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Homecoming: Review

By Brianna Schuck

As we all know, homecoming is one of the largest events that takes place throughout the school year at NLHS.

This year, student Council is very busy preparing for not only the dance, but the parade, spirit week, and everything else that ties into the label.

Along with student council preparing, the football team is also preparing to to "Sink Saucon" or "Pound the Panthers" Friday night.

With changes all around us, homecoming is all about school spirit and all of us having the time of our lives, regardless of anything else going on.

Behind the scenes of this scheme, there are so many students and staff working hard to make Homecoming 2017 the best one yet.

Kicking off Hoco is the most famous event, hallway decorating. This year, the seniors decided on the theme "Under the Sea" as they will "Sink Saucon" Friday on the "S.S. Touty".

The Juniors worked hard to assure their theme of "Rumble in the Jungle" as they aim to "Pounce the Panthers" and fight for first.

The Sophomores created their own idea which they know as the "Sophomore Circus", as the Bulldog runs the show as the ring leader, the panthers will

be eliminated by the illuminating presence of "IT" and Pennywise, and Mr. Vlasaty finishes it off as he plays the absolute most important role in any Circus as he draws the most attention as the unicyclist on the tight rope.

The Freshmen brought homecoming to a whole new perspective as they took a turn into "Dr. Dawg's Land" and invited us all to their version of the "Lorax" and are getting ready to "Perplex the Panthers!"

As the different themes conquer the hallways and lobbies of NLHS, spirit week is rolling right along. Monday, we kicked off the week with Pajama Day which allowed everyone to essentially sleep in one more day, or so it seemed.

Tuesday was Super Hero day, and whether you had a defined hero or not, we are all our own heros within each other, and we can all agree that when the football team beats Saucon Friday night at 7, they will be the true heros.

Wednesday was twin day, which allows everyone to find their twin, make their twin, or supplies a little bit of hope that you and your best friend are actually twins.

Thursday was Throwback Thursday, which ultimately gave everyone a chance to experience what the halls of NLHS used to look back in generations before.

As we make our way to Friday, we all were able to show our

school spirit by participating in blue and white day. School spirit is what Homecoming is all about!

Our pep rally is Friday during fourth block, we all get the chance to represent ourselves as individuals, our class as a whole, and our entire school by supporting, participating, and giving it our all by losing our voices for the spirit stick, and bringing home the gold for our hallways.

Not only do we show school spirit, but we will enjoy the skits of our seven Homecoming Court guys and we will find out all seven of our girls on homecoming court 2017.

Homecoming, however, doesn't stop there. Friday after school at 5:45 the homecoming parade will begin. Being said, the parade will start on Diamond and will end up at the stadium.

Immediately after, the homecoming game will take place and at halftime, they will announce the King and Queen of Homecoming 2017. No matter the result of the game, Homecoming will keep rolling forward.

Saturday from 7:00-10:00 pm, student council will host the annual homecoming dance in the gym. Afterwards, all the help is welcome as we tear down hoco in a half an hour tops!

We may say this every year, but homecoming 2017 is going to be the best one yet!

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Presidential Address

By Carmen Alvaro

Whether it is your first or last year at Northern Lehigh, there is always something exciting about a new school year.

As it is already homecoming week, this year seems to be flying by.

While we are only on the sixth week of the school year, our newspaper staff has already been working to guide you through your 17-18 school year.

As per usual, our first edition is focusing on kicking off the school year.

Homecoming, fall sports, and teachers are always on students' minds throughout the first few weeks of school.

As we start to move into school year, the focus shifts

to trying to keep up with everything.

Throughout the school year, *The Slate* moves on to give you updates on all of our clubs, sports, and other events.

Obviously, there is more that concerns NL students than what is going on in school.

We want to know which new movies, books, and albums are worth our attention.

We want to know what is going on in D.C. without the 24/7 updates from other news sources.

We want to know more than what is going on in our school.

That's what we're here for.

And possibly even more importantly, sometimes



are based on our horoscope or what other students want for Christmas.

Maybe a fun crossword during homeroom can help you relax before your Algebra test during first block.

Again, that's what we're here for.

The Slate is a reflection of you. We focus on what you are doing throughout the year and what you would like to read in your school paper.

The entire newspaper staff is always open to suggestions on what content you will enjoy to see throughout the school year.

We want you to read and enjoy our editions.

we just want to take a few minutes out of our day to read what type of dog we

So if you have a suggestion, let us know. You just might see it in our next edition!



Clubs, Clubs, Clubs!

By Blake Schuck

As freshman make the transition from the comfort of the middle school to the frightening new halls of the high school, after-school activities may be the perfect way to explore fun and interesting topics.

The high school offers a wide variety of club that many freshmen may enjoy joining.

If any of these clubs strike your attention, consider joining them for a fun-filled year!

Science club investigates various areas of science

through experimentation, the environment, and other scientific ways.

Spanish club celebrates Spanish-related holidays, teaches at the elementary school, and goes on exciting field trips.

"The Dog Dish" creates the daily morning announcements.

Yearbook creates, organizes, and edits the yearbook throughout the year.

Leo Lions club does various volunteer efforts to better our community.

"The Slate" produces the newspaper, which is always open to new writers.



Chess club plays and teaches the fundamental rules of chess.

S.A.D.D. persuades stu-

dents to ignore harmful decisions.

Debate competed with other schools by means of argumentative discussion.

The Northern Lehigh Little Theatre organizes and performs the fall play and spring musical.

The library club promotes literature throughout the year with numerous events.

Finally, student council organizes an array

of school activities as the year progresses.

Our high school offers a vast number of clubs, some of which may seem appealing to you.

There is certainly a club for everyone, and I hope you find the right club for you!

Welcome Mr. Gupta

By **Tori Csanadi**



faculty at this school is Mr. Gupta, a science teacher who has had a variety of interesting experiences to share with his classes.

While he may have been teaching here last year, the 2017-2018 school year is

the first year Mr. Gupta is officially considered part of our faculty here at Northern Lehigh.

He teaches Integrated Science and Physics currently for our science department.

Located in room 212, you can witness Mr. Gupta leading students through

numerous lab experiments and explaining the concepts of vectors and integrated science.

I had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Gupta recently to ask him about his past career experiences, his general thoughts of our community, and other crucial information.

I asked him if he would rather fight one hundred duck-sized horses or one horse-sized duck.

He decided he would rather fight one horse-sized duck. He also told me a lot about his prior jobs.

While teaching is his current profession, Mr. Gupta took quite the route to

get to Northern Lehigh.

In an exclusive interview with him, he told me of his first job as a ski instructor. He said it was the best job ever, of course second to teaching at our school.

Other jobs he has had include being a door-to-door salesman in Canada, a railroad construction crew member, an unprofessional actor, a clerk at a public defender's office, gas station manager, waiter, and manager/bartender at Bethlehem BrewWorks.

He told me he loves Northern Lehigh in comparison to his other jobs. He described the atmos-

occupiers. Judging by Mr. Gupta's contributions to our school, we hope he is here to stay.

He has proven himself to be a marvelous teacher thus far and has already made his mark on the high school.

Welcome Mr. Gupta!



Over the past few years, Northern Lehigh has witnessed a numerous amount of faculty changes.

Our science department, English department, and social studies department have had new members join in the recent years.

A recent addition to the



Welcome Mr. Schnyderite

By **Nicholas Lehman**



If you haven't already heard, we have a new teacher in the Northern Lehigh High School's Music Department.

Mr. Schnyderite, a graduate of South Plainfield High School, began his first year at Northern Lehigh teaching choir during the third block.

Before he began his teaching career, Mr. Schnyderite received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music Education from the Westminster Choir College of Rider University.

Before coming to Northern Lehigh, he taught at two different middle schools and high schools for ten years, recently teaching at Delaware Valley Regional High School in Hunterdon, New Jersey.

Mr. Schnyderite was inspired in many ways to become a

music teacher. "I was inspired by my high school choir director who was very passionate about music," he says.

In addition, music has always been an important part of his life.

"I loved music and singing as a child, I studied voice to be a singer after high school, and enjoyed some great performing opportunities after college in the U.S. and abroad!"

Through his experiences, his passion for music has grown, and he gets to continue his passion being a music teacher.

"I wake up every day, and go to a job where I make music with young men and women who

love it. It's not a bad life."



When he's not in school, Mr. Schnyderite has a number of loves.

"First, my family. My wife and two daughters take up a lot of my time."

Additionally, he tries to stay

healthy by running every day because he finds it to be a great activity to clear his head and relieve stress.

Mr. Schnyderite also loves musical theater, and he tries to see one or two shows every year. "And of course, I sing."

We, The Slate staff, are overjoyed to welcome Mr. Schnyderite as a newest addition to the Music Department and Northern Lehigh staff!





Havin' A Ball

By Aidan Williams



"It's not whether you get knocked down; it's whether you get up."-Vince Lombardi.

There is no better quote to describe this year's soccer season.

We got knocked down several times, but we always got up.

We never hung our heads and we always kept working hard.

Despite the fact we lost a lot, I never felt that we were beat.

Throughout the season, our entire team had a lot of fun.

I was new to high school soccer this year so I didn't know what to expect.

The season started with summer practices in July.

The first practice I went to I really enjoyed we just messed around and scrimmaged.

The summer practices were rather leisure, and we worked on basic skills like passing and dribbling.

In late August we started the first mandatory practices.

They were essentially two weeks of conditioning to help get us into better shape for the oncoming season.

After school began we started regular practices where we worked on things like positioning and strategies.

I always enjoyed practices and never felt like.....

Our first game was on September first we were lost 9-0 to Catasauqua.

Although we lost badly, it was a good first experience to varsity soccer.

We played our best the whole game. We unfortu-

I asked how he felt we did this season. He said:

"I think we did well, we really improved."

I then asked him what we need to improve on for future seasons.

"We need to work on fit-

ness, and get in better shape and work on the basics."

Finally I asked if he wanted to say anything to the team. He said:

"I'm very proud of you all, you never hung your heads and always worked hard."



nately didn't win a game all season.

Our last game against Catasauqua was also our closest.

We lost the game 4-1. I think this shows how much we improved throughout the season.

I asked our coach, Jason Ruch, a few questions about the season.

ness, and get in better shape and work on the basics."

Finally I asked if he wanted to say anything to the team. He said:

"I'm very proud of you all, you never hung your heads and always worked hard."

I then wanted to ask some of the seniors what their

favorite parts of playing soccer was.

I interviewed Carson Russell and Jared Czarneki. I asked them what their favorite memory was from playing soccer.

Carson said "When I be-

came the stretch captain." Jared said "Playing cards with the team on the bus"

I then asked them what they would miss the most about playing soccer and they both said they would miss the team.

This year we had three team captains, Quinton "Q" Mack, Chris Fine, and Jared Czarneki.

I asked Chris and Q if they liked being captains.

Q said "Yes it was great to be able to lead such a great group of guys."

Chris said "Yes I felt honored being able to lead the team."

Then I asked them what they think we need to improve on for next season.

Q said "I think that we need to apply what we learn at practice to our games.

Chris said "We need to get in better shape."

Then I asked a freshman what his experience was like playing soccer.

I interviewed Mike Chirico, I asked if he enjoyed the season. Mike said "Yes it was fun and I learned a lot."

Overall I felt like this year was a learning year.

We worked hard and improved throughout. I think we all really learned a lot.

I think that we will do much better in future seasons and we will really surprise a lot of people.

I wish the very best to all the seniors, Jared, Carson, Mike, and Brent. Good luck to all of you!





College?!



It's that time of year again. The senior class has entered their last year of high school and are ready to take it easy for the next 180 days.

The hard stuff is over, right? Well, not exactly. Sure, the hardest academic year of high school, junior year, is over for us.

Sure, we can maybe succumb to a bit of senioritis. But not quite yet. Why? Because, we have to apply to college first!

Most colleges require you to send in an application by January 1st, 2018. Some, like those applying for Mo-

ravian, have as long as March 1st.

Applications take some time to complete and should be quadruple-checked for accuracy.

Also, you should make sure that all required materials are sent in. These materials include your SAT scores, your transcript, and the CSS Profile (if required).

To send in your SAT score, you have to pay a fee of \$12 per school to send it. You send them through the CollegeBoard™. It could take a few weeks

for the scores to send, so don't panic right away!

As for your transcript, you can find the forms in the



Guidance Office.

Once your application is sent in, fill it out (you only need one for all Common Application colleges) and

hand it to your guidance counselor.

The CSS Profile is filled out on the CollegeBoard™ website and requires a fee.

Also, if you are planning to request for government federal aid, it is a good idea to fill out FAFSA, which opens on October 1st.

Aid is given on a need-based and first-come first-serve basis, so the quicker you send it in, the better.

Most colleges will take a few months to notify you of their decisions.

In this time, relax and enjoy your senior year. Do not slack off that much (even if you want to) and make the most of the remaining days.

High school is almost over, there's no point in being a nervous wreck.

I'm not your guidance counselor, I'm just another senior like you. If you have any questions, go to them and listen to what they say.

If you get anything from this article, it should be: get your applications in as soon as possible!



Primal

By Trent Herman

The Northern Lehigh Marching Band had a successful competitive season.

This year the show was entitled "Primal." It was a continuation/spinoff of last years show "Lost at Winter's Edge."

The band started to prepare for the show in August during band camp.

Band camp isn't what most people think it is. Its actually two weeks of rehearsals where performers learn the show's drill and music so they can perfect it for the upcoming competitive season as well as football game halftime shows.

This year, the band made his-

tory by winning Chapter Championships for the first time in nine years.

"Chapters" is basically equivalent to winning the

colonial league in softball, field hockey, football (etc).

This is a big deal for the band because they beat out their rivals "Blue

Mountain" and "Lake Lehman".

After Chapters, the following weekend was The Atlantic Coast

Championships, also known as ACC's, held at "Hersheypark Stadium" on October 29th 2017.

The Band was seeded third and ranked fifth going into the competition.

Overall, the band placed fifth out of eighteen other bands in there group.

This is the third year in a row the band placed in the top five, amongst the Championship's greatest performers.

It has been a great year for the marching band and we cannot wait to see what's in store for fans next season!



Fall Sports Review & Winter Sports Preview

By Brianna Schuck

As the fall season has dwindled down and the last of our fall sports athletes finish competing, we quickly find the winter sports season nipping at our noses.

This year, every sport is rebuilding, but they're all "trusting the process" as many say.

Starting off with boys basketball, with a couple freshmen coming up and the seniors who are hungry for their final season, they should be able to squeak out on top of many of the close games.

Girls basketball is feeding into their own system, as they too have a fair share of seniors who are ready to give it one last run, and the freshmen who are going to be the future.

As for wrestling, it's grind time. Of course, we all know that means time to put the pedal to the medal and cut back, yet stock up.

As we watched two of our best wrestlers walk off the mat one last time this past season, there are many wrestlers who are ready to take their place and create

their own name.

Preston Bauer had an amazing freshman year, and hopefully he doesn't lay up and continues that path this season.

As for the cheerleaders, they too have a goal this year.

Maybe not on the court, on the mats, or even in the stands, but they know that wherever they cheer, Olivia is proud of them.

Nothing breaks up family, it just makes us stronger.

Here's to the beginning of

what holds a bright future.

2017-2018 winter sports is about to get real, starting on Friday, November 19th.

Make sure to support each and everyone of these athletes and teams this winter, you wouldn't want to miss a second of it!



Fall Word Search

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Word Bank

- Scarecrow
- Outside
- Fun
- Windy
- Kites
- Leaves
- Rake
- Autumn
- Orange
- May
- March
- April
- Yellow
- Brown



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MEANING

By Journey Torres

Do you understand life?
Just exactly what it means?
It's a cold thing, a bitter thing.
Tearing us apart at the seams

Hatred lives in every heart,
And slowly, but surely, grows.
In a world where cruelty is respected
For reasons only heaven knows

It is a warm thing, a fleeting thing.
We only live for so long.
Those who kill can break our hearts,
But we have to remain strong.

We are bound by our decisions;
Brought together through pain.
When all our bridges have burned,
There is nothing left to gain.

So for as brutal as it may be,
And how much it harms and heals us,
I do understand that with life you can't ever give up.

Walking Amongst the Stalks

By Blake Schuck

Why did I wander aimless-
ly through the field,
During rain that gently hit
the the moist dirt?
Being here to ponder mel-
ancholy appeals,
Certainly provides for a
long-awaiting hurt.

So then I again ask myself,
why would I walk -
In such a depressing field
that offer no help?
I continue walking
amongst these dead
stalks,
Look around to see rain
flowing, forming pulps.

This rain is like the topping
to eternal faith,
And I listen to God's help-

ful words intently.
Oh! How I wish I could stay
here, never south.
The creature lie ahead and
wait for me gently.

Hurrying back with mud all
on my new clothes,
I scan quickly to see my
surroundings again.
And up above is a faint
shine of the sky blues.
I remember why I walked
these stalks then.

Soon, hereafter, I reconcile
with the past,
Hoping to forever forget
what this walk meant.
But now, all I can recall is
what reminded last,
And the eternity I will

80° Temperatures in October? Thanks Pennsylvania!

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