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**amanda ali**  
a&e writer

## American Education Week

Centennial High School participated in American Education Week, running from Nov. 18 to Nov. 22. During this week, schools from all over the nation celebrate public education and honor administration who are making differences in making sure that every student receives quality education. Our school

took part in Parents Day on Nov. 19, which allowed parents to come to the school with their children and observe their learning activities. Centennial also engaged in coffee and conversation with the administration on Nov. 21.

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# BREAKING Traditions



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By definition, tradition is the handing down of statements, beliefs, legends, customs, and information from generation to generation, especially by word of mouth or by practice. The topic of traditions generally arises near the end of the year, when the holiday season begins to approach. No matter what holiday you celebrate, there are always certain meetings and activities that happen every year.

The first major traditional holiday that happens every year is Thanksgiving. It is hard to miss the arrival of turkey and pumpkin pie through grocery stores, as well as the excitement of students to get out of school for Thanksgiving break. A traditional Thanksgiving is often associated with a table covered with a multitude of delectable foods and a house buzzing with family. However, even if you celebrate the holiday with ones closest to you, passing around sushi instead of turkey, does that make the holiday any less special?

After all, the traditions have been

passed down from generations before us, so it must be the only way we can celebrate the holiday, right?

Often we associate “breaking tradition” with a negative connotation, indicating that we neglect the true reason behind a holiday for selfish excuses. However, it can be quite the opposite. Modifying traditions may bring groups of people closer together and involve more in the morals of the holiday.

Just because there is not a turkey on the table does not mean that the spirit of Thanksgiving (or any holiday) is any bit less present. If the intention is to celebrate the people and opportunities you have in your life, it does not matter what food you eat, where you go, or with whom you spend the day. The idea of a holiday is to gather the people close to you and celebrate a common belief or thought.

Then there are those who have created their own traditions, going on black Friday shopping trips with friends or watching the

Thanksgiving Day football game from the same spot on the couch every year. In most cases, differences add individualism, but in the case of traditions, too often it is frowned upon.

In the lifestyle of a vegetarian, they may not be able to indulge in the turkey most do, but they have the freedom to create their very own tradition and find scrumptious alternatives to their meal. Without the gravy-drowned turkey on the table, vegetarians also have the chance to create a healthier Thanksgiving.

The notorious Black Friday is even subject to change as well. Cyber Monday is becoming more and more popular. It is no wonder people would rather stay in the comfort of their cozy, toasty homes to enjoy holiday deals than be trampled in a stampede of shoppers over a Tickle-Me-Elmo.

Sometimes, change in tradition makes much more sense. Whether a tofu turkey is on the table or a hockey game is on instead of football, as long as the intention remains the same, who needs tradition?



# School Tragedies: Shifting the Focus



**jonah drenning**  
opinion writer

A disturbing trend has swept the nation recently: schools have become the sites of violence. Students only 12 and 14 years old have killed teachers in incidents only two days apart. Later, a 16-year-old student injured 3 other students near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Americans are no longer surprised to see this violence covered in the media. These incidents are becoming yet another negative item regularly appearing on the news.

Unfortunately, violent

crimes are occurring more and more frequently in public settings. Malls, movie theaters, and colleges are becoming battlefields and Americans are unsure about the safety of their families. Some of these concerns may be due to recent incidents.

The first shooting took place on Sept. 21 outside of Sparks Middle School in western Nevada. The second occurred in Danvers, Massachusetts, where a teacher was killed with a box cutter. More recently, on Nov. 13, a student from Brashear High School in Pittsburgh fired a gun and injured 3 of his classmates in what was thought to be a drug-related

incident. Luckily, nobody died of injuries.

The media has been criticized in the past for focusing too much on the perpetrator rather than the victim, but this time the coverage has improved. Most articles from major news outlets have more information regarding the victims, which is an improvement over the coverage of previous events.

The main victim of the shooting in Nevada was math teacher Mike Landsberry, a former Marine who walked towards the shooter, saving the lives of many of the students in the process. In Massachusetts, the victim was 24-year-old

teacher Colleen Ritzer, who was also a math teacher. She was described as constantly maintaining a positive attitude and willing to “go the extra mile” to help students, according to [cnn.com](http://cnn.com).

The perpetrator receives less attention if media coverage focuses on the victims. The media’s glorification of violence often gives the impression that by committing a violent crime, one can become famous or at least have his or her name remembered, encouraging future murders. Denying the criminals the attention that they crave can break this cycle of violence.

## Centennial Model UN Club Hosts Conference



**miranda mason**  
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On November 16, the fifth annual Centennial High School Model United Nations (MUN) Conference took place, with ten Centennial students receiving awards or honorable mentions.

There were six different committees debating at the conference, with students from Howard, Montgomery, Carroll and Anne Arundel counties participating. Students could receive a Best Delegate, Outstanding Delegate, Honorary Mention or

Best Position Paper award.

The chairs of each committee decided upon the winners of their respective topics. From Centennial, 10 students from six committees received awards, with senior Griffin Riddler being announced Best Delegate for his work on the Joint Crisis Committee Division II.

Centennial junior Daniel

Park, Fall Coordinator of the CHS MUN Club, acted as Secretary General for the conference. His job was to oversee the entire event.

“It’s cooperation and teamwork that really made this a success,” said Park.

In preparation for competing in the conference, each committee chair wrote an in-depth paper on their

topic that was then passed out to the students on that committee. The papers were passed out several weeks in advance in order to give the students maximum time to familiarize themselves with what they would be debating, as well as time to formulate their arguments.

“We started the process in June, booking rooms and sending out flyers,” said Park.

“Every year we try to improve,” said senior and Co-Secretary General of the Model UN Club Mathavi Sankar. “We have a lot of committees this year.” (See awards page 5.)



Members of the Centennial Model UN Club gather together after a successful conference. Photo: Miranda Mason.

Design: Sarah Adams.

# Cyber is the New

# Black



**caroline lawrence**  
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If Thanksgiving is a day of relaxation and gratitude, Black Friday is its polar opposite. Since its beginning in the 1960s, eager shoppers have rushed out of bed early to snag the best deals of the year. Now, though, all of this is changing. Black Friday sales usually begin well in advance of Black Friday and continue at least through the weekend, better deals can often be found on Thanksgiving Day, and most consumers prefer to com-

plete their shopping sprees online, still wearing pajamas and groggy grins. Despite all the hype, Black Friday traditions are becoming less important to Thanksgiving.

For evidence, just look at the statistics. The number of Black Friday bargain-hunters has been steadily dropping for years – Accenture estimated that 52% of consumers would go shopping in 2009, and as few as 44% in 2011.

Not only are fewer shoppers scavenging for deals, but they are spending less as well. According to *Time* magazine, 2012 sales

showed a decline of 1.8% from the previous year.

Why are these numbers dropping? It could be that Black Friday just doesn't seem special anymore to consumers. Perhaps surprisingly, discounts are often not as drastic as they are during other points in the holiday shopping season, so shoppers may feel less motivated to drag their overstuffed bodies out of bed to hunt for deals.

Additionally, some businesses begin to release ads as mind-bogglingly early as September, so by the time Black Friday rolls around,

the novelty has fizzled out and it just seems hackneyed.

Despite the dwindling enthusiasm for this shopping marathon, chances are it will not fully disappear anytime soon. The Black Friday buzz has become so ingrained in the minds of American businesses and buyers that it would be difficult to erase. Though shoppers may not be rushing out in throngs like they used to, the thrill of premature Christmas jingles, nippy morning air, and a fantastic bargain will still hold significant lure for many years to come.

## Centennial Students Receive Awards at MUN Conference

### Best Position Paper

**Katherine Chao (SOCHUM)**

**Rebekah Choi (WHO)**

**Amy Guo (UNHRC)**

**Jinia Sarkar (UNHRC)**

**Hali Kim (CELAC)**

### Verbal Commendation

**Katie Cox (UNHRC)**

### Honorable Mention

**Barry Plunkett (CELAC)**

### Outstanding Delegate

**Tommy Hegarty (UNHRC)**

**Tajbik Sheikh (Security Council)**

### Best Delegate

**Griffin Riddler (JCC Division II)**

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# An Eagle's View on Egypt



**Charles Regnante**  
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Once considered the world's greatest empire, today Egypt is in a state of unrest. The country's turmoil began when President Hosni Mubarak was ousted in February 2011, after a 30-year reign.

President Morsi was elected to succeed Mubarak. Unfortunately, Morsi suffered the same fate as Mubarak

stand the Egyptian unrest, I interviewed three Centennial students who have relatives living in Egypt. Their personal accounts of the lives of their families allows us to take an unfiltered look inside Egypt.

"There's a sense of hopelessness in all Egyptian people right now," said freshman Maryam Elhabashy, of the unrest. Elhabashy, whose dad is Egyptian, talks to her relatives in Egypt frequently by phone and visits every

million people signed a position to remove Morsi from power. This represented more than 50% of the people who could vote," which he believes confirms that it was the will of the people.

Mira feels the military limited Morsi's attempts to democratize the nation. She noted, "The military didn't let Morsi have a chance to turn the country around. This is what upsets the majority of Egyptian citizens."

According to Elhabashy, the Egyptian citizens also lost confidence in Mubarak. She commented, "[He] did things for him and his family instead of the well being of the country."

The corruption was not only limited to the presidential office. "The police have always been corrupt," said Elhabashy. "They work against the people, instead of for the people," said Mira.

Egyptians find it difficult to voice their opinions without retaliation, "My uncle and cousin were laid off because of their political opinion," shared Mira.

Everyday, there are reports of the government suppressing the free speech of the people. Elhabashy commented, "There's no way to confirm anything anymore."

Although times are tough and hope is at an all time low, Egyptians want their country to rebound.

"[Egyptian] people still

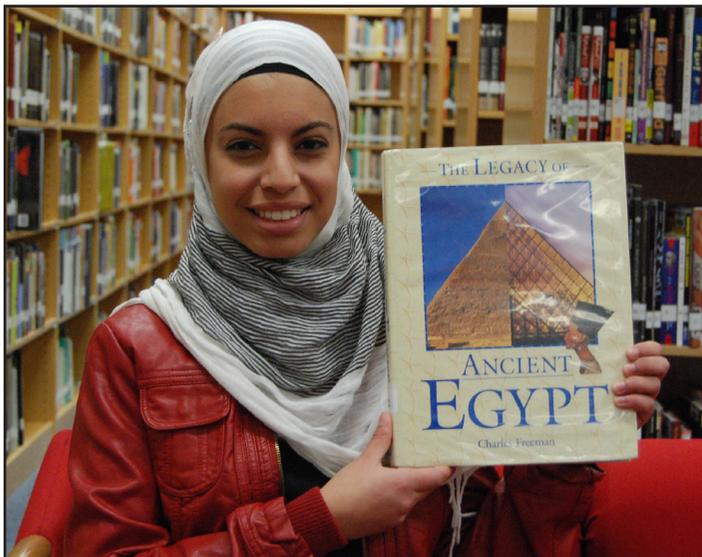
lead very traditional lives and are just waiting for things to heal themselves," commented Elhabashy. Her family is hearing rumors that Mubarak is making attempts to regain his political power. She stated, "My family heard that former president Mubarak is working with the new military leader Abdel Fatah al-Sissi to regain control of

"PEOPLE STILL LEAD VERY TRADITIONAL LIVES AND ARE JUST WAITING FOR THINGS TO HEAL THEMSELVES."

the country."

Morcos's family believes there is still hope. "My family thinks that life will get better if the government is able to control pro-Morsi supported terrorist attacks and if the government will place good morale and uncorrupt officials in high government position," said Morcos. "They also believe the current government is better than the Morsi period because things are slow but are moving in the right direction."

*Design: Sarah Adams.*



*Noreen Mira holds up a book and reflects back on the past governments of Egypt. Photo: Corey Grable.*

when he was overthrown during a military coup lead by Abdel Fatah al-Sissi. Today, al-Sissi serves as the head of the interim government.

With alarming news footage of chaos and violence in the streets, it's hard to know exactly what is going on in Egypt with so many different American media sources. To better under-

year.

Senior Noreen Mira, whose mom's family still lives in Egypt, echoed Elhabashy's sentiment, "It's been getting out of control and people are losing hope."

"The foreign media has a misunderstanding that the military overthrew Morsi," said senior George Morcos, whose mom and dad's families live in Egypt. "25

# Caught up in the Cycle:

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# The Never-Ending Theatre Life



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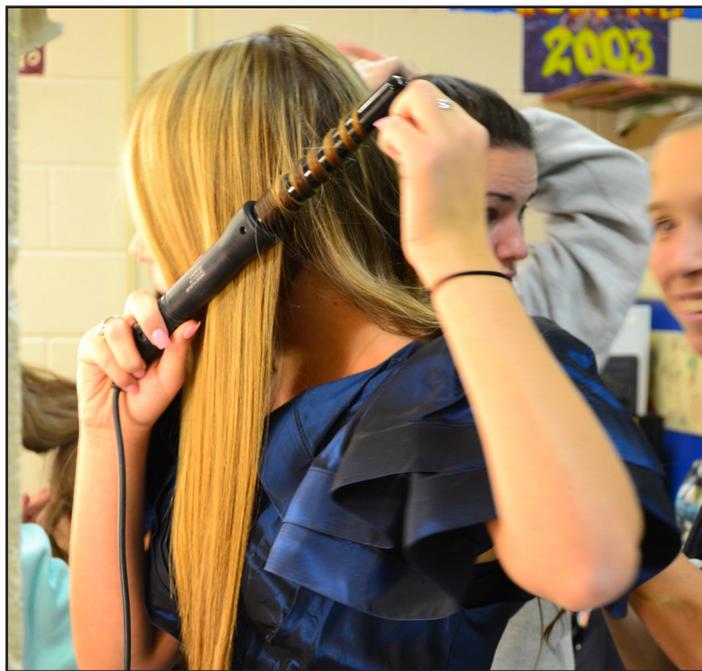
On Nov. 14 at 7 p.m., *Rumors* opened in the Centennial auditorium, beginning a run of shows that continued on Nov. 15, 16 and 17. These shows were the culmination of a process that began over two months ago on September 10, the first day of auditions.

For students who are members of the Centennial theatre community, the two month-long preparation was nothing new; the theatre department has an almost continuous stream of productions going on throughout the year, and many Centennial students are involved in more than

one of them at a time.

Junior Daniel Giangrandi played Glenn Cooper in the *Rumors* production, but he is also enrolled in the musical theatre class at Centennial—of which performing in the Winter Spectacular is a requirement. The Winter Spectacular, a music-based show put on every year, will take place on Dec. 5 and 6—after about six weeks of preparation on the part of the musical theatre students.

With the extensive amount of preparation necessary to put on a show at Centennial, some productions do overlap. Giangrandi and senior Bobby Henneberg are involved in both *Rumors* and the Winter Spectacular, and they both must juggle the responsibility of the two



Senior Sarah Fritz spends upwards of 15 minutes before each show on her hair alone. Photo: Martha Hutzell.

shows.

“You have to take things day-by-day,” said Giangrandi. “You have to focus on the show that’s closest.”

Henneberg, who is also involved in Shakespeare Club and the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, has a different approach, preferring to look at the big picture in order to juggle multiple shows.

“I based my schedule in a way that allows me to do that by taking a lot of theatre-based classes,” said Henneberg.

Henneberg, a musical theatre student, does not have many classes that are typically loaded with homework, but when he

does have assignments it can be tough to fit in the time to complete them. Estimating that he sometimes spends over 20 hours a week after school preparing for different shows, Henneberg must fit his schoolwork around rehearsals.

“Any time that I’m backstage, I’ll do homework,” said Henneberg.

Despite the strain performing could have on schoolwork, Centennial theatre students are dedicated to their craft for the sole reason that it is something they enjoy.

“It’s what I want to do in life, and to be able to do it in high school is a great stepping stone,” said Giangrandi.

Design: Sarah Adams.



Seniors Jordan Kudisch, Bobby Henneberg, and Gabe Lewman go over their lines again in order to ensure a perfect performance.

Photo: Martha Hutzell.

# Silencing the



**gabewman**  
**guestwriter**

I walk into the auditorium just like any regular rehearsal. The cast starts to talk and get to know each other, the smallest cast Centennial High school has seen in a long time. The size of the cast really changes the dynamic of the show. *Rumors* is a very enjoyable show to be a part of mainly because it's a comedy, but also because of the cast. Everyone sort of becomes a family and the rehearsals become a lot more entertaining rather than tiresome. Having been in theatre all four years of high school I have become accustomed to the large groups of all sorts of people, actors, singers, non-actors, and people who just want to have some fun. This is what makes *Rumors* a different kind of show. Due to its small cast, the auditions and callbacks were much more competitive than I have seen in all of my years doing theatre.

All sorts of people came out to audition and we had a very dynamic callback selection. This made the air so tense you could feel the nervousness just by walking in the room, wondering if you would be the one chosen out of all the people that were reading for the same part.

When the cast was finally chosen, then started the line learning. By far the hardest part of being in a show, made even harder by the fact that there are only ten people talking throughout this entire production. The set for this show was unlike anything Centennial has ever seen before. We practically built half of a two-story house right on the stage.

I hope you did not miss out on the mischief, madness and mystery. Not to mention the show, which was beautifully written by Neil Simon, and wonderfully, directed by Ms. Kathryn Carlsen. It was an absolute blast to be a part of and I'm looking forward to *Beauty and the Beast* this spring.

# RUMORS...



**jordan kudisch**  
a&e editor

If I was not nervous enough at auditions, you could definitely say I was nervous at rehearsal. It was nothing like soccer practice. There was no running, no out-of-breath warm-ups, and no desperately needed water breaks.

“Now, let me hear you, and make it loud,” said one of the cast members, chanting the directions to a “theatre-type-of-warm-up” something, which I was by far unfamiliar with.

In unison, the cast repeated, “Tip of the tongue, the teeth, the lips.” I watched in amazement to the intensity and dedication each cast member had when repeating the phrase. As I stood there anticipating the warm up “run” I realized once again this was not the soccer field.

In my head I was greeted by a voice proclaiming, “Welcome to theatre.”

The next few rehearsals were just as intense. On a good day, the cast stayed focused and committed to the character. We hit all the lines, remembered our blocking and had enormous emotions. And as expected we had our “off” days, and trust me, you knew when they were off. As we messed up our lines, our focus slowly started to fade away and I can speak for the entire cast when I say, our mind-set was everywhere but where it needed to be.

As the weeks passed and rehearsals pieced together, the show started to really fall into place. As an athlete I can really say I enjoyed making the transition into the theatre world. Although it is a whole different ball game, it is one everyone should experience. The idea of knowing the audience’s eyes are staring directly at you makes your heart pump with adrenaline. Each step you take on the stage has to be motivated and have a purpose. Your hands could be as clammy and shaky as they want, but you can never let the audience know. Every facial feature, every hand gesture and every word you speak has to have a reason behind it, as if nothing else matters except being on that stage. The feel of performing is something indescribable; you just have to experience it yourself.

As *Rumors* comes to a close, I can walk away from this amazing experience with people I once called a cast, and now refer to as a family. Even though I never considered myself a “theatre kid,” the idea reminded me that all the world’s a stage.

*Design: Gabe Lewman.*

# FALL RECIPES



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a&e writer

The leaves are falling, sweaters and boots are being brought out from the back of closets, and the cold weather leaves us with the warming pleasure of carrying that Starbucks in one hand; reminding us it is that time of year again.

## What is there not to love about fall?

With the fall holidays right around the corner, what better way to celebrate than having delicious foods to devour during them? This year, the first day of Hanukkah will fall on Thanksgiving, otherwise known as “Thankgivukkah,” which means double the appetite.

All around the school, people are getting excited for their Thanksgiving plans. Aisha Alam, a junior, stated that she loves eating all of the Thanksgiving-themed food. “Last week we made pumpkin cream cheese muffins in Foods & Nutrition [class],” said Alam. “It was so delicious, and by far the best recipe yet!”

With Hanukkah starting on Thanksgiving, even more people are anticipating the holidays. Erin O’Donnell-Zwaig, also a junior, could not be more excited. Being half Jewish, she loves reconnecting with her father’s side of the family. Her favorite Thanksgiving dish is sweet potato casserole that she makes with marshmallows on top. “In my opinion, I think this year I’m lucky,” said Zwaig. “I have the benefit of seeing both sides of my families within the time span of about a week.” With this combination, Zwaig is able to get the best of both worlds.

Whether it’s celebrating Thanksgiving or Hanukkah, many people around the school are beginning to prepare for the holidays. How about becoming more diverse with your recipes by creating a variety of different foods? Trade in those mashed potatoes with potato latkes this Thanksgiving, or substitute pumpkin pie in for Hanukkah dessert? Although the food is one of the best parts of celebrating holidays, it is truly about enjoying yourselves and celebrating in your own way.

## TURKEY CUPCAKES

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGE THIS THANKSGIVING, TRY TO TACKLE DOWN THE “TURKEY CUPCAKES!”

How to Make it:

1. Make plain chocolate cupcakes with no frosting on them
2. Grab an Oreo cookie and squeeze a little bit of chocolate frosting along one side of the inside of the cookie
3. Stuff 5 pieces of candy corn inside of the cookie along the side with the chocolate frosting
4. Put a little bit of frosting on the opposite side of the cookie and place it on the base of another cookie, then let them dry
5. Cut a little piece off of the peanut butter cup, put frosting on the top and side that was cut from, then place it on the two other cookies, having the top on the cookie with the candy corn
6. Add a head by putting frosting on a whopper and placing it on top of the peanut butter cup, on the cookie with the candy corn
7. Add features to the face of the turkey with the different frostings, then add legs to the turkey with frosting
8. Put chocolate frosting on the cupcake, then place the turkey on the frosting, let it dry

- Materials:
- Double Stuff Oreo Cookies
  - Candy Corn
  - Whoppers
  - Mini Peanut butter Cups
  - Chocolate frosting
  - Yellow Frosting
  - Optional: Red frosting
  - Optional: black sprinkles for eyes

Provided by thebestcupcakerecipes.com

## Sweet Potato Latkes

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING MORE TRADITIONAL DURING HANUKKAH, LOOK NO FURTHER. THESE SWEET POTATO LATKES MAINTAIN THE TRADITION ASPECT OF THE TREAT, WHILE STILL ADDING A NEW TASTE TO IT.

How to make it:

1. Place sweet potatoes in a colander. Place cheesecloth over the potatoes, and squeeze the potatoes to release as much liquid as possible. Let the potatoes sit to release more liquid, then squeeze again.
2. In a large bowl, combine sweet potatoes, eggs, brown sugar, flour, cloves and cinnamon; mix well.
3. Heat oil in large heavy skillet to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
4. Form mixture into pancake size cakes, and fry in hot oil. Flip cakes after 2 to 3 minutes (when bottom is browned) and brown other side. Drain on paper towels, and serve piping hot!

- Materials:
- 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and shredded
  - 2 eggs, lightly beaten
  - 1 tbs. of brown sugar
  - 2 tbs. of all-purpose flour
  - 2 tsp. of ground cloves
  - 2 tsp. of ground cinnamon
  - ¼ cup of vegetable oil for frying

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# SENIORS OF



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STORE: WALMART

DREAM VACATION: DUBAI

MOVIE: PRIDE AND PREDJUDICE

BOOK: PRIDE AND PREDJUDICE

CLASS: WORLD HISTORY, WORLD RELIGIONS

HOBBIES: DANCING, EATING, WATCHING MOVIES

TV SHOW: SCANDAL, THE ORIGINALS



## Abigail McManus

BIRTHDAY: DEC. 21ST

NICKNAME: @\_6PACKABS

QUOTE: "LOVE ME OR HATE ME IT'S STILL AN OBSESSION"

RELATIONSHIP STATUS:

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FUN FACT: I'M A MERMAID

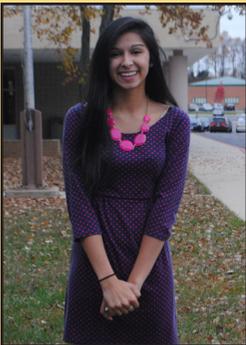
SUPER POWER: READING MINDS

WORST PART ABOUT SENIOR YEAR:

NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO ESSAYS

SPORTS/CLUBS: YEA...

SPORTS...THATS A BIG N-O.



## Alishia Akhtar

FOOD: QDOBA

NICKNAME: LEESH

COLLEGE PICKS:

GEORGIA, UNCW &

ABOUT 14 OTHERS

TEACHER: JACK THOMAS

BIRTHDAY: DECEMBER 3RD

SONG: YEAR 3000- JONAS BROTHERS

SIBLINGS: ALIANA (21), SHAZABE (15)

SUPER POWER: READING MINDS

UNUSUAL FACT: I REALLY HATE CHIPOTLE

QUOTE: "RED, WHITE, AND BETTER THAN YOU."



## Kyle Berstein

BIRTHDAY: DECEMBER 26TH

NICKNAME: KYLE BEAR

COLLEGE PICKS: COLLEGE PARK

RELATIONSHIP STATUS:

BEYONCE IS MY GIRLFRIEND

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FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM: RAVENS

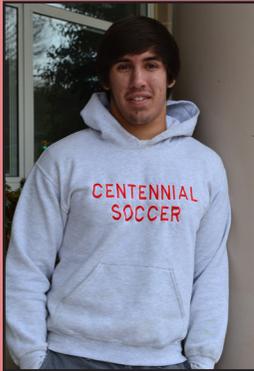
FAVORITE TV SHOW: FACE OFF

DREAM VACATION: SPAIN

WORST PART: COLLEGE APPS

BEST PART ABOUT BEING A SENIOR: SENIOR EVENTS

# THE MONTH



## **Connor Marcinek**

BIRTHDAY: AUGUST 28TH  
SIBLINGS: OWEN (15)  
AND ERIK (10)  
RELATIONSHIP STATUS:  
IN LOVE WITH KATIE HOGAN  
FOOD: SHRIMP SCAMPI

SPORTS TEAM: BUFFALO BILLS  
BEST PART ABOUT BEING A SENIOR: BEING  
ABLE TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO  
WORST PART: HAVING TO LEAVE YOUR  
FRIENDS AT THE END OF THE YEAR

T.V. SHOW: DUCK DYNASTY  
DREAM VACATION: AUSTRALIA



## **Alec Font**

MIDDLE NAME: KENNETH  
SIBLINGS: LUCY, LUKE, & KATE  
COLLEGE PICKS: PENN  
STATE, VTECH, GEORGE  
MASON, DE SALES  
FAVORITE BOOK: I CAN'T READ

FUTURE PLANS: CHILLIN' WITH GEORGE  
WORST PART ABOUT BEING A SENIOR: SCHOOL  
BEST PART: ALL OF THE 2ND HALF  
FAVORITE STORE: TOYS R US  
RELATIONSHIP STATUS: MARRIED TO MY  
BEAUTIFUL WIFE WITH 3 LOVELY SONS



## **George Fidel**

MIDDLE NAME: RICHARD  
NICKNAME: GEO  
SIBLING: RACHEL  
FUTURE PLANS:  
CHILLIN' WITH ALEC  
MOVIE: THIS IS THE END

TEACHER: SHOUTOUT TO KEVIN MCCOY  
BEST PART ABOUT BEING A  
SENIOR: SKIP DAYS  
WORST PART: COLLEGE APPS :(  
BEST WORD TO DESCRIBE YOU: MORTAL-KOMBAT

FAVORITE FOOD: TACO BELL  
FUN FACT: I'VE HAD THREE JOBS THIS YEAR



## **Alyssa Briguglio**

NICKNAME: ALY\$  
FAVORITE STORE:  
DOLLAR STORE  
FOOD: CHIPOTLE  
FAVORITE COLOR: CLEAR  
SIBLING: JORDAN KUDISCH

HOBBIES: PEOPLE WATCHING  
RELATIONSHIP STATUS:  
FUTURE WIFE OF LUKE BRYAN  
WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH A MILLION  
DOLLARS?: SPEND IT ON SWEDISH FISH

FAVORITE TEACHER: MRS. GERB  
FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM: FLORIDA STATE

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## CHS clubs prepare events for upcoming months



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feature editor

Centennial has over 70 clubs. With the first quarter finished, many of our clubs are doing big events.

The Italian club's is to give back to the community involving cooking and food tasting, and joining events with the national Italian American organizations. The Italian club has over 23 members. This month, the Italian club cooked home-made Ravioli for the St. Leo's annual Ravioli and Meatball Dinner. This is a charity dinner that raises mon-

ey for the homeless people living in Baltimore County. In December, the club will hold a holiday cookies for the homeless cook, where they challenge other Centennial clubs to bake more cookies than their club. The profits are then donated to the Grassroots shelter. Last year almost 800 cookies were donated. They are also planning several other events that they are planning. "The best part of Italian club is the food." Says member Veneeth Antony.

The Salvation Army Club, whose goal is to help out the local community and pro-

vide global relief by donating earnings, funds, etc. to the Salvation Army, which then distributes them throughout the community. This month, they are holding a canned food drive. There are boxes outside the cafeteria and in each first period classroom. The cans are being collected in a point system.

The class that donates the most cans, and earns the most points, wins a donut party. The drive lasts until November 22nd. Junior-Shreya Naulabola, the clubs president, said, "I feel so good knowing that our club helps others. Community

service gives such a good feeling."

The Horizon Club is the biggest club at Centennial. It has over 75 members. They are another community service club.

This month they are doing several new events including a park clean up, a haunted house for Halloween, and helping hand out water at races. President Harleen Shing says, "I love the diversity in our club with so many different kinds of people coming together with the same goal to help out the community."

### NFL ENTHUSIASTS CLUB

Meetings on Thursdays after school in Ms. McDonough's room 202

Discuss players, coaches, strategies, games, and everything else related to the NFL.

Debate with other students, compete for prizes, and meet other football fans.

### FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Any student interested in pursuing a business degree, or owning a business one day should come to FBLA in room 913 on Fridays after school. Contact Andrew Cho for more information.

### PAWS

Meets every other Wednesday in room 202. Help and raise money for needy animals in our school and community, and educate the community on how to assist animals in need.

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## Running Up from Second to First



**giana han & micheal moore**  
sports writers

On Saturday, Nov 9, the Centennial boys' and girls' cross-country teams competed in the state championships at McDaniel College.

The girls' team took home the state title thanks to impressive performances by many runners.

"We went into the season knowing we had a chance based off being runners-up last year," said Kevin McCoy, the coach of the girls' team.

"This has been a dream for our team and our coach, and we all worked extremely hard for it," said sophomore Anna Li. The team had been preparing for this race for many years.

"We trained over the summer, and people run indoor and outdoors as well, so we were running all year round," said senior Alyssa Taylor.

The first place performance was fueled by the fact that the Eagles had four runners place in the top 15, and five runners in the top 25.

"Contrary to popular belief, cross country really is a team sport," said senior Ilana Harris. "Having your teammates right next to you really encourages you to keep your energy up."

"It felt more than amazing ... to cross the finish line and know ... I did the best I could with the best team

I could ask for," said sophomore Devin McIntyre.

Junior Shreya Nalubola finished first in the state with a time of 18:41. Along with Nalubola, McIntyre, freshman Kara Taylor, and sophomore Ally Driscoll all placed with times in the top 15, while Harris finished in the top 25. Scoring only 56 points, the Lady Eagles were ahead of the next team by 11 points, which is determined by the placing of the top five girls on each team.

"We had a lot of pressure on us, and [we had] a lot of motivation from outside sources. There were a lot of other teams rooting for us plus the friends and family that were there," said Driscoll.

The girls have performed well all season with the team winning multiple races including the county and regional titles. These wins helped propel the team to a successful state title run after coming up just short last season with a second place finish.

Although they won the title at the regional race, after adding together each team's top five runners, they had tied with River Hill and had to look to the sixth runner to determine the winner. Luckily, the close call motivated the Eagles.

"I think seeing how close we were to River Hill at Re-

gions motivate[d] us for states," said Kara Taylor.

"We haven't won since 1990! I'm glad we were able to pull it off," said Nalubola. "The fact that cross country often goes unnoticed motivated us."

Each girl expressed her belief in their ability and their determination not to let the title go.

"Seeing as five out of the top [seven] girls are returning, we're not looking at stepping down," said McCoy. This sentiment was echoed by each of his runners.

The boys' cross-country team went to states, as well, and placed, too. They came in third overall, with Alec Font placing third in the state, and Hutson Baumann coming in tenth.

Head coach Al Dodds was very happy with his team's performance.

"We knew that Hebron was going to be hard to beat. We knew that Hebron and Thomas Johnson were good, so we said, 'Let's go for third,' and it went exactly how we thought."

To prepare for the state competition, the team did not do anything different than what they have done all season. "[We had] more rest days. We wanted the guys to come to the starting line rested," Dodds explained.

The fact that both the boys' and girls' made it to states was impressive, but having both teams place in states was an incredible feat.

"What people don't realize is that we quite possibly have the best cross country program in the state," said McCoy.



*Lady Eagles dominate the season and finish first place in the state.*  
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