

MAY 2021

## Mamma Mia

By: Mary Kacsur

After weeks of preparation and hard work, the CB East Patriot Players performed the jukebox musical, Mamma Mia on April 9th, 10th, and 11th. Directors Sasha Eisenberg and Alicia Sehn, along with the Cast and Crew, worked tirelessly to put on a great show, and they were even able to welcome friends and family as an audience while following all safety precautions. The Patriot Players are excited to also announce that there will be an outdoor Mamma Mia performance on May 21st and 22nd @7:30pm. Tickets will be available soon, and you do not want to miss it! Cast members sing and dance to the famous ABBA composed songs. Some of which include: "Mamma Mia", "Dancing Queen", "Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!", "Winner Takes It All", "SOS", "Waterloo", and many more! The Crew did an amazing job capturing paradise in Greece. Mamma Mia was full of comedy with scenes like "Does Your Mother Know" and "Take a Chance On Me". The show also had many heartfelt moments in the songs "Slipping Through My Fingers" and "Thank You For The Music". The dancing was infectious and will hopefully get you off your feet! Come outside and support The Patriot Players in their May performance of Mamma Mia. Great job, Patriot Players! -Mary Kacsur



The Dance Ensemble dances to "Mamma Mia" as their big finale.



Julianna Zannikos and The Taverna Staff dramatically perform "Money, Money, Money".



Seniors Trinity Foster, Julianna Zannikos, and Nikki Smith perform "Super Trouper" as Donna and The Dynamos.



Senior Julianna Zannikos and Junior Griffin Bauer reminisce during the song, "Our Last Summer".

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# Boys' Volleyball

By: Jessica LeRay

As the CB East Boys' Volleyball team makes its way into the second half of their season, they sit at a respectable 8-5 record after losing their captain, CJ Dalby, for the season. Seniors Liam Ostrander and Trevor Seestedt along with Sophomore Matt LaBouliere, Junior Josh Lyzinski, and Freshman Reid Miller have stepped up to lead the team and provide key offense for the Patriots. AJ Helveston and Aidan Leichter have been vital defensively and provide much needed passing in the back row. Key victories against rivals CB West and North Penn have shown that the team is able to come up successful in important matchups due to excellent coaching and consistent playmaking. One of the main goals for the team during the rest of the season is to focus on development in younger players so that they can continue their success this season and for years to come.

-Joshua Lyzinski



Matt LaBouliere holds the ball to prepare his serve.



Reid Miller saves the ball with a spike.



AJ Helveston sets the ball.

Joshua Lyzinski jumps up to hit the ball.





# Boys' Tennis

By : Jessica LeRay

Overall, our season was a success. Varsity went 12-2, finishing second in our district. A season in the midst of Covid was strange, but even with all the regulations, it still felt like a normal season. We had five seniors play their last season here, Josh Spicer, Nate Difulvio, Josh Lau, Dillon Putz and Evan Luff, all of whom will be missed. Midway through the season, we witnessed a coaching change, with Coach Wiley retiring, but all went well and Coach Shavitz fit right in with the team. Thanks for another great season; it's a shame it ends so quickly.

-Sutton Thomas



Sutton Thomas tosses the ball into the air to serve.

Suraj Samudrala saves the ball.



Arya Nagaraja jumps up to strike the ball.



Senior Joshua Spicer hits a volley.



# Softball

**By: Kiera Lamb**

The CB East Varsity Softball started their season off right, beating Villa Marie 5-1, then crushing Wissahickon 15-0. The team is now 11-3 and doing an amazing job. Led by head coaches Karl and Dave, the Patriots hold 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the colonial division. Alex Frenia and Soleil Dooner never fail to pitch a great game helping their team stay victorious. Leading the team in homeruns is Amelia Funston, with 3 homeruns and more to come! There are many factors attributing to the team's success such as their ability to make minimal errors in the field, they also have many home runs and RBIs. The girls also have debatably the most important success factor, "good team chemistry" as stated by Bela Owtscharuk. The softball team has had such a great season so far, who knows what they will accomplish?

-Kiera Lamb



Ava Catron scans the field to throw the ball.

Sophia Linda looks up to catch a fly ball.



Jess Kepner practices for upcoming games.





# Baseball

By: Kiera Lamb

CB East Baseball defeated North Penn on Friday 4/16 by a score of 4 -2 in 9 innings. The baseball team has opened the season with a 9-3 record. The team has recorded several quality wins, including North Penn, Souderton, and Council Rock North. The offense is being led by Senior outfielder Mike Nugent, who has already provided five home runs on the season. The pitching staff is being anchored by Junior Aiden Weaver, as well as Senior Gabe Marshall and Sophomore Xavier Sjosdjet. The team has also gotten quality contributions from Senior Tony Rossi, Junior Brett Young, Sophomore Joey Wilga, and Freshman Reese Moody. The team is looking forward to beginning the second half of the regular season and competing with some of the other teams in the highly-competitive Continental Conference Colonial Division, including CB West, CB South, North Penn, Pennridge, and Souderton, as they pursue a birth in Suburban One District Playoffs.

-Mr. Wachowski



Sean O'Connor fields a ground ball.



Jack Weiss protects his base by reaching for the ball.



The catchers Gabe Amendola and Jared Laff meet up with coach Ravel to go over the game plan.



Senior Jack Nugent winds up to throw.

# Boys' Track

By: Kiera Lamb

The boys' track team entered May with a team record of 2-2 on the season; highlighted by impressive wins over CB South and Souderton. Senior Holden Emery, who is a district-qualifying 400-meter and 800-meter runner, and junior Nik Ventura, who is a top triple jumper and hurdler in the Suburban One League, have collected over 100 points total by making contributions in a variety of events on a weekly basis. Seniors Luke Blackwell, Marcos Lopez, also a district-qualifier in the 200 and 400, and Kyle Dunigan, who is the team's pole vault leader at 13'0", have played a significant role in the success. Senior Ethan Evans has been an outstanding 300-meter hurdler and high jumper alongside teammate Andrew Shea who does the long jump as well. Junior Evan Clark, who has qualified for districts in the 100-meter dash, has been a constant point scorer in the sprints and jumps. On the distance side, seniors Carson Wiley and Austin Hicks have made their marks in the mile and two-mile. In the throwing events, the team leader in the shot put has been junior Noah Wilson with support from multi-throw extraordinaire (and junior) Conor Meyers and freshman discus star Jacob Tannenbaum.

-Mr.P



Andrew Shea tackles a hurdle.



Senior Marcos Lopez competes in a meet.

Noah Wilson winds up to throw the shotput.



Holden Emery, and Josh Daniels run together during cool down laps.





# Boys' Lacrosse

By: Jacqueline Valenti

The boys' lacrosse team's 2021 season has been very successful so far. They have had two major accomplishments. They destroyed CB West 9-1 and had another huge win against CB South in over-time. On the defensive side, Evan Bullotta, Quinn Collins, Ryan McCaulley, Brennan Coleman, and goalie Ryan Kueny keep the team going and work together to protect the net. On the offensive side, Nick Knepp, Joey Stella, Jonah Osborne, and Michael Skulsky worked hard to attack the opposing net to score goals and assist their teammates to victory. Starter Nick Knepp speaks about his team saying, "Although we get out there and get the job done it's about getting out there, having fun, there and balling with your bros." Nick's quote shows how the lacrosse team not only focuses on the game but having fun with their friends. This shows the unity of their team and how it is not just a sport but a family. The coaches Bruce Garcia and Coach Dan Gray bring their team not only victory create a great experience for each and every player. Overall, the boys' lacrosse team has a great spring season.

-Jacqueline Valenti



Boys' Varsity Lacrosse team picture.

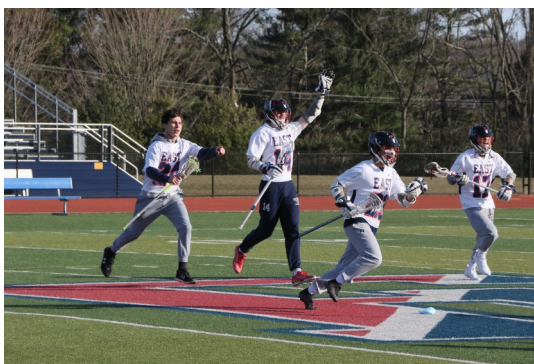


A group of players jumps in the air to get the ball.



Number 15 Owen Lever catches the ball off a pass.

Players Nils Updale, Jake Parker, Joey Stella, and Nick Knepp celebrate after a goal.



# Mr. East

By: Aly Siock

With school winding down for the year, it is once again time for one of the longest traditions to commence. On Friday, May 14th, the school will host the 30th annual Mr. East competition. This year's show features 5 total contestants, four seniors, and one sophomore, and the theme will be Once Upon a Time. The boys are all imitating their favorite iconic fairytale characters, with seniors Rocco Cufone dressing up as Robin Hood, Ryan Novak acting as Little Red Riding Hood, Josh Spicer taking the role of Big Bad Wolf, and Joe Zyla appearing as Lord Farquaad, in hopes of capturing the famed Mr. East crown, while sophomore Phillip Schneller is performing as Prince Charming.

Led by advisors Mr. Gorlick and Mr. Saltzgueber, and directed by Leah Breen and Trinity Foster, the show will be filled with plenty of entertainment, dancing, talent, and comedy, while leaving the audience wanting more. In addition to watching the boys perform their amazing talents, the show features a video, courtesy of Ryan Novak, a scintillating dance choreographed by Angelina Mancuso and Nikki Smith, and a formalwear walkout that includes the guys being escorted by their dates and answering a series of grueling questions all in hopes of being named Mr. East 2021.

On top of putting on a spectacular show for the crowd, the real reason Mr. East takes place every year is to raise awareness and give back to those with autism, as the proceeds from the performance go to the CB East Autism Awareness Club and are used to fund research for people with autism spectrum disorder. This year's show promises to be an event you will not want to miss, so we hope to see everyone there to support the group of boys and an even better cause.

-Mr. Gorlick

Advisors Mr. Saltzgueber and Mr. Gorlick.



Directors Leah Breen, Trinity Foster, and Assistant directors Hazen Gotschal, and Taylor Newman.



This year's Mr. East candidates.

