

# Warrior Times



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## Festive Fall Recipe: Magic Wand By: Jillian Corwin

*Hello again everyone! I'm going to show you guys a freaky fab recipe for your Halloween bashes. Good luck!*

### Ingredients:

- 1 (15 ounces) package pretzel rods
- 1 (16 ounces) container of vanilla yogurt
- ½ cup of festive sprinkles

### Directions

- Dip each pretzel rod into yogurt, not quite half way. Roll pretzels in festive sprinkles.
- Place in freezer for 1-2 hours.
- Abracadabra, you have a magic wand!



## 8th Grade Barbeque

By: Jillian Corwin



Hey everyone! Welcome back to DVMS! Let's get started with school events. One of the best events that happened for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders was their BBQ!

The 8<sup>th</sup> Graders participated in a BBQ this year. The event took place in the front of the school, and if you were a 7<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grader, sorry you had to watch.



*Pictured above from left to right: Anthony Plumley, Shawn Davis, Paxton Mentnech, Andrew Papa, Robert Pascoe, Hunter Geary, Andrew Almodoval, Ron Davis, Noah Susney, Dan Ocasio, Nate Williams, and Michael Donegan.*

Don't worry, you'll get that chance in the future!

And you are probably wondering, "Why do they get a BBQ and we don't?" Well, they passed their PSSAs last year and earned a reward! And, how can you have this fun party? Well, all you have to do is perform great on the PSSAs this



*Pictured above from left to right: Grace Reixinger, Katelynn Casella, Amanda Oakley, Mandy Xu, Chloe Gawel, and Amber Newman*



Be sure to check out a special Halloween episode of "Globby and Friends" on Thursday, October 31st! You can view this episode and previous seasons through the middle school's Newspaper Club web page on [www.dvmsd.org](http://www.dvmsd.org).



## Delaware Valley Middle School Presents: HONK! HONK!

**Who:** DVMS Drama Club

**What:** A musical comedy adaptation of the story "The Ugly Duckling"

**When:** Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23 at 7:00 pm, and Sunday November 24 at 2:00 pm

**Where:** DVHS Auditorium

*Please come out for a great night of entertainment and laughter and to support the cast and crew!*



## School Happenings

### Meet your Newly Elected Student Council Officials!

By: Jillian Corwin

**President:** Jonathon Roe

**Vice President:** Brenna Cavallaro

**Secretary:** Caroline Larkin

**Historians:** Victoria Sasanov-Smith and Dana Stroup

**Advisors:** Miss Cowder and Mrs. Bruno



### Student Poll: What Will You Be for Halloween?

By: Chrissy Dedes



**In the spirit of Halloween I went around the school and asked the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders what they were dressing up as for Halloween. Even some teachers are dressing up!**

**8th Grader** Ciera Cavallaro is dressing up as Beyoncé

**8th Grader** Brandon Minetti is dressing up as the "Stay Puft" marshmallow man

**7th Grader** Krissy Ellis is dressing up as a strip of bacon

**6th Grader** Emily Protsko is dressing up as a dark fairy

**FACS Teacher Mrs. Sikora** is dressing up as Dr. Brennan from *Bones*



*Interested in joining the 2013-2014 Ski & Snowboard Club? See Miss O'Brien in room F-4 and enroll by Nov. 20!*



The annual DVMS Food Drive, held by the student council, is underway! This year our goal is to raise 5,000 items! Please contribute whatever you can to your homeroom before the Thanksgiving season. Remember, the homeroom who collects the most items wins a bagel party!



### DVMS Offers New Club

This year, led by Mr. McElroy and Mr. Sweeney, DVMS offered students a new co-curricular activity to participate in—Fishing Club! After school on Mondays, student participants assemble in the cafeteria to organize their gear, then hit the riverside in hopes of a sweet catch. Miss out on Fishing Club this year? Listen for announcements at the beginning of next year to join in on the fun!

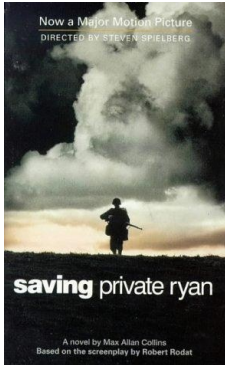


*Pictured above: Mr. Sweeney and T.Q. Smith bait their lures.*



## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### Book Review: Saving Private Ryan By: Jeremy Burns



In the whole world there are billions of books, but today I will be reviewing one book in particular: *Saving Private Ryan* by Max Allen Collins. This book illustrates World War III. During the events, four brothers are followed throughout their warfare experiences, one of which was Private Ryan. During this book, a group of people are sent by the U.S. Government to save Private Ryan and bring him back to his home. This book shows great connection between the characters and emotions that are sure to make your heart warm up and make you tear up. Check out this book today!

### Dead Poet's Society

By: TQ Smith



This column is based on the 1989 classic film, *Dead Poet's Society*. Robin Williams, the main character, plays a teacher who shows his students that poetry is the everlasting impression on life. I am trying to create exactly that. I hope you enjoy.

#### "THE PANTHER"

**HIS VISION, FROM THE CONSTANTLY PASSING BARS,  
HAS GROWN SO WEARY THAT IT CANNOT HOLD  
ANYTHING ELSE. IT SEEMS TO HIM THERE ARE  
A THOUSAND BARS; AND BEHIND THE BARS, NO WORLD.**

**AS HE PACES IN CRAMPED CIRCLES, OVER AND OVER,  
THE MOVEMENT OF HIS POWERFUL SOFT STRIDES  
IS LIKE A RITUAL DANCE AROUND A CENTER  
IN WHICH A MIGHTY WILL STANDS PARALYZED.**

**ONLY AT TIMES, THE CURTAIN OF THE PUPILS  
LIFTS, QUIETLY--. AN IMAGE ENTERS IN,  
RUSHES DOWN THROUGH THE TENSED, ARRESTED MUSCLES,  
PLUNGES INTO THE HEART AND IS GONE.**

-RAINER MARIA RILKE



### Video Game Review: Plants vs. Zombies 2 By: David DeFreese

We all remember the infamous Plants vs. Zombies game created by PopCap Games. We all remember the times when we were defeating zombies with peashooters and Sunflowers. And they are back! But is it in a good way? Recently this summer, PopCap released Plants vs. Zombies 2 exclusively for iOS devices. Already, I see a problem there... Why release the game for one specific device instead of the systems that the first game is on, like the iPhone, Android, PC, MAC, heck! It's even on the PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360. The story is when Crazy Dave eats the most amazing taco in the world, he wants to eat it again, so he uses his time traveling RV, Penny, to go back in time five minutes earlier. But then a malfunction happens and they

end up traveling back to Ancient Egypt. You need to defend your base from the zombies, just like the first game. Unfortunately, things are harder in this sequel. Many favorite plants such as the Snow Pea, Jalapeno, and Torchwood have been blocked by a pay-wall. New plants have been introduced, but many of these new plants cost a lot of sun to use. Many new things in Plants vs. Zombies 2, require you to purchase them with real money. To unlock new levels, you need to either get stars from the past levels to progress in the story (Yet these three star goals are difficult to do in some cases) or unlock star gates you find in the past levels. All in all, I give the game a 5.5/10 for creativity, but the lack of the feel that was in the first game.



## DVMS Halloween Dance: A "Spooktacular" Time!

By: Jillian Corwin



Above: DVMS students break it down on the dance floor.

Hey guys and ghouls! Howl's is going? Okay, no more Halloween puns, let's talk about the fangtastic dance on the 18<sup>th</sup>! Ryan Michaels DJ'd again and everyone dressed up. The DVMS student council sponsored the dance. The PTA helped provide refreshments and decorations. All of the students looked great in their costumes. There were Werewolves, phantoms, and even an "Easy" button!



Pictured Above:  
Robert Germann

And you may ask, "Who were you dressed as?" My reply, Harley Quinn from Batman( for those of you who know who she is)! Overall, it was a smashing time! See ya in the next issue!

## DVMS Fall Sports Highlights

**Volleyball** From Coach Farley: The Volleyball team will finish it's season on October 29th at Monroe Woodbury. Eighth graders, Kristen Volavka and Brooke Williams have led the team both offensively and defensively. They are leading in kills, digs,



prove for next fall.

and assists. I am excited to see how these girls and the other eighth graders, Sydney Couturier, Savannah Harris, Jillian DiDonato, and Olivia Wood, improve in high school! Seventh Graders Hannah Lee, Savannah Rollar, and Skylar U'Glav have drastically improved and are now starters on the "A" team. I am looking forward to seeing all of the current seventh graders along with the two sixth grade managers im-

**Girl's Soccer** Highlights from Coach Gawel

Our first win was against Honesdale. We beat them 4 to 1 with goals from Ciera Cavallaro and Lexy Sickler. However, the best game we had was our last game against Dingmans on the turf for the Red Card Cancer event. The stands were packed and we played under the lights! We tied Dingmans 0 to 0. Mandy Xu, our goalie, was great with 17 amazing saves! The entire DV soccer program (boys and girls) raised over \$3,500.00 that night.



**Tennis** Season's Highlights From Coach Watson

1. Taylor Moglia and Juliana Anderson played singles very well for first year, 7th grade players.
2. Katie Cooney and Maddy Walter were powerhouses playing #1 and #2 on the team in both singles and doubles.
3. There were 9 girls on the team including Sarah Aschoff, Grace Riexinger, Katie Gandolfo, Maddy Lawlor, and Kayla Gaughan.
4. Katie Gandolfo was a tiger at the net this year.
5. Kayla worked on developing a stronger backhand.
6. Maddy Lawlor increased her speed and foot work.
7. Sarah improved her serving.
8. Grace really worked on improving her forehand stroke.



**Field Hockey** Highlights From Coach Sabo

- Our record was 6-5-3.
- We defeated Lackawanna Trail this year for the first time in over ten years.
- We had our first annual DV and DD black vs. white game (where players from both teams were divided on to each team - coaches were split also).
- Lauren Johns (7th grader) stepped up to be goalie and mastered the position.
- Our captains Eileen Nikles, Emily Covert, and Kara Gearhart were great leaders throughout the season.
- Next year is looking great already, as we have several experienced 7th graders and a few 6th grade managers who will be a part of the team.





## Teacher Interview: Mr. Bullock

By: Christopher Vibert



### How do you like teaching at DVMS?

*I love it! Delaware Valley is a fantastic school district to work in. The students have been great and are working very hard at expanding their musical knowledge. It's a great feeling and an honor to work in such a wonderful school district!*

### What were you doing before you came to DVMS?

*I spent four years in the U.S. Army as a Combat Medic and surgical assistant. After my time in the military I finished my music degree at Marywood University. During college I was also working as a supervisor at the ToysRUs in Scranton.*

### What inspired you to become a music teacher?

*I was asked to help teach a marching band right out of high school. During that time I realized how great it is to watch students grow as musicians and as individuals. I loved teaching the marching band so much that I knew being a music teacher was the right path for me.*

### Do you play any instruments outside of school?

*I mainly play all of the brass instruments. I've been playing a lot more guitar and piano recently which is a lot of fun.*

### What is your favorite genre of music?

#### Do you have a favorite band?

*I'm a fan of all different types of music. Currently I have Jay Z's new album playing a lot. I love metal, so bands like Korn, Nine Inch Nails, Thousand Foot Krutch and Avenged Sevenfold. I also love classical music and listen to a lot of the great composers like Mozart and Beethoven.*

### What kind of student were you in middle school?

*I was a very busy student. I was involved in all musical ensembles during the day. After school I played football, baseball, ice hockey and volleyball. I also marched in drum and bugle corps during the summer to keep my musical abilities up to par.*

### What do you like to do outside of school?

*I still love to play sports. I also enjoy playing video games from time to time. But my favorite thing to do is spend time with my daughter.*

### What advice would you give students who are aspiring musicians?

*Follow your love for music! Never let anyone tell you that you aren't good enough. Be determined to be the best and always stay open for constructive criticism. Take that criticism and use it to make yourself better at what you love to do.*



## Teacher Feature: Mrs. Stephanie Shire

By: Chrissy Dedes



### Q: How is your transition from Shohola to DVMS going? Is it very different?

*A: My transition to DVMS has been great! Every time you start something new, it is different from what you are used to, but that's what makes it exciting!*

### Q: What inspired you to become a teacher?

*A: For me it was more of a "who" than a "what". Miss Ellen Strauskulage, my 8<sup>th</sup> grade English and Communications teacher at Wallenpaupack Area Middle School, not only made learning the complexity of the English language fun, but she helped push me out of my shyness.*

### Q: What were you like as a student?

*A: I worked hard and received good grades; I knew how important school was. I was quiet and shy. Reading and Language Arts were my favorite subjects. I also participated in band and track for extra-curricular activities.*

### Q: What hobbies do you have outside of school?

*A: I love to read, listen to music, hike/walk the great nature trails we have around here, swim, and spend as much time with my family as I can!*

### Q: What's your favorite part of being an English teacher?

*A: I love to read and write and aspire to write my own book one day, so I love to share that passion with kids and help them to see that reading and writing can really be fun.*

### Q: What kind of music do you like?

*A: I like all genres of music from classical, to alternative, to pop, to country. Josh Groban and Secondhand Serenade are two of my favorite musicians/groups.*

### Q: What kind of books do you like to read?

*A: I read a lot of young adult novels, because I like to talk about the books my students are reading. Fantasy, Adventure, and Dystopian novels are my favorite. Harry Potter and The Hunger Games are two of my favorite series. I am looking forward to starting the Divergent Trilogy.*

### Q: Do you have any pets?

*A: I have a Cocker Spaniel named Aspen and a Lop Eared Bunny named Bullseye.*

### Q: What are you most looking forward to this school year?

*A: Getting to know and work with my new colleagues and help the 6<sup>th</sup> graders become successful in their first year of middle school.*



## Halloween Ha-Ha

What's the first thing ghosts do when they get in a car?  
Buckle their sheet-belts!

What do you call a skeleton who won't work?  
Lazy Bones!

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?  
He didn't have the guts!

What do skeletons say before they begin dining?  
Bone appetite!

What do ghosts serve for dessert?  
Ice scream!

## HALLOWEEN Word Search

### Halloween Fun

ZCXECSSRRFFVVISJ  
DWQLBARZUSMDISJ  
TUEZAFNERINZMEQ  
VAMPIREDTRQTJCR  
YTRAPWQHYSAMRNM  
YFRHHBXNJCNVYIT  
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SEMUTSOCSTEUMPJ  
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AEVGBTTTRXYBESTG  
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Gandy  
Trick  
Treat  
Costumes  
Party  
Monsters  
Vampire  
Princess  
Fairy



## Upcoming School Events

- November 05—Report Cards Go Home
- November 11—Veteran's Day Recess
- November 22-24—DVMS Drama Production, *Honk! Honk!*
- November 28-December 01—Fall Recess
- December 6—DVMS School Dance



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Interested in becoming a staff member for the DVMS Warrior Times? See Miss O'Brien in F-4 to obtain a permission slip and join us at our bi-weekly meetings!

