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Like Fingerprints,
everyone's tongue
print is unique.

A crocodile can't stick
it's tongue out.

Wolfpack Goes International

Interviews By : Rachel Bath

Coughlin High School is lucky enough to both host an International student this year as well be sending one of their very own students away to be hosted internationally next year. The Journal staff sat them down to ask them about their own experiences.

Luke



How did you become selected to study abroad?

First I found the application with the Rotary online and filled it out, along with the required Medical forms, a three page essay, different documents such as my transcript, and some other school information. Once I had that completed, I had to go to an interview where they were trying to see who I was and what kind of person I am. That was the first time that I had met the exchange students that came here from all around the world. Meeting them cleared any doubt in head, assuring me that I wanted to do this.

Are you nervous to fly to Germany?

Not really, I have been on a plane before, but not since I was little, so it will be an experience.

Does the thought of being away from family and friends for so long intimidate you?

It did a bit when the idea first came to my mind to do something like this, but I'm ready for my life to start and I will come back to them once the year is over. And what it can give me in return, such as memories and enhancing who I am, is worth it to me.

Do you plan on having any goals while being in Germany?

I don't really have any goals to do while I'm there, I just want to see what life is like in a different country. I've always been interested in how different cultures work, so I really want to see how Germans lives their life.

How does the thought of missing your senior year at your home school make you feel?

I thought about not being able to have an American senior year, but in all reality I made a list of all the things that were important to me that I would be missing, like senior night, senior prom, graduation, scouts, etc. I thought about what I would get in return from going to a different country and I have prepared myself to miss those things. Although, walking across stage might not quite be out of the picture at Coughlin yet, depending on a lot of factors I've still yet to come across.

Paolo

How did you become selected to study abroad?

I was selected because of my grades (reason why I got a scholarship) and because of a test I took, but the main reason why I decided to do this experience was personal motivation to improve my English and demonstrate to myself that I could live alone far from everyone I knew and demonstrate that I was an adult.



Have you ever become homesick?

I've been homesick just one time since I arrived here, and it was New Year's Eve. I made the mistake to facetime my parents and talk to my friends, and realizing I could not spend that day with them just made me sad, but after 1 hour I was okay, it was just a temporary homesickness.

How does Italian culture differ from American culture as far as the school system, food, environment, etc.?

The Italian culture and the American one are not so different overall. The things that probably change most are the School and food. School is so different, how people change class every period after they decided which classes to attend, how you eat at school and not after or how the tests are mostly written and made of multiple choices. The food obviously is different, but it wasn't that difficult to get used to the American one.

Did you have any/accomplish any goals while being in the States?

My main goal while here is to improve my English and demonstrate to my parents and myself that I am responsible and old enough to do this type of things.

Is there one particular object you couldn't leave your home without when packing?

I couldn't leave all of the letters my friends wrote me, the gifts they made me and the bracelets I wear, because each one of them symbolizes a special moment I had with them.

Has the transition been easy?

The transition has been quite easy, the only problem was the jet-lag the first week, but after that everything has been amazingly easy.

The only letter that doesn't appear in any

U.S state name is Q.

The World' largest desert is Antarctica.

Every year, you shed so much skin that it adds up to 9 pounds.

Bed bugs have been around since dinosaur times.

In Australia there's a
lake that's bright pink.

The country that eats
the most doughnuts is
Canada.

It is impossible to
sneeze with your eyes
open.

Bell Ringing

By: Mya Corcoran

On December 10th and 11th, students from Coughlin's Key Club volunteered to be bell ringers for the Salvation Army. Each year around the holidays, the Salvation Army seeks donations to benefit the local community. In order to obtain these donations, they ask for volunteers to go out to public places to ring the iconic red bell and collect offerings from the public. The students stood in front of Barnes & Noble on the square and collected donations from the generous public. It was a great way to kick off the holiday season by helping out the community and by spreading holiday cheer.

District Chorus

By: Kelsey Evans

On Wednesday, January 15th, District 9's chorus took the stage at Marywood University at PMEA's annual chorus festival. District 9's chorus is made up of students in Wayne, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Lackawanna, and Luzerne Counties; who have all auditioned and were accepted into the esteemed program. Coughlin High School was represented in the event by Thavian Taylor, Lylah Lopez, and Eleanor Shuleski. The program was founded by Pennsylvania Music Educators Association, which prides itself on the promotion of musical education and the advancement of music comprehension for both students and teachers to create a meaningful interaction.

Ski Club

By : Dylan Jasulevicz

On December 20th, Coughlin held it's first Skiing and Snowboarding Club's first trip. It was a great start to the season and all the members loved the discounted tickets. The next upcoming trip is January 10th, along with every Friday, weather permitting. The club meets at Montage Mountain at 4:00PM and most students ski until closing. If you're interested in joining the club talk to Mr. or Mrs. Bergold to sign up.

Cinderella

By : Hailey McMullen

It's the classic story we all know and love. The timeless tale of a "plain country bumpkin and a prince" somehow joining in marriage is coming to a high school theatre stage near you! With a brilliant score by the rightfully famous Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, and a wonderfully reimagined plot, you'll be left viewing the Cinderella story you thought you knew in a new light. Featuring such characters as the awkward and blissfully unaware Prince Topher (short for Christopher, of course), the wildly imaginative and exceedingly kind Ella (or Cinderella, as she is more widely known), the wicked and savage stepmother Madame, the peculiar but gracious and wise fairy godmother Marie, and many, many more! Come see the Wilkes-Barre Area Wolfpack Players in their production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella, live at the G.A.R. High School auditorium February 27th, 28th, and 29th at 7pm, and March 1st at 3pm! We hope you'll join us for "A Lovely Night" that will be quite "Impossible" to forget!

Senior Tea

**By : Kelci Smith and
Olivia Wychock**

On the evening of December 12, 2019, the students of Coughlin High School gathered for their annual senior tea to commemorate their last six months of high school. This event not only celebrated how far the students have come, but it also gave them inspiration for their futures. This was a chance for the students to look back on their memories together, while eating some delicious food, thanks to the staff at Genetti's. The senior class and their parents enjoyed a nice meal together, and listened to the senior class officers give speeches not only about the times they had together, but also about what the future has in store for them all.



Wolfpack Hockey

By: Jordyn Simonson

No one expected the Wolfpack Hockey Team to do as well as they did during the Stanley Cup Playoffs. For a first year team, these players entered their season putting up a tough fight and came out with the title of second place in the tournament. The championship game was very nerve racking for all spectators watching. During the game Wolfpack scored and was up by one point till the opposing team scored and tied the game up, and eventually entering a power play to a penalty kill. The game was so nonstop that no one could bear to look away. Everyone was standing in anticipation, waiting to see what was going to happen next, and cheering, hoping for the best. Though the game did not end the way the Wolfpack team had wished for, none of the players gave up as they played their hardest as the fans cheered until the final buzzer. For a first year team second place is not a bad title at all, and every single one of the fans in the stadium were proud of they way the Wolfpack came together and played as a team.

Ugly Sweater Day By: Rachel Bath

On December 19th, Coughlin's Key Club hosted its annual Ugly Sweater Day! Together both Coughlin's staff and students raised a total collection of \$465.00 for Valley Santa. Every month, Coughlin's staff raises money for a charity of choice by allowing faculty to dress down every Friday. With the combined boost of donations from students participating in Ugly Sweater Day, Coughlin was proudly able to put their December donation towards toys for children.



In Colorado, USA,
there is still an active
volcano. It last
erupted about the
same time as the
pyramids were being
built in Egypt.

Iceland does not
have a railway
system.

***The Addams Family* Experience: On Stage POV**

By: Morgan Gayton

"When you're an Addams (snap snap)," the few hours of actual performances are only the tip of the iceberg. The eight or so hours the cast spends in front of an audience do not come anywhere NEAR the weeks and months of rehearsals. Long school days are essentially doubled when music with Mrs. Deluca, choreography with Ms. Jamie, or blocking with Mrs. Lyons start. And don't even get me STARTED on tech week.

Let me be completely honest: the first couple weeks of rehearsals can be pretty rough. No one knows any of the music or lines yet, people who haven't seen each other since last show are having reunion conversations, and everyone starts to wonder if the show will ever come together. However, something I can only describe as magical happens right after this. All at once, everything clicks. All of a sudden you can hear the beautiful harmonies, nobody misses a cue, and the next thing you know it's opening night. And as quickly as it came together, it ends after the Sunday show.

I hopefully speak for the entire cast when I say that *The Addams Family* was a show to remember. This happened to be my first performance with the newly combined Wolfpack Players, and I couldn't be more grateful for the experience. The addition of so many talented students is what made this show so entertaining for the audience. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a Wolfpack Player, and it was an honor to play the Addams Family's Grandma, which the cast and crew gave the nickname of "GamGam."

I had such a blast being part of *The Addams Family*, and cannot wait to see what the Wolfpack Players do next.

***The Addams Family* Experience: Back Stage POV By: Gary Kogoy**

Before and during the show, the mood behind the scenes of the Wolfpack Players' rendition of *The Addams Family* could be described as both tense and enthusiastic. In the relative darkness of the backstage, both actors and stage crew members scrambled to make their final preparations to ensure that the show flowed smoothly, including rehearsing lines and reviewing the expected placement of props at certain integral parts of the play. While these preparations were underway, others worked to instill a sense of unity and combined purpose in their fellow Drama Club members. One prevalent gesture pre-show, which entails stating "Bumblebee tuna!" as one touches thumbs with another cast or stage crew member, is an inside joke amongst Drama Club members. Personally, I found that this gesture, while small, eased the anxiety I originally felt about doing backstage work; the sense of unison and camaraderie created cannot be understated as well.

As the curtains rose on the first show, the stage darkened and the formerly ever-present chitter-chatter both behind the curtain and within the audience died down. It was then that the importance of the backstage work to the smooth operation of the play became much more apparent to me. After all, you can have the best -

Forrest Fenn, an art dealer and author, hid a treasure chest in the Rocky Mountains worth over 1 million dollars. It still has not been found.

75% of the world's diet is produced from just 12 plant and 5 different animal species.

actors on Earth, but without people to move the props or change microphone batteries (which is what I was tasked with), the show would be quite lackluster; imagine being in the very back rows of the audience, struggling to hear what the actors are saying! While this did make me somewhat afraid of making errors — after all, there'd been months of painstaking run-throughs, dress rehearsals, etc. preceding the shows, and I didn't want to be the one to crash the metaphorical party — at the same time, I felt happy that I was doing something that could have a positive impact on such a massive production.

Eventually, the first task of mine appeared — someone needed their batteries changed. To spare the details of the situation, it didn't go too well; I had become so preoccupied with the thought of failure that I put the negative and positive sides of the batteries in the wrong locations. When I realized my mistake, I was angry at myself, convinced I had ruined the show and humiliated everyone. Fortunately, this wasn't the case, as the issue was resolved quickly. In the process, I learned what exactly I had done wrong, storing it in my memory banks for future use. This would prove valuable the next time I checked the microphone batteries, and the next time, and the next time... — it was no sweat from then on!

Of course, all these tribulations occurred within the space of the first showing of *The Addams Family*. There were many more, which, in terms of mess-ups, proved fairly unremarkable, thankfully. One show, which was for elementary school students from Heights Murray Elementary School, was particularly heart-warming; after a roar of applause from the audience, the cast members greeted and talked with audience members, to quite

positive reception. As well as this, at the end of the very last showing of *The Addams Family*, Mrs. Lyons, the Drama Club director, thanked everyone who contributed to the operation of the play, which almost brought a tear to my eye — although I didn't have one of the largest roles, I was happy that I had gone outside of my home and did something of substance. I fully plan on working further with the Drama Club; maybe sometime in the future I can even contribute with an onstage role!

Of course, thanks are in order to every member of the Drama Club that assisted with *The Addams Family*, both stage crew and cast member, for their persistence and willingness to make an excellent show for viewers of all ages (which certainly paid off!), as well as Mrs. Lyons; without your direction, this show, as we know it, would still only be a dream in the minds of most.

**Coughlin's
Class of 2020
will Graduate
Red & Blue**

**Semi
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Ticket Sales:
Due by Feb. 7th**

**Prom
May 29th**

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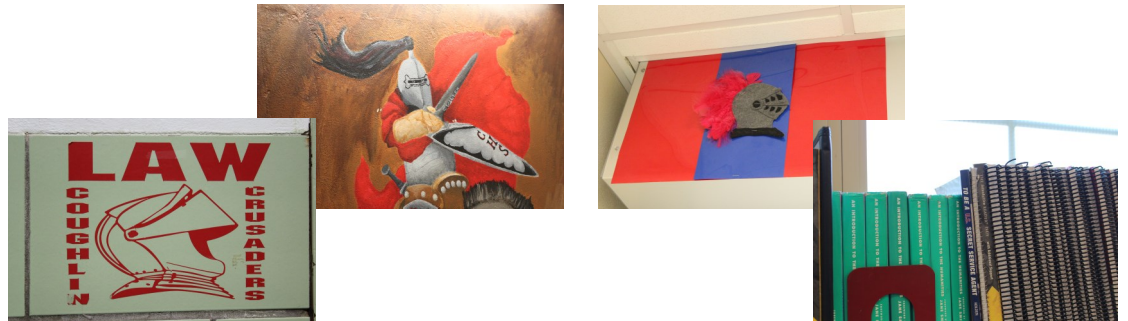


Where in the Annex/Mackin???

The Journal Staff took pictures all over the Annex and Mackin buildings. You think you know where they were taken? Take a selfie with them and submit them to CHSjournal@gmail.com and we'll feature a winner for each building in next month's edition.

Annex

Mackin



Upcoming Deadlines

***** Juniors and Seniors see Ms. Jones for a fee waiver*****

Test Dates	Registration	Late Registration
<u>2019-2020SAT</u>		
Mar 14th	Feb 14th	Feb 15-Mar 3
May 2nd	April 3rd	April 4-21
<u>2019-2020ACT</u>		
Feb 8th	Jan 10th	Jan 11-17
April 4th	Feb 28th	Feb 29-Mar 13