The End of the EBHS 2022 Fall Football Season

by Brenda Law

With the conclusion of the 2022 football season at EBHS, both players and students alike reflect back on an eventful string of games. The EBHS Varsity Football Team won against JFK High School in their final match of the season on October 27.

Despite the outcome, the team finished with a win against JFK High School in their final match of the season on October 27.

The EBHS Football Team in action. 

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by Ava Khatiwada

Friday, October 21, 2022, marked the debut of Taylor Swift's newest album, *Midnights*. Since then, Swifties across the globe have spent countless hours listening to the album, which consists of 13 songs and seven bonus tracks. *Midnights* quickly rose through the charts and became the first album to simultaneously top all ten spots in Billboard's Hot 100 on its release date. Swift sold multiple versions of the vinyl, encouraging fans to collect them all to form a clock. Ultimately, her diligent planning and forethought ensured its success, as *Midnights* arrived, cresting on hype. Despite the overwhelming success of the album, fans were similarly disappointed on their first listen, their expectations heightened by the hype surrounding its release. Said EBHS sophomore Kyleigh Balas, “The first time I listened I was lowkey disappointed but as I listened to it more I think it’s actually good.”

A large portion of Taylor’s fans agree that they liked the album, warming up to it as they listened to it, oftentimes on repeat. Unlike her previous two albums, *Folklore* and *Evermore*, *Midnights* revisits Swift’s pop roots. When asked about the change, EBHS sophomore Gillian Stein said “I liked it. I liked how it feels like a composition of different eras because it’s made up of sleepless nights from those eras and it’s really fun. I missed the ‘pop Taylor.’”

For Taylor, *Midnights* was a collection of music written in the middle of the night. It is a journey through both her numerous night terrors as well as sweet moments spanning the length of her career. This translated well into the album, with each song representing a different era of her music, as well as many callbacks to Taylor’s pop music. Taylor Swift as a singer and songwriters has often been stereotyped for writing about her ex-boyfriends. Her songs convey countless lessons and anecdotes that her listeners can connect to experiences they have encountered in their own life. Said EBHS Sophomore Ana Bornstein, “After hearing the songs multiple times and really analyzing Taylor’s incredible songwriting, I was transported into a whole new side of reality.”

With Taylor’s poetic style, anecdotes, backing tracks, and overall catchy tunes, *Midnights* connects with many of its listeners. Whether people loved it or hated it, there is no denying that *Midnights* was a success.

Midnights

The cover of Swift’s new album, Midnights

The EBHS Football Team in action.

Supporters of the student section at each game.

Junior Arjun Kapadia, who attended five games this season said, “I was always looking forward to every Friday night to come to football games with my friends.” A large part of student culture this fall was the attendance of these games. The Bear Den was also responsible for advertising various themes for student spectators to partake in. Using their Instagram handle, the Bear Den encouraged students to attend each game dressed as the theme to show unity and strength. EBHS themes included whiteout, blackout, country, pajamas, and more. The Bear Den’s themes were also encouraged to raise awareness and bring attention to important matters. The Homecoming game’s theme this year was “Pinkout.” Students dressed in all pink for the game to show support and raise awareness for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Additionally, during an away game against Old Bridge students wore blue. This was an opportunity to support and dedicate the game to an Old Bridge student who had recently lost their life.

When asked about his experience this year, junior linebacker Marcelo Perez said, “I loved creating strong bonds with many of my teammates and even though it was a rough season, we were still one team from the start to finish. A big takeaway people should take from this season is that we were better than what our record says. We dealt with many injuries but were still able to keep games close with an extremely hard schedule.”

Teammate Derek Christie, a junior defensive end and wide receiver, agreed with Perez, saying, “Even though we were 1-8 this team had a lot of heart. This team really fought till the end and never gave up no matter what the score was or how good the team was. My biggest takeaway from this season was getting better every week and building that unity as a team.”

Aside from football, the cheerleading team who cheered every Friday with the football team came 5th in GMCs this year. They performed their routines at halftime and timeouts each game and supported the football team to the best of their ability.

Sophomore varsity cheerleader, Anita Rohat-Filgueiras, said that her favorite part of the season was the “people who came to support and were always having a good time.”

Similarly, junior Maria Ulozova, said that what she enjoyed most about this season was being able to cheer on the new field as well as making bonds and connections with so many girls on the team.”

Although the season had its ups and downs, the memories created will last forever for both players and students of EBHS.

Most students were excited about the unity and bonds that could be created at these games.
Happy November EBHS! With the trees finally losing their red and orange leaves and temperatures below thirty degrees, autumn has begun to feel like winter. While some take this opportunity to start pulling out their Mariah Carey albums and Christmas trees, others grasp on to the last little bit of fall that remains. No matter how you choose to spend your November, we hope you are all having a great school year so far.

Now’s the time to be thankful for an extra hour of sleep, the end of early action deadlines, and the start of the second marking period. November might be jammed between the spooky season that is October and the festivities of December, but it’s also a month filled with half days and multiple breaks. While we might still be getting used to frost-filled mornings and pitch-black skies at 5:00 PM (who doesn’t love a good after-school nap in the dark? It definitely won’t mess up your sleep schedule), we sure do have a lot to be thankful for. Only seven more months of navigating the terminal during rush hour to go!

November is also abundant with school festivities. From the annual Anderson Bowl to the school play, Puffs, we hope you are all taking time to indulge in school activities when you have the chance.

So take a moment to thank your teachers and staff for all they do, your friends for always being there for you, and for Thanksgiving dinners with your loved ones.

Happy Thanksgiving, EBHS!

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Thanksgiving Fun

Jessica Yu

A cozy fall evening...

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Spot the Difference: There are five.

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Thanksgiving Word Search:

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Kristen Lee
The British Prime Ministry: From Liz Truss to Rishi Sunak

by Siri Navaneetam

Within the next few weeks, Rishi Sunak will become the United Kingdom's third prime minister of this year. Just a few weeks prior, Sunak lost against Liz Truss in the Tory leadership contest, which decided the next leader of the Tory political party and the office of the new Prime Minister.

However, during Truss's administration, her policy proposals regarding tax cuts reduced the country's credibility and rocked its financial markets. Mary Elizabeth Truss became the British prime minister on September 6th, after the resignation of her predecessor Boris Johnson.

However, on September 23rd, Truss's Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kwasi Kwarteng, revealed a new economic strategy: the promise of removing taxes for higher-income earners and larger corporations.

The problem was that there was no way to pay for the lost money in taxes and British inflation and interest rates soared, causing unrest among citizens and the Tory party. Eventually, Truss was forced to resign.

Following the political trouble caused by his predecessors, Sunak will have about two years to reinstate confidence among the British public. Highlighting the severity of the issue, EBHS English teacher Mr. McKibbin said, "It's really the party's last chance to put United Kingdom failed to retain its pre-pandemic GDP level in the second quarter of 2022. As a result, the economy shrunk by 0.3%, the inflation rate reached a 40-year high in September, and energy prices continue to rise as a result of the Ukrainian conflict.

With rising inflation, increasing debt interest costs, and a deteriorating economy, one of the major issues of the United Kingdom is public spending. Targeting politically sensitive areas like health, education, defense, welfare, and pensions, tax hikes and budget cuts are likely to be part of Sunak's efforts.

However, only time can tell how the new British prime minister will tackle these mounting issues.

A meeting between British King Charles III and Rishi Sunak

Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss at a televised debate

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Behind the Scenes of Drama Club’s Puffs Production

by Anika Bahirwani

As EBHS gets closer to the opening night of the drama club's production of Puffs, the cast and crew members continue to work hard to put on an amazing show. Puffs is a parody of the beloved Harry Potter series, following the adventures of Wayne Hopkins, played by junior Shlok Pathak.

When asked to reflect on the changes in production compared to last year, Pathak said "I am so glad that this year we’re all really able to connect as a cast, a lot better than we were able to before, and we have the freedom of not having to do it with masks! That made everything a lot easier and brought us together more as a cast."

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NASA’s James Webb Telescope: Discovering the Universe’s History

by Clara Wang

The mysteries of the universe are endless. With recent modern technology, these mysteries are being discovered every day, recently exemplified by the findings of NASA’s James Webb Telescope. The telescope is currently in orbit around the sun—one million miles away from Earth—in an ambitious search for the universe’s past. Launched on December 25, 2021, its one-of-a-kind resolution has enabled the telescope to make observations the Hubble Space Telescope cannot, providing incredible, detailed images of space.

Despite its recent launch, the telescope has already made plenty of discoveries. On July 15, President Joe Biden and NASA administrator Bill Nelson presented a heavily detailed image called Webb’s First Deep Field, a cluster of galaxies called SMACS 0723. Soon after, NASA began rapidly sharing its progress with the public, revealing images of Jupiter’s Great Red Spot, asteroid tracking, a dying star’s “Final Performance,” a colorful view of “Stephan’s Quintet” (a group of five galaxies and the first galaxy group ever discovered), and details of the Southern Ring nebula previously hidden to astronomers.

“The telescope is very insightful and it will help society learn more about the solar system” said junior Sebastian Angeles. Due to its remarkable accomplishments in the astronomy field, the telescope has and continues to receive attention, allowing a larger audience to embrace outer space, from its past to its present.

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The Design of the Webb Telescope

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COVID-19: Its Recent Evolutionary Steps
by Olesya Narayshkina

Over the past few months, Americans have been able to take a collective sigh of relief: a state of normalcy has at last developed following the two-year-long strong surge of COVID-19. People were able to attend school and university in person, and gather at large social functions, “with minimal fear about getting COVID” as junior Sarah Robertson said. However, with the cold winter months approaching and new viral mutations arising, precautionary measures must still be taken.

According to a recent study conducted by Nebraska Medicine, the original alpha variant of COVID-19 is virtually gone. Other variants, such as Beta and Delta, likewise show very low transmission rates.

Though this may come as exciting news, the current most predominant strain—a variant of Omicron known as BA.5—is highly infectious. A study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed that BA.5 not only powered the summertime COVID-19 surge, but is still responsible for just under half of the infections across the country. New Omicron subvariants, such as BQ.1 and BQ.1.1, are further expected to outcompete BA.5 in the near future.

With new mutated variants rapidly spreading, it is critical that Americans continue to take necessary precautions in order to protect both themselves and their loved ones. As senior Kira Kornienko said, “immunocompromised individuals must be especially vigilant because there is no guarantee current treatments will be fully sufficient.”

As people start to prepare for the upcoming holiday season and the transition into colder weather, they must bear in mind that new variants of COVID-19 may lay just around the corner.

Savas Dass, the junior homeroom representative for room 1505, said, “Our door design was a hot dog, which was meant to express an analogy for a life lesson for success. The name of this homeroom decided to share their words of advice, written on their door: “Life is like a hot dog, make sure you have the base before you add the toppings,” and “Find friends, you’ll relish, but you shouldn’t forget to ketchup on your studies.”

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A digital representation of the new Omicron BA.5 variant

Eaton's early action and early decision college applications
by Jasmine Gao and Ella Chen

Two months have passed since seniors began their last year at EBHS. Their schedules are becoming busier as they experience an array of school events such as Homecoming and Senior Sunrise. They have acclimated to the many exclusive privileges of driving their own cars, late-ins, early-outs, and obtaining their first paychecks. However, seniors are also responsible for keeping track of their GPA, SAT scores, grades, class credits, and finishing their college applications.

Recently, early decision and action applications have become a main priority for some seniors. For some senior students who are accepted to a college as early-decision applicants must attend that college. On the other hand, students who apply early action are not bound to the college to which they apply.

Many seniors at EBHS share mixed emotions as deadlines for early decision and action applications have elapsed. Certain students who finished their applications felt content and at ease after the hassle of writing dozens of essays to meet the early college application deadlines.

EBHS senior Hailey Ginsberg said, “I finished my applications the night before school started because my mom pushes and motivates me a lot to get things done, I feel pretty chill about college apps.”

Yet, some seniors have opposing thoughts on this matter, as the entire college application process can be very stressful for students, and many feel intimidated by the early deadlines.

Senior Jenna Vasquez said, “Deadlines for early action and decision were pretty early, and it definitely made me feel uneasy.”

While some felt stressed about the early deadlines, others have already begun worrying about the future and planning ahead for their regular decision college applications. Despite finishing all her early decision and action applications, senior Katie Ye mentioned, “I’m not sure whether she will get rejected or accepted. Nonetheless, Ye said, “I know that there’s nothing I can really do and I just have to wait for the [college] results to come out. There’s the possibility of having a college interview, but even then it’s just a waiting game from now on.”

Many seniors such as Ye and Ginsberg who submitted their early applications can expect to hear back about their application statuses in December. All they need to do now is to wait for their desired colleges to respond with acceptance or rejection letters.

During the lengthy wait, seniors should remember to take time to relax from the stress inflicted upon them from the college application process and embrace their senior year.

While nothing can be done to determine the results of their applications, EBHS junior Alina Chen said “good luck to all the seniors! I understand that college applications can be very stressful, and hope everyone can get into the school that they love.”

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**Fighting Back Against Gun Violence**

by Gabrielle Terlovsky

The Raleigh Mass Shooting adds yet another tragic entry into the pattern of gun violence in the United States. As of November this year, according to the Gun Violence Archive, there have been over 580 mass shootings in the US with a total of 37,452 deaths.

Memorials to fallen victims are created every other week, as over the course of the last decade, other week, as over the course of the last decade, the United States has become accustomed to viewing the faces of victims taken by gun violence without properly taking action. The thought of shootings often conjures images of parents reading obituaries for their children, and students in constant fear of armed intruders stepping into a classroom. As death rates in the United States increase, it is apparent that the country is in dire need of practical solutions in order to prevent these national tragedies. The controversy within this issue lies with the inability to settle on an effective solution.

As EBHS Junior William Palmer stated, “Education about proper gun safety protocols, and more intense background checks could be a good way to make sure that guns are in the hands of the right people.”

By implementing realistic background checks and promoting laws that ensure safety, it will be harder for potential shooters to obtain weaponry. Of course this would only slightly lessen the number of guns on the market and would not totally solve the issue of gun violence. However, it is still a forward step in combating this problem.

The Juvenile Justice Exchange stated, “The Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, signed into law in 2005, granted sweeping immunity to the gun industry to shield them from lawsuits in federal and state court. While this law includes some narrow exceptions, it has largely served to shut down litigation against gun manufacturers and dealers for harm caused by their products, eliminating one avenue for incentivizing the industry to take steps to prevent such harms and leaving victims without justice.”

Because laws have protected the gun industry from prosecution, it is hard to pass legislation regulating them. According to EBHS,

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**2022 World Cup Preview: The Final 32 Nations**

by Aman Uddin

Created by the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the governing body for soccer, the World Cup is an international tournament held every four years. Hosted by a different nation each time, thirty-two national teams go through several preliminary qualifying rounds to successfully earn a spot in the World Cup.

This year, the World Cup will take place from November 20 to December 18 in Qatar, marking the first World Cup to be held in a Middle Eastern country. The 2018 World Cup was held in Russia and crowned France as the victor. After four years of anticipation, soccer fans around the world are eager to watch another sensational tournament.

As days begin to dwindle until the opening ceremony—which will feature BTS’ Jung Kook as a performer—fans across the globe share their thoughts on potential winners, dark horses, and probable upsets. Fans also ponder if the World Cup curse will continue as seen throughout the past three tournaments: previous champions have failed to advance to the Group Stage as seen with former winners of Italy in 2010, Spain in 2014, and just recently, Germany in 2018. Since its beginning in 1930, only two teams have ever reignited as World Cup champions twice in a row—Brazil in 1958 and 1962 and Italy in 1934 and 1938.

The World Cup group drawings took place in Doha, Qatar on April 1 of this year. During the event also known as the “Final Draw,” former soccer players took part in a draw or randomly sorted the national teams into eight different groups. Following tradition as the host nation, Qatar was the first team to be drawn and seeded into Group A, one of the eight groups lettered A-H. Eventually, as the draw continued, the rest of the thirty-two nations were put into their respective groups allowing for some highly anticipated games to be played at the beginning of the tournament. For example, Group A which consists of Qatar, the Netherlands, Senegal, and Ecuador is looking contentious as fans believe that every nation has an equal chance of advancing.

Junior Risay Salam said, “I’m looking forward to seeing how the host nation Qatar plays against stronger sides featuring the Netherlands and Senegal with the likes of Mané and Van Dijk as their key players.”

When the World Cup begins, Risay will be heading out to Qatar to watch the tournament himself. “I’ll be there in the stands rooting for Argentina!” he said.

This World Cup is also important for numerous world-renowned players like Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi who will be participating in the last World Cup of their careers this year.

When asked about Messi’s chances at winning this year’s World Cup, sophomore Jayed Uddin said, “Argentina is looking deadly right now. They defeated Brazil in the Copa America and they are fit to win. I’ll obviously be watching them, too. If Messi wins, the world will go crazy.”

All fans throughout the world will be looking forward to the thrill of the tournament. From illusory goals to moments of heartbreak, this year’s winners will doubtlessly leave a mark on the history of the game.
by Aman Uddin

First launched on June 3, 2021, Twitter released Twitter Blue, a Twitter subscription service providing users with the ability to tweet and edit posts. Twitter Blue users have to pay $4.99 per month in order to have exclusive access to such features. The new feature to edit tweets has ignited further controversy over the social media platform—how might the functions of Twitter change if users have the ability to edit tweets?

Editing messages and posts is not a new concept. In fact, note that an edited tweet should be labeled as "edited". Some services, such as Discord, utilize a feature like this. Twitter is currently testing a feature that will have a similar label indicating that a message has been edited. Some contend that if the meaning of a tweet on any social media platform is edited, then its likes and shares should reset.

"I think just seeing what the blue check mark being able to be purchased has done to Twitter, they should definitely learn from their mistakes," said senior Sarthak Roongta. "Perhaps if the tweet has been edited, there should be some kind of indication of the edit that viewers can see."

Others believe that editing tweets should not be an available option in order to keep users accountable for what they post.

"People can easily lie through tweets and they should be kept accountable," said EBHS 2021 alumna Sanjuda Rashid. "Editing tweets can easily throw people off. It will bring the wrong idea to people in the apps we use and 'fake tweets' can tell you a lot of things about others that are not necessarily nice.

First launched on June 3, 2021, Twitter Blue is a subscription service that features paid verification as well as tweet editing.

A tweet should be final and deleting them should be the only option.

While some preach honesty online, others may take advantage of the opportunity to avoid controversy. Between these lines are various other arguments that have created a sea of dissonance amongst users and bystanders alike.

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by Aarna Chinnappa

Netflixs’s The Watcher

Netflix, as of October 19th, came out with their newest mystery-thriller titled The Watcher. This chilling tale was written by Ryan Murphy and Ian Brennan, as it tells the story of Nora and Dean Brannock (played by Naomi Watts and Bobby Cannavale) after they move into a quiet New Jersey neighborhood with their two kids: Ellie and Carter Brannock (played by Isabel Gravit and Lake David Blumm).

Shortly after moving in, the couple begins to receive letters from someone who calls themself ‘The Watcher.’ The family made the wise decision to move out as soon as possible, and although it was extremely difficult to find a buyer due to the horror stories people heard, eventually a couple bought the house. Since then, the letters have stopped, most likely due to the influence of the police and ‘The Watchers’ fear of getting caught. However, it is important to note that the identity of ‘The Watcher’ was never found, despite many suspects and thorough investigations.

Part of the appeal of The Watcher is its genre: mystery thrillers. Mystery thrillers are normal mysteries in which the main point is to resolve some sort of crime, except they are action-packed and exciting, with twists and turns that can shock a viewer. According to Brielle O’Neill, a junior at EBHS, “Mystery thrillers are the best of both worlds.” When asked what she meant, she explained that “a key component of a good mystery is to keep you on the edge of your seat, so what better way to do that than to add thrill to it?” Similarly, Mia Kini, a junior at EBHS, believes that mystery thrillers are superior because “pondering about what will happen next only to find out the plot twist is something so different than what you thought is exhilarating.”
Field Hockey GMCs

by Aviti Jain

The East Brunswick Field Hockey team once again brought home the GMC title on Saturday, October 22nd after a 4-0 shutout against the Old Bridge Knights. The team has had an incredibly successful season, with some of their best achievements to date.

The Bears held a 7-1 record in the GMC Red Division, ranking 1st in their conference and undefeated overall 3rd seed in the GMC white division.

The Knights held an eighth shutout of the season. They continued their campaign with a 3-1 win against the 4th-seeded Monroe Falcons. The semifinal victory secured the Bears a spot in the field hockey GMCs final against Old Bridge.

The Knights held an intimidating title with the overall 3rd seed in the conference and undefeated in the GMC white division. However, the Bears were ready to fight and had high hopes after defeating the Knights 4-0 at the beginning of the season. With that in mind, the Bears knew that their game plan could lead them to victory once again.

As Saturday approached—the day of the final—the warm weather and clear skies provided perfect conditions for the Bears to take home the championship title. Despite holding the top seed and having a projected matchup against Old Bridge, they were still a little anxious.

Sophomore Samantha Arnold said, “We were feeling very nervous before the game because we knew...

But, we were able to use the energy from the crowd to give it our all.”

Within the first half of the game the bears were already leading with 3 goals made by sophomores Grace Smutko and Yana Popova; assisted by senior Darya Popova, junior Anna Sawicki, and sophomores Samantha Arnold. In the 3rd quarter, Sawicki went on to score the 4th goal for the Bears with the assistance of Old Bridge, bringing them to a 4-0 lead.

At the buzzer, the Bears were able to clinch their 9th shutout of the season and second consecutive GMC tournament win. The girls were all smiles as they rushed onto the field to congratulate one another after a season of hard work.

Sophomore Grace Smutko said, “It was so exciting to be able to share such a special moment with my teammates. We have all formed such amazing bonds with one another this season which contributed greatly to our success on the field. I truly couldn’t have asked for better people to share my sophomore season with.”

Head coach Danielle Butrico hopes to lead the dedicated East Brunswick team to many more GMCs and division titles.

Smutko said, “I’m so excited to see our team grow with all the amazing players that are coming up from the middle school team and Churchill. We will keep our spirits high and work harder than ever to come back even stronger next season.”

With all the accomplishments of the field hockey team this year, East Brunswick is optimistic about what the future holds for these talented and hard-working players.

The School for Good and Evil: Happy Ever Afters and… Never Afters?

by Navya Pandit

October 19th marked the release of Paul Feig’s captivating adaptation of the YA fantasy series The School for Good and Evil. The movie, which was released to audiences on Netflix, starred Sofia Wiley as Agatha and Sophia Anne Caruso as Sophie. The film follows Agatha and Sophie who despite being opposites manage to maintain a close friendship. While Agatha is known as the gloomy outcast of their town, Gavaldon, Sophie is a romantic who loves fairytales. Unlike the rest of Gavaldon, Sophie and Agatha these two are avid book lovers, who dream about life beyond their village. Sophie’s decision to run away one night leads both girls to the School for Good and Evil, where they are placed in the ‘opposite’ schools.

Commenting on the nostalgia that she experienced after watching this movie, EBHS junior Fiona Li said that the movie reminded her of “Harry Potter and Ever After High,” and she felt as though she were “reliving her middle school years” through this movie.

Reflecting upon the movie, EBHS sophomore, Susana Samadi, stated she found it to be “quite entertaining,” and that “[Sofia Wiley] played her role as Agatha very well.”

Additionally, she “loved the plots surrounding the experiences of the two characters,” recommending it to both fantasy and action lovers. While critics and fans have been torn regarding their opinions towards this movie, it is safe to say that the movie does an exceptional job of retelling the beloved novel in a fashion that is true to its roots.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, November 30th, after school in the Media Center!