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Southwestern High School's Student Newspaper

IT'S SENIOR SEASON!

By Trojan Times Staff

JAMESTOWN, N.Y.

— It's June, which officially means it's senior season! This is the time of year when seniors' schedules are full of exciting end-of-year events, like prom, senior trip and of course, graduation.

The Trojan Times has compiled a timeline pre-

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viewing all the most important senior events. To get a preview of all the end-of-year festivities, **turn to section E**, which we have entirely dedicated to seniors in this edition!

Mrs. Beck & Mrs. Stahley

By Trojan Times Staff

JAMESTOWN, N.Y.—The Trojan Times and Southwestern community at large want to say "thank you!" to two beloved staff members who are retiring this June.

Mrs. Beck has been a part of the South-western family for 25 and a half years as a coach and physical education teacher. Mrs. Stahley has been a part of the Southwestern family for 24 years as a business and JCC College Connections teacher. What has teaching at Southwestern meant to them?

Find out on page A5.



Students Compete in Trojan Triathlon

By Nate Lewis
JAMESTOWN,
N.Y.- The Trojan

N.Y.- The Trojan Triathlon took place on May 31 and was a huge success.

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Photos submitted by Mrs. Seiberg.







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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Thank you for reading our last edition of the 2022-2023 school year!

With the year coming to an end, we decided to focus on a wrap-up of the school year and the seniors' last events. We strived to make this one last trip down memory lane for everyone. We hope you enjoy this last edition including highlights from the senior trip, celebration, senior elimination, sports and prom. Check out our timeline with the layout of all of these events in Section E!

It has definitely been one amazing year with all of our fellow seniors, as well as our favorite journalism class. We hope everyone has a great summer!

Love from your editors,

Kira Ricker and Madison Swartz



NEWS

SWCS Senior Receives Private Pilot's License

By Nate Lewis

Will Dorman is a senior at here at Southwestern and has been interested in flying since the age of 14.

Recently, Dorman started the long process of becoming a pilot. This process includes logging a mini-



mum of 40 flight hours, 10 hours of solo flying, night flying and much more. Not to mention the immense amount of money it takes to higher flight instructors and pay for fuel.

"One of my favorite parts was my cross-country flight to Ashtabula," Dorman said. "It was great."

After completing all of the necessary requirements, Dorman took a written test as well as a final three-hour oral assessment in combination with a flight session. He passed with flying colors!

"I feel great about receiving my pilot's license; it's a great accomplishment," Dorman said. "It's my first step towards becoming a pilot for the Air Force."

If you ever want to see the area from the air, talk to Dorman. You may just be lucky enough to go flying with him!

Submitted photos.



FEATURED CLUB COLUMN

By Janmanshi Padhya

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. - Jazz goes back to 1819 New Orleans. Thereafter, Jazz exponentially gained popularity and was arguably the most popular music in the United States from the 1920s through '40s. The nature of jazz music allows a familiar song to turn into something fresh and in Charlie Parker's words, "Music is your own experience, your own thoughts, your wisdom."

Jazz music is emotionally engaging and allows one to fuse their creativity and innovation with musical notes to create captivating melody. A couple of ambitious musicians at Southwestern High decided to initiate a jazz band at the school to exhibit their musical skills.

The jazz band at our school started around September

2019. At this time, students were only practicing and did not perform until last year. The students run the jazz band under the supervision



Mr. Hiller, and the practices take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. So far, the jazz band has had four concerts and is planning on making it ten by the end of summer.

Braley Lachner, a 2022 Southwestern graduate, initiated and structured the jazz band. He taught the incoming members how to run the club, and now they are the ones managing it now.

"Jazz band has been a blast," said Justin Vanstrom, a member of the jazz band. "I would strongly recommend it to any musician that wants to get into the setting of a studio band."

The jazz band currently has eight players. The instruments currently in use are trumpet, saxophone, piano, guitar, bass guitar and drums.

Any student that can play an instrument and is willing to join the club is welcome. See Mr. Hiller for more information.

POPS CONCERT

By Angelina Wilder JAMESTOWN, N.Y. Lights... camera... action!

This year, Southwestern's Pops Concert was held on May 31 at 7 p.m. All of Southwestern's high school musicians preformed.

There were a few pieces performed by the band, choir and orchestra. Along with all of these, there was also a performance from the Choraliers group, jazz band and multiple solos and Southwestern's high school roles.

"I thought it was an amaz- tos. ing concert," said junior



duets from students who band also performed a medley had auditioned for the of patriotic pieces at the Busti and Lakewood in observance of Memorial Day. Submitted pho-



Grace Anderson. who is a member of both the band and choir. ٠٠T thought it was a great way show everyone's individual talents."



The Pops show was a wrap concerts this school year, but a few final performances are still on the

calendar. Southwestern's musicians will sing at Baccalaureate before graduation and there will be multiple concerts to come next school year.

READ ALL ABOUT IT SURVEYING SOUTHWESTERN:

New Trojan Times News- SPRING FLING stands Hit the Halls!

By Trojan Times Staff

New school-themed Trojan Times stands will be stationed throughout the high school to distribute next year's editions of the school newspaper.

The newsstands were generously donated to Southwestern by Michael Bird, publisher of the Post-Journal. As the final project for JCC Newswriting, each staff member of the Trojan Times had to refurbish a newsstand. This included cleaning, sanding, priming, painting and sealing the stands, as well as applying Trojan-themed vinyl art. The vinyl art pieces were custom-printed in Southwestern's very own library.

Starting now, students will be able to access copies of the Trojan Times by visiting one of these newsstands. They will still also be able to access a digital version of the newspaper by checking their email. Newsstands will be stationed throughout the high school in high-traffic areas such as the library, main office and outside the cafeteria.

The Trojan Times wants to say a big "thank you!" to the Post-Journal for helping to support our newspaper's circulation. We hope our readers enjoy these new additions to the high school hallways!

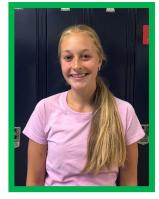






Trojan Times staff work to refurbish the newsstands. Photos by Ms. Beaton.

Abby Flagella, Kayla Patrick and Audrey DeLong hit the halls of Southwestern High School to ask students: what was YOUR opinion of Southwestern's Spring Fling Day?



"I thought field day was a super fun day that the whole school got to have their own freedom. I the Student thought Council did a great job coming up with fun activities that the whole school could enjoy."

-Reece Beaver, 11th grade

"It was pretty fun. I got to wander around and just do whatever I want instead of going to class. If I could do anything different, wouldn't hurt myself on the obstacle course!"

- Mary Reynoldson, 11th grade



"I love field day! I was a little nervous [about my basketball game], but it was super exciting. You know, sometimes win, sometimes we lose."

- Joey Reyes, 9th grade



"It was a great way to keep everyone together and having fun!"

- Nick Felt, 11th grade



FINANCIAL COLUMN with Southern Chautauqua FCU

SCHOOL IS OUT FOR SUMMER, BUT CREDIT UNION CARRIES ON!

By Trojan Times Staff

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. - Southwestern High School may be closing its doors for the summer, but that doesn't mean that the Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union isn't available for your financial needs!

Students and staff who regularly frequent Southwestern's branch can turn to other local locations to access the credit union's accounts and services this summer. Check out the local branches below!

- Lakewood Branch: 168 Fairmount Ave., Lakewood, N.Y.
- Jamestown Branch: 1283 E. Second St. Jamestown, Jamestown, N.Y.
- Clymer Branch: 562 Clymer-Sherman Rd., Clymer, N.Y.
- Cherry Creek Branch: 6843 Main St., Cherry Creek, N.Y.



HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT SPREADS POSITIVITY

By Trojan Times Staff

A little library recently constructed outside the high school's main entrance is making a big impact.

The library, an idea created and executed by Southwestern students Alana Weaver, Nolan Leffler and Donavin Brown, was the result of a "Positivity Project" unit in Ms. Beichner-Miller's English 10 class. The unit tasks students with finding "actionable" ways to make their communities a better place.

HONORING OUR RETIREES

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Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Stahley answer the question: "What has working at Southwestern meant to you?"



MRS. BECK

"I work with a lot of great people. We're a great team and I think we have one of the best schools around. And the kids are great! I love to watch them grow from ninth graders to seniors. I enjoy my job. To the students: get involved in your school. Do different things. Do your best. Enjoy your school experience, because you only get one chance."

MRS. STAHLEY

"I am so thankful to have a job that I have loved for 24 years. South-

western is a family that cares about their students, faculty, and staff. I have gotten the opportunity to work with incredibly talented students. I am so proud of their accomplishments! It is bittersweet to say goodbye to a school that has given me so many wonderful memories. I have always been and will always be so proud to say that I was an educator at Southwestern Central School. In closing, my wish for my students is to find a career you are passionate about. Passion is something that will take you far in life. Thanks for the memories SW! 'Success is loving life and daring to live it' -- Maya Angelou."



Photos by Trojan Times staff.

Thank you to both teachers and best of luck with your next exciting chapter: retirement!

"I created [the unit] about five years ago," Ms. Beichner-Miller said. "I noticed a need for both creative thinking and positive examples of leadership in our class."

Not only will the new, free, little library help spread positivity (and literacy!) to Southwestern students, but it also reflects the positive impact that Ms. Beichner-Miller and her project have had on her students. This is evidenced by the fact that Weaver, Leffler and Brown dedicated the library to her.

"I became very emotional when I saw [the dedication]," Ms. Beichner-Miller said. "It was so unexpected and so kind. As I tell them all year and in all of my classes, we work on 'filling buckets' every day with meaningful praise. And this filled my bucket in a huge way!"

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OPINIONS STUDENT

Is PROM Worth It?





Scenes from Prom 2022. Submitted photos.

not always worth it.

Proms are intended to produce revenue; therefore, tickets are sold to attend prom. These tickets can be pricey, ranging anywhere from \$50 to \$100 depending on the school. In Southwestern's case, the money made from prom is earned by the junior class because they are tasked with the preparations for prom. This revenue can go to the class trip or other expenses the class may have.

Besides the cost of a prom ticket, there are many other expenses dealing with prom. Prom dresses and tuxedos are becoming especially pricey and are the hassle to purchase.

Senior Liz Kane attended prom 2022 and said, "I bought my dress in San Diego and had to carry it on the plane home... I spent a lot of money on a dress I wore once."

This is often the case. I too bought an expensive dress, but then was also roped into buying shoes and earrings, then later realized I also needed to get my dress altered, which resulted in a big expense for just one night.

Another issue is the stress that comes with prom. Finding a prom date, making sure you match with your prom date, hoping you did not purchase the same dress as another girl attending your prom... the list goes on and on.

So, is prom worth it? In my opinion, it is a right of passage for students to attend their prom; however, the stress that comes with it can be overwhelming. Rather than letting this stress consume you, taking prom a little less seriously can be a great solution.

If everyone were more worried about enjoying their night rather than superficial things, I believe it would be a much more enjoyable time.

Are Sports Mergers Corrupt?

By Nate Lewis

High school mergers are more corrupt than Nixon's Watergate scandal of 1972.

A merger is when schools combine their athletic teams and compete under one unified group. One might ask, how is this unfair? Well, mergers allow for a "super-team" of combined athletes who dominate over the opposing single school teams.

In Section 6, there are 82 merged teams in fall sports alone, according to Section6.com. This ranges anywhere from two to seven combined teams, allowing for a wider pool of kids to partake in a single sport.

The most unfair part, however, is how officials determine the division that this new team will compete in. Instead of basing it off strict enrollment like they should, a percentage of the schools (except the host school) is taken, resulting in a false enrollment estimate.

As a result, three schools are able to merge and still be considered a Class D school; yet, based on strict enrollment, they would classify as Class C.

However, mergers have positive sides as well. Aside from allowing smaller schools to form complete teams, athletes have the opportunity to meet new people.

"I love it," said Gannon Moore, a senior on the merged Trojan Bears swim team. "Being merged has allowed me to connect with new people, and it's a lot of fun."

Yet, due to the fact that almost all schools are turning to mergers, those that remain single have a hard time finding fair and local competition.

I think there are two solutions to this problem. First, get rid of all mergers, eliminating any unfair advantage. However, this is not the best option, because some schools would not have enough kids to field teams.

Second, take 100% of the enrollment of all schools, as to give a more fair representation of the athlete pool. This way, all students who want to play a sport have that opportunity and competition is still fair.

If mergers were to fairly count strict student enrollment, they would literally make competing in high school athletics a more equal playing field.



Southwestern Trojans are merged with Frewsburg Bears for boys swimming. Submitted photo.

TRIATHLON

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Fourteen solo athletes took on the swim, bike and run, with Brady Lindstrom winning and Logan Hren placing a close second.

In the team divisions, 66 athletes split into teams of three to compete within two brackets, underclassmen (9-10) and upperclassmen (11-12). Winners of the ninth and 10th grade division were Grady Moore, Avery Johnson and Lucy Brown with a time of 15:18, and winners of the 11th and 12th grade division were Gannon Moore, Brady Lindstrom and Nate Lewis with a time of 12:59.

Winners received a t-shirt. An additional incentive was offered for students completing the triathlon: a free pass from the physical fitness testing take places in gym class.

"I'm glad this is offered at Southwestern, it's good for school spirit," said senior Dustin Hendrix, who was part of the third-place team. "I've heard people say they want more things like this."

The 85-degree day made the conditions rough for the outdoor biking and running events.

"It was hot, but still really fun," senior Michael Strong -Butterfield said.

Thank you to Mrs. Beck, Mr. Hetrick, Mrs. Seiberg and all of the other volunteers who make this event possible.

Photos submitted by Mrs. Seiberg.

















"I appreciated that there was a lot of stuff to do," said senior Olivia Allen.

"I also liked that we weren't placed in teams," junior Aly Dalton added. "We got to do our own thing with our friends, instead of being forced to spend the day with people we don't know. It's more fun when you're with friends."

The day culminated in a Unified Basketball event, which was attended by the entire school. The game featured Southwestern versus Dunkirk. In the end, Dunkirk won by only three points, leaving the final score as 31 to 28.









SPRING SPORTS RECAP





By Dustin Hendrix



League Record: 8-6

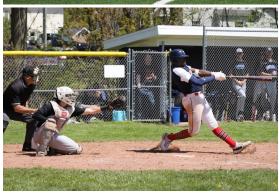
Overall: 11-8



Boys Tennis

League: 5-3

Overall: 7-5





Boys Golf

League: 14-2

Overall: 21-2

Notes: League

Champions; Griffin Bogdanowicz quali-

fied for States.





Girls Golf

League: 0-8

Overall: 0-9

SPRING SPORTS RECA



Softball

League: 5-7

Overall: 8-9 Overall

Notes: Went to Sectional

semi-finals.

Track and Field

League: 6-0

Overall: 7-0

Notes: Section VI Class C Champions; Michael Strong-Butterfield & Em-Lewis qualified for ma States.

Unified Basketball

Overall: 4-2

Girls Flag Football

No records reported.



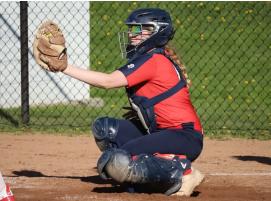












REVIEW

SHOPPING: Ollie's Outstanding Offers

By William Dorman

LAKEWOOD, N.Y. – If you're out of luck, and you need a good deal, go to Ollie's Bargain Outlet for one heck of a steal.

This weekend, I toured Ollie's Lakewood location to gather vital intel about their business. On this odyssey, I saw good organization, clean restrooms, low prices and excellent customer service.

Named after Oliver "Ollie" Rosenberg, Ollie's is a fast-growing outlet based in Pennsylvania which is gaining popularity among thrifty shoppers. Todd Pauley, the store lead at the Lakewood location, says that they now open an average of 50 stores per year.

As an outlet, Ollie's keeps its prices low by buying overstocked and unused goods. Some goods that are perfectly good, just do not sell very well. Ollie's takes these goods and sells them at a fraction of the price.

As you enter the store, you will notice that it is packed head to toe with different kinds of items (along with many, many caricatures of Ollie). Despite this, the store is easy to navigate, with plenty of signage helping shoppers find their loot.

The reason I rate Ollie's so highly, however, is because, of their low prices. Despite only being there on official business, after discovering their prices, I just had to go on a spending spree.

According to Pauley, this is a common occurrence. He said, "People will come in for a cheap toy, then they'll see the rest of our prices and walk out with much more than that."

If you want my advice, go down to the Chautauqua Mall and find out what all the buzz is about.



Book Review Column: New Releases

TELLA READS

By Stella Hren

Have you ever wanted to see a young 16-year-old girl defeat old men in one quick blow, using basically her bare hands? What would happen if "Faes" existed on Earth? Have you wondered

what it would be like to be granted magic from the gods? If you want answers, then you'll want to read "That Self-Same Metal: The Forge & Fracture Saga," by Brittany N. Williams.

"That Self-Same Metal" is about a 16-year-old black girl, Joan Sands, living in the 1500s. She was blessed by one of the Orisha gods named Ogun. Ogun is able to control metal, specifically iron. Because Joan was blessed by Ogun, she is able to access his power and use it as her own. Joan creates and upkeeps the

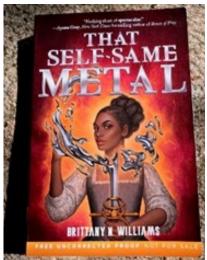


Photo by Stella Hren

swords of William Shakespeare's acting company, The King's Men, while her brother, James, acts for the company. Joan's entire family is blessed by the Orisha. This also allows them to see a faint glow around the Fae that populates London.

After a run-in with her uncle at one of the company's shows, she learns that a pact between the Fae and humans has broken, and the Fae are now able to run free in the human realm. Later that night, she helps save the son of a cruel Lord and gets pulled into the political intrigues between humans and Fae.

The first novel in this saga of adventure came out just a little less than two months ago, on April 25. Throughout the entire book, I was left on the edge of my seat just trying to figure out who the real villain was. I have to conclude I don't think there really was just one villain. Williams wrote everything perfectly and the writing was beautiful. The added hints of queer romance added a very nice touch, and I can't wait to see how it blooms in the next book of this saga.

One negative, as every fantasy novel seems to have, is the confusing names. Sometimes throughout the novel, names seemed to blend together. Oftentimes, however, I was quickly reminded of who was who.

If my review flagged an interest in your steely mind, either visit Mrs. Wright, the Lakewood Library, the Prendergast Library or any library near you.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Final Countdown

By Justin Vanstrom

As the 2022–2023 year winds to a close, and graduation approaches the class of 2023, let's revisit some important dates to remember and some more to prepare for!

Top 10 Announced – May 15 Senior Celebration – April 28 The race for valedictorian is The class of 2023 held a celebration over. See E2 for results! at the sportsman's club, and it was a April 28 blast! Cornhole, pizza, ice cream, and the class of 2023 to share it with. What could be better? May 15 NHS Inductions - May 30 Pops Concert – May 31 National Honor society official-Last formal concert held by the ly inducted their new members. school for the 2022-2023 Congratulations everyone! school year. Band, Choir and Orchestra all performed along with an assortment of smaller ensembles and soloists. May 30 Senior Trip – June 4 The Class of 2023 went to Philly! 6 Flags, Citizen Bank May 31 Park and Top Golf were all on the itinerary. Oh, and how could we forget the... Eastern State Scholarship Night - June 12 penitentiary? See E4 for more! Who could win it big? Show June 4 up to scholarship night to see if you received college Prom - June 17 June 12 Hosted by the Class of 2024, this year's prom will take place at Country Elegance Farm. You can purchase tickets at first lunch for June 17 \$45 a pop. Don't forget to go— it will be an enchanted evening! The Big Kahuna (Graduation) — June 23 When seniors become adults. Will June 23 start at 7 p.m. and we will see you when we cross the stage. See E3 for

Southwestern Announces Top 10 Students in 2023

By Dustin Hendrix

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. – Southwestern High School is proud to present the Class of 2023's top ten students! These students have maintained the highest grade-point averages across their entire high school career while challenging themselves with a rigorous schedule full of Regents and AP classes.

Congratulations to Madison Cresanti on being named this year's valedictorian and Julia Meyers as the salutatorian. Cresanti plans to major in animal science (pre-vet) and equine science at the University of Findlay. Meyers plans to major in music technology at New York University.

"Dedication and commitment is the key to bettering yourself and those around you," said Cresanti, when asked about her success.

The top ten seniors enjoyed a celebratory luncheon with their families on May 15.

CLASS OF 2023 TOP TEN STUDENTS:

- 1. Madison Cresanti
- 2. Julia Meyers
- 3. Elizabeth Kane
- 4. Logan Hren
- 5. Samuel Mincarelli

- 6. Erin Keppel
- 7. Nate Lewis
- 8. Paiton James
- 9. Katheryn Lowe
- **10.Dustin Hendrix**



The top ten students.

Submitted photo.



Madison Cresanti was named the Class of 2023 valedictorian. Submitted Photo.



Julia Meyers was named the Class of 2023 salutatorian. Submitted Photo.

SENIOR ELIMINATION: Game Unifies Senior Class

By Madison Swartz

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. - As I was scrolling through TikTok late one night, I kept coming past videos of teenagers getting soaked with water. Wondering to myself, what even is this? I dug into it more and learned it is a game called Senior Elimination. A game just for seniors to come together and have fun. I thought, why couldn't Southwestern do this? Well, we did. Let's just say: it was an amazing experience.

The game consists of only senior students. Each player gets a water shooter and a target each week. Then, that student must eliminate their target before the week ends by squirting them with their water gun. After the student eliminates their target, they take over their target's target. This leaves students with only one victor each week.

When Southwestern seniors created the game, we had many rules. It was hard to coordinate with everyone's sports schedules. We also didn't want to play on school grounds, and we wanted to be respectful to our community.

"It was fun being able to play this game," said senior Paul Hayes. "We all enjoyed the challenge."

Being able to plan this for my grade, I was able to see everyone come together. I have never seen so many people want to participate and try hard. It was amazing to watch everyone chase people and work together with one another to get their targets. With our senior year coming to an end, it was truly sentimental to watch our grade grow so close just because of a game on TikTok.

Checkout compilation of some of the most exciting eliminations **Scan this QR Code:**



GRADUATION



By Janmanshi Padhya

JAMESTOWWN, N.Y. — Graduation day is a longestablished tradition, holding great significance in the lives of all students. It marks the end of one chapter in the students' lives and the beginning of another. It is the day when seniors get to wear their graduation gowns and display their accomplishment. It is the day when countless graduation caps touch the sky and declare a new dawn. It is the day when high school seniors transition from a graduand to a graduate.

This year, on June 23, the class of 2023 will culminate high school. The ceremony will be held in the high school audito-

rium at 7 p.m. It will be immediately followed by an after-grad party, put together by Mrs. Cresanti and Mrs. Marshall.

After graduation, some students may go to college, some may take a gap year, and some may go straight to the workforce. Nonetheless, all students will become more independent and responsible as they take on the world.



Scenes from last year's graduation.

Submitted photos.

Video by Madison Swartz.

Senior **Celebration**

By Madison Swartz

MAYVILLE, N.Y. — On April 28, the senior class got together for celebration. A simple night that consisted of an assortment of food, s'mores, an ice cream bar, cornhole, and dancing. It was a simple hang out with parent chaperones and fun music. Everyone had an amazing time.

Liz Kane and I had to plan this on our own, and it was one of the best decisions we made. It was at the Sportsman's club up in Bemus with catering from the famous Marlene M. Lucas (and it was some of the best food ever)!

Most of the 2023 class went. We had a whole cornhole tournament, many laughs and just a fun time. Some groups just talked, some played cards and some even danced. The little moments and adventures like this will become memories one day that will last us a lifetime.

"I am so glad that we had the opportunity and resources to get our whole class together to form some of our last memories of high school," Liz Kane said.



Submitted photo.

SENIOR TRIP:

Philly Welcomes Class of 2023!

By Angelina Wilder

PHILADELPHIA,

P.A. — The class of 2023 went to Philadelphia for their senior trip this month. On Sunday, June 4 the seniors departed from the high school and headed to Philly.

This three-day long trip was full of many adventures. On Sunday, the first stop was the King of Prussia, one of the largest malls in the country. Then the seniors all participated in Top Golf and had dinner.

See SENIOR TRIP on page E5









SENIOR TRIP:

Continued from E4

The following day, the class of 2023 went to Jackson, New Jersey, to spend the day at Six Flags Great Adventure. Following Six Flags, the students all went to the ballpark in Philadelphia to watch the game of the Philadelphia Phillies versus the Detroit Tigers.

On the final day, Tuesday, June 6, the seniors all went to the famous Independence Hall. There they went on a tour around Independence Hall, and then after went to visit and tour the Eastern State Penitentiary.

After the tours, the seniors headed back to Southwestern and arrived later that night.





















































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