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**A NOTE FROM THE NEWSPAPER STAFF**

Here's the 4th issue of the school newspaper! We have some interesting articles, relating to both school and current news!

In this issue we discuss some changes implemented in our school this year, a bit on the elections, some fall blockbusters, and much more!

Read through to find out!

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**NOVEMBER IS HERE!**

Some things in this month:

- December SAT registrations end Nov 2!
- Daylight Savings Nov 4: Hopefully you got some extra sleep!
- Nov 21 - Half Day
- Nov 22-23: Thanksgiving (School Closed)
- Nov 28-: PHHS Fall Drama

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On the front cover: a lovely rainbow here in Parsippany!
LOCKED LIBRARY DOORS  
By Valerie Burke

As many of you know, one of the biggest changes that have been made at PHHS this year is the closing and locking of the side library doors. This includes both doors on the second level, the exit located by the nurses office and the exit by the E-Wing. Upon further research with one of the schools media center specialists, Ms. Calabria, it was determined that there are multiple reasons for the locked doors. The major reason is for safety according to Ms. Calabria. According to the fire hazard safety guidelines, locking the doors is required. Furthermore, since last year when the login IPad was implemented, it has been difficult for the media specialists to ensure all students located in the library are logged in. Ms. Calabria stated that, “It’s easier to make sure everyone is logged in if there’s only one entrance.” Not only is it easier, but she agrees that this is a more efficient way to guarantee everyone's safety. She concluded that the safety of the students and staff is a priority and keeping the doors locked is one way to do this.

While safety is the most prominent reason, Ms. Calabria shared her own opinions on the matter. The media center is a common area where students are free to go during lunch periods, however, teachers also use the media center as an area for their students to work and there are often classes in there working on assignments. Ms. Calabria said, “The library is like a classroom and it’s not like there are people just walking through your classes all the time right?” Ms. Calabria said that she would like to keep the new system with only one entrance in place. The library is a large classroom, therefore, between the four minutes of passing time, traffic through the media should be stopped due to the locked doors. After said period of time, students are free to treat it as a classroom and come to work quietly, print or fulfill any other needs the library can fulfill.

FALL BLOCKBUSTERS  
By Valerie Burke

With the cold weather upon us, the season of scarves, blankets and staying indoors is already here. Now is when books, movies and hot apple cider is what everyone needs when they sit down on the comfy couch. Although, even when our couch may seem like a best friend, we need human contact. So, grab some pals and plan a trip to the movies. Here are the upcoming fall blockbusters for 2018!

First up we have Bohemian Rhapsody. Coming to most theaters November 2nd, this movie is based on the band Queen. Rami Malek stars as Freddie Mercury as the movie follows his early days in the band and their performances in 1985.

Jumping to November 21st when Creed II comes to theaters, this movie stars Michael B. Jordan re-entering his role as Adonis Creed. In this sequel, again starring Sylvester Stallone, Adonis enters the ring against Viktor Drago—the son of Dolph Lundgren's Ivan Drago, who killed his father Apollo Creed in Rocky IV.

As the inclement weather persists, movies are a must. Mary, Queen of Scots, hits theaters December 7th. This is a historical tale of rival cousins stars Saoirse Ronan as Queen Mary and Margot Robbie as Elizabeth I.

Finally, from the DC Cinematic Universe, Aquaman is released December 21st just in time to see it with your family before the holidays. This expansion to the DC Cinematic Universe follows Jason Momoa as Aquaman in his journey to save the kingdom of Atlantis from destruction.

In these fast approaching icy months, hopefully the thought of friends, popcorn and a movie is comforting. Buy your tickets now to make sure you have seats for this years blockbusters to make this fall a good one.
A crucial midterm election has just occurred and we are now still digesting the results. In New Jersey we recently voted for representatives for both chambers of Congress. For the Senate, the following people ran as candidates: Tricia Flanagan, Bob Hugin, Bob Menendez, Madelyn Hoffman, Natalie Rivera, Kevin Kimple, and Murray Sabrin. For the House of Representatives, the main candidates were: Jay Webber, Mikie Sherrill, Robert Crook, and Ryan Martinez. The election, despite many knowing little about them, actually was very crucial for the balance of power in Washington D.C. and caught the nation’s attention. After the election, we will now have a Senate still controlled by Republicans with one race in Mississippi still undecided and the House of Representatives will now be controlled by the Democrats.

Historically voter turnout for midterm elections is low, however this year was very different. The US barely reaches 50-60% in voter turnout, which compared to many other countries who reach past the 70s, is simply embarrassing. Given, some countries such as Australia have restrictions in order to make people more willing to vote such as fining non-voters. Those circumstances make us think, what should the US do different? Be sure to register and vote in all elections or not complain after the election!
What college did you attend?
I attended Ramapo college for my undergraduate and I did my Grad school work at Montclair State University.

Have you always wanted to be a school psychologist?
I did not, I never thought I would work with students. I didn’t really know what direction college was going to take me. I was undecided for my first two years of college, so I just kind of let the path find me.

If you were not a school psychologist, what would you be and why?
I always wanted to work with animals. I considered being a vet just because I like to help animals but it’s also really sad if you have to put an animal down. I don’t have the heart for that.

What has been your favorite moment here so far?
When a student has thanked me for helping them. You can actually see something come full circle and you can watch a student succeed.

Random “fun” questions
What is the first thing you would buy if you had one million dollars?
I would buy a big farm or a big shelter for abandoned or neglected dogs.

If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?
I would be a dog, because I love animals. I have two dogs and they are just the best things ever.
We all know and love them: standardized tests. We’ve been taking them since fourth grade, and throughout middle school and high school. Yes, everyone found them very annoying, but they did come with one singular benefit: they were free. Students never had to pay in order to take them. However, this didn’t hold true once tests like the PSATs and AP exams were developed. Many of us know the staggering fees that students must pay in order to take them. While the PSATs cost a simple $20, the SATs have a considerably larger price: $47, or $60 if one took the option of the essay. Even worse are the AP exams, which cost $94. The sad fact is that the SATs are a requirement for most colleges, meaning most students have to take and pay for the test. In all, that’s quite a lot of money. All of these tests can be traced back to the creation of the College Board.

The College Board claims to be a non-profit organization, yet the revenue they make every year makes this statement rather suspicious. Of course, the organization needs the money to administer hundreds upon thousands of tests and to pay their employees, but when one looks at the numbers, the College Board, in reality, makes more money than necessary. The organization is reported to make a large amount of profits, and the CEO alone receives not only a salary of $550,000, but a compensation of $750,000 as well. This is not even considering the rest of the profits that the organization makes. As a result, many agree that the College Board’s title of a non-profit should be revoked, as it is clearly a lie.

Classical music is becoming less and less popular each year. Fewer people are attending classical performances in concert halls, and the radio stations that broadcast such music are struggling to keep their station running. Many people may find an interest in classical music but just do not know how to start listening to the wide range of music. Unlike what most people think, there is some aspect of classical music that suits everyone, whether it is the upbeat tempo of dances, the harmonious lyrical soundtrack-like pieces, or the dark and powerful symphonies that only the most brilliant composers could create.

Classical music can be found on the most popular music streaming platforms, like Spotify, Pandora, or Apple Music. Spotify creates playlists of specific sub-genres of classical music; there is even a “Classical Music for Metalheads” playlist! You can discover new composers through “Featured Composers,” or browse through playlists that have been created by other Spotify users. Although other streaming services seem to be less used for classical music, they also have playlists created with a diverse selection of classical music with something that will appeal to you.

The most famous classical radio station in the New Jersey/New York area is WQXR (105.9 FM). It broadcasts well-known classical pieces, as well as Christmas music for the holidays, dark and eerie music for Halloween, and their annual “Classical Countdown.” In December, viewers can vote for their favorite pieces on the WQXR website, and the top fifty are played from the day after Christmas until New Year’s Day. The piece with the most votes will be the one to bring in the New Year!

New York City is known for its broadway shows and tourist sights, as well as being the home of the New York Philharmonic at Lincoln Center and the Metropolitan Opera adjacent to it. The prestigious orchestra plays concerts almost every day and hosts internationally-renowned ensembles.