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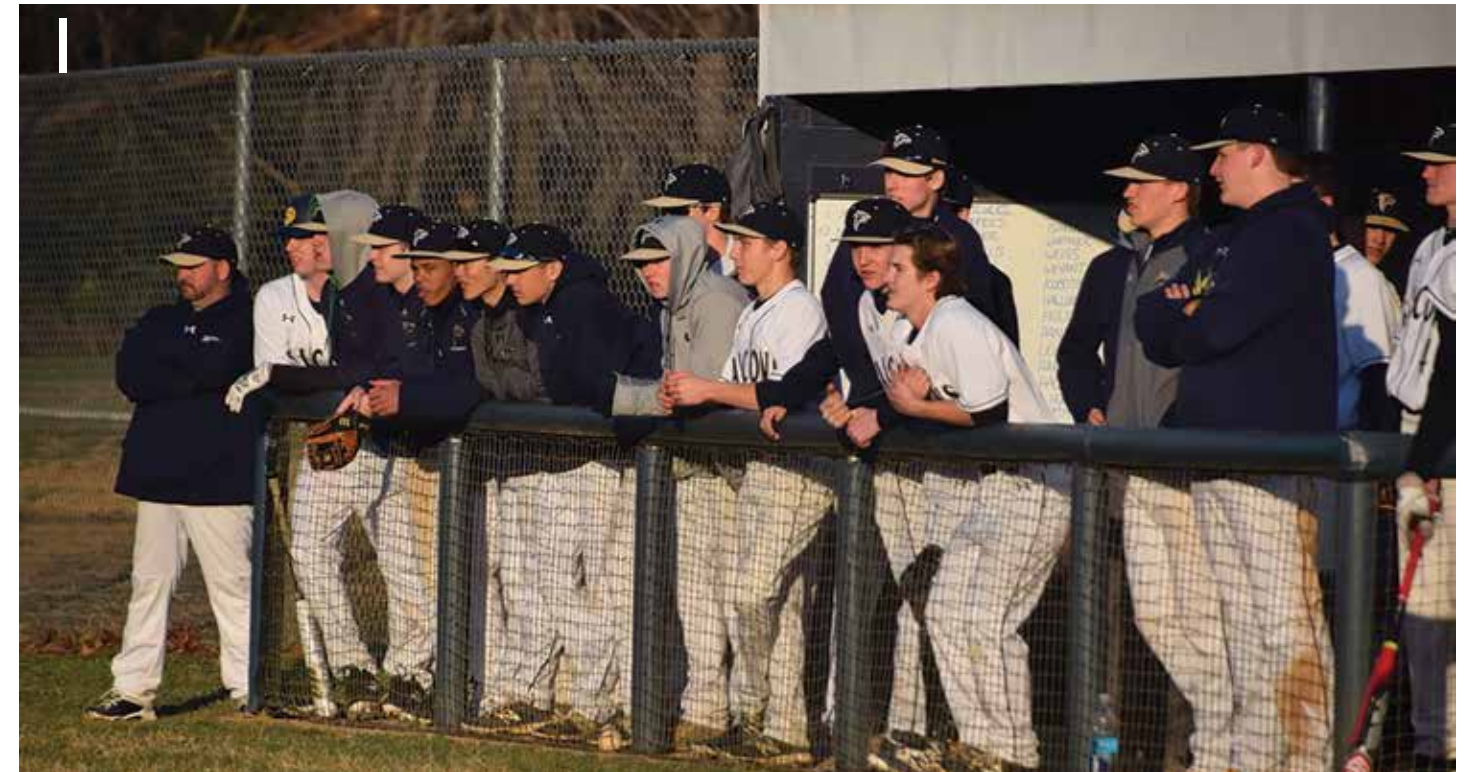
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COVER PHOTO

The popular e-cigarette device deemed a 'juul' is becoming increasingly popular among teenagers. This pressing issue forced administration to install 'juul detectors' in bathrooms to keep students from abusing nicotine during school hours. "I'm getting tired of suffering from secondhand buzz every time I go to the bathroom," senior Shane Carr said. Photo and graphic by Emma Jeter and Greer Long.



- 1** For the first time ever, the SPSHS varsity baseball team will be filled solely with freshmen. Upperclassmen that have been in the program for some time were shocked by this bold decision. "We feel this 2022 class is strong enough to the point where there is no need for any upperclassmen to be on our team," varsity baseball coach Eric Milton said. Photo by Kelley Halloran.
- 2** Seniors Evan Dill, Aaron Kent and Nathan Van de Meulebroecke are looking to create a men's volleyball team. There has been a push for a men's team for a very long time. "I strongly believe that SPSHS has the most concentrated talent for a men's volleyball team, and we will do very well in our county and in the state," Dill said. Photo by Shelby Chasser.
- 3** Junior Annabelle Cotton sings her heart out in the last-ever Rock 'n' Roll Revival performance. After the final show on Saturday, Mar. 16, director Angela Germanos made the announcement that this was the last year SPSHS would hold Rock 'n' Roll Revival. "It broke my heart to hear the news," senior Isabel Gonzalez said. Photo by Maddy Fangio.



Starbucks Being Reverted Back To Popeyes

Change is causing an uproar among the community.

by Briana DeRosa | Staff Writer

It has been confirmed that Severna Park's beloved Starbucks Coffee will be destroyed in order to be rebuilt into what stood in its place ten years ago: Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen. Construction is set to begin in early May, and is expected to be complete by the end of September 2019. The previous owner of Popeyes has returned to work on his design for the restaurant with hopes to "fulfill the dream" of what he always imagined his Popeyes to be.

The new design will have a modern-take, featuring ambient lighting, touchscreen ordering tablets, marble tables and gold-flecked white stone floors.

Complaints from locals about the lack of culture in Severna Park became so frequent that the owner of the current Starbucks location felt the need to make a difference, and insisted that the Starbucks be replaced by a more culturally-rich restaurant. After several meetings, the Severna Park Chamber of Commerce came to an agreement that Popeye's would satisfy the cultural need, stay within budget and also give Severna Park "a historical landmark."

This news has received backlash from students at SPHS. Some claim that this is the worst thing to



Starbucks will be replaced by a modern Popeyes this summer. The community has mixed opinions about this change. "I'm not happy about Starbucks leaving, but I am interested in trying southern food," senior Ainsleigh Cook said. Graphic by Briana DeRosa.

happen to Severna Park since the closing of Boston Market and others are organizing a protest to keep the Starbucks. "I think if you believe in something, you should fight for it and that's exactly what I'm going to do. Starbucks needs to stay, and I'm willing to protest for it," senior Camille Donaghey said.

Others have expressed excitement for the change; in the words of senior Marina Karides, "It's genius to have another chicken restaurant in Severna Park. Then I can have Chick-fil-A for breakfast, and Popeyes for dinner."

Despite the backlash, the return of this southern-style restaurant will add a new food category to Severna Park. In addition to its famous biscuits and spicy chicken tenders, the Popeyes' menu features many options that none of Severna Park's restaurants offer such as Cajun Fish, Seafood Po'boy, Jambalaya and Corn on the Cob. "I'm not happy about Starbucks leaving, but I am interested in trying southern food and posting it to my foodie Instagram account," senior Ainsleigh Cook said.

SPHS Bans Leggings

With a focus on the Me Too movement, the administration takes precautions to prevent sexual harassment.

by Melanie Reynolds | Opinions Editor

Students currently wear leggings to school almost every day. In the past, this has been okay and even considered cool casual wear. "It's utterly disgusting," senior Laura Folts said. Photo by Melanie Reynolds.

Sexual harassment has come into the limelight now than ever. With the #metoo movement losing steam, SPHS is moving to protect female students. The school's newest rule will be a ban placed on leggings, or tight pants that accentuate a girl's curves, both the athletic and formal types. This attire creates an inappropriate work environment for male students and makes it more difficult to for them to learn. "Starting next quarter, anyone wearing leggings will be given sweatpants to wear and they will be \$20 to rent," Assistant Principal Lindsay Abruzzo said.

In all fairness, the policy is made to protect female students from male gaze, making them feel safer. A study by Pew Research Center stated that in environments where girls are allowed to wear leg-

gings, knowledge retention in male students decreased by 64 percent. "It's too attractive for girls to wear leggings; their bodies are just objects and there shouldn't be pornographic objects in a school building," senior Laura Folts said. "It's just like watching Pornhub on the school computers."

Women being sexualized in media is a troubling issue that the new leggings ban will combat. The ban is a fight for equality in learning. Modesty is promoted across both genders, as the plan will apply to men too. "Men and women should not wear leggings, it's an equality issue to make sure learning is safe and accessible for everyone," Abruzzo said.

A new study that came out last fall by the Behavioral Biology Research Center stated that 12 per-

cent of women feel uncomfortable around men wearing tight pants, and on the flip side 87 percent of men feel uncomfortable around women in tight pants. "It's just stupid that women should be allowed to wear leggings to school in the first place," senior Andy Shulman said, "just like how women shouldn't have voting rights because they use their sexual prowess to trick men into voting for who they want."

Women began wearing pants in the 1920's, and it caused an uproar that inhibited communities from being able to function properly. "If we allow women to wear leggings to school, they will have the same power of lasciviousness over men who cannot control their god given desires," Shulman said.

Juul Detectors

A new take on tackling the nicotine addiction.

by Greer Long | News Editor

Over the past few years, a popular e-cigarette device known as a 'Juul' has attracted teens due to its appealing flavor selection and discreet shape. As the use of Juuls among teens has increased, so has the number of kids using them during school hours. The prevailing issue of vaping in school has forced SPHS to implement a new strategy to put a stop to this epidemic.

Because there are no cameras, most juuling during school occurs in the bathrooms. To combat this issue, administration will be installing 'Juul detectors,' a device similar to the typical household smoke detector. Instead of being alerted by smoke from a fire, these detectors will send off a signal if they encounter even the slightest trace of Juul vapor. "If one of the detectors senses any Juul smoke, an alarm will go off on my walkie-talkie," Officer Swartz said.

Not only is an alert sent to Officer Swartz' walkie-talkie, a code is also transmitted that reveals which bathroom the culprit is juuling in. "I don't think it will be a challenge to make it to the bathroom before the student leaves," Officer Swartz said, "I've been doing stair workouts at the gym just for this reason."

For many students, this is good news, as the excess Juul smoke in bathrooms is taking away from their learning experience. Nicotine changes the way synapses

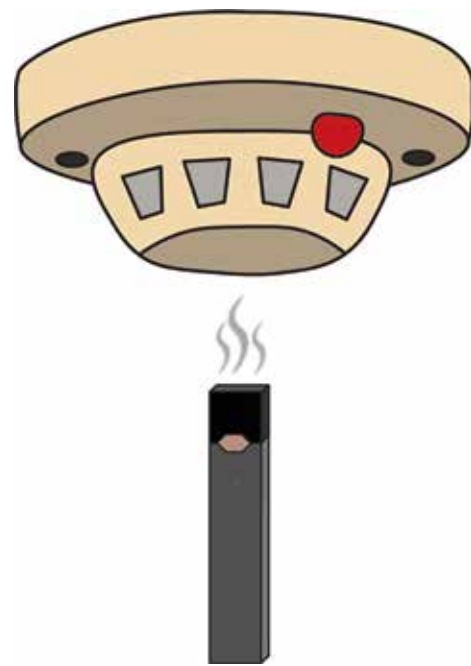
are formed, which can harm the parts of the brain that control attention and learning, according to surgeongeneral.gov. "I'm getting tired of suffering from secondhand buzz every time I go to the bathroom," senior Shane Carr said.

However, a handful of students cannot get through the day without a Juul break, so this adjustment is going to greatly impact their lives. "I think it's really disrespectful that they're going to put detectors in the designated Juul room," junior Jake Shirey said, "First they put in toilets and sinks, and now this?"

Funding for the Juul detectors will be obtained by requiring the student body to sell blitz cards. Due to the expensive detector technology, they are estimated to cost about twenty thousand dollars. Students must sell a minimum of five blitz cards each, and may earn rewards by selling more than the required amount. "National Honor Society members can get merits for any additional blitz cards they sell," Paula Schnabel said.

The installation of Juul detectors is infuriating some students who feel that the new devices are not worth the cost. "Putting Juul detectors in bathrooms is a waste of money. The administration should just be thankful we're not smoking cigarettes," sophomore Grace Knight said.

Despite the various student opinions on this controversy, the administration's plan to put an end to juuling is rapidly progressing. Whether the Juul detectors help suppress teenagers' addiction to nicotine or not, they will restrict students from abusing the drug on school grounds. "We've had so many issues with this type of thing and this is the only way we're going to see a drastic change," Officer Swartz said.



A never-seen-before device called a 'Juul detector' will soon be installed in every SPHS bathroom. This decision was made to keep students from juuling during school hours. "I'm getting tired of suffering from secondhand buzz every time I go to the bathroom," senior Shane Carr said. Graphic by Briana DeRosa.

Class Tattoos

Costly and easy-to-lose class rings are replaced by more permanent class tattoos.

by Carey Cameron | Managing Editor

One of the most noticeable indicators of how close senior year and graduation are is the acquisition of class rings by SPHS juniors. They have long represented the approaching freedom of graduation and accomplishments of high school. However, sales of these mementos are diminishing due to rising costs, leading SPHS students to choose an alternative. "I'm pretty excited for class tattoos. I mean who wouldn't want to remember high school with permanent ink on their bodies? I think I'm going

to get 'Tradition of Excellence' tattooed on my back," junior Megan Mouldsdale said.

The idea of class tattoos came about in a spontaneous brainstorming session during advisory classes. "No one is really buying class rings anymore, so we thought that tattoos would be more appealing to students," Mouldsdale said.

In order to get a tattoo, the student and their parent must sign a waiver and proceed to stay after school for a session with a resident artist who gets merits for his or her

work. Mary Fitzell, a senior who was recently voted the best artist of the class of 2019, is one of these designers. "I really don't know how to work a tattoo machine and the details are a little sketchy so this should be interesting," Fitzell said, "I feel like people will only be doing this for the merits."

Students can choose from a selection of pre-planned designs such as the classic "Class of _____," the words "Tradition of Excellence," a falcon or even the face of a beloved teacher or administrator. Because this project is still in the testing phase, only a few lucky students have had the ability to get a class tattoo so far. "This was a terrible, terrible idea. Now I am going to have to spend the rest of my life with a poorly drawn Bathras on my bicep," sophomore Nick Ivey said.

Class tattoos will range anywhere from \$90 to \$300 depending on the design and number of sessions required in order to finish the tattoo. According to the school administration, class tattoos will start being sold next year. "If I were the person getting a tattoo celebrating high school I would reevaluate my life decisions," senior Mary Fitzell said.

Class tattoos are the new exciting memento replacing class rings next year. This change was a result of declining ring sales over the past few years. "If I were the person getting a tattoo celebrating high school I would reevaluate my life decisions," senior Mary Fitzell said. Photo by Carey Cameron.



HARVARD ON THE SEVERN

A local school that finally measures up to America's best.

by Connor Killeen | Online Editor in Chief



Graphic by Melanie Reynolds.

According to most Americans, Harvard is the most prestigious university in the country. The school flexes an acceptance rate of 5.6 percent and an endowment of 39.2 billion dollars, which is used to pay for student scholarships. In addition, notable alumni include Matt Damon, Bill Gates, Barack Obama and Mark Zuckerberg. With all of this merit, it is obvious that many

students applying to colleges would be drawn to one that has 'Harvard' in the name. Therefore, this fall, Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) will be officially changing its name to 'Harvard on the Severn.'

The name change comes as part of AACC's three step plan to increase attendance at the community college, and ultimately revenue: (1) trick students into thinking they have been accepted to Harvard, (2)

send acceptance letters to students who have not applied and (3) convince students to earn four year bachelor degrees from Harvard on the Severn.

The new Harvard on the Severn (HOTS) plans to spend all of its endowment for the 2020 academic school year to purchase the domain name for Harvard University, so that when Harvard is searched on Google, students will be directed to the home page of Harvard on the Severn. HOTS is hoping that this change will fool people into accidentally applying for Harvard on the Severn and bring in students with Harvard-caliber academics. HOTS and Harvard University have also reached a deal that all students that are rejected or waitlisted at Harvard University will be automatically enrolled at HOTS. "I think it's a tremendous idea that fits a school on the academic and preparatory level of Harvard and I think no school, public or private, will ever deserve the title of HOTS more," said junior Jared Smith. Smith was planning on visiting schools this spring but has eagerly cancelled these plans due to the new announcement.

The acceptance rate at AACC is currently 100 percent, but admissions officers are looking to increase

this number to be more inclusive to all students. Therefore, the school will now be accepting students who do not even apply by sending them preemptive acceptance letters. In addition, it is now mandatory for all SPHS seniors to continue onto HOTS and attend four years of classes. This transition will be sim-

ilar to the one students make from middle school to high school and seamless, as all the data for these students is already in the county's system.

Students currently have the opportunity to earn a associates degree after two years at AACC, guaranteeing them general admis-

sion to the University of Maryland. Most students follow this path and graduate with a diploma from the University of Maryland, that does not disclose they attended the community college. However, AACC predicts that students will be much more likely to stay and earn a four-year degree from Harvard on the Severn if the word Harvard is written on the diploma.

Harvard on the Severn will not require SAT or ACT scores, transcripts or even an application process. Students are only required to show up to classes on the first day of the semester. "The College and Career Center is looking forward to having much more interest in the local community college now that it will be named Harvard on the Severn," Nancy Jackson said, "This change will take a lot of pressure off our counselors since they will no longer have to send transcripts or scores to the University of Maryland. Also when students are rejected at Maryland we won't have to hear their complaints anymore because they have the opportunity to go to an even better school now," Jackson said.

Harvard University has been one of the most prestigious schools in the country since its origins in 1636. Now this fall AACC will try to compete with the almost 400 year old institution. "I think it's a tremendous idea that fits a school on the academic and preparatory level of Harvard and I think no school, public or private, will ever deserve the title of HOTS more," said junior Jared Smith. Photo by Connor Killeen.



Girls Lax Plans to Forfeit

After years of success, SPHS's girls lacrosse team will forfeit the state championship.

Hunter Chadwick has played for the Severna Park girls lacrosse team for three years now and was more than excited for the season to start. "I love lacrosse and my coach and she said she wanted to forfeit and I have no problem with it, I've been to states before," Chadwick said. Photo by Katie Arndt.



by CeCe Streaker | Editor-in-Chief

It is no secret that SPHS's girls lacrosse team has been successful over the years and is gearing up for its next season. In the past the girls lacrosse team made it to the state finals several times, conquering their opponents or coming in a close second.

With the success the girls team has had the coach has decided to forfeit state championships this year if they reach it as a show of good sportsmanship. Chadwick said "We just want to be known as the school who doesn't always have to win; sometimes it's just about letting everyone have a chance."

The players respond positively to the coach's decision and are excited to share the glory of being state

champions with another school. "We have won before, it seems almost unfair to keep taking the title of state champs when other teams don't get a chance," senior Chadwick said. Schools from around the region have also positively responded to the decision and are thankful SPHS has given them the chance to get a state title. "Everyone knows Severna Park has an amazing lacrosse program and every year my girls work hard to match the team's skills. This year we are extremely hopeful, now that Severna Park has stepped down that we will have a chance. It truly shows their extreme amount of sportsmanship," said a AACO girls lacrosse coach who asked to remain anonymous.

For the past two years, Lauren Atcheson, a SPHS sophomore, has played on the junior varsity team. She has not been on the varsity team to experience a state championship. Nevertheless, she feels her role on JV is enough, and doesn't need the added accolades of a state championship "I would've loved to be on the team for a state championship but I understand why coach Kaitlyn made this decision. It shows how much class we have as a team and a school," said Atcheson.

Despite the coach's decision, the girls are excited for their upcoming season and look forward to seeing another school get the glory of being state champion.

Another One Bites the Dust

This will be the final year for senior superlatives.

by Holly Hutcheson | Staff Writer



Joe Matthews and Jamie Kiriazoglou will be the last to hold the title of 'Class clutz.' Class clutz was one of the first senior superlatives created when the school began adding senior superlatives to the yearbook. "By getting rid of senior superlatives you're taking away the last thing that allows people to express themselves while being ordinary and funny," Kiriazoglou said. Photo by Briana DeRosa.



'Life of the party' is currently one of twenty-four senior superlative categories. Seniors Isabella Blumenberg and Garrett Edwards were the winners of this senior superlative. "It feels like all of our fun traditions or ways to express ourselves or separate us from others is taken away more and more each year," Blumenberg said. Photo by Briana DeRosa.

After yearbook adviser Valerie Earhart decided students will no longer have senior quotes in the yearbook, senior superlatives will be the next to go.

The tradition has been around since Severna Park opened its doors in 1959, but on the eve of its 60th anniversary, the administration has decided to do away with superlatives. Current juniors were appalled by the shocking news. "I was really disappointed when I found out because I was looking forward to hopefully winning class Barbie," junior Madison Hicks said.

Even the seniors, who are not affected by the change, were outraged. "It's a tradition and every school does senior superlatives, so I think it's kinda lame that our school decided not to do them anymore," senior Elisabeth Donophan said.

When the news broke, many were confused as to why Earhart decided to do away with such a beloved tradition. "It just doesn't make sense why they would get rid of them. I mean, haven't they made enough changes for one school year?" junior Alex Glass said. However Earhart did not think so.

When asked about the issue, Earhart claimed that Severna Park has become too exclusive and that it's unfair to be promoting a small portion of the senior population. Earhart claims that if Severna Park wants to be a school that promotes diversity it can't pick out and highlight specific students; it should accept and reward all of its students.

"If we can't give a superlative to every single senior for something awesome that they do, then we should not be highlighting a small

percent of the senior population. It's unfair and un-American," Earhart said.

Some students are trying to fight to keep the tradition alive. "It sucks but there's nothing we can do. Next year, they're gone for good. The yearbook staff is trying to think of a replacement, but we haven't come up with anything yet," yearbook Editor in Chief Sarah-Kate O'Connor said. She is working with her staff to come up with an idea for next year to replace the beloved superlatives.

Although there have been many changes this year at SPHS, taking away senior superlatives may be the most painful. The school has kept the tradition alive for over half a century, and it will be deeply missed.

Too Good To Say Goodbye

This will be the last showing of Rock 'n' Roll Revival.

by Shelby Chasser | Editor-in-Chief



(LEFT) Kalli Bellotte is singing Aretha Franklin's "Sweet Sweet Baby." This was her fourth year performing in Rock 'n' Roll. "This show brought everyone together. It will be missed," Bellotte said. Photo by Maddy Fangio.

(BELOW) Nate Van de Meulebroecke is singing Billy Joel's "Movin' Out." This was his second year performing in Rock 'n' Roll. "This was the best show at the school. It sucks that it's over," Van de Meulebroecke said. Photo by Maddy Fangio.



Rock 'n' Roll Revival quickly became popular after its first performance in 1989, with classic songs including Danny & The Juniors' "Rock N' Roll Is Here to Stay," Betty Everett's "The Shoop Shoop Song" and The Supremes' "Stop In The Name Of Love." This year, Rock 'n' Roll Revival celebrated its 30th anniversary with the theme 'Hall of Fame.' After the last show on Saturday, March 16, Angela Germanos, the director and coordinator of the production, made the announcement to the cast and crew that this year would be the last year SPHS will hold Rock 'n' Roll Revival.

"We are cancelling Rock 'n' Roll because we have run out of songs and dances to do, and none of the shows ever sold out," Germanos

said.

This news brought many students in the production to tears. "Nearly every person was crying after the news broke," sophomore Ethan Kent said, "It was my first year in the show, and I will miss it."

Although the seniors will be graduating in May, they were still heartbroken after hearing the news. "I've done this show all four years of high school, and it broke my heart to hear the news," senior Isabel Gonzalez said, "I have made so many friends in this show. It's hard to hear that this won't be around for anyone else to experience."

A few seniors even started to revolt against this announcement by chaining themselves to the stage after closing night. "Yeah, I

stayed in the auditorium all night, chained to the stage," senior Mary Fitzell said. "This was my home for the past four years. How could I let them tear it down?" Fitzell was accompanied by 12 other cast members, some including lead singers Abby Burns, Lauren Carlson, Matthew Bateman and Nate Van de Meulebroecke. They all eventually left after Van de Meulebroecke made a motion to go to Double T Diner because he was hungry.

The memory of Rock 'n' Roll Revival will remain forever a part of SPHS's legacy. This show has left memories among many students, teachers and administrators. "At least the show went out with a bang," Van de Meulebroecke said.

Home of the Ospreys

SPHS gets a new, familiar look.

by Matt Mangano | Features Editor

SPHS, home of the Falcons, is getting rebooted in a way most students will recognize. In a push by the Student Government Association (SGA) to make the transition from middle school to high school easier for incoming freshman, SPHS will be implementing additional aspects of SPMS. "Freshmen have always had a hard time adapting to the school. Let's face it, high school can be very intimidating. So we decided it was important to make them feel as welcome as possible," SGA Ambassador Jared Smith said.

The change that will affect life at SPHS the most is the use of the middle school's schedule. It consists of A, B and C days, along with alternating Silver and Blue days. At SPHS, this will mean the schedule will get a complete makeover. Just like at SPMS, students will have their four core classes everyday. The A, B and C days will determine which elective students will have that day, and the Silver and Blue days determine when students have gym and a foreign language. "SGA knows this changes things a lot for students, especially upperclassmen who may have already completed their science and social studies credits, but that's the cost of progress," Smith said.

Juniors who planned on taking a half schedule their senior year have not been very accepting of the new rules. "I had an internship

planned already for next year. This will completely ruin my plans. Why do I need to take a language and gym class? I had those credits done freshman year," junior KC Gallo-way said.

Freshmen also have their complaints about the change. "I don't understand why the Class of 2023 is being coddled so much. We all adjusted just fine. I can't go back to Silver-Blue days, I just can't," freshman Henry Wright said.

SGA undertook the initiative due to the massive size of the incoming freshman class. With over 550 students, they will be one of the largest classes ever to walk through the front door of SPHS. "We figured since there's so many of them, instead of them having to adjust to our school, we should adjust to theirs," SGA Director of Communications Megan Mouldsdale said.

Additionally, SPHS will be getting a new mascot. In the spirit of SPMS, the osprey will replace the once beloved falcon. "Honestly, I didn't know that they were different animals," sophomore Tommy Kondracki said. "But the falcon is definitely way more firm."

The final change being made at the high school is the implementation of the Hope Locker. The Hope Locker was a place in middle school where students could anonymously put notes about things that are affecting them or stressing them out. "It was about time we had

a Hope Locker in this building. The students here are so stressed out, it just makes sense," Mouldsdale said.

With mixed reviews from the population, these changes will certainly have a dramatic impact on everyday life at SPHS. "Change can be hard, but it's important that we do what is best for everyone, especially our little freshman," Smith said.



The Hope Locker is a symbol of SPHS' acceptance of middle school traditions. It was originally made to provide comfort for students who were struggling socially, mentally or academically. "The Hope Locker saved me," junior Lacey Ordakowski said. Photo by Rachel Hartley.

SP (Boy's) VB

BV's volleyball is coming soon to our high school.

by Colin DeFeo | Sports Editor

SPHS has always had girl's volleyball, but never boy's. That is changing this fall, as boys will be allowed to try out for the school's first boy's volleyball team. Along with SPHS, Arundel, Broadneck, North County, South River and Southern are also creating teams of their own. These Anne Arundel County schools will compete in the MIAA private school division, which includes a boy's volleyball league.

The boy's volleyball team will be coached by history teacher, Michael Kandra, due to his love for volleyball and highly competitive attitude towards sports in general. "I feel like this is a great idea for our school because we have a good group of boys that love the game and are willing to play at the highest level," Kandra said.

There has been a push for a boy's team for a very long time; almost every year there is a group of boys that want to put a team together. This year, seniors Nathan Van de Meulebroecke, Evan Dill and Aaron Kent are behind the movement. With their efforts, the county finally listened and reached out to the other high schools in the area. "I strongly believe that SPHS has the most concentrated talent for a men's volleyball team, and we will do very well in our county and in the state," Dill said.



Senior captains Aaron Kent and Nathan Van de Meulebroecke posing with the future volleyball team to showcase their talent. Both players have worked very hard to reach their goal of becoming excellent volleyball players. "I think the boys are ready for our first official season of volleyball, we got a lot of wide spread talent to prove our excellence," Michael Kandra said. Photo by Shelby Chasser.

Men's volleyball has already been deemed a club at our school, but taking it to the next level is a huge change. "A club was fun, but changing to a sport will making everything way more intense and way more fun," Kent said.

Preparing for a new sport is a unique challenge, but the boys are looking forward to build the team together. "Offseason workouts will start soon and this will help our team build our chemistry while becoming better athletes for the season," Van de Meulebroecke said.

Unfortunately many seniors that pushed for a team will not be

able to participate next season but a few of them have decided to do a fifth year. "I have chosen to take a half schedule next year and stay one more year so I can be apart of something that will change Severna Park forever," senior Ethan Mills said. Due to the volleyball team being created, Mills and a few others will be the first fifth year seniors at SPHS for athletic purposes. Other seniors that have decided to continue for a fifth year include Garrison Clark, a former Navy commit, Colin Wolfe, a former Penn State commit, and Bryce Benedict, a former Maryland commit.



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