



Bulldawg Bulletin

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The Odyssey Comes Home to HMHS

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The Odyssey, adapted by Mary Zimmerman, brought a new kind of theater to the HMHS stage. One of the most involved fall productions in recent years, even the stage itself was given a makeover to take the audience and actors back to the world of the ancient Greeks. The director of the play, Ms. Heather Vaughn, worked closely with HMHS teacher Ms. Maiese to perfect the script and make the production one of the best to ever be seen on our stage. One actor, senior Joseph Tully, says that "the fall play really brings together a wide range of people all to do one show, and it's amazing to see the friendships build in rehearsals and performances." Just as the actors benefit from the experience, so does the audience. This year, the 6th and 8th graders from Haddonfield Middle School came to see the show in previews, as did the freshmen from Audubon. One reason this year's play was so special is because every year, freshmen read the *Odyssey* in their English classes. One downside to reading the poem is that students don't get a chance to see the story performed, but this year that wasn't the case. Although not following the epic exactly, the adaptation helped students have a better understanding of the text. For all who saw or participated, the fall production was an "epic" success!



Odysseus (Cuinlan Pedretti) sees his mother (Abigail Metzler) in the Underworld. Photo Credit: Suzanne Post & Grace Nybe

Spirit Week Preview

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Spirit Week is around the corner! Kicking off spirit week on Wednesday, November 16th at 6:30 PM, is the Powderpuff football game. You can watch the senior and junior girls flag football with tips from their coaching staff, the junior and senior boys! Then, to finish the week, the Spirit Week dance on November 18th at 7:00 PM is a great opportunity to earn participation points for your class. November 21st gives you no time to dread Monday, for the day starts off with Finding the Golden Bulldawg at 7:00 AM and the Scavenger Hunt at 5:00 PM. Both are crucial events to gain points, so plan accordingly! On Tuesday, November 22nd is the penny count, and the opportunity to show your hallway to the parents at 8 PM. Then, on Wednesday November 23rd, is every grade's opportunity to shine! At 7:30 AM, the hallways are open for other students and faculty members to see and enjoy. Unfortunately, Spirit Week then comes to an end at 11 AM, with the pep rally. Although Spirit Week is a blast, you get as much out of it as you put in. Contribute to your class, and help put your best foot forward!

Freshman Elections

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Dedication, determination and experience define the freshman class student council government. Unlike the sophomore, junior and senior class elections, the freshman student council elections occurred recently in September. The class of 2020's class officers are: Michael Zappetti (President), Rachel Bonnet (Vice President), Jack McDonald (Treasurer) and Will Tully (Secretary). Having been the president of student council at HMS, this is Michael Zappetti's second year in office as president. His enthusiasm and experience with student council will help him be a great leader for the freshman this year. Furthermore, his older sister has also taken part in the student council for the past three years, so he knows what to do. Rachel Bonnet won the race for vice president with her friendliness and competitive spirit. Jack McDonald's catchy slogan promises that he "won't burn your Benjamins." Lastly, Will Tully won the position of secretary with the promise of making "this a great first year of HMHS" for the freshman class. Michael, Rachel, Jack and Will are all excited to represent the class of 2020 and are working hard to get ready for the barrage of school events coming up this fall. Will mentioned that "so far we have some very good ideas on what we're doing." Rachel describes herself as "very competitive, hardworking and determined. . . so [they] will get things done." With such enthusiastic class officers, there are only good things to look forward to for the class of 2020. Watch out upper-classmen, you have competition this year!

Not Your Typical Latin Teacher

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This year, Ms. Kerry Horleman joins us as the new Latin teacher at HMHS. Often times, when one pictures a Latin teacher, they have visions of a straight-laced, bookish, and slightly reserved scholar who perches wire-rimmed glasses on the tip of her nose. However, Ms. Horleman defies this Latin teacher stereotype, as instead of wearing wire-rimmed glasses, she sports fashionable, bright-colored clothes; also, she is athletic, coaching for the HMHS field hockey team. For these reasons, Ms. Horleman is not a typical Latin teacher. Having lived in Rome for two years, she has keen insight into Roman culture, which she plans to share with her students. Aside from her unique experience living abroad, there is something else that differentiates her from other World Language teachers: she teaches a "dead language". This is exciting, however, for Ms. Horleman, because classical languages like Latin often have rich history and culture behind them. She is intrigued by the Latin language because it connects with many other cultures and languages; she explains, "You can see Roman and Greek influences in almost all of the other core subjects, and I think interdisciplinary connections are what make Latin so valuable and interesting." When it comes to being a world language teacher, the part she loves the most is having the "opportunity to share other cultures and travel opportunities with students." With her passion for Latin, she was also inspired to begin an AP Latin course, which she is currently working on beginning. All of Ms. Horleman's unique contributions have given a new flavor to the world language department, and we are excited to have her!

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Fall Movie Check-In *Antony Post '20*

The Fall movie season has started with, in my opinion, a small sized bang. We got some great films and some pretty mediocre to bad films. Let's get started!

First up is the adaption of the popular novel ***The Light Between Oceans***, starring Michael Fassbender, and Oscar winners Alicia Vikander and Rachel Weisz. This film followed Fassbender and Vikander as lighthouse workers who live on an island secluded to the outside world. After failing to have a baby twice, a boat arrives with a baby inside and they decide to take care of her. 4 years later, they find out who the real mother is--Weisz--and they have to decide whether to turn over the baby or to keep it as their own. This movie was filmed with amazing cinematography and had great performances from the three leads. I give this film a B+.

Next is the new Clint Eastwood biopic ***Sully***, starring Tom Hanks as the famed captain who orchestrated the miracle on the Hudson. However, the film was more focused on the case that was investigated determining whether it was right for him to land the plane that way. Hanks gives a great performance while Eastwood's direction creates the perfect tone for this film, along with a great screenplay. I give this film an A-.

Up next is another biopic ***Snowden***, starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt as

the famed hacker. This film was troubling for me because it spent 2 hours on Snowden's past and only 15 minutes on the actual hacking that made him famous. Despite a great performance from Gordon-Levitt, overall the film was very muddled with some good parts. I give this film a C-.

After that, the third film in the chick flick franchise that made everyone in 2002 cry has returned in ***Bridget Jones's Baby***. This film was weird before it started because it did not feature Hugh Grant at all. After that, the movie does not do anything that special that is different from other film, both in the franchise and outside of it. I had some fun with it, but in the end, I wasn't really impressed. give this film a C+.

Next is the Disney bio-pic ***Queen of Katwe***, starring Academy Award winner Lupita Nyong'o (*12 Years a Slave*) and David Oyelowo (*Selma*). Following the story of a young girl in Katwe, Phiona learns the game of chess and goes onto try and win chess championships around the world. This film was great, with amazing performances and cinematography, with only this issue of it feeling as if it was being dragged out. I give this film B+.

After that is the film based off the oil spill of 2010, ***Deepwater Horizon***. Mark Wahlberg and Kurt Russell lead this film into a depiction that I did not look fondly on. The pacing was all over the place and it made this tragedy into a Michael Bay explosion fest. I give this film a C-

Up next is ***The Girl on the Train***, the hotly anticipated adaptation of Paula Hawkins' thriller novel. Starring Emily Blunt in a stellar performance, she plays Rachel, a drunk, depressed, recently divorced woman, who sees people through the window of the train she rides. When it comes out that one of the people she spies on is missing, she tries to help find her, even though she might be involved with the reason why the woman is missing. This film was fun for me, but it is one of those movies where I liked it, but if someone else did not like it, I understand where they are coming from. I give this film a B-.

After that, is the film ***The Birth of a Nation***. Nate Parker takes you on the journey of Nat Turner, a slave who becomes a priest and rebels when he finds out the treatment of African Americans. This film had great performances and kept my attention throughout, but the third act annoyed me because it was not as well constructed as the first two acts. I give this film a B+.

Last, and definitely the least, ***Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life***. This movie based on the children's novel was so bad that it should have been called Middle School: The Worst Movie of the Year! Please, do not go see this movie! I give this film an F!

So that's all the movies I have seen so far this year. Hope some of the November and December movies turn out to be great. See you next time!

Haddonfield Athletes Get Shout-Out
in *South Jersey Magazine*
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Sports Editor

The Fall issue of *South Jersey Magazine* (SJM) has an article highlighting top high school athletes and their achievements. Not surprisingly, Haddonfield was well-represented with seven HMHS students identified a top athlete that SJM is watching this year.

Leading the pack was junior Jack Dugan, Varsity Boys Soccer, who was one of only seven South Jersey athletes featured in the article along with a Q&A. SJM noted that Jack has been a key player on the varsity team since his freshman year and that he received all-conference, first-team recognition two years in a row. He also helped lead the Bulldawgs to the Colonial Conference Liberty Division title in 2015. Junior Olivia Alberto, Tennis, made SJM's list of athletes to watch based on her strong 25-12 record last year and Olivia taking over the first singles position as a sophomore. Sophomore Madie Bee, Varsity Girls Soccer, was identified as an athlete to watch based on her joining the team's starting line-up last year as a freshman and then leading the team with nine goals. (Writer's note: the Girls Varsity Soccer team is 13-0 as of the writing of this article – Go Dawgs!) SJM continues to watch senior Briana Gess, Cross Country, who SJM calls one of the greatest distance runners in South Jersey history noting her two state crowns and one Meet of Champions title. SJM expects Briana to end her high school career with another standout season. SJM is watching senior Brendan Gilmartin, Varsity Football, based on his strong play last year as a defensive end and his receiving all-South Jersey third-team and all-conference first team honors as a junior. SJM also noted the fact that Brendan took over this season as the Dawgs' starting quarterback. Junior Izzy Miller, Girls Cross Country, is on the list of athletes to watch based on top five finishes at the sectional and Colonial Conference meets and a 29th place finish at States as a sophomore. SJM is also watching senior Meghan Smart, Girls Field Hockey, after she helped lead the Bulldawgs to the state final last year and was honored with all-conference first-team and all-South Jersey second-team selections. Congratulations to the HMHS athletes who made this year's *South Jersey Magazine*'s list of standout high school athletes and good luck to them and to all of the Bulldawg athletes for a great 2016-2017 season.

What's Happening @ HMHS?

Check out these upcoming events...

November 14 - All Sports Booster Sale 6 -8 PM
November 16 - Powder Puff Football 6:30 PM
November 18 - Spirit Week Dance 7-9:30 PM
November 21 - Golden Bulldawg, Penny Count, Canned Food Drive, Scavenger Hunt 5-8 PM

November 22 - Canned food drive ends @ 3, Hallway Decorating 3 - 7:30 PM, Hallway Preview 8 - 9 PM
November 23 - Pep Rally
November 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving Break
December 1 - BADD Karaoke 6-10 PM
December 13 - Shakespeare Competition 3-5 PM
December 22 - Winter Festival 6-7:30 PM, Holiday Concert 7:30 PM