body does not have the serotonin to help you combat a new day. “The way I looked at it (is that I still wanted to take it knowing the side effect was depression, so I looked for) stuff to cheer myself up.”  

According to the differencebetween.net Molly is often found in powder or crystalline form. Sometimes it is in pill form as well.  

Most people taking the drug are between the ages of 16-24. A Drug Abuse Warning Network’s study found that from 2004-2009 there was 123% increase in the number of emergency visits that involved MDMA.  

Taking Molly in a high dosage or mixed with alcohol or other drugs increases your risk of the dangerous side effects. The more you take or mix with the drug increases your risks accordingly to alternet.org.  

Mr. Faltz isn’t surprised by the re-emergence of the drug among today’s students. “Any drug out there that is being used is a concern to me. But (Molly) has been around for a long time and has not really died down. It’s not surprising that it may be on the rise again, especially in pill form in the school systems,” he finished.  

The CHS student does think the drug is somewhat popular among select students, but he does not see the popularity of the drug growing within our school.  

While legends among students make it seem like it is not as dangerous as heroine, Molly resides in the same classification of drugs, the most dangerous. Taking it with other substances, in high amounts, or simply being unknowledgeable about it and the risks of Molly puts people at risk for potential disaster.
Dining and Dashing is Illegal, Yet All Too Common

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As more and more restaurants are appearing in the Cinnaminson area, the infamous trend of “Dining and Dashing” has been steadily increasing. This practice is against the law, and many do not realize the negative impact it has on waiters and waitresses.

Along with presenting the customer with food, the server is also responsible for collecting the appropriate amount of money for the ordered meal. If someone were to leave without paying, the cost of the meal is subtracted from the server’s pay. Many people who “Dine and Dash” do not realize that the server is suffering, not the establishment itself.

This crime is more apparent in poorly monitored restaurants and buffets. Rt.130’s Hibachi Grill, a buffet-style restaurant has cases of dining and dashing nearly every day. “I used to work at Hibachi Grill,” says Senior Chris Bastos. “I’d always see waitresses sprint out trying to find customers that left. Honestly, people would dine and dash every night,” he adds. Due to the design of the restaurant, it is extremely easy to leave without paying. A common technique used by customers is to pretend they are going outside to smoke a cigarette and then never coming back in. “They can’t deny you from smoking outside, but it still isn’t right to leave without paying,” says Junior Dan Hanus. “It’s only seven dollars for lunch and if you can’t afford that then you should eat at home.” Pretending to smoke outside is just one way diners and dashers try to leave without paying.

Another common way to sneak out of a restaurant is claiming to have left a wallet in the car. “I’ve used the wallet excuse plenty of times, one time I actually didn’t have my wallet on me,” says an anonymous junior. “It gives me an adrenaline rush like nothing else,” says the junior, after waiting almost an hour for the waiter to return with the check. “If the service had been better at the bowling alley, then we would have most likely paid.”

For some teens, not paying for a meal does not sound like a big deal. However, it is considered a misdemeanor in court. There are cases of people being tried for dashing meals less than ten dollars, and in court they receive hundreds of dollars in fines. Unlike most cases of theft, this is a civil offense and will not be tried in criminal court. However, there are a few states like Mississippi where dining and dashing a check over a certain price is considered a felony. In some cases, it isn’t uncommon for a server to chase a customer down, as he or she is held responsible for covering the cost of the check. In the event that an employee were to injure a customer who allegedly dined and dashed, the employee and the restaurant would be held accountable for the injuries of the customer. “I guess the reason people dine and dash so much is because there are minimal consequences of getting caught,” says Junior Mark Wright, “I work at a restaurant and I know how harmful it is to our business.”

Though it is highly unethical, dining and dashing will continue to exist as long as eat-in restaurants stay in business. Many have considered solutions to this problem, but there will always be “free loaders” and “thieves” among us.

As a young adult, English teacher Ms. Iaconelli worked in the restaurant business for several years. When asked if anyone had ever skipped out on a check on her, she replied, “Yes, in a restaurant I worked at in..."
FroYo: A Popular But Expensive Trend

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It is very easy to drive around neighboring towns of Cinnaminson and find a nearby frozen yogurt store. All the stores have the same type of atmosphere: brightly-colored walls and long tables with all the toppings you can imagine used to decorate your own creation. These stores continue to draw in Cinnaminson students. The most popular stores are Sweet Frog, Toppings Yogurt, YogoMix, and Kiwi Yogurt.

The closest store to CHS students is Sweet Frog, located near the Cinnaminson Shopping Center. Even though Sweet Frog is closest for kids, it does not seem to be a favorite. Junior Olivia McCaw says, “I hate Sweet Frog,” adding, “they don’t have a lot to offer and it’s not that good.” With that being said, something that makes Sweet Frog stand out from the other frozen yogurt stores is their very open religious beliefs. The “Frog” in “Sweet Frog” stands for “Fully Rely On God.” While this can be a major turn off for some, others could care less and just go there to enjoy what they offer.

Another difference that comes with Sweet Frog is that the store is located in Mount Laurel.

YogoMix is located on Main Street in Moorestown. It’s a very nice place with some good frozen yogurt, but it is way overpriced. The expensive nature of YogoMix is what draws customers to go to another frozen yogurt place in Moorestown, Kiwi Yogurt. Kiwi seems to be the most popular place among students. “Kiwi is my heaven!” says junior Jessica Kearns, who is a frequent customer there. Kiwi is located in the shopping centers around the Moorestown Mall. Although Kiwi is a little farther away, it has the same price per ounce as Sweet Frog, but offers much better yogurt. Like Sweet Frog, they keep 16 different flavors on display at a time, but have 73 different toppings to choose from. “There is no substitution, and if you go to the register and weight it to see how much it will cost. The first problem with this pricing method is that they do not rule out the weight of the cup, the cup is weighed in with your yogurt so you are charged for that, a cheap trick that pushes more costs off to customers.

The frozen yogurt places are tricking you into thinking it’s cheap at first, as you fill up your cup, the price steadily adds up. Suddenly, getting frozen yogurt does not seem as cheap as it did when you came in. An average price for a frozen yogurt at these places can range from $4.50 to $6.00 or more, depending on how much you want. While you are spending so much money on frozen yogurt, you could have just as easily gone to The Drive-In in Maple Shade, or the local Friendly’s and gotten the same amount of frozen yogurt for a lower price, or even made ice cream for the same price.

The fad of getting frozen yogurt among students is not dying down. Even if the students know that they are getting ripped off, they still find it fun. Students and other customers like the idea of self-service and how much freedom that gives them with their dessert. Then, they look at how much this will cost them at the cash register and wonder if it was all worth it.

There may be smarter ways to buy desserts in Cinnaminson, but students are nevertheless continuing to participate in the frozen yogurt trend.

Twitter Can Highlight Modern Day Racial Prejudices

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That being said, it is very “clear-cut” over the Internet, according to Faltz. “Online bullying basically has the bully’s signature on it, making our investigations easier,” says Faltz.

Faltz, who has “files upon files” about bullying via social media, believes that “there is appropriate speech for a particular time and place.”

For instance, Faltz mentions, “If you threaten the President on Twitter, you’re going to get a visit from the FBI.”

Twitter, for Faltz, is perfectly fine for all to use and enjoy, as long as it is not used for harassment, intimidation and bullying.

Students who use Twitter are probably used to seeing tweets that might raise flags on a regular basis. Twitter has been used to highlight the despicable and racist tweets of young Americans and their reactions to President Obama’s re-election.

Twitter may still be viewed by many as a place to say whatever they want. More and more high schools, both public and private, are beginning to punish students for tweeting objectionable material. In the specific area of racist tweets, bloggers have been making Tumblrs dedicated to showing the world who the racists are on Twitter. One Tumblr, called “Hello there, racist,” offers proof that there are plenty of ignorant people still out there, tweeting blatantly racist things very casually. Whether it is frequent and casual dropping of the N-word, racist caricatures of President Obama or support for the KKK, Twitter has done a good job of showing the ugly side of America. When Twitter was first launched seven years ago, it did not have nearly the amount of global recognition and significance as it has today. Some people who use Twitter simply do not consider the widespread nature of their tweets.

When something is on the internet, it is very hard to remove. Sure, you can delete offensive tweets, but by that point someone is sure to have seen it.

Whether people believe that high schools should punish “offensive” tweeting is not so strongly is not important. What is important is that it is a way to highlight the ugly side of America. twitter is certainly a fun tool for high school students to use to their advantage. Look at the example of the creation of the CHS Athletics twitter account and what it has done in terms of tweeting out updates to all of our sports events - no student, parent or supporter has to wonder about how different varsity sports teams have done in their games, the results are simply posted for all to see in a timely fashion. Twitter can do wonderful things - it can help provide them with instant updates of news stories and can increase their social experiences with people around the world.

However, teens that use Twitter inappropriately in the 21st century according to their schools, are going to be facing strong punishment and more consequences as Twitter becomes an even larger staple of our society.
**Staff Editorial**

Over the years at the Cinnaminson High School different classes seem to have gone through different “phases.” In 2000 the New York Times did an article about CHS. The article was titled “Why are They Dying in Cinnaminson?” It covered three deaths: two of high school students and one graduate. All deaths were due to drug over doses associated with the rise of heroine at CHS.

Most of us are aware of the nickname CHS once had of being called “Heroin High.” Even though it was before our time here, it’s something a lot of people won’t forget and won’t allow us to forget.

Today, we may not see a rise in students doing heroin, but drugs still continue to flow among the students here. During the 2007-2008 school year, pain killers became the new fad among the students of that time, with kids taking percocets and oxycodin. They weren’t just taking these drugs outside of school, but they began using them in school as well. Kids were taking these drugs casually in school, even going to class high on them.

Currently at CHS we are seeing the rise in popularity of a drug called Molly. Molly is MDMA which is found in Ectasy. While Molly has a friendly ring to her name, it really is anything but that. According to usdrugtends.com there has been a 67% increase in the use of Ectasy. One of ten teens said they’ve tried ecstasy in the past year.

It seems as if students never learn from previous mishaps. Three CHS students once died during one year from heroin. And while some of you may say that you’re not doing heroin and that it can’t happen to you, you’re wrong.

Let’s be real, high school students can really be stupid. We think we know everything, but the truth is we really don’t know anything. We don’t seem to think of the consequences of our actions at all. If you’re using and lucky enough to not die from doing drugs, you’re probably unlucky enough to get arrested for them.

Can you imagine having three of your fellow peers die from drug related incidences? What you’re doing does not only ruin yourself mentally, physically, and emotionally, but you’re also continuing to affect everyone and everything around you.

You may consider even trying some drugs “just once” to see how it is, but that’s how people get started on the road to addiction.

For those people that are capable of being able to stay above the influence, congratulations to you. For those of you who are not and don’t think you have a problem you need some serious help. If it already hasn’t gotten out of hand, it most likely will.

If you think these past serious addictions won’t happen again, then you’re completely wrong. The issue still persists today, it may go unnoticed, but that doesn’t mean it’s not there. While some may think the assemblies and health videos they try to show us are stupid and funny, they’re really just trying to educate us on the real dangers.

You think because you “pop a molly” that it’s a safe little drug that you don’t have to worry about? There’s already been reported deaths linked to the drug.

Previous students have gone to rehab for doing serious drugs. These drugs are addictive and flat-out dangerous. Percocets, heroine, and Molly are also incredibly illegal. Why potentially ruin your whole life and your loved ones by being associated with these types of influences?

These students aren’t thinking of their future when they are “trying out” these drugs, and usually they don’t realize they have a problem until it’s too late to change.

Drugs can ruin your life. They’ve ruined the lives of other CHS students and their families in the past. Don’t be a statistic at CHS. Percocet is a schedule two drug while Heroin and Molly are both schedule one drugs. These drugs are no joke, no matter if they’re name sounds innocent or not.

Don’t be a naive teenager on Prom Weekend, BE SMART!

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**Pippin Musical Brings Different Theme and Flavor**

by Sean Gallagher ’14

Features Editor

Pippin is the polar opposite of last fall’s Beauty and the Beast. The play, about a young prince looking for his place in the world, was originally performed on Broadway in the early 1970s. Where Beauty and the Beast has a straightforward and child-friendly story, Pippin deals with more complex issues and features some risqué humor.

Pippin also has some clearly satirical scenes that younger audience members simply would not get. Beauty and the Beast has a very typical narrative, while Pippin’s style is much more abstract and unique. I have a soft spot for Beauty and the Beast to begin with, but I ended up enjoying Pippin more than I expected to.

Junior Evan Fleming plays the title role of Pippin in CHS’s latest musical production. Fleming has played the lead in two CHS plays this year alone. In order to prepare for multiple performances of a two hour play, Fleming ends up, Fleming because, “It breaks the fourth wall all the time and it’s totally absurd.” Fleming had a great time appearing in Pippin and is “excited for any future endeavors on stage” at CHS. In some respects, CHS’s production of Pippin is better than the show itself is on paper. I really feel that CHS put their best production on the材料 they possibly could with the material they had to work with.

The main photo courtesy of The Buccaneer is: Evan Fleming ’14 and Sarah Ritter ’13 perform in the play. Aspects that made CHS’s version of Pippin so enjoyable were the production design and acting. I don’t think Pippin on its own has a very coherent story, but at the same time I admire it for being original. I applaud both casts for their impressive vocal talent and acting. Everyone truly surpassed my expectations in terms of their singing abilities. I’d like to praise in particular Senior Sarah Ritter and Junior Ashley Ungvarsly, who both play the character of Catherine in separate casts.

I already knew from seeing previous CHS plays that the other members of the cast could sing very well, but these two were new to me and I was truly astonished at how good they were. As I sat in my seat watching them, I was struck by how beautiful.

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Jackie Robinson Deserves Much Better Movie Than 42

by Sean Gallagher ’14
Features Editor

I must confess that I am not a huge fan of sports movies in general. Movies like Rocky and Field of Dreams transcend the sports genre and tell compelling stories. These are movies with interesting characters and sincere moments of triumph. I am sorry to say that the new Jackie Robinson biopic, 42, does not belong in the pantheon of exceptional sports movies. This really could’ve been a great movie, especially considering its monumental subject matter.

42 chronicles Jackie Robinson’s journey as he becomes the first African American baseball player to be playing “white baseball” in the major leagues. Robinson is given this unheard of opportunity by Brooklyn Dodgers executive Branch Rickey, played by Harrison Ford in a performance full of gruff snarl and hammy speeches. Ford is trying here, but he becomes a caricature of Rickey and only captivates in two or three scenes he is in. A problem I had with 42 was how much time was spent on Harrison Ford’s character. For a biopic about Jackie Robinson, I was surprised by how much writer-director Brian Helgeland focused on the hero’s white teammates, let alone playing baseball games with people who want him dead.

The most disappointing aspect of this film is how little we end up finding out about Jackie Robinson. Helgeland’s script when really shows us Robinson as a human being, but rather a stoic, noble, occasionally angry hero. It doesn’t help that scenes designed to be uplifting or heart-breaking are turned into pure Hallmark cheese when accompanied by the film’s overblown, sugary soundtrack that the film’s overblown, sugary score. Moments that are supposed to be revelatory or unexpected are so clearly telegraphed by the soundtrack that the film loses some of its momentum. All things being considered, 42 does have some sweet score. The plotline is passable entertainment, but I can say for Harrison Ford. I believe that Robinson deserved a great job if the script had been up to par with his acting abilities.

I suspect that most audiences never will enjoy the film for its inspiring true story alone. Certainly in the theater I saw 42 in, the audience members applauded multiple times during the movie. I found myself surprisingly detached to the onscreen events, probably because there is so little character development for the people we are supposed to be attached to. I was hoping that 42 would be a movie like Walk the Line that is not only a biopic, but a character study. While 42 gave me caricatures rather than characters, I found myself looking at my watch and struggling to care about what was happening.

Perhaps my lack of knowledge about baseball history did not make me the ideal viewer for this film, but I think movies should work regardless of how well versed individual viewers are in the subject matter. For instance, I don’t know much about statistics, but I really enjoyed Moneyball. I want to be illuminated by 42, but instead was just left a bit bored.

Throughout the course of the movie, I did laugh at a few moments of well-placed humor, but I was moved by a few scenes. I just wish that 42 was not such a safe and typical Hollywood biopic. There is almost nothing in this movie that would potentially offend or challenge anyone. It’s a movie about a black hero that is directed by a white guy, who incidentally sure does love long scenes of white people talking in office buildings.

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Dashing is a Problem

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Marlton, a group of teenagers from Cherokee High School left without paying. However, I was not held responsible for covering the check.” Ms. Iacocelli’s boss expected her to run after the dashing patrons, but she never did.

One anonymous server says, “People never realize that the server is the one who pays the bill, not the restaurant. And, so what is that person supposed to do – run after you? What if you run into a person who carries a gun in his/her car, you’ve now entered into a situation where your life is threatened. People never consider what you’re doing to others when you (dine and dash).” The server is placed in a difficult position when customers dine and dash.

Mrs. O’Hearn, formerly a server at Oaklyn Manor, a patio restaurant, encountered this quite often. There were so many outside tables at her restaurant that she had to be on guard for dining and dashing at all times. “When you’re busting your butt to make a living, it is frustrating because you’re left making up for the lost funds. You can also be frustrated because you were not vigilant enough with a group when you saw some people whom you thought might do this,” Mrs. O’Hearn said.

Dining and dash- ing is a persistent problem in the restaurant business and it continues to inconven-ience servers who rely on the money to make a living.

CHS Puts On Another Great Play

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Chris Beresford

The cast and crew delivered the humorous lines particularly well and displayed a tremendous amount of energy throughout the show. From the show’s opening moments, it is clear that a lot of time was spent making sure the show looked gorgeous. As the costumes the first part, we see a chorus of players dressed in clown-like makeup surrounded by thick white mist. Next, the leading player (Kirsten Hess/Georgie Manera) appears and sets the stage for the play. Immediately, the character breaks the fourth wall and directly addresses the audience. The opening scene sets the right tone for a play that really defines genre and even complete understanding. It’s hard to describe a play like Pippin without just listing what happens from scene to scene.

Throughout the play, Pippin deals with his pompous father, King Charlemagne played by Senior Dan McGann, his not-to-pompous brother Lewis (Senior Ian Montgomery), and his creepy mother (Senior Sara Waite). The play also covers the challenges of ruling fairly, the politics of war and Pippin’s romantic life. On the whole, I liked Pippin and my criticisms lie with the source material rather than the performance.

The show’s plot has a tendency to meander a bit and the very ending left me a little cold. I understand that not every ending has to make a living. It is telling that I have not yet mentioned Chadwick Boseman, who plays Jackie Robinson. To Boseman’s credit, he does things to admire. The baseball sequences themselves are shot very well, making the action fast-paced yet easy to follow. The action feels very fluid, raw and natural and at no point comes off as artificial. Some supporting actors, namely John C. McGinley and Christopher Meloni, add humor and energy to a movie that often feels too leisurely-paced.

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Senior Trip - Another Unforgettable Experience

by Mary Kostiuk '13
Editor-in-Chief

Every year, underclassmen hear the same thing, over and over again. You hear how it’s “the best time of your life,” and that it’s “worth the money,” and how everyone wants to go back already. As redundant as it sounds, the CHS Senior Trip is truly the best time of a student’s life and there are no other words to describe it.

Any other article you have read on Senior Trip or person you have talked to will tell you the same thing – it’s awesome and you should go. I’m not sure I’ve ever met one person who has said one bad thing about their class trip. The excitement didn’t really hit me until I actually got to Disney, while others had their countdowns

The first day, I went to Epcot and did “Fast Track” and “Mission Space.” I absolutely hated “Mission Space,” but the rest of Epcot was entertaining. That night we went to Hollywood Studios, (I’m still used to calling it MGM) and was definitely my second favorite park that we attended. “The Tower of Terror” was one of my favorite rides. There is so much to Hollywood Studios that you don’t notice right away, but if you walk around you find many cool things.

On the second day, I spent only a couple hours at my favorite park of all, Animal Kingdom. I think it’s by far the most entertaining. Going on the Safari and walking around looking at the animals amazes me and even if that doesn’t sound that fun to you, they have rides as well. Since it was one of the warmest days, Blizzard Beach was next on the list. It’s weird seeing fellow students in a park because you give them the biggest smiles and wave, while if you were in school and saw someone you barely speak to you’d probably avoid eye contact. That night I went to Magic Kingdom and “The fireworks which were truly amazing. The things that Disney can do will you literally astound you.

The next day my friends and I went to Magic Kingdom for the Character Breakfast which was extremely pricey (much like everything else in Disney), but completely worth it. Then we headed back to Animal Kingdom to finish all the rides and see everything that we might have missed. That night we had our class dinner at Hollywood Studios where we got to eat and see Fantasmic. The food was good and the show was so impressive with the fireworks, waterworks, and a lot of other cool things on display.

Our fourth day was definitely one of the most interesting. We went to Downtown Disney during the day to finish most of our shopping and then headed to Typhoon Lagoon. Within 15 minutes of getting there it started pouring rain. We had to stand outside waiting 45 minutes for a bus that’s supposed to come every 15. And when it did come, half of us couldn’t get on the bus because it was overcrowded and had to wait even longer. Even though at the time it was the most frustrating thing ever, it was definitely one of the funnest experiences of the trip. That night we did the countries at Epcot and watched the fireworks show there too.

The last day we spent a short time at Magic Kingdom and then got on our way to the airport to find out we had an hour delay. A few minutes passed and we found out that it was now a two-hour delay. Our plane that was supposed to leave around 4:30 p.m. did not leave until 6:30 p.m. Surprisingly, being in the airport that long wasn’t as miserable as I expected it to be. We all entertained one another and the time kind of flew by. Leaving Florida was bittersweet. As much as you wish you could stay forever, I was ready for my own bed and a home-cooked meal for which I didn’t have to pay a ridiculous amount.

The only downside to Disney, I’d say is the amount of money you have to spend there. You get one free meal a day and ten Disney dollars, but that’s not nearly enough for one day. If you have to buy gifts for you family too, you’re really spending anywhere from $100-$300 or more.

It’s crazy to think that this is one of the last things that you will all do together as a class. That the trip you’ve been waiting for since freshman year actually came around. During your stay at Disney you really do talk to the people you don’t normally see in school all the time and you hang out with kids that you don’t usually. It’s nice to see everyone getting along, but you know when school comes around it’s going to be the same thing again. So try to enjoy every moment you have with one another.

To all underclassmen who are on the edge of whether to go on Senior Trip or not, just do it. If you can go, you definitely won’t regret it. “Enjoy your time with your class,” Senior Jacob Salerno would give as advice to underclassmen about Senior Trip. And it’s so true; you will never experience this again. You have to be willing to get on a vacation with your graduating class again. I recommend going on Senior Trip to anyone. It’s worth the money if you can afford it. To sum it up, “It was honestly the best time of my life and I wish I could go back,” Senior Heather Schwindwein states.

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Boy’s Track Hopes for Success

by Sean Gallagher
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CHS boys track team has all intentions of beating their competition. Not only is the mental aspect there, but so is the physical aspect. The team holds many talented athletes that will help them achieve their goals.

Going into his 19th year of coaching spring track, Coach Mr. Fourney has the same goals for the team he has had since day one. Fourney hopes to see the team, “improve throughout the season and perform their best at the end of the season.” Specifically, Fourney hopes to see distance runners Chris Weist and Kevin Wright set their personal bests for their seasons’ team as “a little inexperienced and a little unsure of themselves.”

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Girl’s Track Shows Much Talent

by Sean Gallagher
Features Editor

CHS girls track team consists of many talented runners which will hopefully result in a winning season. Head coach Mr. Moore does not want the girls track athletes to be underestimated. “The girls are tougher sometimes [than the boys], they have a higher threshold for pain,” says Moore.

Much like the boys track team, the girls are a very young team as a whole this year. Mr. Moore admits, “We are going to be challenged by our inexperience. Despite this, Moore’s hopes are high for the girls track team, his main goal is winning the division. It will help that star runner Senior Amaris Kobolak is back and healthy, after suffering an injury that cost her the entire season last year.

Mr. Callinan, the girls distance coach, admires the enthusiasm of his girls. Echoing a sentiment shared by boys head coach Dan Fourney, Callinan says about track, “You get out of it what you put into it.”

Junior Carley Oldfield is a huge asset to the girls’ team this year, often coming in first place for her race in the 800, 400 and mile. Junior Michelle Currie shares Coach Moore’s goal “to win the division, since we lost last year by one point.” Michele and Carley both enjoy working with their teammates a lot. Junior Sam Stepnoski’s most important goal for this season is reaching at least state level for discus throwing. All of these girls and more are clearly dedicated which reflects greatly about the quality of coaches here in Cinnaminson. One thing is for sure: these girls are not to be underestimated.

Softball Struggling with Low Number of Seniors

by Olivia Pestrige
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The Cinnaminson Girls’ Softball team hopes to improve upon last season’s 4-11 record. The girls currently hold a 1-5 record but know that it will be improved upon.

The team is led by Head Coach Mrs. Garber but there are not senior captains so that the leadership is evenly distributed throughout the four seniors: Sarah Butch, Janae Dockins, Michelle Kemmerle, and Kayla Rafferty.

Last year was more of a rebuilding year for the team considering there was not one senior on the team. This year, they started with nine seniors, but are down to four due to other commitments and conflicts. The four that are left, however, are the real-deal and are here for nothing more than to win games. The senior’s goal is to clinch the division, which won’t be easy with the outcome of the start of the season.

The first game the Lady Pirates played was against Moorestown. With Moorestown’s star pitcher out of the lineup due to a sickness, the Pirates were at an advantage. If they took control of the game with their bats they could manage to pull off the win. Unfortunately, the girls couldn’t seem to find their pitch and fell to the Quakers 14-2. This was a tough way to start the season, but in no way would they let this define what the rest of their season would be like.

They followed the loss with a game against Pemberton two days later. Since Pemberton is an inexperienced team, this would be a good confidence booster for the Pirates. They came out strong both at the plate and in the field, scoring 14 runs and keeping Pemberton to only 3 runs. Although this was an easy win and it gave the Pirates the confidence they needed to continue through the season and meet their goal of the division title.

The girls had four days rest until their next game. They must have used this time wisely because this game against Bordentown is arguably the best game of the season so far. Both teams showed a higher level of play than in their previous games. The score was 3-5 going into the 7th inning. The girls knew they could give up all their hard work in the 7th with just one run. Regrettably, that’s what the girls did. They let up just one run which gave Bordentown the 4-3 win. Although the end result was a loss, the level of play was at a point that will result in wins in future games.

With only four seniors, the team definitely holds a good number of underclassmen. Perhaps the team’s one and only goal of the season is to clinch their division, which will not be easy. There is a bit of doubt in the air about the girls accomplishing this goal, but they know they can complete it and can’t wait to prove all doubts wrong. They are very excited to see how the season unfolds.

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The Golf Team this year will create a nice mesh of characters. There is Mike Jones, a junior, who is one of our top six starters, and two sport athletes playing football and golf. Then there is Chris Devone, “he’s our intellectual, he’s got one of our higher grade point averages,” describes Masi. On the team there are also two Juniors participating in their first year of golf.

Billy Klein and Jackson Merget - They add a lot of experience to the team. Everyone was hoping for a win in their first game to start off the season on a high note. With a final score of 187-152 the Pirates couldn’t pull off a win. A loss is never a good way to start the season but the boys wouldn’t let it affect the rest of their season.

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Boy’s Lax Gets First Win
by James Kennedy ‘13
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The Cinnaminson High School boy’s lacrosse team is entering their third overall season and only their second varsity season at the high school. After a disappointing first varsity season the Pirates look to bounce back off a winless season and show us why they put a team in the school. Led by Coach Mr. Angelini and senior captains John Caruso and Jake Kemble the Pirates look to improve greatly this season.

In their second game of the season the Pirates played Winslow High School. For the first time in school history the boy’s lacrosse team won a varsity game. Not only was this their first win but also their first shutout and winning the game 12-0. Junior goalie Ryan Lewis recorded his first-ever win and shutout in great effort to clinch a win for the Pirates. He looks to goal tend this and next season. He should do great with his continuing goalie experience.

With the big win against Winslow, Cinnaminson showed just how talented John Caruso really can be. He scored seven of the CHS goals and accounted for more than half of the team’s points. With a strong start to the season and the weight of getting their first win off of their shoulders the Pirates are now able to focus on playing hard and playing the best game they can. The pirates are currently 1-2 after a tough loss to a good Paul VI team.

The Pirates plan to get better over the next few years, with their young talent such as Lewis and sophomore Pat Morton. Morton was the only freshman to start for the team last year and he showed his natural talent on the field during the past season and a half.

Some may call this season a rebuilding year; however it is more of a learning year still. The young and inexperienced players are just learning to play so the importance of the first few years is important to an organization and sports team such as lacrosse.

Girl’s Lax Strives for More
by Amanda McAneney ‘14
Staff Writer

The Cinnaminson Girl’s Lacrosse team currently has a 2-3 record, and all hopes are for it to improve. Last year the team ended their season with a 13-8 record, although that’s a decent record all hopes are to improve on that record. Also, the team only made it to the second round of playoffs before losing to Manasquan - another goal that the girls want to improve upon.

Senior Sam Herron agrees with the fact that the girls have higher expectations for themselves when she says, “A lot of girls are stepping up this year and we definitely have the talent to go far into the playoffs. I’m really excited to be playing with a great group of girls my senior year.”

The team is led by captains Carleigh MacWilliams, Sarah Ritter, Sam Herron, and Taylor Hynes and the other five seniors. One of their best players is Carleigh MacWilliams. Last year she reached her 100th goal early on in the year and hopes to reach her 200th goal this season.

Unfortunately, the team lost six seniors from last season which was not an easy hurdle to jump in the beginning of the season. But Taylor Hynes believes that “a lot of people have stepped up so it’s gonna be a good year. We have big shoes to fill but were all looking forward for coming together to win.” said captain Hynes.

The Lady Pirates were given their toughest opponent for their first game: Moorestown. Moorestown is known for their lacrosse program, both girls and boys. The Lady Pirates didn’t let all the talk about how good Moorestown was get to their head, however. They came out with so much intensity, but their physical level of play could not compare to Moorestown’s. The final score was 19-2 which was a rough start to their season.

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Another important game followed Moorestown’s game just three days later. They faced long-time and cross-town rival Holy Cross. Putting the loss tough behind them, the girls wanted to start fresh and even their record out to .500. This game was a much closer game, but ended up in another loss for Cinnaminson. The final score was 13-10. Once again the girls wouldn’t let the loss get to them; they knew they would face Holy Cross again and know that they will do everything in their power to beat them the next time.

One of the most anticipated games of the season was against Ran- cocas Valley. The team beat RV for an upset last year, and wanted to repeat that upset this year. The girls ended up doing just that, defeating RV again, 11-9.

Even with the girl’s current winning streak in their back pocket, they still have some tough games ahead of them in their upcoming games. With having to play RV again, and playing other rivals such as Delran two times, the team knows what they have ahead and are ready to take up whatever challenge is put in front of them.”

Boy’s Volleyball Has Impressive Start to Season
by Mary Kostiai ‘13
Editor-in-Chief

The Cinnaminson Boy’s Volleyball team is led this year by seven strong seniors, Taylor Doganieri, Nick Stoneback, Chris Bas- tos, Zack Palen, Dave Cur- rie and captain’s Kyle Faber and Luke Garvey. The boys currently hold a 7-2 record and are ranked ninth in the state.

Although the team lost some very talented se- niors from last year, Coach Spier has high expectations for this year’s volleyball team. “I expect to win our division. Win the newly formed Burlington County Cup, which is against us, Pennsauken, and Moore- stown.”

Their biggest com- petition in their division is Collingswood whom they played in their first game of the season. Going into the match the boys knew that it would not be easy, but they would do all they had to do to come out on top. They won the first round with a close score of 27-25. If they won the next round there would be no need for a third round and the Pirates would have their first win. And that’s what they did; they won the second round, 25-20. Zack Palen personally had a great match, scoring 13 points, three of them being aces. Other high scorers were Nick Stoneback with 10 and Kyle Faber with 9. The boys will see Colling- wood again later in the season and hope to win that game also which will bring them that much closer to their goal of clinching the division. They suffered two tough losses so far this season. The first loss was against, eighth in the state, Hillsborough. They lost the first round 25-17 and the second round 25-22. Their next loss was the following day against St. Joe’s, who is ranked fifth in the state. They won the first round 25-23 but couldn’t manage to pull off one more win. They lost the second round 25-20 and the third, 29-27. The boys would push this win out of their heads and wouldn’t let it affect the rest of their season.

Coach Spier com- ments on his team saying that he has “a lot of solid seniors,” and that they also have “a good defense and a fast offense.” Captain Kyle Faber also states that they are “definitely offensive team.” An offensive team for sure; so far this season the team has scored 445 points, which is pretty im- pressive.

Some may say the team lacks chemistry and that their main weakness is focus. But Captain Kyle Fa- ber says that they are “play-
Baseball Possesses Tools for a Successful Season

by Sabrina Axelrod ’14
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Cinnaminson var-

ty is working extremely hard to recover from last year’s disappoint-

ing record of 11-12. They currently hold 5-2 overall record and a 3-1 league re-

cord. They boys are seed-

ed second in their league rankings, sitting just under neighboring town rival Del-

ran. Delran, however, has only played, and won, one league game which is the rea-

son they currently hold the top spot.

When asked how this season was expected to go, Mr. Merrill said, “we

will improve on our record from last year, and our goal is to win the division and

the sectional title.”

Along with Head Coach Merrill, the team is led by senior captains John

Bednarek, Clinton Hart, Tyler DiPascale and Cole

Perekupka. Also helping are the rest of the seniors Har-

ry Cicale, John Bednarek, Matt Morris, Mike Och-

man, Matt Doll and Mike Cosgrove.

The team only had four seniors in the 2012 season which was tough to

work with. Although last year wasn’t the best season, the team rebuilt and has

all returning juniors, Cody MacNair, Marty McDonald, Alex Forte and Christian

Deluca.

The boys have two ten-

good tactics to win-

ning: pitching and hitting. Although their fielding is top-notch, their all-star pitching is what gets them the wins. Star pitcher John

Bednarek is one of the Pi-
ate’s key to success. John is already 15 strikeouts in this season alone. John pitched against Bordentown on April 9, which would be a good match-up since the Pirates wanted revenge af-

rer losing to Bordentown last year, 24-15. The Pi-

rates played tremendously well, and their pitching definitely helped. The final score of the game was 4-2 Cinnaminson. This win was great for the Pirates; it gave them the confidence they needed to make this season a winning one.

Not only was Bed-

narek a helpful aspect to the

team, but so is pitcher Clin-

ton Hart. Clinton pitched against Pemberton on April 4. With only three strike-

outs, the Pirates couldn’t rely on Clinton for the win, so they brought out the best in their bats. The boys fin-

ished the game with 12 hits, four of them being a double or a triple. Their bats gave them 16 runs and Clinton’s pitching only allowed 6.

Once again, they came out on top with a 16-6 win.

Already in the first

7 games, the Pirates have scored an impressive 82

runs. There are no inten-

tions of having that number stay anywhere close to 82. The boys hope that it will grow immensely by the end of the season.

The Pirates definite-

ly have a talented group of

boys this season. Many of

derclassmen are thrilled to be on the same field with such talented players and want all the best for the rest of their season.

The seniors hope
to go onto college and play

baseball, but right now their first priority is making this season a winning season.

The seniors want to end their high school tennis career with a divi-

sion championship, and the odds are in their fa-

vor of that happening. The

underclassmen are thrilled to help them achieve that.

Experience Players Enhance CHS Boy’s Tennis Team

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The 2013 season of boy’s tennis will be a prece-

dent of how the CHS tennis team will perform on the courts for the next two years. “We are very loaded towards juniors and seniors,” says tennis coach Mr. Mike Perekupka. As opposed to many other teams this year, the boys tennis team is not a young or inexperienced team, which will work in their favor throughout the season. With only a small group of players leaving after this season due to gradu-

tion, the upcoming years will not suffer a large handi-

cap of top players.

With Perekupka en-

tering his fifth year coaching boy’s tennis, he continues to notice the team’s great chemistry. Each individual on the team puts a lot of ef-

fort into the sport. They are not a lazy team and in the long run that will help them. With a strong focus and de-

termination to win, the team also cooperates with each other on the court. “We work really well together, we have good chemistry,” junior Stephen Portley says, speaking of his double partner Kevin Fisher. Portley and Fisher are not the only ones who play well together.

“We have a very
tight knit group... and I think that goes a long way,” says Perekupka.

In short, Perekupka feels that, “all our singles players keep to themselves and are very, very business-

like and I think the doubles are the exact opposite.”

With the majority of the team being laden with juniors, the “good chem-

istry” will keep with them for a couple of years. Un-

fortunately this also means that in two years the “junior major-

ity” will take its toll. The team captains consist of a strong group of seniors: Steve Blatz, Dan Camp-

bell, and Lee Collins. All three men share the captain

title and all have the proper experience to produce a championship year. The captains, along with Per-

ekupka, make sure to keep the team task-oriented to achieve their season goal. However, there are three juniors who really help to add to the team’s ability: Ethan Burns, Kevin Fisher, and Tristan Scott.

With only a couple

matches under way, the team is looking so good so far. Early in the season, the tennis team faced a tough opponent, Florence. They knew that this would not be an easy win and that they would have to work hard to win. Their play was excep-

tional, and they received a nice morale boost-

er beating the Flashers 4-1.

Tippping the scales in their favor is senior Steve Blatz. He is the team’s number one play-

er, and “this is actually his third straight year as our number one player.”

In the category of
doubles there are a lot of ju-

iors. “Tristan Scott/Ethan Burns are our top, and Kevin Fisher and Timothy Campbell (freshman)” also help on the court. Fresh-

man Timothy Campbell explains that he likes playing doubles because, “you can use teamwork to over-

come your opponents.”

Much like Camp-

bell, Perekupka also en-

joys tennis for the team aspect. “It’s an individual, within a team game. You compete individually but you compete as a team. It’s a very mental game.”

The desired end re-

sult of the season is “not a lot of injuries, but I’m hoping we see a lot of improvement, even with our seniors, I think that would be a good surprise. They’ve been working really hard and I think they can do even better than they’ve been doing,” says Perekupka.

As the year goes on, there will be improvement as always. Coach Perekup-

ka looks forward to see his team work together, as they play more in the season. He is highly anticipating the rest of this year. “I’m very excited; I think this will be one of our best years.” This being his fifth year coaching, Mike Perekupka has a good feeling this will be the best overall year for the team.

When asked why, he credited all the athletes playing tennis this season, saying, “Just the amount of hard workers that we have and a lot of talent.”

The team knows that they have a tough schedule ahead of them with a couple tournaments and rival games, but they should have a fun and exci-

tong season coming up. Both Mr. Perekupka and the play-

ers are very excited to see how the season will unfold.

The seniors want to end their high school tennis careers with an awe-

some season, and the un-
derclassmen are thrilled to help them achieve that.