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## Teen mom <br> By Casey Barker When I received my fake baby for the weekend from Mrs. <br> Diane Edwards, I thought to myself, <br> baby than I was. Soccer practice comes around, and just within not even two hours, Colby had literally gone off more

"This is going to be one easy task. It can't be that bad." My mind changed very quickly as soon as I put baby Colby, what I had named him, in the back of the car. I strapped my seat belt on, started the car, accelerated just a tiny bit, and then boom! The baby starts crying. I knew this weekend was going to be one I would never forget.

As soon as I got home, I already made the first big parenting mistake. I left the baby in the car. I mean what can I say; the thing stopped crying, so of course it was easy to forget. When I brought baby Colby inside to meet the family, my father looked at me like I was the one going to end up neglecting the poor thing. Me? No, never. He was actually more excited to take care of the

Photo courtesy of Casey Barker than 20 times. The car ride to the practice field was already enough, but when we arrived and attempted to carry Colby out with me in his carrier and blanket, I could feel the funny, questionable looks I was getting from every direction. Right then and there, I knew that these were just a few of the looks I would be getting all week-
end. Needless to say, Colby of course interrupted all practice with his loud, obnoxious cry that would last almost a minute
 if you did not attend to it! After that practice, I immediately rushed with Colby to Park View so I could manage the boys varsity soccer game. Already my arm was getting tired. Luckily, the game went by fast and, with somewhat getting used to the cry, I went home. Now the real tough part was coming. It was time to sleep.

The first few hours passed, and by that time, I was going absolutely insane. It was like I couldn't shut my eyes and get comfortable because I had this fake baby right next to me crying every 10 minutes! Also, as a bonus, I am not a deep sleeper. By the time it was 5 a.m. I found my hand holding the key directly into that baby, so when it would go off, all I needed to do was a little turn. Luckily, Saturday morning came faster than normal, probably due to me always tending to baby Colby, and my sister and mother were willing to take him so I could get a few hours of sleep before my game later that day. By the time my game rolled around, I was actually getting use to the hysterical crying. Yeah, as soon as I walked onto the field, eyes from the other team and all directions were glaring at me, but I shook it off. Colby cried, nothing new, and I was told from my coach, who took me out of the
game "To go attend my baby!" I was upset. Like really? I'm trying to play a game here, but of course I had to do it. Little did I know the day was bound to get even worse. I was dying of heat, irritation, and no sleep, so I decided to go to Sweet Frog and get some delicious frozen yogurt. I walked in with Colby in my carrier and blanket, and with no exaggeration, all the attention was on me. I was praying in the back of my head "Please don't go off with your uncontrollable cry right now." But without a doubt, not even getting to the cash register, Colby goes off! I panicked and rushed to put that darn key in as fast as possible. I was rocking him left to right, up and down, just hoping there was a quicker and faster method to stop the crying. No luck. Never really noticing it, having this baby going off all the time really became mortifying.

The rest of the day went by okay. I was able to hang (Continued on pg. 11)

## The advantages and disadvantages of upstairs/downstairs <br> By Isabella Pineo

Events during school are infamous for the chaos and disorganization they bring to the schedules of students and teachers. Classes are shortened and students are anxious for the event. The administration brought back upstairs downstairs lunch this year to try to help with scheduling during these events. In previous years, each block had unequal amounts of class time and students and faculty were often confused
about where to go. This year the schedule is much more balanced, with only two time slots compared to the usual four.
"I think it's a lot better then what Park View used to do... it was a lot harder to keep track of kids, a lot would leave school or skip class," senior Christopher Sanchezconcha states. Many other students agree with Sanchezconcha, such as junior Nguyen Nguyen. "It is very effective on getting
us organized and efficient," activities." Nguyen said. Many stu- Despite the many dents feel that upstairs downstairs lunch unites them with friends they do not have the chance to have lunch with. Freshman Ivan Quinonez agrees, "I think it's easier to do

benefits of upstairs downstairs lunch, a few Park View students expressed negative feelings toward it. "I don't like it because I have upstairs lunch and all of my friends
have downstairs lunch. Also
upstairs lunch eats last, and normally I have A lunch or B lunch, so I'm starving!" junior Michelle Rodriguez states. Even students who prefer the change of routine dislike the long lines. The majority of Park View students favor upstairs/ downstairs lunch. Many think that the adminMany think that the admin-
istration should continue to hold lunch like this for every event. junior Michelle Rodriguez

## Last Pep Rally!!!



Who won the spirit stick? The SENIORS!

## Muchacho author visits Park View <br> By Kamara-Anais Parker

On April $16^{\text {th }}$ and $17^{\text {th }}$, Park View welcomed LouAnne Johnson, author of Muchacho. Ms. Johnson was asked by the head librarian for Loudon County, Ms. Linda Holtslander
he will get his diploma and make something of himself. Although he refuses to engage in class, he loves to read, in secret of course. But things change when he takes a ballroom dancing
shouldn't be missed."
During the visit Ms. Johnson "became" Eddie Corazon, which startled nearly every single audience member. She achieved this through suddenly, after


Author LouAnne Johnson poses with Park View Reading Specialists Karen Banks and Jane Sawyer.
(who was contacted by PVHS English teacher, Mr. Phil Rosenthal), to give the students who read the book a look into why and how it was written. Along with Mr. Rosenthal's classes, many other academic sophomore, junior, and even senior English classes read Muchacho as well. It's easy to see why it was chosen; in 2010 Muchacho won the national Skipping Stones Award for multicultural books and was picked for the American Library Association Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers list. The novel focuses on a Hispanic 16-year-old juvenile delinquent named Eddie Corazon who goes to an alternative high school in New Mexico. He could easily fall into the rough life everyone (including some of his family) thinks he will, but Eddie has promised his mother that
class for his fine arts credit. There he gets partnered up with Lupe, a new girl at school who seems average. Then, by talking to her at lunch, he discovers she is funny, smart, unique, and hopes to become a doctor. Eddie even describes her as "unlike any other girl I've ever met," not out loud of course. Lupe's presence and goals for herself inspire Eddie to become more than what he is, and soon he begins writing poetry. Throughout the book, his works give reminding intimate touches to the story. In fact, the reader almost becomes his confessional throughout all the mishaps and trials he goes though. In an online review by Kidliterate, it was even commented about the book, "My hope is that teens and adults alike will read Muchacho, because Eddie's story is so compelling, and its telling so lovely, that it
having talked about the book and her background, loudly changing her voice and speech while putting on a roughed up shirt, fingerless gloves, and a bandana. She began using direct quotes from the book, through Eddie's point of view and told some of his story. It was quite a fun treat, but startling because her previous, normal voice was very soft and very expectant. She says Eddie's voice just came to her one day, telling her his story. So she turned on her computer, and began to type what was being said. Sooner or later the award winning book was written and published. Though, a voice wasn't at all her inspiration for her best-seller Dangerous Minds. Originally published and titled as My Posse Don't Do Homework in 1992, Dangerous Minds was a New York Times bestselling auto-biography
made into a box office hit drama film starring Michelle Pfeiffer. It focused on an ex-marine teacher struggling to connect with her pessimistic high school students in a deeply inner city school. That teacher was Ms. LouAnne Johnson. But that book isn't just her story, it's also that of the students she reached out to and pushed to succeed. Many of her former students have even stayed in contact with her throughout the years, and proudly updated Ms. Johnson on all the accomplishments they'd had that no one thought they'd reach; just like Eddie in Muchacho.


Muchacho author signs a book. Former high school teacher, U.S. Navy journalist, Marine Corps officer, and author of a New York Times best seller, Ms. LouAnne Johnson is a woman of great aptitude. Earning a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Sage Colleges in Albany, New York, being fluent in Spanish and Tagalog (a language spoken in the Philippines), and even appearing on the Oprah show, Ms. Johnson is an amazing figure who deserves great
bit help bring their literature to the real world, and Ms. Johnson certainly did that." And although the visit was mainly targeted towards students who were reading them in their class-
applause. In fact, great applause is what she received multiple times throughout her presentation at Park View. "It was really a treat, and pretty interesting," says sophomore Edward Mansaray. Indeed, it was a pleasure for all. Many fans (including students and faculty alike) got their copies of Muchacho signed by Ms. Johnson at the end. One fan being Park View High principal, Dr. Mishew, said "I thought the book was great young adult literature, it was so relevant. I loved having her here, she was great." Mr. Rosenthal agrees, with his statement, "I think anytime an author visits, they . Johnson rooms, and Ms. Johnson
has already spent her time here; every student should go out and pick up a copy of Muchacho! In the same Kidliterate online review mentioned earlier was tthe following statement, "There is so much beauty revealed in the midst of his chaos, and there are amazing connections to be made across social and racial boundaries. This is exactly the sort of book that should be read in $11^{\text {th }}$ and $12^{\text {th }}$ grade, but very rarely is."

By Rebecca Weller

On the first day of my freshman year, my biggest fear was getting lost... and I did. Many people have their fears about a new school and mine was not being able to find my classes. Looking back, that first day feels like an eternity ago. Now going into my freshman year of college, I have that same feeling of not being able to find my classes on a big campus. The only difference is that I now have learned that there are people to help you find
where you need to go.
During freshman year, you Freshman year was the worst and best thing to happen to me; it was the start of my high school career that would last, what felt like an eternity.
 feel like the work will never stop, and you'll never get used to your classes, but you eventually get into a routine and the work becomes easier to handle. Now, being a senior, I can't
believe it's almost over. All the work you've done to get there has paid off. You're walking across that stage in June and getting that piece of paper saying that you've done it, you've gotten through those four years of high school and it's all worth it. Everybody is going their separate ways, and people are saying their goodbyes with promises of keeping in touch with each other.

Looking back on high school, I believe that
it was a good experience. I didn't know it as I was going through it, but now that graduation is looming, I'm going to be sad leaving everything that I've gotten comfortable with, such as friends, the school, and the place that I've lived my whole life. Looking into the future though I am very excited to be able to live on my own, and take classes towards something I want to do. I hope that college is all that I hope it will be and more.

# Fashion 

S By Emily Mooney

As the beginning of June fast approaches, all of the students at Park View are itching to leave class and start their summer. No one wants to start off a magnificent summer unprepared for a new season of fashion so here are the things you should do to make sure your summer wardrobe is really hot.

All of the stores, magazines, and designers are sporting one common theme: neon. Bright lime, bubblegum, cobalt, turquoise, and tangerine are showcased in InStyle, Teen Vogue, and Seventeen. These bright colors are incorporated in everything from dresses to shoes.

Word on the street for wearing neon is to pair a bright color with a more neutral gray or navy. Neons are also a little more balanced when showcased in tribal patterns. Neon florals and bold jumpsuits are also popular. Polos, sailor stripes, and plaid are also in but are now paired with more neon.

Classic whites are
in as always during the summer, but new details such as pleating are giving a fresh take. Higher


Tony Pham
waistlines create a more dramatic flair as well. Other

Sarah Villalobos
classic styles such as maxi dresses and skirts continue to be a big thing with new bright patterns being featured. A new style of translucent skirts has also arrived along with transparent tops, under which a bandeau top is to be worn.

The denim miniskirt now has been introduced with floral, leopard, and gold patterns. As the tribal neon theme seems to travel through all of the collections, beaded jewelry and shoes are seen in various magazines.

Park View students take on these new trends and old styles with a pause as they establish their own unique love of summer style.
"I love summer fashion because it's bright and full of floral stuff," said sophomore Sarah Villalobos. "What's there to hate?"
Villalobos loves to wear shorts, dresses, and rompers.
"It's awe-
some [summer fash-


Ashly Woods
them cool cargo shorts with those nice flip-flops that are water-resistant," said junior Nguyen Nguyen.

Besides the usual sunglasses and flip-flops, these students have specific things they want to wear and buy.

Nguyen loves sleevless shirts. "They are comfortable, and summer is hot," he said. Pham is looking for more puka shell necklaces and shades this summer, besides his usual plaid shorts.
Villalobos really wants a pair of high-waist red
shorts. "They're totes adorbs," Villalobos exclaimed. Woods loves to wear her ripped-up shorts. "It doesn't get you hot, and it looks nice," Woods said. The guys, however, were not so eager to wear jean shorts this summer. "They burn up. The sun makes the jeans heat up," Nguyen said.
Students have some particular guidelines for their clothes, no matter the trend. "It has to be breezy - breathable," Pham said. "It [summer clothes are] comfortable, and you feel free," Nguyen said.
Even above the hype about shopping, browsing, and gathering new items for the summer season, students are ready for summer to begin. "I'm really excited for summer," Villalobos said, voicing everyone's thoughts.

Can you find your teacher among these baby pictures?
ion] cause I hate wearing pants," said junior Ashly Woods. "The clothes are fun."
"They are better than all the other seasons," said freshman Tony Pham. "It's all about wearing


# Tattoos: A formofart <br> By Emily Mooney 

In the last century, tattoos have emerged as a popular form of displaying what one loves or feels for all to see. Teenagers have picked up on this trend, and what was once only acceptable for the stereotypical bikers, rednecks, or gangsters is now fairly normal among the generation.

Stereotypes fade away as various people choose to express themselves through permanent ink. Park View High School is a perfect example of this new acceptance and boasts many students as well as a few faculty members, who sport their own ink.

Most of the students who have a tattoo got one when they were a teen with their parent's permission. Sophomore Norhan Darwish is an exception to the age rule as she was two years old when a cross was inked onto her wrist.
"All of my family has it. It is a religious thing," Darwish said. She is originally from Egypt where the majority of the country is Muslim. To distinguish themselves as Christians, as far back as her great-grandparents, her family started the tradition of
getting the cross tattoo.
Some students decided to get

a tattoo to honor someone or something they love. Senior Jonathan Wooten decided to get his first tattoo, a lion tattoo, in January 2009. "It was my grandfather's Zodiac sign," Wooten said. His grandfather has just previously died of cancer. Junior Dwayne Corum was only fifteen when he came home with a tattoo of the name Jacob, the name of his eight-year-old brother. "I wanted to get something that meant the most to me, and he means the world to me," Corum said. Tattoos can come in various forms, whether they are of animals, people, places, or things. Phrases are also a common type of tattoo.

Senior Brittany Moore tattooed the phrase "Come what may" on her body after
getting getting her
first tattoo of a dove. Wooten has this quote on his body: "Courage is letting go of the familiar." "Everybody needs something to live by; it's what I live by," Wooten said of this quote.

Corum has more than 10 tattoos, and they all have to with something he loves to do, something about him, or someone he loves. For example, one of his tattoos has a basketball theme, highlighting his love of Jordans [the shoe].

Park View English teacher Ms. Melissa Vandenbussche beats Corum's 11 tattoos with her 13 tattoos. She got her first tattoo when she was seventeen, but later covered the tattoo with a new one of a pirate woman.

Most of the tattoos she got when she was younger she later covered with larger tattoos of different designs which is why she advises teens to wait until they are older to get tattoos. "Unless you are getting something significant tattooed, you are not mature enough. Your ideas change," Ms. Vandenbussche said.


One
thing that was common between most of the people who have tattoos is a belief that they are a
form of art. "It's like artwork on your body," Moore said. "I'm very into it [getting tattoos]. I am into collecting the art," Ms. Vandenbussche said.


What's your favorite kind of music?

## By Ed Pifer

Music is a gateway to your own paradise. Whether you're studying for a test, working out or just trying to relax, music is one of the most helpful things for you. We all have different "tastes" in music. Some of us like rock or rap or even classical. Music can describe what type of person you really are.
"My favorite band is Blink 182," says senior Geoffrey Apple. "My mood is usually depending on the type of song I'm listening to." "Feeling This," "Always," "Party Song," and "Ghost on the Dance Floor" are all of Apple's favorite songs performed by Blink 182.

Country is another genre that is listened to at Park View High. "I began listening to country music when I was little," says Junior Amanda Wimmer. "My favorite artist is Luke Bryan." Amanda also said that she has been to many country concerts. Rap/HipHop is the undisputed champion of music today. Artists such as Wiz Kahlifa, Mac Miller, Kanye West, and Lil Wayne are popular with almost everyone at Park View. "My favorite artist is Blink 182, but I listen to Kid Cudi and Kanye West," says senior Siddique Chaudhry.

Whenever you stroll past the cafeteria during a Pride class, you will see that almost every student is listening to music. Music is just one of those things that can get you through the day or a very tough time in your life. Without music who knows what the world would be like.

## Nominated for Librarian of the Year

## By Deborah Wimmer

Mrs. Rush, Park
View's Librarian was nominated for the Virginia Association of School Librarians Potomac Region Librarian of the Year. That nomination truly reflects the fantastic job she does as a Librarian. "The role [of a Librarian] is to create a space that is inviting to everyone and has the ability to help everyone learn about themselves, the world, and where everyone comes together to share knowledge," said Mrs.

librarian, but she was not expecting the honor of being nominated. "I was surprised and awestruck
busy, so I was not expecting it," exclaimed Mrs. Rush. She did not always plan to be a librarian, even
in college. She first attended college to get a degree in history, which she received a masters in. Mrs. Rush was inspired to be a librarian by a friend who planned on being one. Mrs. Rush always had a love for books, which she mentioned was something she got from her mother. As a child she spent a lot of time reading and loving books. "I've been lucky because hard work usually pays off for me and made me do a lot of things that
is useful for others," said Mrs.Rush. Working at Park View has been much different than her past jobs. "At the other jobs, I was usually the only librarian. But I have another colleague here, and just working with high school kids, which is a neat age to work with, makes all the difference," said Mrs. Rush. Park View High School is truly lucky to have such a dedicated librarian like Mrs. Rush, and we all wish her the best of luck.

# Patriot Spotlight <br> \author{ By Olivia Constanza and Casey Barker 

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## Students

Mighty mighty senior Deyci Delcid is a caring, honest, and sports-wise competitive person. When she finishes high school, she'll miss all her friends and the great teachers, like her Advanced PE class teacher, Coach K. Her time here at Park View has flown by so fast. Her favorite subject is history, and she would like to say thank you to all her teachers for making things go easier. She is a part of the varsity lacrosse team this year. "I had a great experience with both and great team mates, they're both great sports!" She received the Sportsmanship award from lacrosse this year. Outside of school she hangs out with friends and family. "My sisters are my best friends." She looks up to her older sister Aida Delcid, who's a former student of Park View. Her favorite quote is: "Life might not be the party we hoped for, but while we're here, we might as well dance." After graduation, she plans to prosper on the medical field as a R.N. or pediatrician, because she loves helping people and working with children.

## Jammin' jammin' junior Michael French is an

 estatic and happy guy, although, most of the time he's a little tired. He loves English because of the analysis, he likes analyzing things, and he appreciates works of literary art. His participates in the drama department and was on the swim team. His favorite band is The Airborne Toxic Event. He has received a varsity letter for swimming and his biggest accomplishments are plays that he's done. The movie he likes the best is Dr. Horrible Sing-A-Long Blog, but he thinks the best movie ever made is Rubber. He looks up to Andy Kaufman, an American entertainer, actor, and performance director. His favorite quote is "I just think we should take things more lightly," by Andy Kaufman. Outside of school, he does film projects with his buddy Keaton Crowe. After graduation, he wants to create his own television show.


Super, super sophomore Sandipto 'Sean' Ghosh is a unique, friendly, and nice guy. He's active and an aspiring musician. His favorite subject is English, "I enjoy reading and writing," Ghosh said. He's received the PATs award twice and has been recognized as the student of the month by Dr. Loncar. He enjoys action, comedy, and inspirational movies. He is in the Jazz Band, and World View Outside of school, he is studying, composing, or performing music. He plays the guitar, sings, and writes his own songs and instrumentals. He looks up to one of his best friends, Ylere Melende. "He is an amazing musician and human being. He inspires me to be a better person," Ghosh said. Classic rock, blues, and jazz are his favorite music. In the future, he would like to attend Berkeley College of Music and get a degree in Music Performance.
Ghosh's favorite quote is: "I just found out there's no such thing as the real world, just a lie you've got to rise above." -John Mayer

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## Words of wisdom to our seniors

For most students at Park View, the end of the year signifies rapid scrambling to bring up grades, projects, and late night cramming for finals. The end of the year situation is completely flipped for our seniors. Some of them might be completing last minute work or stressing over college acceptance letters, while others have a severe case of "senioritis" and their only concern is pulling off the best senior prank.

The graduating class of 2012 will be stepping off that stage in June, diploma in hand, and heading off to the start of their new college lives. Their emotions are probably in constant flux; from excitement to anxious, and eventually, from happy to sad. They will always cherish the memories that they have made with their family, friends, and teachers from their four years at Park View; but, they will also look forward to the new opportunities that lie ahead of them. The faculty of Park View will shake their hands, and hope that they will not only remember the educational lessons, but also the important life lessons that they were taught throughout their high school years.

# Good Luck Seniors! 

## Guys <br> By Kamara-Anais Parker

In mid April, the Drama Department presented Guys and Dolls. The play was a fast paced and brilliant classic, centered in the hustle and bustle of New York City, which follows missionaries, gamblers, and show girls. It's all in a catchy tone that has been a pleasure to audi-
time gambler who had just rolled in to town, played by senior Ricky Duncan; Sarah Brown, an uptight missionary who has good intentions but just can't get through to people, played by senior Sarah Paquette; Nathan Detroit, a fumbly gambler in charge of finding locations for a
audience through a roaring applause. Other elements adding to the fun were the quirky moments, such as during the kicking Cuban dance scene, when three backstage crew members danced their way off stage along with the actors.

There were, overall, high hopes for the show. Even assistant director, George Lowden, mentioned in the director's notes section of the playbills, "The amount of dedication and hard work that this cast has put into this show is beyond most things I've seen." It certainly paic off. Although every school's version of this classic holds different characteristics, Park View's go at it was exceptional!" Planning and directing a musical is three or four times more complicated than directing a straight play," says Ms.Gayle. Yet, with the strenuous task ahead, they pulled through and had a major success. "In a lot of ways it was more successful, for example, much better attendance," says Ms.Gayle. Overall, it'd be safe to expect more great productions from Ms.Gayle and her staff. "I'm glad I got the experience from Guys and Dolls," says Ms.Gayle.

Each year, the faculty of Park View has another class of students that they have to say goodbye to and send on their way. Our graduating students should take into account the guiding "words of wisdom" that the faculty can offer them. Before the seniors leave and go off to college, most of the teachers have some life advice that they want to share with the seniors. Biology teacher, Mrs. Crystal Wolfgang, stated, "No one's going to hold their hand in college." Her words are very true, and will probably strike fear into the hearts of some seniors who have never been away from home for a long period of time. English/Drama teacher, Ms. Gayle, commented, "They need to work hard and stay confident. You never know how things will turn out, and don't stress over surprises." Hopefully, their pieces of advice will help steer the seniors to a prosperous life in college.

## Guys and Dolls: <br> behind the scenes By lsabella Pineo

Park View High School's drama department brought to life "Guys and Dolls" April 19-21. Beforehand, it was hard to imagine what it would eventually become. The magic on stage had many aspects to how it all came together, cast, crew and pit band transformed Park View's auditorium into New York City.
For over a month, over 30 cast members rehearsed lines, songs and dances. Almost every day after school the cast worked countless hours to eventually achieve perfection on stage. In total: 2 hours worth of lines, stage direction and blocking were memorized.

A main component to any musical is the dancing. The choreography got many "ooh's" and "ah's" from the mesmerized audience. Mrs. Mcintire choreographed multiple dance numbers

and blocked the scenes. "Bushel and a Peck" and "Take Back Your Mink" performed by the Hot Box Dancers took the dancers over a month to learn. They became in sync with each other and transformed into showgirls. Other performances had only a limited time to learn routines, such as the Havana scene. The cast that was featured in that scene had about a week to learn the choreography (a speedy time compared to other numbers).

A lot goes on backstage behind the curtains. The stage crew played a large role in creating the 1950's New York City vibe. Set building was started a few weeks before opening night. The set was a building that included Nathan's newspaper stand, and it turned around to become The Hot Box, a club where Miss Adelaide performs. Things such as benches, street lamps, and tables were taken on and off stage by crew when the curtain closed.

The 1950's attire was borrowed from Potomac Falls High School and Sterling Playmakers. The drama department greatly appreciated the costumes, from the fedoras to the farm girl dresses. Many costume changes took place throughout the show, some cast members had as many as five costume changes to accommodate each scene.

The catchy tunes being sung throughout the musical could not have been done without pit band present. They rehearsed dozens of songs for nearly a month. The violinists, pianists, trumpet players, and many more musicians were included in the pit band.

Tech Week. This drama term both excites and scares everyone involved in the musical. The week of opening night, tech week is when pit band, crew, and cast put everything that they have all learned separately and perform it together as they would opening night. The first day is often chaotic and messy, but as opening night nears everyone performs in harmony. "Guys and Dolls", was enjoyed by many faculty and students and was yet another spectacular performance by the drama department.

On Wednesday, April $25^{\text {th }}$, the Lady Patriots softball team took on the Woodgrove Wolverines. "I go to practice and work extra hard on ground balls and my batting swing. I think it will be a close game," said junior Vanessa Grapes before the game. The sun was beaming down from the sky on this late afternoon in April for this rescheduled game. Senior Brittney Moore started as pitcher, as the team hoped for a win.

The first inning started off quick and easy when the first three batters got out. Senior Samantha Thomas started off the bottom of the first inning with a double to left field, but she was soon stranded on third base with no more hits.

With a few hits here and there, in the fifth inning the score was still tied $0-0$ and the Patriots were starting to fancy their chances of getting a win. Suddenly, the Wolverines went from zero to three when their first three batters made it home. The Patriots were fortunate that the bases were empty when Wolverine catcher, Christy Haney, hit a home-run.

The Wolverines emerged out of the fifth inning 8-0, and the game was soon to end 10-0. "I believe we have performed well but not to our abilities. If we play to the level I know we can, we could go really far," freshman Kat Baran admitted later.

This game must have
motivated the team to work harder as they have had back to back wins since the loss to the Wolverines. An intense 6-4 win over South Lakes and a huge upset win against Loudoun County 6-3 show signs of ending this season well.

It just takes one bad game to build a team closer. "It's mine and Brittney's job to provide senior leadership and get everyone to keep playing hard no matter what, even if we don't go out and get a win. We are going to play to the very end," said senior captain Samantha Thomas.


Vanessa Grapes prepares to throw the ball.

## Boys lacrosse helps to end streak <br> <br> By Matthew Morley-Hillen

 <br> <br> By Matthew Morley-Hillen}On Tuesday April $24^{\text {th }}$, Park View boys' lacrosse played Wakefield High School from Arlington at Park View. Leading up to the game, junior captain Alex Nykrochek said, "We practiced hard every day and we are going to play hard and give it all we got." As the sunset was in the horizon, it was time for the face-off. The teams were announced and the ball was dropped.

Wakefield won the faceoff, and from that they ran up the field and scored. Although, two minutes later


Park View equalized the score through sophomore Mark Brooks. From then on it was end to end action.

The first quarter ended at 1-1.

The second quarter started the way the 1 st had
ended, shots from every angle but none would seem to go in. Then Wakefield made a counter attack with a goal. With less than minutes in the 2nd quarter, Wakefield extended their lead to 2 goals making the score at half time 3-1.
Starting the third
quarter off slow was something the Patriots couldn't
afford to do. They came out fighting, but at the end of the third quarter it was 8-1 Wakefield. Coming into the 4th quarter, the Patriots still kept fighting and the final score being 12-1. This game was special for Wakefield as it ended their 99 game losing streak. Junior Anthony Velasquez commented, "We tried our best and this time it didn't go good for us. Being cocky and thinking we already won gave us the wrong mindset. We needed more intensity."

## Boys soccer takes on Briar Woods

By Ed Pifer



The Park View boys soccer team faced off against Briar Woods on Tuesday, May $1^{\text {st }}$ in a district game. Junior and team captain Geovanny Hernandez said,
"A lot of pressure is on us and we need to win. Our goal is to destroy them and get that win."
"I'm really excited. We work hard and practice perfect," said senior Angel Acevedo.
"It's a very important game to determine our standings in the district. If we do well this game, it will motivate the team to work harder and finish off strong this season," said junior Alexi Callejas.

The Patriots held back the Falcons, but the Falcons scored the first goal in the first half. After that goal, sophomore goalie, Sam Onyeador, turned up that heat by having two very nice saves which stopped the Falcons from scoring. After the first half the score was 1-0 Briar Woods. The Patriots were playing strong both defensively and offensively. Onyeador had a solid game with over 10 saves. The game was cut short after a fight on the field took place. The officials stopped the game early and Briar Woods walked away with the 1-0 victory.

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As the end of the school year fast approaches, seniors are anxious to leave, while the rest of the students are sad to see them go. The four years spent in high school have been good, and the seniors have grown as young men and women. On their way to lead and serve in the real world, their lives start a new chapter as they prepare to leave for college. Those fellow students, who will accompany them on their journey through this new section of life, can be seen through the college list below:

## Northern Virginia

Community College:
Carolina Alcantara
Cynthia Alfaro
Iqra Aslam
Nayarit Ayala
Abdi Babayigit
Can Babayigit
Yessenia Bonilla Rosa
Nora Brizuela-Vasquez
Holly Burns
Kristina Burns
Jocelyn Cavero
Ngoc Chau
Aymen Dahab
Nasif Farhan
Arooj Fatima
Karina Gomez Santos
Jennifer Gonzalez Araujo
Shirley Hernandez
Han Dang Le
Cynthia Machado
Rebekah Mellick
Roxana Miguel
Clarisa Munoz-Olivas
Kimberly Osorio Castillo
Sonya Quiroz Robles
Estefanny Ramirez
Felix Romero
Thanarath Sananikone
Elizabeth Sandoval San-
chez
Stephanie Sisido
Eduardo Somoza Canas
Magalie Sosa
Dillon Spriggs

Glenville State College:
Dante Absher

Slippery Rock
University
Pennsylvania:
Kala Acker
Lindsay Kenepp

University of Virginia:
Junaid Ahmed
Jenifer Carter
Stephanie Cox

James Madison
University:
Melissa Alvarez
Ryan Biever
John Love
Thomas Royer

Virginia Polytechnic
Institute and State
University:
Allison Balik
Charles Entsminger
Kacey Haro
Kylie Himmelberger
Michael Huynh
Dan Laub
Fawad Mohammad
Khai Ngo
Kevin Osorio
Nathalia Ossio
Candi Tran
Kristen Ward
Tanner Williams

Christopher Newport University:
Cailey Barker

## Coastal Carolina University:

West Virginia
University:
Rigoberto Castaneda
Benjamin Grapes
Jonathan Thurston
Cameron Turner
Victoria Willis

Virginia Commonwealth
University:
Michael Eagle
Anna Lazatin
Tino Pham Tran
Hai Phan
Daniel Shafer
Asad Zaheer

Lord Fairfax
Community College:
Shannon Fanning

Friends University:
Amanda Hansberger

University of North
Carolina School of the
Arts:
Natalie Jefferson

Johnson and Wales
University:
Henry Machado

Chowan University:
Robert Mason

Liberty University: Ryan McCarter

Bridgewater College:
Brian McManus

George Mason
University:
Jason Miller

Shepherd University:
Brittney Moore
Ryan Plowman
Jonathan Wooten

University of Tennessee
at Knoxville:
Jasmeen Pantleay

Longwood University:
Maria Paraan
Zachary Strickland

Princeton University:
Erik Portillo

Saint Francis
University:
Samantha Thomas

Norfolk State
University:
Ayorkor Torto

College of William and Mary:
Daniel Villalobos
Cheyenne Williams

Radford University:
Rebecca Weller

Greensboro College:
Sierra Zentz


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## (Teen Mom continued from page 1)

out with my friends, pawn Colby off on someone else when I was irritated, and receive him back when he would start to whine. Now the tough part was coming, bedtime.

Surprisingly, the same routine took place Saturday night. I'd lay my head down on my pillow; get comfortable, and then the baby cries. Put the key in the baby, lay back down, baby cries. An hour or so went by, baby cries. Just the same old same old Sunday morning comes and, lasting on roughly one hour of sleep, it's time to get up. Truthfully, knowing that I was going to shut off baby Colby later that day, I decided to be a good mom and spend some quality time with my baby

I dressed Colby, and we made a cake. We took a nap, played some games, and I even took him on a walk around my block. Happily, he didn't cry as much on

Sunday. It was rather nice, but when it was time to take out his battery, I was actually pretty sad. However, that night had to be probably the best sleep I had ever had!

Taking this baby
home was probably the best method to prepare me for kids later on. When you get so used to caring and putting your full attention on this baby, it becomes pretty much your life. I couldn't even play a full soccer game or get a cup of yogurt without my attention being on
 real, breathing baby. I encourage anyone who thinks they've had hard work to take this class and bring home a fake baby. It will be an experience you will never forget.

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By Olivia Costanza

The PTSO Band Extravaganza event happened on Saturday, May $5^{\text {th }}$ at 7 pm in the cafeteria. The entrance cost was $\$ 2.00$ per student and $\$ 5.00$ per adult. The setting was warm and romantic; creating the perfect atmosphere for the event. The cafeteria's columns were wrapped in white Christmas lights. There were fake candles covering each table with a warm glow. Parents and students all sat around the table, waiting for the event to begin.

The event began with a performance by Park View's Jazz band. Their first song was Carnival del Sol, which was fast paced and jazzy. They performed 8 songs. The two students that played the saxophones had solos, Devin

Beard and Jason Miller. There was also a student in the trombones that had a solo The drummer, Ricky Duncan, had a couple solos, as well.
and Devin Beard, made it into the all district Jazz band. To get in, these students had to do an improvisation and site reading where you can't see the judges
 as you play. Two students, Linda Yales and Daniel Shafer, were also recognized for their outstand-

The jazz band dedicated their fourth song, Moon Dance, to Dr. Minshew, because it's her favorite song. Mr. Phillip directed the whole thing, breaking in to announce who just played and other interesting news concerning the band. Three students, Daniel Shafer, Jonathan Thurston,

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invited people to dance, but everyone was too shy to take up that invitation.

The PTSO band sold heir CD's for ten dollars, and many of the public bought it. Their performance was very well enjoyed by everyone, and the night ended with positive thumbs up from everyone. "Swing Shift is fantastic," Vandike said. So if you ever get invited to an event with performance by Swing Shift or Park View's Jazz band, make sure you say yes, because they are unbelievable!

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[^0]:    Freaky, freaky freshman Mary Bryan, describes herself as funny, smart, nice and caring. During school, the subject she likes the most is English, "Because I love to read and write." After school
    she is part of the color guard team and is the "Because I love to read and write." After school
    she is part of the color guard team and is the she is part of the color guard team and is the
    goalie on the varsity lacrosse team. Outside of school, she likes hanging out with her friends. This bubbly teen loves One Direction, a British band, and her favorite movie is Titanic. She looks up to her grandfather, because he never gave up. Being more confident is her biggest accomplishBeing more confident is her biggest accomplish-
    ment. Her favorite quote is; "Never give up on something you can't go without thinking about." In the future, this smart and funny young woman
     would like to become an actress or a nurse.

