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RENOVATIONS OF THE AUDITORIUM

By Kristen Rice

As most students can attest, particularly those involved in theater, the West auditorium needed a change. With an outdated aural system and much-needed technological renovations, construction has been underway to upgrade the quality of the auditorium. According to Dr. Caughie, "This renovated auditorium is going to be fit for high-caliber performances at West." So far, construction efforts prove that point. The new auditorium has an expanded, spacious stage, allowing larger groups of performers to share their talents and love of the arts to the Central Bucks community. Along with a new-fangled stage, modern acoustic technology is being installed to improve the quality of sound within the auditorium's walls. The addition of four round speakers onto the auditorium's ceiling direct dialogue and music straight to the audience. Also, the installation of bulky wooden beams helps to centralize the audio from the stage directly into the ears of the audience. Above the stage, a dome-like structure prevents any audio from getting caught in the ceiling. The auditorium is also getting an upgraded lighting system, with a wooden booth for backstage help and an elevated window for top-quality, behind the scenes action. The music pit beneath the stage will be slightly down-sized, but will have improved seating. The same seats will remain, as the perks of West's old auditorium add to the new additions. Slated to reopen its doors this month, students will soon be able to enjoy the revamps and perks of the newly refurbished auditorium.



RECYCLING BIN MAKEOVER



By Drew Cox

As you may have noticed in the lobby, the bland, black recycling bins that students often confused with trash cans have been redesigned with vibrant, colorful artwork featuring diverse collections of animals, plants, and flora. Prior to this year, there was little distinguishable difference between the both black trash cans and black recycling bins. Small, unsubstantial "West Recycles" stickers placed on the recycling bins served as the only indication of a difference -- until they fell off. The resulting dilemma was that very few students actually knew which bins they should dispose recyclable materials into and which they should dispose of trash into. Peering into bins, it was evident that most students were just tossing recyclables and trash together into whichever bin they wanted, completely destroying any hope of efficient recycling.

In order to resolve this confusion and increase participation in recycling, Mrs. Levin's Art 3 class launched a massive project to designate and repaint specific recycling bins. The refurbished, eye-catching recycling bins feature exotic murals illustrating the beauty of nature, with designs ranging from serene, aquatic ecosystems to meadows of lush, yellow sunflowers. The recycling bins raise awareness for the beauty and ecological value of all diverse forms of life our Earth is home to, offering a subtle warning to the damage that environmentally-harmful practices cause to these animals and plants.

If you ever find yourself in the lobby, whether it is at lunch or after school, be sure to place all recyclable products (plastics, paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum) in the bright, lively recycling bins. All other waste can be placed in the regular black trash cans.

FALL SPORTS RECAP

By Eli Baylin

This fall, the Bucks impressed many people with their talents and abilities to make an impact off and on the field. Many teams held fundraisers to help the community. Football and boys' soccer made astonishing runs this year that made CB West proud.

CB West Football had a great season. Coach Cathers led the team to a 6-5 record overall, with many key wins to make the season exciting and memorable. Their most iconic, exhilarating win was beating arch-rival CB East 14-13 on East's home turf. Sr. Jake Reichwein impressed many by ending the season with 7 total rushing touchdowns off of 104 running attempts. Starting quarterback, Sr. Josh Crecca, had a 76.3 QB rating and threw for 1,367 yards and 9 touchdowns. Two of his most reliable targets, Jr. Ricardo Washington and Sr. Rohan McDonald, went for over 600 receiving yards combined in 2017. Jr. Luke Benson, tight end for the Bucks, put up 175 receiving yards and 2 touchdowns. The Bucks' fantastic season came to an end in the playoffs when they lost to Garnet Valley 32-14. Jr. RB Joe Fay described the game. "It's tough to lose a game like that after what we did this season. We have so many elite athletes but we couldn't get it done tonight." Fay wraps up the season by saying, "We might've been knocked out of the playoffs in the first round but when the next season rolls around, no one better be sleeping on us or they'll regret it." We look forward to Fay's enthusiasm towards next season. We appreciated all the Seniors for playing their hearts out and look forward to watch what the future holds on the turf for the CB West football team.

"We might've been knocked out of the playoffs in the first round, but when the next season rolls around, no one better be sleeping on us or they'll regret it"
 – JR. RB, Joseph Fay

Boys' soccer also had a season to remember. The soccer team had a whopping 19-7 overall record, going 8-2 in its conference. The boys started the season on a seven-game win streak. Along the way, they beat rival CB South 5-1 at South. Shortly after, they suffered a heartbreaking loss to CB East at War Memorial Field. Nevertheless, the Bucks bounced back in October when they were victorious over East, beating them 1-0. The boys' season ended at the hands of an impressive Conestoga High School team in the state semi-finals. Despite this loss, the boys, ranked 20th in the state, look to make another impressive playoff run next year.

SEA OF GOLD OVERTAKES EAST

By Trevor D'Arcy

The East Game. Three words that define a season. West sports teams prepare year-round for the biggest game of their season: one opportunity to prove who is better high school on the athletic field. The rivalry dates back to the 1970's, when CB East was opened, and the district lines were split. Year after year, West and East do battle on the athletic fields, with the winner taking home bragging rights and the pride of taking down their despised rival. This fall, CB West had the upper hand in the rivalry. Every single fall sport defeated East at least one time.

The fall sports season culminates with the biggest rivalry game in the area: The East-West football game. Every year, students pack into the sold-out stands to cheer on their team and earn bragging rights for the rest of the year. This year, the Bucks were coming off a devastating loss to CB South one week earlier. Adding insult to injury, some rival CB students decided to hang a dead deer carcass from the War Memorial Field bleachers a few days prior to the game. The West football team had lost its past three games to CB East, motivating the seniors for West in their last East-West game.

With rivalry and trash talking aside, it was time to battle it out on the gridiron on a bright, sunny Saturday afternoon. Things did not start out great for West. With 9:15 left in the first quarter, East sophomore Pat Volko caught a pass from Evan O'Donnell for a 33-yard touchdown to put the Patriots up 7-0. However, the Bucks would quickly respond. Setup by a great kickoff return, senior star linebacker and running back Jake Reichwein punched it in from the 3-yard line to tie it up at 7-7, just 20 seconds after the East touchdown. The teams exchanged possessions, and with 8:12 left in the second quarter, West got the defensive spark it was looking for. With CB East backed up in its own zone, sophomore Jack Neri scooped up a fumble and returned it for a touchdown. The touchdown gave the Bucks a 14-7 and proved to be all the points West would need.

The Bucks offense struggled to score in the second half, and East would not go down quietly. O'Donnell ran it in from the one-yard line with 7:49 left in the third quarter, but the extra point was missed wide left. West maintained its one-point lead. This missed extra point would not be the last of East's kicking struggles. After allowing the one touchdown, the West defense stepped up, as they would not allow the Patriots to score another point in the second half. The dominant West defensive line and secondary frustrated the Patriots all afternoon. Suddenly, a late fumble by West left the door open for the Patriots. With five seconds left in the game, CB East lined up for a 24-yard field goal to win the game. But the Bucks would have none of it. With the Gold Rush of West students screaming for their Bucks as loud as they could, the kick was blocked. The drought was over; West had finally beaten East 14-13. The West student section stormed East's field as a sea of gold crushed East's hopes and season.



THE REVIEW

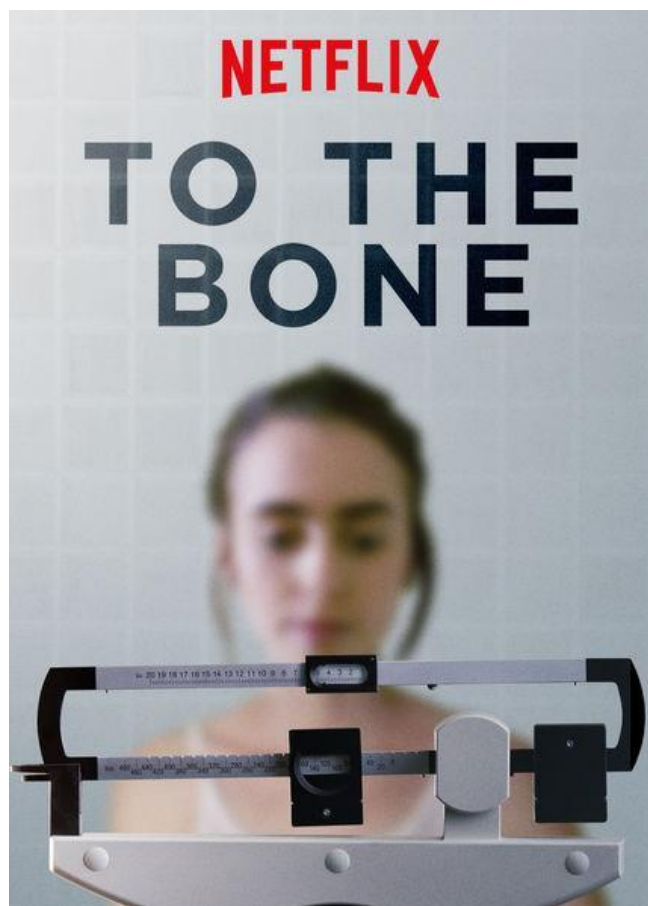
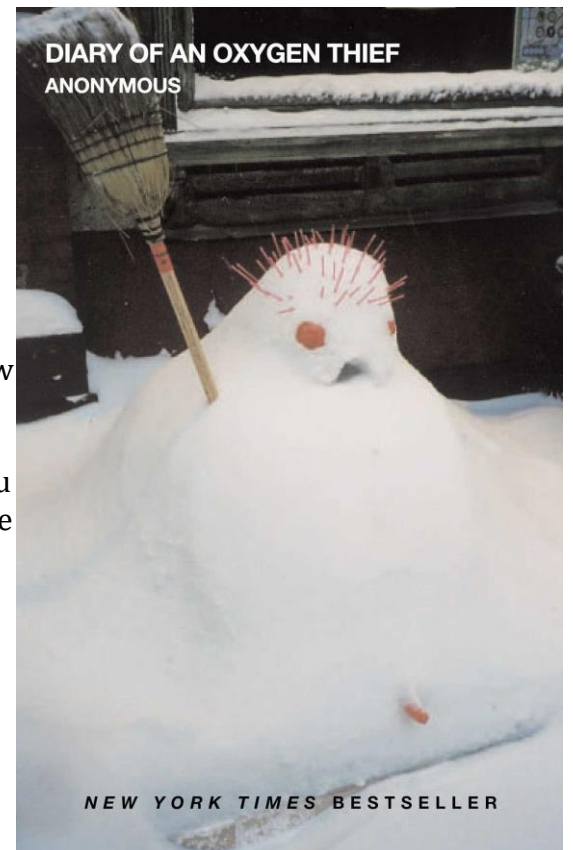
DIARY OF AN OXYGEN THIEF

By Amanda Dunn

Diary of an Oxygen Thief, is a novel that stands apart from any other book. It was written by an anonymous author who tells the story of a man who feels pleasure after he psychologically tortures women. He convinces each person that he loves them. He gives them attention and validates their feelings, all in some plot to destroy them. The more they care for him, the more satisfaction he gets when he hurts them. Sometimes he cuts off all communication and gives no reason for his absence; other times he is blatantly cruel as he diminishes each person's worth.

The whole story is prefaced by the narrator telling us that all of his actions were somehow resolved, because he was affected by karma. Life got him back for all that he destroyed. He essentially sets the reader up to believe that we should feel sorry for him, in some way. At first, this story is intriguing as you try to comprehend the complexity of the man's deranged mind. You try to make sense of it. The tone is depressing and very matter of fact. He's completely vulnerable and honest in the telling of his life, yet something is missing. The story never feels complete. His dissatisfaction with his own life and relationship pale in comparison to the torment he caused innocent people to endure. He genuinely felt bad for himself, even after all he had done. It's difficult for the reader to feel any compassion towards this vindictive, misogynistic, and petty individual. This book failed to teach the reader much of anything. It didn't add to the reader's capacity to understand people, it just validated the cruelty that exists in some human beings. This story was disappointing and unresolved.

CSP Review Scale: 5/10



TO THE BONE

By Gabi Lamb

If your Friday night consists of scrolling through Netflix, sorting through massive piles of films just to find one that ends up being only mildly interesting, you probably feel as if there's nothing to watch. This is only true if you don't look in the right spot. *To the Bone* is a heartbreaking, realistic film that navigates 20-year-old Ellen's final shot at life. Ellen has been struggling for years with anorexia, and her last shot is at Dr. Beckham's group home, where she goes and meets several others struggling with eating disorders. This movie shows life in all of its passion, tragedy, and humor. It is beautifully crafted, though it definitely does carry scenes that were never elaborated on.

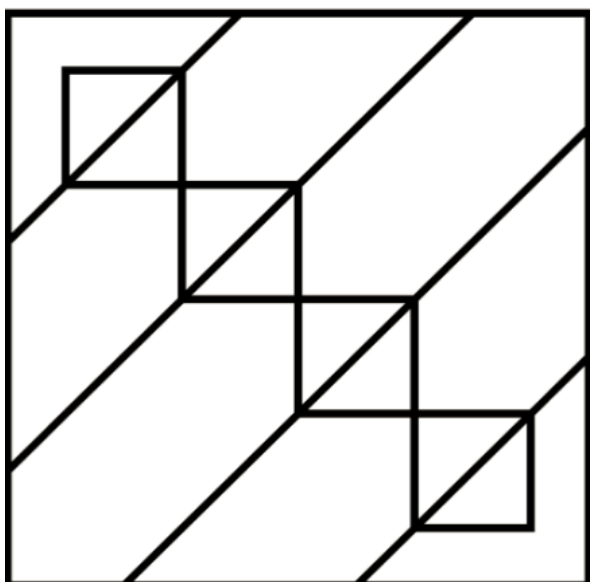
This movie is a good choice for people looking for a provocative yet unconventional story line with thoughtful themes. *To the Bone* will make your heart leak, but it also uses lighthearted humor that makes it more uplifting. This film reaches deep into the meaning of life, a meaning that all of us must find eventually. Overall it is intriguing and lush, but somewhat lacking in certain details.

CSP Review Scale: 7/10

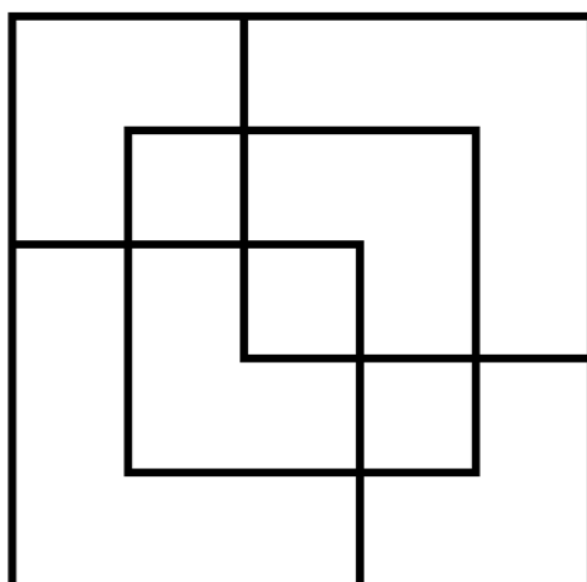
WALKER'S PUZZLES

How many of the given shape can you find in the grids below? (Note: Pentagons do not have to be perfect to work. They just have to have five sides.)

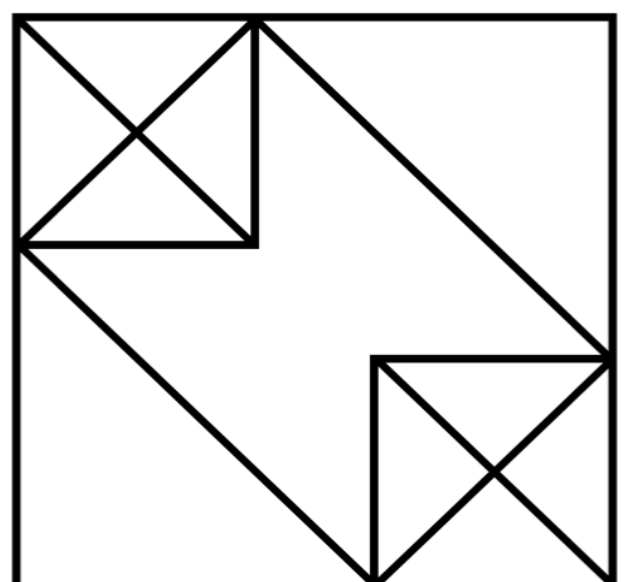
Triangles



Squares



Pentagons



STUDENT FEATURE: SENIOR, MICHAEL SAMPSON

By Gabi Lamb



CSP: Tell us about the sports you play.

MS: I run cross-country, play ice hockey and lacrosse, and I think lacrosse is probably my favorite, just because I started it most recently. I just really like the sport a lot and I've invested a lot of time and energy into it; I've learned to love it.

CSP: How do you stay motivated in athletics? How do you balance sports with academics?

MS: I stay motivated because I never burn out with a particular sport; I'm always switching to another one. So that keeps me interested in the sports that I'm playing. To balance with academics, I just have to find time where I can to get my studies done.

CSP: What is your greatest athletic accomplishment, and why is it your greatest?

MS: I guess my greatest accomplishment in sports was probably getting 15th place in the district meet for cross country, and then, as a team, going undefeated for four years and winning the SOL Conference for the fourth year in a row. That was a big deal, because our hard work came to fruition, and it was really satisfying.

“Sportsmanship is actually really important so I always to try to do unto others as I would want done to me when it comes to sports. I try to be a class act on the field.”

CSP: What traits do you possess that allow you to succeed in athletics? How do you champion sportsmanship?

MS: I think some of the traits that I possess are determination, perseverance, and never quitting when things get tough. I think sportsmanship is actually really important so I always to try to do unto others as I would want done to me when it comes to sports. I try to be a class act on the field.

CSP: Who is your greatest inspiration?

MS: One of my greatest inspirations is a runner named Louis Zamperini, who was also a Prisoner of War during World War II. He was just really noble, that he could go through so much hardship, then forgive people. Also, on top of that, he was a great runner.

CSP: How do you move past failures? What is the best way to stay optimistic in the face of struggle?

MS: I think you move past failures by learning lessons from what you did wrong and what you could've done right, and then trying to apply those into future opportunities. You just have to look at what you did right then see how you can apply that to another situation.

CSP: What is the greatest thing about participating in athletics? What is your favorite team memory?

MS: My favorite thing about participating in athletics is just how much fun I have and the fact that it's healthy. I get to exercise and have fun at the same time; it's not a chore. My favorite team memories are the road trips with the team and hanging out with my friends.

HEARD IN THE HALLS

Those five minutes are precious time for getting to classes and essential conversing with friends. Our beloved hallways hold over 1,500 students, and everyone can always hear the little snippets of conversations going on around them as they make that mad dash to the other side of the school.

- It's a rectangle. I counted it! It's right. That is definitely a rectangle."
- "It's NOT natural, it's SCIENTIFIC."
- "That's what I'm DOIN'... slackers."
- "I'm going to college —no I'M going to college."
- "A dolla. Yeah this was a dolla-- But that's DIOR?!"
- "I told her not to put it in the YogurTree store and. Oh my gosh."
- "He used to pick up her water bottle. With his toes. With his toes."
- "Is Stranger Things, like, scary?" "Nah it's pretty strange."

WINTER BUCKET LIST

By Alex King

- #1: Go Sledding
- #2: Drink Hot Chocolate by the Fireplace
- #3: Give Ice Skating a Try
- #4: Build a Snowman
- #5: Have a Snowball Fight



Pictured Above: Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest

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