

# *The Owl*



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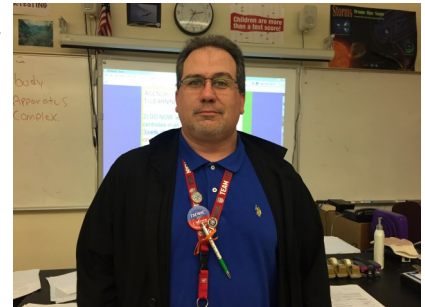
## 2016 Presidential Election Results

By Saima Hannan

In the last issue of *The Owl*, we took a poll to see who Hudson High thought would win the 2016 Presidential Election. The results predicted that Hillary Clinton would win. Even the polls that were run nationwide showed that Clinton had a greater chance of winning. As we all know, that did not happen. Donald Trump won the election with a total of 306 electoral votes, while Hillary Clinton had 232 electoral votes. However, Clinton won the popular vote, as she had over two million more votes than Donald Trump. Now, across the nation, divisions are more evident than ever. On just about every news channel, protests in different states throughout the country are being presented. There are people who are “anti-Trump” and still want Hillary Clinton, and there are people who are protesting against those protestors. However, what many people do not know is that this isn’t the end for Hillary Clinton. She still has one more chance. On December 19th, the Electoral College will gather for the final vote. If some of the states swing and vote for Hillary instead, then Hillary Clinton will end up being president. Are the current protests and violence in some areas enough to change the whole game? We will have to wait and see, but it should be kept in mind that in the history of the U.S., a change of this sort has never taken place. Whatever happens, we will find out on December 19th.

## No Shave November

By Ummeh Era



The Environmental Club is holding a fundraiser to raise awareness for cancer. No Shave November's goal is to increase awareness by embracing our hair because many cancer patients lose their precious hair during treatment. By letting our hair grow wild and free, we can donate the money we usually spend on haircuts and shaving to educate others and spark cancer awareness. Anyone can get involved. You can participate simply by growing a beard or a mustache or by not shaving your legs. If you aren't ready to get hairy, you still can participate by encouraging family members, teachers, or your friends. The rules of No Shave November is to put down your razor for 30 days and donate the amount of money you would spend on your typical hair care and grooming.

## HHS Senior vs. Junior Powderpuff Football Game

On Wednesday, November 9th, Hudson Senior High School held its annual Seniors vs. Juniors Powderpuff Football Game. This year, the senior class of 2017 girls played the junior class of 2018 girls and went head to head to win the title. The event is sponsored by S.A.D.D. Club, which is run by Mrs. Zincio, and with the help of the Environmental Club concession stand, the event was an all out fun game. All the proceeds from the game were donated to causes in need.

Our Hudson High Boys' Varsity Football team had just finished up their winning streak at their last game the week before competing at Shenendehowa against Glens Falls. Our winner of this year's Powderpuff Football game was the senior class of 2017 girls with a win of 42-0. We have so much pride in all our teams here at Hudson High from Varsity Boys' Football to Powderpuff Girls' Football and we hope everyone keeps the spirit with us!



## PBIS and Interview with Mr. LaCasse By Autumn Tampasis and Mashuda Sultana

PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention and Support. It's a national program that finds select students who are doing well in their classes. Students who are picked for the P.B.I.S events are the ones recognized by their teachers for their exceptional behavior. The teachers can choose up to two to three students to partake in some of the events. PBIS is looking to partner up with Student Council to discuss new ideas that would expand the program's intentions. To be recognized for PBIS rewards, students must be respectful, prepared, responsible, and safe. Parents can help by checking their child's grades once a week on Parent Portal. Students who meet all of the criteria can be eligible for the Principal's Power Luncheon, positive referrals, and extra help and support throughout the day. On November 17th, the first PBIS luncheon was held for the students. The selected students can also earn Kindness Currency to use at the school store. Every quarter, a select few are chosen to meet at the library to honor their hard work.

## HUDSON HIGH, DO YOU SMELL WHAT THE ROCK'S COOKING?

By Annaliese Tampasis

**Know your role-** Wrestling is now available as a winter sport! The Hudson High School will be combining with the Taconic wrestling program. The Titan-Hawks are vicious competitors, and their name further proves this. Hudson High students, don't hesitate! Sign yourself up for this wonderful opportunity. We are going to take you to Suplex City!

**What's involved-** The high school wrestling season customarily runs from November to March. Post-season competition usually continues from February to March (depending on, if individual wrestlers or teams qualify for a regional, sectional, or state championship). Normally, wrestling

teams from two different high schools will compete in what is known as a "dual meet". Dual meets usually take place on evenings during the school week, or on Saturday mornings, afternoons, or evenings during the wrestling season and begin with weigh-ins, shoulder-to-shoulder, at a maximum of one hour before the meet begins. Wrestlers may wrestle up only one weight class above the weight class that they are placed in, with some exceptions. If a wrestler fails to make weight, he either has to forfeit or weigh-in at a higher class.

**The Match-** A match is a competition between two individual wrestlers of the same

weight class. The match consists of three periods totaling 4.5 minutes, with an overtime round if necessary, like if the score is tied at the end of regulation. High school matches are one minute shorter than college and university matches. The main official at the wrestling match is the referee, who is responsible for starting and stopping the match, observing all holds, signaling points, calling penalties such as illegal holds, unnecessary roughness, fleeing the mat, flagrant misconduct, and finally, observing a full view of and determining the fall.



## Cardboard Boat Race

By Hasan Mufti

The HHS Cardboard Boat Race took place on October 28th. Hudson High School students that are enrolled in Mr. Beyer's Transportation Systems' class raced against students from Ichabod Crane High School. How did the race go? Well, both schools raced each of their boats against each other and competed to see who could make it to the end of the pool first. The students spent just about a month putting the boats together. It took so long because they were made from scratch. The students worked together to put it together just by using two simple products: cardboard and duct tape.

The race itself was competitive. Ichabod Crane's boats were enormous compared to the boats Hudson had made, but that did not intimidate Hudson. Hudson showed cooperation and teamwork and ended up winning most of the races and losing just one. Hudson's boat with the fastest time, called "The Silver Galleon", faced Ichabod Crane's fastest boat in a final race to see whose was the fastest. Hudson came out winning the Cardboard Boat Race! In the end, it was all friendly competition and both schools put a great amount of effort into being part of the race, and as well as putting the whole event together. Good job Hudson!



## Google Help Desk

### By Ahsraful Shamrat

The Google Help Desk is always eager to help those in need and they did just that on November 3rd. The Google Help Desk team, led by Mrs. Bender, conducted a “Demo Slam” in which the students of the Google Help Desk presented an unknown, but useful facet of Google. The tips presented could help in classes like English Language Arts, Science, ESL, and many more. The students presented in such a way that the demonstration was educational, yet entertaining. Some useful tips included a crash course on organizing bookmarks, a secret Google notepad (Google Keep), a helpful method to check for plagiarism and copying, and how to translate a document into a different language. The teachers then voted on the best tip through a Google Form. The teachers that were present showed great eagerness to learn and use the tips. The Hudson High School Google Help Desk is always present and is willing to help anyone. If you need help with something on your Chromebook, please do not hesitate to ask the Google Help Desk. They are in the Apex room and will help anyone with any problem. The Google Help Desk have many more useful tips on their blog, so be sure to check it out!

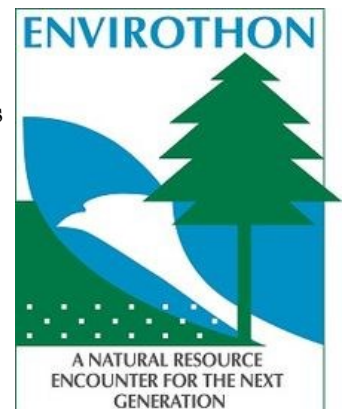
## Envirothon

### By Brianna Tsitsera

This year’s Envirothon team has hope for winning for our county in April 2017, and going to the state competition in May 2017! Not only do they have three returnees or “Vets”, as they call them, but also eight newcomers who are eager to learn the materials. Mr. McDarby, the club advisor, is excited for the amount of students who want to participate and help him win another plaque for our school. They meet Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 4 o’clock.

There, they learn identification and terms about the four topics: aquatics, forestry, soils, and wildlife that are at the competition each year. Around January, they receive a fifth topic, a current issue that the competition advisors decide. In about February, the final topic is revealed, the oral presentation or problem solving question is posted, and a poster and group speech must be made. The competition has six stations corresponding with the six topics and are all multiple choice questions the teams of five must answer together, except for the oral presentation. Overall, this large team learns not only the subjects but to also work together and rely on one another.

Annette Sturdivant, a three year Vet says, “I hope that I can finally go to the state competition this year!” The advisor, Mr. McDarby, concludes “We have a good group of students who have a legitimate chance of winning the county championship!”





## Interview With Mrs. Demarco

### By Osman Gofrab & Majed Murshed

Mrs. Demarco is a first year reading and Special Ed teacher who teaches students in grades 9-11. She lives in Hyde Park, which is in Dutchess County, but she grew up in Saugerties. Mrs. Demarco went to Saugerties High School and went to college for seven years. She has a Bachelor's in Communication and Master's in English. She is also certified in Reading and Special Ed. When Mrs. Demarco was in Saugerties High School she was involved in the yearbook committee, marching band (playing the flute), softball (playing 2nd base), and the National Honor Society. Before coming to Hudson High, Mrs. Demarco taught at Ketcham High School for two years. The best part of her job, as she described it, is knowing that she is helping students reach their goals. The worst part of her job is planning out lessons, since she is a first year teacher, and grading assignments. Mrs. Demarco had become inspired to become a teacher when she helped her son out with English homework. She always had the drive to learn and teach. To students, she gives the advice of trying to find something that interests them because there is so much out there. Mrs. Demarco believes that the most important characteristic for someone with her job is taking care of students, even if it's challenging sometimes. In her spare time, Mrs. Demarco likes to take photographs of animals, birdwatch, and write children's stories. She also enjoys kayaking, biking, and hiking. Before teaching students, Mrs. Demarco spent some time being a reporter for a radio and newspaper company. She also used to work for a publishing company. She describes Hudson High as "friendly" and talked about how she is happy to be here.



## The Veterans' Day Parade

### By Autumn Kudlack

Veteran's Day is the day held on the anniversary of the end of World War I to honor those who were in service. This month, Veteran's Day came right after a "go-home-early" drill and I am sure many enjoyed the short vacation time that they were able to have, but I also hope that everybody, in some way, honored and remembered Veterans. The members of our band were able to do so by being a part of the Veterans' Day parade in Hudson. As they marched down the street, they played songs such as *Marine's Hymn*, *New Birth Tune*, *US Army*, and *Coast Guard March*. Afterwards, there was a short reception in which the Hudson High School band also participated in. They played *Star Spangled Banner* and *Navy Hymn*. Such songs may make you think about their origins. *Star Spangled Banner*, our national anthem, was written during the War of 1812 by Francis Scott Key. It was written after the Americans won when the British attacked one of their forts and described the United States flag waving over the ruins of battle. Even though many people died, and it seemed that the British had the upper hand, the Americans were able to pull through. Wars have been fought. Many people come back from them, while their comrades never do. The parade and reception was a great reminder of that. I hope that the Veterans, at least, were grateful.



## How To Pick the Right College

### By Clair Bazar

Do you have that fear when the times comes, you won't pick the right college? You'll get to the college/university of your choice and completely regret it, finding out it's really not for you? The overall culture of your college may play as big a role in your future success.

Starting off with the basics will help you identify the colleges that best suit you academically and personally. By identifying your needs early on, you can eliminate hundreds of schools, focusing on the one that's right for you.

Academics play a huge role in determining the right school for you, but so does location. Where do you want to study? Is year round of sunshine a must, or do you want to experience the different seasons? Perhaps you want to be less than 100 miles from home, or you really want to study abroad. Do you think the city nightlife is for you? If you're into the outdoor, maybe the rural is for you. Consider what type of location you hope to live through the next chapter of your life because college is both an education and a journey.

Colleges come in all sizes, from a few hundred to thousands of students. One is a better choice for you depending on what you want. Do you like places where everyone knows you or do you like the anonymity of a crowd? Large schools typically have a large campus while a small college may offer individualized attention. For me, I know I want a class size that consist of a maximum of thirty or so students, not a lecture hall with one hundred

The cost of college is one thing that everyone thinks about during the college process. It may even hold you back from a college that you are really want to invest in. Not all the colleges and universities have the same price tag but there are a variety of ways to cut the cost, including financial aid, scholarships, work-study program, and loans.

Yes, the college process is an overwhelming time of your life but thinking about the above attractions may help make your decision a bit easier. It is never too late to start thinking about what you want in a college. So what it all comes down to is: What do you want?



## 2016 Cross Country Team

### By Jahid Hasan

After three months of hard work and dedication, the Cross Country team recently finished their astounding season. They improved very much, as they had practice five days a week. There were a few girls on the team. The only senior who was a girl was Kristen Ward. The girls came in 7th in the Patroon Conference. This season the fastest 5k time in Sectionals was Lynett Dellavechia, with an amazing time of 21.28. The boys' team had a decent amount of runners. The sen-

iors on the team were: Eoghan DeForrest, Ellis Richardson, Jonathan Simmons, Gavin Colwell, Esteban Preusser, and Abdula Badon. The fastest 5k time for the boys was Noah Taylor, who had an astonishing time of 18.07. The boys' team came in fourth in the Patroon Conference. The Cross Country team went to Sectionals and competed. They tried their best and came in thirteenth place out of twentieth place. This year, the MVP of the season was Noah Taylor. The Blue and Gold

Award went to Jonathan Simmons. Mr. Ohrin, the head coach of the team, has been coaching for eight years. The 2016 team was one of the greatest teams Hudson has ever had.

"This year was a really fun year. I enjoyed coaching the Cross Country team. I also like how this is an individual sport, and how an individual can't blame anyone of their outcome" - Mr. Ohrin.



HUDSON BLUEHAWKS CELEBRATE FALL SEASONS



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Hudson High School honored its fall athletes with an awards ceremony recently. Pictured are athletes that won either the Bluehawk (teamwork), MVP or Blue & Gold (effort) awards. Front row, from left, Saima Hannan (Tennis/Bluehawk), Annaliese Tampasis (Tennis/Blue & Gold), Lindsay Klugo (JV Volleyball/Blue & Gold), Rheyene Coleman (JV Volleyball/Bluehawk), Alexandra Lugo (Varsity Soccer/Bluehawk), Emily Clark (Varsity Soccer/MVP), Katherine Jepsen (Varsity Soccer/Blue & Gold), John Gambino (JV Soccer/Bluehawk), Most Islam (Tennis/MVP); Second row, Jahid Hasan (JV Soccer/Blue & Gold), Monsour Choudhury (Varsity Soccer/Bluehawk), Adan Feliciano (Varsity Soccer/Blue & Gold), Natalya Clanton (Varsity Volleyball/Bluehawk), Caitlin Keil (Cross Country/Blue & Gold), Tyler Dellavechia (Cross Country/Bluehawk), Anthony Guzzi (Golf/Bluehawk), Chris Meano (Varsity Football/Prata Award), Willie Walker (Varsity Football/MVP), Tristen Collins (JV Football/Bluehawk); back row, Karissa Garbarini (Varsity Volleyball/Blue & Gold), Noah Taylor (Cross Country/MVP), Charles Goodermote (JV Football/Blue & Gold), Matthew Sweet (Varsity Soccer/MVP) and Devin Kipp (Varsity Football/Blue & Gold).

## Fall Sports' Banquet 2016



## Fall of 2016 Sports' Banquet

### By Tahrira Siha

The Sports' Banquet for the fall sports of 2016 was held at the HHS auditorium on November 3rd. The coaches had kind words to say about the players and described the overall season experience as pleasing. They thanked Mr. Cukerstein, the athletic director, for all his hard work and phenomenal organization. I must say, it is absolutely amazing how Mr. Cukerstein is a teacher, a father to five children, and he still does an outstanding job at being the athletics director! They also thanked all other faculty members for their contributions to the season. The coaches have done a fantastic job at guiding all their players in every sport.

The players have put a tremendous amount of effort and time into their teams and the outcome was pleasing for the most part. To say the least, all players have definitely improved a great deal throughout the season. Then we always find those few who go beyond their average abilities to be the best that they can be. This year, three different awards were given to those special players. The Blue & Gold Award was received by the players who put in the most effort for the team and were at practice on time, every day. The Bluehawk Award was awarded to the players who were all about teamwork, the players who were willing to do anything for their team. Lastly, there was the award for MVP, the award given to the most valued players of each team.

The following players are Hudson's Fall Sport Recipients: Saima Hannan (Tennis, Bluehawk), Annaliese Tampasis (Tennis, Blue & Gold), Most Islam (Tennis, MVP), Lindsay Klugo (JV Volleyball, Blue & Gold), Rheylene Coleman (JV Volleyball, Bluehawk), Alexandra Lugo (Varsity Soccer, Bluehawk), Emily Clark (Varsity Soccer, MVP), Katherine Jepsen (Varsity Soccer, Blue & Gold), John Gambino (JV Soccer, Bluehawk), Sarah Alvarez (Varsity Volleyball, MVP), Ryan Grandinetti (Varsity Football, Bluehawk), Jahid Hasan (JV Soccer, Blue & Gold), Monsur Choudhury (Varsity Soccer, Bluehawk), Adan Feliciano (Varsity Soccer, Blue & Gold), Natalya Clanton (Varsity Volleyball, Bluehawk), Caitlin Keil (Cross Country, MVP), John Simmons (Cross Country, Blue & Gold), Tyler Dellavechia (Cross Country, Bluehawk), Anthony Guzzi (Golf, Bluehawk), Chris Meano (Varsity Football, Prata Award), Willie Walker (Varsity Football, MVP), Tristen Collins (JV Football, Bluehawk), Karissa Garbarini (Varsity Volleyball, Blue & Gold), Noah Taylor (Cross Country, MVP), Charles Goodermote (JV Football, Blue and Gold), Matthew Sweet (Varsity Soccer, MVP), and Devin Kipp (Varsity Football, Blue and Gold). Although these were the only players to receive one of the three special awards, I cannot help but endorse all the players who took the time out of their day to participate in sports, despite all the school work.





## PEP RALLY







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