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## CONGRATULATIONS TEACHER OF THE YEAR HERR MCCLOSKEY!

### What college did you attend?

I went to Millersville University where I got degrees in Social Studies Education and German. I'm currently working on a masters degree at Purdue University, which I hope to complete by August of this year.

### How many years have you been teaching?

I've been teaching at BHMS since 2012, so this is my 7th year.

### What made you want to teach German?

I felt that German was misunderstood or an undervalued language and wanted to help others learn more about their culture. One of my greatest accomplishments was when I realized I was well enough to survive living there on my own. I wanted to help students reach that point as well.

### How many times have you been to Germany?

I've been there many times, mainly for scholarship or for work. But I've been there at least seven times.



## FBLA Field Trip

Jessica Wei

On November 20, 2018 the executive members of FBLA went on a field trip to Egg Harbor Township High School. They all participated in exciting group activities such as the game Ice Breaker. This was an activity to help the students know their group more. They started with a Lego activity which required them to memorize Lego pieces and build it with their group members. As time went on, the activities got more difficult and required memorization of tiny specific things. The students then had to sell an item to few select judges, one of them being Mrs. McEntee. Each group was assigned a car, refrigerator, or T.V. They would have to create a performance that would convince the judges to buy their product. The winners of each category would then have to sell another item to the judges on the spot. Some of these items include a cell phone, tractor, and toaster. The winner would receive a \$5 gift card to Wawa. Overall, the field trip created many memories and was enjoyed by all.



# Oktoberfest

Victoria Capone

Oktoberfest is an annual event that celebrates many different German Holidays at once. It lasts anywhere between sixteen and eighteen days. It begins around late September to the first week of October. Around six million people attend to this event every year. On October 26<sup>th</sup> Bunker Hill hosted their own Oktoberfest celebration in the IMC. This event had 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade German students sit down and enjoyed famous German dishes provided by the restaurant *Brauhaus Schmitz*, located in Philadelphia. Some examples of foods that were served are Kaese Spaetzle, various types of sausage, apple strudel, etc. This event is a great time to enjoy some nice food and have some good times with friends and family.



# Junior National Honor Society

Jessica Wei

Junior National Honor Society is a new program here at Bunker Hill established by Kathryn Kim and Hailey Sacco. It involves a select amount of students helping out the 6th graders during Township Tuesdays. This program is run by Ms. Baud and with the help of the presidents, Kathryn Kim and Hailey Sacco. The JNHS also has historians who are, Victoria Capone and Jessica Wei and secretary, Anna Lee. The program first started off with a breakfast that invited the parents of the students. They enjoyed a variety of delicious foods to celebrate their child's acceptance into the program.



# Teacher of the Year

Carli Sullivan

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At the beginning of first period on December 10, 2018, all of Bunker Hill's bulldogs were sent down to the gymnasium to be informed of the Teacher of the Year. All the students anticipated if their favorite teacher had won the grand award and title of "Teacher of the Year" and were antsy in their seats, chatting about who they assumed won.

Everyone waited patiently but anxiously in their seats and watched with prying eyes. Minutes later, the principal, Michael D'Ostilio, announced their special guest. All students watched as the unknown man (to most of the students) walked in front of the room. Sixth and seventh graders sat in confusion while some eighth graders cheered in enthusiasm. The teachers roared and clapped with excitement as he stood by the microphone. He formally introduced himself as Mr. McCloskey, a former Bunker Hill ELA teacher that retired in late 2017.

Mr. McCloskey chatted about his time here at Bunker Hill and told the students he would be broadcasting the 2018 Teacher of the Year. The students rattled in eagerness, the anticipation chilling their bones. After his explanation of being here and who he is, he finally stated a phrase that gave away who had won.

"[And now to announce the winner of the 2018 Teacher of the Year], I've known this teacher since 1989, Herr McCloskey!"

Everyone joyfully applauded for the winner and students who voted for him cheered louder than the rest. Herr McCloskey, the only German teacher in Bunker Hill, strolled into the front of the room, with all eyes on him. He was given the mic and gave a small speech of thanks for winning, and how he couldn't believe he won. Mr. McCloskey, who we had found out was his father, gave him the award and Mrs. Westerby, the 2017 Teacher of the Year, gave the man a fistful of balloons and a golden, shiny, plastic crown, that was soon placed on top of his head.

All students clapped after Herr McCloskey's speech was said and soon conversed about how they either knew it was him or how shocked they were that it was him. Everyone was dismissed to their classes, prideful smirks or faces of shock plastered on their faces.

*Teacher of the Year*





# HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR VISTS BUNKER HILL

On Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Helene Bouton visited with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to recount her experiences in the Holocaust. Mrs. Bouton was a 15-year-old girl living in Czechoslovakia when the Nazis arrived in her town. Almost immediately all the Jewish families were put in a ghetto. The Jewish families had to give up jewelry and money just for insignificant amounts of food. Eventually, her entire family was forced to march into a larger ghetto called the Munkacs. Later the Bouton family was loaded into a cattle car with 40 to 50 people to begin a 3 day and 4-night journey to Auschwitz. "When we arrived, parents with small children were chased to one side, and those deemed healthy and available to work were moved to the other side," she said. "I never even said goodbye to my parents or siblings, who were among the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust." Mrs. Bouton was deemed healthy enough to work; therefore, she was sent to work in the Krup ammunition factor. She lived in a burned out, flooded basement for 2 years while she labored under harsh conditions and with very little food. Every day when they were at the Krup ammunition factory they had to walk 8 miles from where they stayed and work for hours and 8 miles back just for bowl of soup and one piece of bread. Mrs. Bouton was later sent to Bergen Belsen concentration camp. One night a girl next to Mrs. Bouton asked her if she wanted to be sisters because she had no family left. Mrs. Bouton said, "Okay" and went to bed. The next morning when they woke up to go to work her "sister's" body was laying still next to her. Everyone in the Bouton family passed away except Mrs. Bouton and her aunt. Her aunt sent her to America, so she could start her life fresh.



## 7TH AND 8TH GRADE WINTER CONCERT

BROOKE CAVANAUGH, MARIAH GROFF, AND ALICIA SEEGER



On December 13, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band, chorus, and orchestra performed at the Washington Township High School. Each group executed an assortment of four songs each. The chorus started off the celebration, followed by the orchestra, and lastly, the band. Judging by the applause of the audience in the theater, the performances of the three groups had gained the admiration of many. The finale was a medley of *Deck the Halls*, *Jingle Bells*, and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*. The chorus sang along to the pieces as the band and orchestra were conducted by Mr. Tecce. The concert was filled with lively holiday music and will be remembered by many.



# PATRIOT'S PEN

HAILEY SACCO



An author by the name Oliver Holmes once said, “One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation evermore!” The saying represents America in the sense that our country is a place where every citizen can feel they are a part of a family if they do not have one themselves. Where they have the opportunity to speak their truth and have freedom to own a voice. Where one has the protection against all evil because America has given them a safe environment. I honor the American flag because of this, and because we as citizens are given the advantage of being successful in the future. The United States of America provides me with education and learning experiences I might not receive in other places. Our country is capable of thriving solely upon the reason that our youth is given the prerogative to succeed. I honor this red, white, and blue flag not because it’s above me in height, but because it represents our America. Our place where I have the privilege of calling home. I respect the flag because others dedicate their own time and life to fight and protect our land. Those who serve deserve to be honored for all that they do. There are not enough ways to describe how grateful I am, and every citizen should be of the fortitude of our soldiers. The American flag gives people all throughout our country something to look at as our united symbol of freedom. I would not have the life I do if I was not an American, and I honor the flag because it has given me all that I own. This country is represented in 13 stripes and 50 stars, although they mean more than they seem to show. Our flag is a symbol of all that we have accomplished as one, and the rights we have earned throughout history. I look up at the flag every morning and repeat the same words over as I did the day before not out of habit, but because I choose to pledge that I will always honor what people have done to lead this country to success, and what this country has done for me. I continue to search my mind for what I can do to help the country in return, and I start by honoring the flag of freedom and hope.



# THRONE OF GLASS

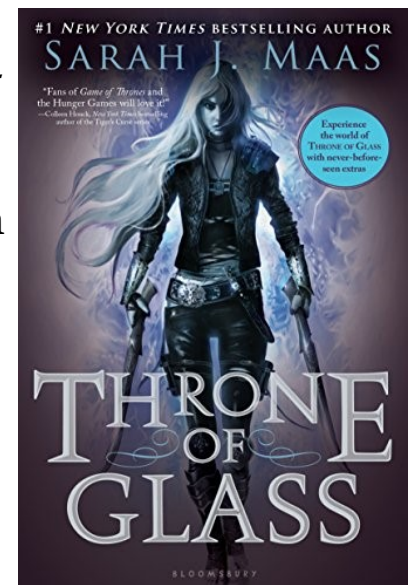
SHAYLEE WOLFF

People who know me well, know that I'm an absolute book worm. I like fantasy especially, and there's one series in particular that I absolutely love. Have you ever heard of the Throne of Glass Series? If you have, we need to talk. Like, right now. But if you haven't, great, because I get to tell you all about it!

Throne of Glass is written by Sarah J. Maas. She's one of my favorite writers in the entire world. Throne of Glass takes place in Adarlan, a growing empire in the land of Erilea. The king is a cruel leader, wanting all the power to himself. The king is currently searching for a Champion; someone who he will task as his own personal assassin. He, of course, wants to have his champion prove him or herself worthy of the position, so he holds a competition. He gets his top advisors to choose a competitor to compete for the position. This includes his own son.

Celaena Sardothien had been in the Salt Mines of Endovier for a year now. She had been thrown in there with the title of 'Adarlan's Assassin'. Dorian thought that she might have a pretty good chance at winning his father, the king's, competition. When he went to the Mines to get her, she was hesitant of meeting the prince. But when he proposed that should she win and become Champion because she could serve for six years and then be free, Celaena finds herself reconsidering her options.

Will she win the competition between 23 other competitors? Well, you'll have to read it to find out! With a tiny bit of romance along the way, I can guarantee you will love this book as much as I did. Be warned, though – If you read this book, I highly, highly advise that you read the series through. The entire way. I mean, if you start reading and drop out, you won't get to experience the full series! Plus, the last book, "Kingdom of Ash," has already been released, so you don't have to wait for the rest of the books!





# HARVEST DANCE REVIEW

**GINA KLEMOWITZ**



On November 2, 2018, the Bunker Hill student council hosted its annual Harvest Dance. This was a night just meant for the students to let loose and have fun. All the kids came in a wide variety of Halloween costumes, many in hopes of winning the costume contest. The person that was crowned winner of the costume contest was Christian Heil, who dressed up as KFC's Colonel Sanders! The Harvest dance was complete with a DJ, a dance floor, and two haunted locker rooms

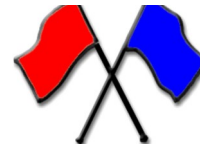
As a member of the student council, I know that there is a lot of work and preparation into making this this dance a success. To begin with, the student council must organize numerous meetings afterschool to talk and plan the dance, especially the haunted locker rooms. We had to plan the skits for the locker room, and make sure that it was going to be scary. On the day of the harvest dance, student council, teachers, and parents stayed afterschool to decorate the gym and the two locker rooms. As soon as the dance started, we had to prepare for the students coming in the locker rooms and make some last-minute adjustments.

Overall, I think that this year's Harvest Dance was a huge success! It was such a fun event for everyone. I know that so many people had a blast on the dance floor. The haunted locker rooms went so well. I saw



# 8TH GRADE CAPTURE THE FLAG

**LAUREN BROOKSTEIN AND JACKIE REEVES**



In early November of 2018, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class played a game known as Capture the Flag. If you didn't know, Capture the Flag is a game in which two teams both hide a colored cloth, that represents the team's flag, then try to find the other team's flag and return with it to their home base. Our game of Capture the Flag represented the American Revolution.

Before the game started, the three 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teachers divided their class into two teams. One team represented the experienced British and the other team that represented the inexperienced American colonists. Since the teams were so uneven, the Americans got one British member. This strengthened the Americans team a lot and weakened the British. The Capture the Flag game lasted six rounds. The inexperienced (or the Americans) team won. But the British wouldn't give up a fight. In the end, the Americans won the game and got the gift of freedom.

Pictured at right are Kat Murray, Abby Agular, and Kat Sabella.

