

THE RAIDER REVIEW

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TRUNK OR TREAT

BY MADELYN BOURNE

Recently the JIO Interact Club did our first volunteer event at the Haunted Hospital on West Point! Attendee's include myself and Jael-Marie Guy, Ainsley Schnack, Jorge Bravo, Darian Kong, Sophia Mitchell, Dante Cecchini, Kate Federovich, Julianne Galu and Olivia Moran. Members of the club monitored numerous activities involving crafts and games for the little kids to keep them occupied before the actual haunted hospital opened up. Then once the Haunted Hospital opened up some members of the club volunteered as scare actors. Overall the night was a fantastic experience!

LITERARY MAGAZINE ENTRY



BY JULIA OLIVIA

I'm watching the leaves change colors slowly but surely
Brilliant reds, warm oranges, and vibrant yellows are starting to emerge
Driving by the trees every morning and every afternoon
It's almost time
Time for cool weather and sunny days
Time for apple and pumpkin picking in a field with friends
Time for huddling around bonfires and eating smores
Time for brisk walks around the block just to admire the season
Time for falling leaves from a cool breeze
It's finally time for fall.

WEST POINT MUSEUM TRIP

BY CALEB JACKSON

On October 5th, 2023, the APUSH students went on a field trip to the West Point Museum. At this museum, students saw many different sights all reflecting on the history of the US army, warfare and weapons. On the first floor, students could see the history of warfare from during the period of Ancient Rome through World War II and the history of American warfare. On the second floor, students found the history of the United States Army. There was also a basement that students could explore. On the lowest level of the building, students could explore the history of weapons. Students had a great time exploring the West Point museum and learned a lot. The West Point Museum was one example of the fun field trips that students can attend at James I. O'Neill High School

NEW TEACHER INTERVIEWS

*Ms Trimblett interviewed by
John McSwain*

**What has been the best thing
about your time here so far?**

- The best thing is the students. Each student has their own path. Knowing I get to expose students to new interests is amazing. There's lots of new challenges and opportunities. When a student has an a-ha moment that's the best for me.

*Mr Rau interviewed by Julia
Olivia*

**What is your background in
Music?**

- I started to learn piano at 4 years old, I went on to start guitar in Middle School and then Percussion Clarinet in High School. I attended College at Suny Potsdam and Boston University in Music Education and Concentration in Voice Performance.

Mr Kulich interviewed by Dante Cecchini

**What seems to be the biggest change between Co Teaching and
becoming a Teacher?**

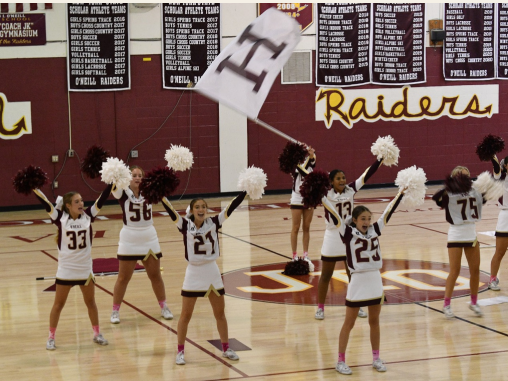
- So last year I co taught for all of my placements. This year I'm able to teach 2 classes myself. I love co teaching because I'm able to work with different teachers and do things that I wouldn't normally do. I also enjoy independently teaching classes because I get to practice lessons that I find enjoyable.

HOMECOMING

SPIRIT WEEK



PEP RALLEY



HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

BY CHAD HALEY

Since my Freshman year, Chester has always been our biggest rival. We have played them about seven times in my career, two of which were for a section championship. With a Homecoming game, and a big rivalry, the stakes were very high. All week we had been gameplanning and figuring out a strategy to beat Chester. We were very locked in. There was no messing around, purely business. We knew what needed to be done and so we made it our goal. After a tough week of practice, we felt we were ready. As game time approached, we were in our locker room making final adjustments and fine tuning what needed to be done. We were ready. Come game time, it was very close. We had been neck and neck all game long. Finally, late in the fourth quarter, we had scored a touchdown and were up. The next time we got the ball, we had gotten all the way down to the two yard line until they stopped us with about a minute to go. I had faith in our defense to secure the win. Emry, our corner back, had picked the ball off sealing the game. I remember how happy we were as we had beat our rivals in a crazy game. The crowd was loud, emotions were high, and we had done it. This was also a big game as this is the team we will play for the Section Championship. Winning this game had given us the ability to wear our home jerseys. We are excited for this Championship against them, hoping we can do what we did before.



VARSIY VOLLEYBALL

BY CHARLOTTE BLACK

So far, O'Neill Varsity Volleyball has had a great season! Going into Section Playoffs, we are the #2 seed, after we went 2-0 in our division, beating Fallsburg twice. Overall, we're 17-1 on our season, after losing to Beacon once. The second time we played Beacon, we fought hard to beat them in 5 sets. A huge part of playing a great team like Beacon and then going to 5 sets is having mental and physical energy. Part of what brings us energy is our crowd. Having a big and loud crowd fuels our energy on the court, so we could not be more thankful to all the parents, family members, students, staff, and friends that come to support us. Another tough 5 set match we played was against Port Jervis, away, for their Senior Night. After losing the first two sets, we knew we had to step up in third, even with a loud, rowdy, and rude Port Jervis crowd rooting against us every single chance they got. In the end, we prevailed, and beat them in 5 sets. Nailbiter games like Beacon and Port Jervis prepare us for the hard teams we will see in Section Playoffs and beyond. We are so excited to continue playing together for as long as we can, and are seeking the first O'Neill Volleyball Section Championship since 1997. Good luck to all the fall sports teams on their postseason endeavors, and go raiders!



CROSS COUNTRY

BY TESSA HENDRICKSON

This year, the Raider Cross Country team has been doing the work, rain or shine. The team has competed in about ten meets and is heading to the Championship Season. This season, the boys, led by Captain Peter Dacunto (Jr.), are a young team made of mostly newcomers. They have been competing against schools significantly larger and snatching titles like their 3rd place victory at the Queensbury and Brewster Invitationals. They are attempting to individually send some of their top runners (Peter Dacunto, Daniel Bluman, Chris Evans, and Liam Gust) to compete at the State Level.



The girls have shown that even though they are not a large team, they are still a force to be reckoned with, as both the JV and varsity have won and placed at a majority of their meets. They are planning on winning the sectional and going to the States as a team.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

BY PETER PITALEFF



I've played an uncountable amount of soccer games in many countries and on many different teams, but nothing, none of those experiences are even remotely close to being as good as the 4 years I had with the O'Neill Raiders. The things we've been through, tears of sadness and joy, never have I experienced this much passion for the sport. As sad as I am this is over, I'm also glad it happened. This has been the best 4 years of my life and we created many memories together as a team both on and off the field. We're more than a team, we're a family.

FALL FASHION

By : Kiki Ibrahim

Fall is the perfect time to showcase your fashion sense. With the weather getting colder and the leaves changing, it is the perfect chance to break out the jackets and change your color pallet. Fashion has been changing so much in the past few years, so here is a guide to catching up on the recent fall fashion trends.

Shoes are arguably the most critical part of any outfit, as they can make or break your look. Experiment with different silhouettes to find what works best for you. Chunky sneakers are trendy and can add a unique vibe to your wardrobe. The New Balance 550s, recently worn by Taylor Swift, have been selling out at sneaker stores everywhere. The New Balance 990 and 1300, seen worn by Supermodel Bella Hadid, have started a new trend in women's fashion known as the "dad shoe." These shoes, paired with un-cuffed Brandy Melville sweatpants, give a casual but put-together look. Other shoes, such as the Nike Air Monarch and the Nike Air Tailwind, provide a similar appearance. Vans Knu Skool, which first came out in 1998, is also making a comeback for those into streetwear looking for a chunky shoe. The shoe is a take on their classic Old Skool Vans. Men's Timberland boots, which have always stayed in style, are being worn in a new way with jorts and JNCO jeans to balance out the overly baggy look.

FALL FASHION

This fall, cherry red is in. Rather than the usual neutral browns, oranges, and grays, cherry red takes over and adds a much-needed pop of color to any outfit. From cherry red leather jackets to knee-high boots, everyone needs something in a glamorous color. When it comes to bottoms, athletic wear has become the forefront of teen fashion. A good pair of sweatpants is what everyone needs. Long, non-cuffed sweatpants are making a comeback, providing a comfortable but cute look without appearing too casual.

The most crucial part of fall fashion is undoubtedly jackets. The North Face puffer was a hit last year, but this year's must-have item is the Carhartt Jacket. This piece can elevate a plain outfit to a stylish one with its rugged and slightly distressed look. Another fall staple is a leather coat. A leather blazer or jacket can dress up or down your look while giving you a Dean Forester vibe.

Fall is the perfect time to experiment with your style as the weather transitions from warm to cold. Take advantage of this season's many opportunities to mix and match clothing and wear outfits you wouldn't otherwise wear.



NEW STUDENT INTERVIEWS

*Anonymous interviewed by
Caleb Jackson*

What advice do you have for incoming students?

- Utilize Expanded day. It is a great opportunity that I've never seen before and I like that it allows me to have extra work time with my teachers, while not competing for time between clubs and sports.

*Darian Kong interviewed by
Sophia Mitchell*

What opportunities do you think you would benefit from as a senior that we don't have already?

- Opening up the senior lounge again, being more lenient about attendance, being able to loiter around the parking lot and adding benches in the parking lot. Along with more exclusive senior events

*Andrew Weber interviewed by
Julia Olivia*

What is your favorite club?

What is your favorite part of that club?

- Powerlifting because I like to use the gym and lift a lot.

*Claire Hassan interviewed by
Sophia Mitchell*

What do you look forward to in Lacrosse

- Since its a smaller team than my last, I look forward too getting to know my team better

OCTOBER MEDIA REVIEW

BOOK REVIEW

BY SCARLET DEATON

Scary Stories To Tell In The Dark by Alvin Schwartz and illustrated by Stephen Gammell is a three part series released from 1981 to 1991. Schwartz tells short stories along with poems and songs that range from spooky comedy to a bone chilling story about a man escaping Death himself. This collection should give all the thills for Halloween!

MOVIE REVIEW

BY SOPHIA MITCHELL

In October of 2023, Totally Killer was released, starring Kiernan Shipka who was also the lead of horror TV show Chilling Adventures of Sabrina. This movie ingeniously pays homage to horror classics like "Scream" with its self-aware humor and delivers a darker twist akin to "Hocus Pocus." This slasher film injects fresh blood into the genre, offering a witty, suspenseful, and thoroughly entertaining experience that strikes a balance between nostalgia and contemporary horror, making it a must-watch for fans of both classic and modern horror films.

