



## Homecoming

By Nick Dell'omo

What a night to remember! Our very own varsity Jaguar football team beat our hometown rivals, the Liberty Lions with a score of 14-7! It was a well fought game by both sides but with a combination of Lonnie Cebulski leading our offense to the end zone and our clutch defense not letting anything by, the Jackson rivalry was won by the Jags!

When halftime rolled around, our Jaguar homecoming court was also announced. Unlike the years prior, this time the King and Queen were not going to be announced at the game; rather their crowns would be bestowed

upon them at the JMHS Homecoming Dance the next night.

Set up by our student council and student council advisors, this was going to be the first year in a long time that our school would host a homecoming dance. Tickets were sold for \$3 ahead and \$5 at door; yes, that cheap! For just that little fee students were able to dance their hearts out to all of today's top hits and take their choice of graciously donated food from pizzerias that we all know and love like Mangia, Enzos, Inzillos and more! Also donated were nuggets and cookies from Chick-Fil-A in the

Freehold Raceway Mall!

AAANNNNDDDD the results are in! Our homecoming prince and princess from the class of 2023 are: Tai Mann and Virginia Calamia. From 2022: Eric Ibe and Brooke McKown. From 2021: Ryan Rankin and Tiffany Duffy and last but not least our Homecoming King and Queen from the class of 2020 are: Michael Burrows and Ally Mayer!

Congrats to all of our homecoming nominees and we are looking forward to beating Liberty again and celebrating with our 2nd annual Homecoming Dance next year!



## Athlete of the Month: Kristina Donza

By Lena Smith

### Tell me a little about yourself.

I am a senior and I play basketball, soccer and lacrosse. I am committed to the United States Naval Academy to play basketball, which is Division 1. Both of my parents coach softball at the school, and my mom teaches Spanish and coaches Liberty field hockey. I have an older sister; she's a pastry chef.

### For the application to Annapolis, what were the steps to get there, how did you know you wanted to apply?

It was so long. It started off with getting emails for basketball, kinda figuring out what would be the best fit for me. So, after getting an email and looking more into it, I've visited the school, talked to the coaches, and everything. For the application itself, I need senator and congressmen recommendations, I have to fill out The Naval Academy's questionnaires, I have to do a physical test and I have to do a medical exam. It's a whole long process, but I did get in as of right now, so as long as everything goes smoothly, then we'll be good for next year!

### Tell me a little about your basketball career, so far, here at JMHS.

"I came here my sophomore year; I transferred from Liberty. I have started all years of my career here. I have reached my 1,000 points my junior year, which was last year. We've been really good recently, we have great teammates, Rachel Capua, great shooter, Bianca Giordano, great point guard, Mackenzie Dakin, Ally Vella, just hustlers. We have a very talented team, with the coaching staff and attitude of my team we are determined to get a state sectional ring."

### Tell me a little bit about your coaches here, at JMHS, for soccer, basketball, and lacrosse.

I love my coaches, they're all so positive. Coach Bayha, Coach Goody, Coach Zarilli, Coach Cairone, Coach Strizki, they're all so positive. And they also just push you to be the best you can be, that's what I really love about the sports and everything here at JMHS cause everyone is so, just locked in on what we want to achieve, that everything happens the way we want it to.

### What were a couple of highlights of your basketball career so far?

Oh, definitely scoring my 1,000 points! I had a game high of 37 points last year against Brick. And then my sophomore year we made it to the state semifinals-- we were home, it was a great crowd, and it was a really awesome atmosphere. I can't wait for the memories that are going to be made this year with the best group of girls in the state!

### What do you plan to do after Annapolis and your career there?

After college, I have to serve a mandatory five years in the navy. After the navy, if I do enjoy it, I will re-up and then continue my career there. But if I decide to leave after the five years, then I'll probably become an FBI agent, CIA, or something in the secret service.

### What were some of your favorite memories here at Memorial?

There's so many, it's just so hard to name. Honestly, I just love every pep rally we have -- pep rallies are so fun. I love seeing everyone together, and especially the football games! Sitting in Jaguar Nation, we have the best crowd in the Shore conference. The atmosphere... our student section is fantastic. Obviously sports [are a favorite memory], it's really not even just the wins and the losses, it's the people you meet and the

relationships that you build, are really the most important thing. You make friendships that people think don't last for life, but really they do. Everything about JMHS is so fantastic and I'm so happy to be a part of it.

### What is your go to workout song, or pregame pump up song?

Ooh! Um... probably 'We Run the Night' by Pitbull and Havana Brown.

### Favorite pre-game snack?

Oh, definitely apples and peanut butter!

### Finally, what's some advice you would have for incoming freshman athletes?

Definitely to get involved and don't be nervous. Obviously as a freshman, you do get nervous, how it's gonna be like with varsity players, and stuff like that. But just to go for it because the more that you get involved, the more friends you meet, the more experiences, the more memories you make and honestly four years fly by -- I can't believe I'm a senior. You just have to do everything you can while the time you have is here.

Congratulations on everything Kristina!!



# Entertainment Section

## Owen's Hidden Gems

By Owen Skidds

**Hidden Gems:** Bobiverse  
**Type of media:** Book Series  
**Author:** Dennis E. Taylor  
**Genre:** Sci-Fi  
**You'll like this if you like:**  
 Read Player One  
 Hard Sci-Fi  
 Nerd Culture

The Bobiverse books are a high-flying sci-fi adventure following a middle-aged, science fiction obsessed man who has become a self replicating space probe. Bob's odyssey among the stars is full of interesting tidbits of both fantastic and practical scientific spectacles. Even though the later books tend to drag on at some points, it is an all-around good read. Dennis E. Taylor takes an interesting approach to the ethics of Star Trek's prime directive as well as the thought of bringing a human being back from the dead. The series also offers interesting genuine scientific insight with how Taylor depicts space combat and interstellar travel from the eyes of a combination of a cool, calculating machine and a hot-headed, inexperienced man.

In summary, I give Bobiverse a five out of five. It's most definitely worth a read, and if you don't have time to read, you can listen to all of the books via Audible.\*

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JMHS will be performing two musicals this year. Starting on November 15th, *Mamma Mia!*, a story of a bride-to-be trying to find her real father. The story is told using hit songs by the popular 1970's band ABBA. The play features songs such as *Dancing Queen*, and the title track *Mamma Mia*. Previously, the play has been adapted for screen starring Amanda Seyfried, Meryl Streep, and Pierce Brosnan.

The second musical, which will be performed in the spring is *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

## The Minecraft Renaissance

By Taylor Coon



Recently, the game "Minecraft" is making its comeback from 2011; while this game has always been popular, it's been moreso low-key.

Nowadays, as I'm sure most of you have noticed, this blocky sandbox game is becoming more and more popular. The game has been updated drastically over these past few years, with developers adding a lot more features and new items to the game.

Seven years after the game's release, players finally got

to witness a beautiful ocean biome and actual fish that swim around, as well as coral reefs, shipwrecks, and loads more cool features. Many believe that this update was what brought Minecraft back into

people's minds.

Along with that, the Village and Pillage update, which improved the game's villages and added foxes, pillagers, and even more items to the game, brought Minecraft up to the top of the "most popular games" chart. Unfortunately, Village and Pillage is the last update for Minecraft: Bedrock version, which includes Xbox, PlayStation, Windows 10, and Pocket Editions of Minecraft.

Fear not, however, Mi-

necraft: Java Edition (available on PC) will be getting all future updates.

While the updates to the game did have a huge factor in the sudden popularity of Minecraft, it is also believed that the YouTubers who play Minecraft had a big influence in the Minecraft Renaissance. YouTubers such as RTGame, PewDiePie, and the gamers on SMPLive are all huge factors in getting their viewers hyped up for this awesome game.

Minecraft is a game that has everything, the possibilities are endless and I often find myself losing track of time and playing it for hours with my friends! I suggest buying Minecraft and trying it out for yourself because the game has lots to offer to its players.

And remember, don't dig straight down!

## 6 Games to Get Excited For

By Jared Romero

### Pokemon Sword and Shield

Here comes a brand new game to the world of Pokemon. Explore the brand new Galar region and gather the perfect Pokemon team. You'll encounter lots of Pokemon on your journey, such as Sobble the Water Gecko. This is one of the starter Pokemon you can choose. Wooloo the Fluffy Sheep Pokemon, and finally Corviknight the Raven Pokemon, a flying and steel type. However you build your team, build it to win! *November 15th for Nintendo Switch.*

### Luigi's Mansion 3

Luigi's Mansion 3 tells the story of when Luigi and his friends check into a haunted hotel. After Luigi falls asleep he wakes up in the hotel all alone. He soon finds out that his brother Mario and the rest of his friends have been abducted by the ghosts that linger in the shadows. As Luigi, it's your job to save your friends and escape the hotel before it's too late. *October 31st for the Nintendo Switch.*

### Mario And Sonic At The Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

Mario And Sonic are back at it again competing in the Olympics to see who comes out on top. Control one of Mario and Sonic's many friends in multiple events such as soccer, swimming, and gymnastics. With some new events added like: surfing, skateboarding, karate, and sport climbing. Another

feature that was added was the 2D feature, players will be able to play most events in 2D with sprites of each character in the game. *November 1st for the Nintendo Switch.*

### Just Dance 2020

Jam out to some of your favorite songs with Just Dance 2020. Dance to some of the most popular songs from 2019. Just Dance 2020 is the 11th game in the Just Dance series, and will bring an end to an era as the final title to be released for the Wii. *November 5th for PS4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch and Wii.*

### WWE 2K20

WWE 2K20 is the latest installment of the WWE series, featuring some of the world's most famous wrestlers in the WWE. Pick your favorite fighter and destroy the competition to come out on top. This game is multiplayer so you and a friend can battle it out to see who is the best player. *October 22nd for PS4, Xbox One, and Nintendo Switch.*

### Star Wars Jedi: Fallen Order

Fallen Order is EA's newest Star Wars title. As Cal Kestis, a surviving Jedi Padawan after Order 66 saw the fall of the Jedi Order, you get to flaunt your Force powers and wield a Jedi's weapon, the lightsaber. The game takes place between Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith and Star Wars: A New Hope. *November 15th for PS4, Xbox One, Windows.*

## Sonic the Hedgehog Movie Preview

By Kimberly Doran

The new Sonic the Hedgehog movie is coming out on February 14th, 2020. The Sonic the Hedgehog in the new movie looks different than he did in the video games. You should watch it because it is much different from the other one. Sonic the Hedgehog still runs fast. The new Sonic movie is going to be great! If you are a Sonic fan you should watch it!



## Meet the Player

By Mikael Safarian

Meet Edward Jacoby: varsity soccer player, avid swimmer and a prodigy tennis star. Through his four years at Jackson Memorial High School he has achieved awards such as sportsmanship for soccer, and most improved player, for swimming. Not only participating, but excelling. With his help, the varsity soccer team was capable of holding the title of A South Champions in back to back-to-back years.

However, sports are not the only thing that Mr. Jacoby has shone in. He is also a part of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club, where he has served as a four-year officer in the treasurer position, showing his reliability. He is an academic scholar, as evidenced by his association with the STEM program and the numerous honor societies he takes part in. You might ask yourself how a scholar has enough time to balance his studies with a jam packed sport schedule. Simple: dedication. Edward never gives up. He decided to join swimming and tennis and after two weeks of both sports when his friends left he stuck with them. He did not cave to peer pressure and decided to continue his journey of self motivation alone. Within the sport of swimming, he single handedly claimed the title of

most improved. Starting as a “beginner” in the pool as a junior was difficult. In a brief talk with Mr. Jacoby he told me this, “During my time as a swimmer for Jackson Memorial, I found it very difficult to keep up with the more experienced swimmers due to my lack of prior training in the pool environment.”

As you can see, whether it be in the classroom or out on the fields, Edward Ramond Jacoby V has never given up on his love for sports or his dedication to the pursuit of knowledge in the classroom.



## Season of Pink

By Ashley Cabrera

Along with all the cozy socks and scented candles, October is a very important month to raise awareness about the importance of finding breast cancer early and to raising funds for research on the cause. Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every year.

If you don't know what breast cancer is, it is a disease in which the cells in the breast grow out of control. This is more common in women but can also be seen in men.

In the United States, an estimated 268,600 women are diagnosed with invasive breast cancer per year. An estimated 62,930 women are diagnosed with situ breast cancer and 2,670 men in the U.S are diagnosed with

cancer each year.

You may have noticed the pink ribbon that is associated with the cause. This ribbon represents a person's contribution to the awareness. Wearing pink clothing or ribbon during the month of October is to contribute breast cancer awareness month. Some people wear it to honor and symbolize a loved one who is currently fighting it or has been lost to the disease. On October 18, you should ‘wear it pink!’ Wear pink to help spread awareness of the cause and help make life-saving research and life-changing support happen!

Many organizations all over the world accept donations to go towards people with this disease. These organizations offers support, partnering with fundraisers, and donating. Organiza-

### Appointment TV Is Over, And We're All Worse Off For It

By Dakota J. Calcaterra

In my many years watching TV, I've encountered many “ments”, disappointment, empowerment, fulfillment, etc.all because of the television concept of “appointment” TV. It's when, even in this age of turbo-charged binge watching, streaming, impatience with exposition, and ever-present commercial interruptions, you can't help but feel like you absolutely, positively, need to watch one of your favorite shows right when it airs. It used to rule TV, it was the driving factor behind the growth of many iconic titans of our recent culture, like Seinfeld, Friends, The Office, and most of those great HBO shows (The Sopranos, Curb Your Enthusiasm, and, of course, Game of Thrones).

Now, it's a rarity, as VCR, and later DVR, blew open the market by saying “Hey Joe Sixpack, you know that you can fast forward through the commercials and boring parts of General Hospital, right?”, pioneering the methods later used by our generation's great cultural achievements, Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime Video, and all those cheap, low quality pirating sites. You can watch every episode of House, M.D., whenever you want, without commercials just for the monthly price of Amazon Prime.

Appointment TV, many suggested, has seen its last great moment earlier this year, when one of the greatest television shows of all time, Game of

Thrones, ended messily to a chorus of boos and muffled crying. According to these media figures, people just aren't turning out to simultaneously share a spectacular moment with our favorite characters anymore. The rush of the modern world has killed a cornerstone of our cultural experience.

I know that most people in the school don't have any idea what the 80's primetime soap opera Dallas was about (I swear, I have a point, hang in there), but it was, seriously, an important part of our parents, and grandparent's, culture. It followed the Ewing family, a group of Texas-based oil barons who ran Ewing Oil, and focused mostly on the three most prominent men in the family, father Jock Ewing (he's as Texan as he sounds, dear readers), younger son Bobby Ewing (he's the sensitive one), and, finally, our scheming anti-hero, older son J.R. Ewing (he wouldn't be caught dead without his cowboy hat, because Texas).

One of the largest phenomenons of the 1980s was (Spoilers for all those who haven't finished binge watching an esoteric show from the eighties) “Who Shot J.R.?”, the mystery surrounding who, in the season finale, shot our antagonistic protagonist. The seven-month period between the season finale and next season's premiere saw the mystery become a global phenomenon, I mean, this was on the nightly

tions like National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) can help you become a community ambassador or share your story. Their mission is to help and inspire hope to people affected by breast cancer by early detection, education, and support. They provide articles and guides to help women (and men) detect it early.

The American Cancer Society announced that the breast cancer death rates have decreased by 40% from 1989 to 2016 among women. The process is attributed to improvements in early detection. If you want to learn more about breast cancer, finding support, about NBCF, or getting involved, visit the National Breast Cancer Foundation at: [www.nationalbreastcancerfoundation.org](http://www.nationalbreastcancerfoundation.org).

## Chic-fil-A Leadership Academy

By Victoria Hogg

A couple weeks ago after school, I went to an event that FBLA was having, the Chic-fil-A leadership academy. I was not sure what to expect, so I asked Janay Robinson and Zoya Ahmad, FBLA members, what this was all about. They told me that this event was brought to them by Chick Fil' A, and the idea of this academy is to teach aspiring business owners leadership skills and qualities that will be helpful in the future.

They also informed me on the overall idea of FBLA, which is an organization that helps students give to their communities, and to learn vocational skills and values for the future. Mr. Nye, the teacher that runs FBLA, stated “I have kids that want to do this,” and we learned how there are 1,000 other students around the country participating in this event! It was an educational experience that would definitely help any student learn what it means to be a leader.



Dear Jade

Dear Jade,

**I want to go into journalism but I don't know where to start, what should I do?**

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Well Lost, as a young kid I always loved to wrtie but I never really knew where to start when it came to writing. But when I got here freshman year I really wanted to take a class in media so I took publication management. This classed helped learn how to use software like Adobe InDesign, so when I took Journalism sophomore year when they created it it was truly the best. The Jaguar Journal, aka this paper, I have been writing for over the last two years. Mr. Apa, one of the advisors for the paper, and teacher of the Journalism class is an amazing person. He's very sarcastic but always asks the class about our problems and what WE want to write about. He truly pulls the best out of you. So if you want to start writing do it on your own time start writing about whatever you feel whether it be the weather or poetry. Try to send your work to small papers even the Jaguar Journal and talk to Mr. Apa I promise this class will be a life changing experience.

All the best,  
Jade

news routinely.

People tuned in, on November 21, 1980, to watch the premiere and find out who shot him. I'm sorry, I meant to say 83 million people tuned in to find out who shot him. According to a Texas Monthly article, more people watched that episode than voted in the 1980 election. From then on, the series was a smash hit, consistently drawing huge numbers for every episode. Dallas became the epitome of appointment TV.

That would never work today. You would never be able to get half the amount of that premiere's audience to watch anything other than a Super Bowl these days. As a result, we don't have that same coherence, that same feeling that we're part of something larger, experiencing the same emotions, stories, and characters all at once. The country is already becoming more and more splintered and divided, and the death of appointment TV sure isn't helping it. There's no way to bring it back, but I know that I'm definitely going to mourn it nonetheless.

# Seniors of the Month

## Claudia Distaso

Advice that I would give to other students at JMHS is to truly enjoy high school while it lasts. As my final field hockey season is coming to an end, the reality has set in for me of how much I am going to miss playing with such amazing teammates and coaches. I would not trade anything in the world for the memories I have made and the relationships I have built through sports and JROTC. I know that everyone says that high school goes by fast, but no one really believes it until they are the seniors saying goodbye to their favorite sports, activities and classes. I would currently do anything to go back in time and do it all again as a freshman. Hence I strongly advise that underclassmen take advantage of every opportunity and appreciate every moment that they have left at this awesome high school.



## Holly Buonocore

The advice I would give to other students at JMHS is to get involved with everything and everything you can. I've joined debatably more activities than I should've but I highly recommend underclassmen do the same. While sometimes it can get overwhelming, it's always better to look back and think about all the things you did get to do, instead of regretting the things you didn't. Sometimes it will lead to you participating in something you end up not enjoying, but you would never know unless you tried it in the first place. I also would advise to not only join everything, but to fully commit to it, as sometimes it leads to new opportunities. I never thought I would become this involved with Key Club but because I became involved with the district I now have the opportunity to serve as Lieutenant Governor of Division 9 and have made countless friends. So just try everything and don't let fear of too much work or not enough time hold you back, it'll work out in the end.

## The Asbury Park 12th Annual Zombie Walk



It's only October and look what you've done to Mr. Tedeschi...



Gordon Ramsay brings Hell to Toms River and Manasquan as he hits the Jersey Shore to film his hit show *24 Hours to Hell and Back*. The show features Ramsay going to different failing restaurants where he has just twenty-four hours to identify and fix the problem. The show's premise is similar to Gordon Ramsay's older show *Kitchen Nightmares*, only now he has limited time to turn the restaurant around. *24 Hours to Hell and Back* airs on Fox.

