

Hopewell Hi-Lites

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SPIRIT AWARD GOES TO

BY: LIZZIE JONES

Hopewell's student section is not one to be missed. Everyone loves it and they're notorious for being loud and festive. The parents enjoy it along with the students and staff.

The leaders for this year are seniors Mya Parish and Chris Colonna. Chris's right hand man for leading is junior Daniel Earley. So far, Hopewell has had three games: South Side, New Brighton, and Western Beaver. The themes for those games have been Beach, White out, and USA.

"A good amount of people are there for home games. There aren't as many for away games, but it's usually still a good group of kids," said Mya. Mya never misses a game and is always there lively cheering for Hopewell and her favorite player, number forty-eight.

The senior cheerleaders come up with the themes and the leaders run

the social media to get the word out. A player favorite theme from Senior Jacob Brunton is blackout. "It looks dope and gives an intimidating energy to the game"

One thing that gets the players hyped is the megaphone brought by Aleena Gray. "Hearing the student section is great on the field, but adding the chants from the megaphone is even better. It's always something new, whether it's someone yelling at the other team or calling out an individual player to get them fired up and add an element of fun to the sidelines for our team." Jacob added when talking about his favorite thing about the student section.

Although many might think that the Seniors are the loudest of the bunch, the Juniors top that every game. "The Juniors really do bring it every game. I'd definitely say they're the most fun in the student section. I

enjoy leading with them behind us," Mya said. You'll see her front and center at the games with the rowdy Juniors behind her.

On Friday October 15th Hopewell versus Avonworth. Hopewells biggest student section showdown of the season. Mya commented "They have a very big school and their students are very involved in all of their sports, plus they have very competitive teams."

Mya and Chris are very proud of their student section this season so far. "I think we should have a spirit award for the best student section. I believe that we have a good shot at winning it as well."

On the occasion of a home game win, you'll see the student section running behind the leaders to storm the field and congratulate their Hopewell Vikings.



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The New Viking

BY: OLIVIA SEDLACEK

Who is that kid with his shirt off? Zach Kovell has taken on the role of being Hopewell's mascot, the Viking!

Although the school year just started, Zach already has goals for his new role. "My goals are to bring a sense of school spirit to our school. I want to encourage kids to go to games, not just football, and not be embarrassed to cheer on your school. The sports teams feed off of how loud the student section can be which can help our teams to have more confidence," said Zach.

It won't be easy for Zach as he takes on many extracurricular activities. "Outside of school I participate in basketball, cross country, and track. I'm also a member of the Chess, Italian, Outreach, and Class Clubs."

He is determined to be a good mascot regardless of how busy he is. "It will be difficult to manage. I try to get to as many games as I can as I run cross country, work at Harold's, and I am approaching my junior year of high school. If I have free time, I am determined to make it to a game whether that be home or away."

Despite how busy Zach is, it was a no-brainer for him to take on the leadership of being the Viking. "I love

being involved in as many things as I can so that I don't leave high school with any regret of not participating in something."

Zach hopes to continue being the Viking until he graduates and is enjoying being Hopewell's mascot so far. "Being able to bring up the energy in student sections of games makes

me feel so good. All I want is to have the sports teams be able to experience amazing support from their friends in the student section. It shows how people care about not only the sport, but about each other and how we can all come together as one big Viking family."





It's Not Cool to Vape in School

BY: GRACE GOLD

Ever been in the bathroom at school, and suddenly, the restroom starts smelling like a fruit basket? There's only two things that could be happening: someone's having a fruit feast in the bathroom, or they're vaping.

Due to the increase in students vaping in bathrooms, Dr. Kartychak has decided to install vape detectors in our school restrooms.

Through the course of the 2022-2023 school year, Hopewell applied for a grant for vape detectors, and the grant was given. Each individual detector costed around \$1,200, and the grant money covered the cost of all of them, with some extra money to improve security around school.

"The vape detectors detect the chemicals that are released from vapes. They can detect those chemicals versus if someone sprayed Axe or deodorant in a restroom," said Dr. Kartychak, Hopewell High School's Principal. Dr. Kartychak said the devices will resemble smoke detectors.

Dr. Kartychak also discussed the consequences of getting caught vaping. The first offense is three days

of TOC and a citation. With a second or third offense the consequences increase, as does the fine. The punishment if CBD is detected in a vape will escalate the punishment for even a single offense including up to 10 days out-of-school suspension, enlistment in a substance abuse program, as well as a citation, or even expulsion.

Some students are fed up with vapers as well. Junior Dan Earley said, "There are designated 'vape bath-

rooms' around the school, and if you don't want to breathe that stuff in, then you have to walk all the way across the school to find another bathroom, so I think it's a good idea to install the vape detectors." He hopes the vape detectors will make Hopewell a little better place.

Vape detectors are coming soon to a Hopewell High School bathroom near you, and bathrooms will be smelling a little bit less fruity.





It's *Still* a Great Day to be a Viking

BY: ALLISON HONEYWILL

Mr. Allison was born to educate. The oldest of three brothers, a lifeguard, swim instructor, coach, and eventually principal, it was always clear that his true passion lay in teaching. Whether by the works of God or through the urge to help and impact the lives of others, "I always viewed this responsibility of teaching as my vocation," said Mr. Allison.

After 35 years in education, Mr. Allison has had a lot of powerful moments. But even more than that, he has empowered multiple classes of young people. As he spends his days trapped at home, recovering from foot surgery, he reflects on his years as an educator.

Beginning his teaching career at South Side Junior High School as a science teacher, Mr. Allison felt at home in the classroom. Connecting with young kids and impacting their lives eventually led him to take on an

even bigger responsibility of becoming the coach of the Boy's and Girl's Junior High Basketball teams, and the Girl's Varsity Basketball team.

His years as a teacher never left his mind, even when he became the Assistant Principal of Hopewell High School on March 1, 1998. Full of confidence and ambition, "I walked in on Monday morning ready to roll full of energy and feeling like I knew it all," admitted Mr. Allison. He quickly realized that he, "surely did not know it all."

Hopewell High School was very different in 1998 than it is in 2023. There were unlocked doors and no security cameras. Dr. Frioni was the principal and the school had about 1050 students, more than two times the students Hopewell High School has today. Or as Mr. Allison put it, "two times the number of kids, two times the number of problems."

Yet, Mr. Allison did not let

the challenges halt his career and love for teaching, eventually becoming the principal of Hopewell High School less than two years after coming to Hopewell.

His 35 years as an educator have proved to consist of tons of good times, too many to count. Celebrating successes and overcoming adversity with students and staff was one of the most rewarding things Mr. Allison cherished about working in education.

"Ultimately, graduation is the best day for any high school teacher," noted Mr. Allison.

The best day of his career as principal was at the graduation ceremony of the class of 2017. Maria Skeriotis, the salutatorian of the class of 2017, asked Mr. Allison to deliver her graduation speech. Maria was one of the most determined students in Hopewell High School, despite experiencing health challenges that made it hard for her to be able to speak loudly for long periods of time.

“Being her voice that special day and sharing her wisdom with her classmates was a privilege that words cannot describe. Having Maria in my life and as a friend is a true gift, I thank her for that opportunity.”

With good times comes challenging times, and for Mr. Allison the most challenging day of his career was the March 29th swatting incident. He is most proud of the efforts of the students, staff, and community to cooperate and rally together.

Mr. Allison’s last day as principal, July 31, 2023, was peaceful. No teachers or students were present, allowing him to enjoy his final day uninterrupted. He was incredibly honored and even teared up when Mr. Keiper brought the band to the office parking

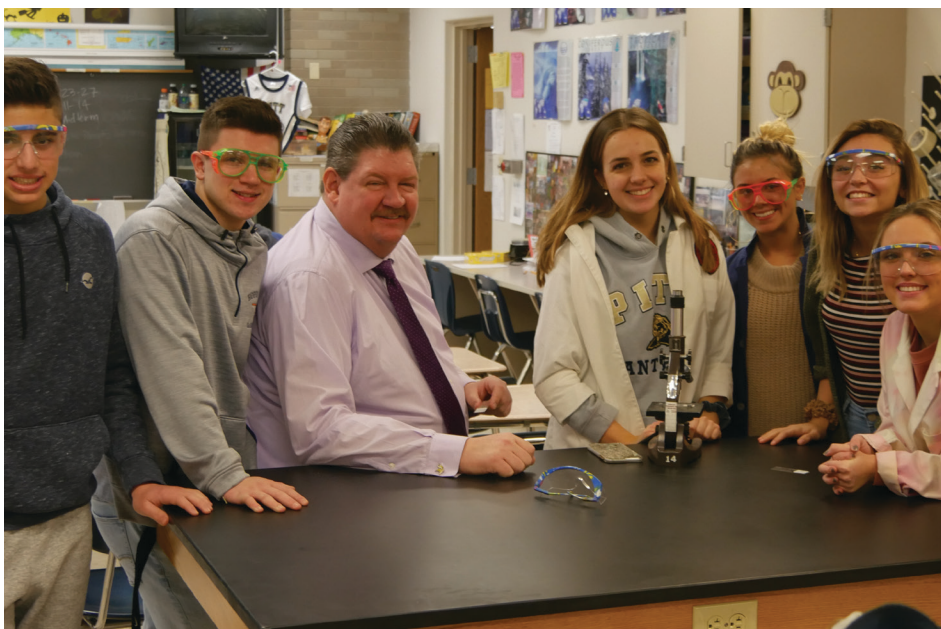
lot to play one last song. A small cake and celebration with the office staff was the perfect conclusion to his final day.

“I walked out quietly and without fanfare just the way I wanted it,” said Mr. Allison.

Retirement hasn’t been a luxurious paradise for Mr. Allison, as foot surgery has left him unable to drive and put weight on his foot, but he does miss his days at Hopewell.

“Actually, I kind of feel the void already! I miss the interactions, friendships, and relationships that have developed.” He is looking forward to the days ahead of him when he can return to the school on occasion and interact with the students and staff.

Mr. Allison hopes “It’s a Great



Day to be a Viking!” remains in the school. “It represents everything we do in the school,” noted Mr. Allison.

His last message for the community is, “I sincerely want to thank everyone who over the years made Hopewell High School a great place to teach and learn and a special place for me.” Twenty-six years at Hopewell composed of incredible memories, great staff, special students, and a Viking community, will follow Mr. Allison long into retirement.

Even though you may not hear him laughing in the hallways or see him joking around with Mr. Short, he is still here. His legacy remains in the school through Viking Pride, the “It’s a Great Day to be a Viking” sign, and everything else that has become the norm at Hopewell High School. Mr. Allison’s impact will live on in the Viking community and will continue to influence the lives of Hopewell students forever.



Bean There, Done That

BY: SUZY DEPACE

Fall is quickly approaching and A Brewed Awakening is brewing new fall flavors and a 1-year-anniversary celebration.

Located at 2236 Brodhead Road, the coffee shop has been booming from the beginning. Immediate support from the community helped the cafe from the grand opening, all the way to their upcoming 1-year-anniversary. Whether it be from customers, friends, or other small businesses, the community keeps this business running. This community is run by people that care, and the community gives back with their mounds of support.

The cafe is partnered with multiple local businesses such as The Humble Cookie Shop, which helps provide pastries, Oram's Doughnuts, which brings in fresh doughnuts, and Brunton's Dairy, who works to provide milk for sale or to add in the cafe's special menu item, the Brunton latte. "We wanted to support locals, because we're a local business," says Cade, one of the baristas.

The cafe has made it their priority to give back to the community by hosting many public events such as open mic nights. Barista Cade Jenkins usually hosts once a month, "You don't need to know how to play, you could just come here to listen. When you're playing in a smaller venue like this with people who are here specifically to listen to live music, it's a great support system."

With the new season comes new festive additions to the menu. Additions such as a pumpkin spice latte, chai tea with pumpkin cold foam, pumpkin crepes, and pumpkin rolls are kicking off the fall festivities.

Speaking of festivities, the 1-year-anniversary celebration is coming to the cafe September 24th. Joining in the celebration is a food truck and local band, along with a special crafted drink and open mic night from 6pm-8pm.

Another upcoming spooky season special event is their "Witches and Brews" event, coming Saturday, October 28, 6pm-9pm. Expect a fun night filled with coffee, snacks, witches brew, games, prizes, and crystal/card readings.

Incredible support from the community has helped this local business to function smoothly. But, no true business can thrive without its workers. These workers have a true sense of care and respect for each other and the community. Cade has a special appreciation for his coworkers, especially the owner, Barb Michna. "She is a very diligent, helpful, amazing boss. If anyone needs anything she's always there, which really helps because we remain happy and consistent, which are essential to a new busi-

ness. I think Barb knocked it out of the park."

In truth, it was never completely about coffee for these hard-working employees; moreso, the communication and encouragement in this workplace has made coming to work enjoyable. "I love the trust I have with my boss, my ability to speak about things, and my input mattering. I've worked for big businesses before and I never felt heard, so this place lets me be authentic. The freedom and the trust are the greatest for any job ever. It's the best job ever" says Cade. Local shops bring out the best quality and support in the community.

Open 6:30 am-4:30 pm Monday-Friday, and 8:30 am-2:30 pm on weekends. The cafe can always use your business, support, or just a friendly hello.



Hopewell's School Board Meeting

BY: ALINA URQUHART

On September 12th, members of our Hopewell School Board met to discuss future changes and issues in our district.

The most pressing issue brought up at the meeting was a bullying incident that took place at the Jr. High School. A mother gave a statement on an incident of roughhousing and pushing of her two sons after a soccer practice, claiming that minimal action was taken on behalf of the district to discourage further activity.

She then spoke about how difficult it was to find the bullying code of conduct on the school website. Her most formal worry was when she discovered that the conduct on bullying

was extremely outdated. "It was published in 2008... the cyberbullying guidelines were made in 2013."

The mother suggested a solution to these issues by making the school website easier to navigate, and updating the bullying policies of all Hopewell schools.

In response, the head of the board meeting responded with how it was, "Difficult to change" and "a gray area" under which many things could slip through the cracks. It is currently unclear if they will consider a new bullying policy or not.

Board Members also voted to allow the hiring of two new teachers at the Jr. High School, one of which

being a part-time art teacher. They also decided to go through with a "technology update" at the end of September.

All Board Meetings are open to the public, and all transcripts and video recordings can be found on the school website. There are also zoom meetings that are open to the public, links to which are provided upon request, on the school website as well! Participating in the community Board Meetings is the best way to bring change and improve our school quickly, so stop by and speak your mind! You'll be surprised by how much you can affect and change.

NEW EATS AND NEW

BY: MIA GARGIULO

Monaca is gaining two new big food chains! Tacos and burritos for dinner and cookies for dessert. Chipotle Mexican Grill and Crumbl Cookies are popular food chains that will be a delicious addition to the Monaca area.

Chipotle is a Mexican fast food restaurant that serves a variety of tacos, burritos, bowls, salads, and sides. It will be located in the Marshalls and Ross parking lot, next to Target.

Crumbl Cookies is a cookie brand that is known for its big cookies with unique gourmet flavors. They rotate the flavors weekly to keep customers coming back for more each week. Crumbl will be located next to Vesuvio's, in the same plaza as Panera Bread.

Hopewell High School students were surveyed on which food chain they're most excited about. A majority of the students voted for Chipotle, but while Chipotle got the most votes, students also voted for Crumbl

Cookies. There is no competition as to which is better, however, students have stated why they prefer one over the other.

Senior Gia Merendo says, "I think both are really good, but Chipotle is more fulfilling and you can get more for your money than at Crumbl." For example a burrito with a drink is about 12 dollars whereas a Crumbl cookie costs about 4 dollars each.

Chipotle's wide variety and customization has allowed its fan base to grow. With 118 locations in Pennsylvania alone, Chipotle is one of the fastest growing fast food chains.

Crumbl cookies is still a pretty new and upcoming chain, having

opened in 2017. They are known for their alternating flavors and that is what is most appealing to its customers. Senior Ava DiCicco says, "I love Crumbl's alternating flavors. My favorite are their red velvet and birthday cake cookies."

For some Hopewell residents, the Monaca area will be a more convenient location for these chains. Freshman Katie Withrow states, "Both are amazing and I have been wanting them to come to our area."

In the upcoming months, there will be more news as to when these restaurants will open. Come out and support these new additions the Monaca area!





All About That Ace

BY: REESE MURRAY

With a fresh start to the season, Hopewell Girls Volleyball has high hopes this fall. They have had much success when it comes to working together. Senior captain, Emma Ford, states, "I think the girls are good this year and we're much closer than previous years. We all get along and have a lot of chemistry."

In order to compete this 2023 season, it is crucial that they help each other out as a team. Emma sets the tone by showing up with her hard hat everyday. With leadership and unity they hope to better their chances during the playoffs.

"We have a lot of younger players. We are doing very well with what we have. But with the upcoming matches, there will be some obstacles that we will have to try and push through. Our defense can be good at times but our team has to learn to be well-rounded."- Said Emma.

The defense of Hopewell's team is made up of Seniors, while their offense is not. With inexperience holding them back, the Seniors and captains of the team try to coach them through their hardships.

Haley Hineman, the second Senior captain explains, "We are not very tall and big so our offense

has to be very aware of ball placement on the court. Our biggest strength is definitely digging, we are a very scrappy team, we pick up a lot of balls making it frustrating for the opponent."

While their opponents might be frustrated, Hopewell's team chemistry is on point. "I think that we have to trust in each other. I believe that everyone is aware of their part on the team and we know how to execute." Haley said.

Come out and support the Hopewell Girls Volleyball team to watch them defeat their opponents with natural unity and fun energy.

Running into the Season!

BY: NEVAEH PERSI-JONES

It's Cross Country season again and the team is full and ready. This year there are 32 kids on the high school team including 10 Seniors on the team. Vicki Dong, Zach Landry, Jack McGrail, and Christy Sundy who have run all for 4 years. Brettan Cooper, Nico Flitcraft, Robby Gibson, Devon Cipolla for 2 years and Trevor Neal who has just joined this year for the first time as a Senior. Along with coaches Monske and Wolfe.

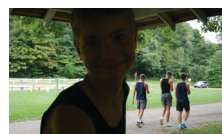
This year half the team is made up of Freshmen boys. One of

the many new Freshman boys this year, Luca Flitcraft, is ready for this season. "I am pretty happy with what I have done so far and the hope is to make it to States," said Luca.

The hope for this year is for everyone to reach their goals, perform well and for the seniors to make their last year meaningful. "I am kinda sad that it's almost over, but at least I will not have to run every week." Said Vicki Dong

This season there are over 17 meets along with some invites such

as the University of California, White Oak, and MACs which will be held at Settlers Cabin. Coach Wolfe, the assistant coach and motivator says, "It's going great so far and hope this season continues this way and everyone has a great time." This year the team is looking good and ready for the competition and wins for the 2023 season.





P For Passion

BY:BELLA GOLD

Hopewell Boys Soccer, the team of passion. Over the years, Hopewell Boys Soccer has seen a lot of talent, and this year is no exception. This year's team has a solid roster, great skill, but most importantly, a love for the sport.

Landen Mukanos-Kramer is a prime example of passion for the sport. He has been playing for 14 years and is captain of the boys team this year.

Landen is confident in this year's team and believes they should win the remainder of their games. Quaker Valley and Montour are the only teams he is worried about, but he is optimistic and is hoping for a 10-5 record.

"I think we have one of, if not the best defense in WPIAL. We just need to clean things up a little and we will for sure be an amazing back 4," says Landen confidently.

"We have a strong keeper and midfield that can control the pace of the game and great players up top. As a team we just have to finish our chances. If we finish we will cruise through this section."

Quaker Valley is the main concern this year, being the Hopewell Boys rivals. Not only does Landen have goals for the team, but also has goals to finish his senior year strong. "I hope to have at least 5 goal contributions and to make the finest 15, get a home playoff game, and hopefully make it to Highmark and even to States, and really, just win every game we play."

Chris Colonna is another example of passion and skill in the game of soccer. Starting at the age of 2, Chris has grown up loving and playing soccer.

"So far we are doing okay, but we have been playing in some tough and close hard-fought games, so I have high hopes for this season," says Chris. Chris is ready to prove himself this season, and so far, he has not disappointed.

Along with Landen, Chris also has personal goals to end his senior year on a high note. "My goals this season are to make it to Highmark, to score 25 goals with 10 assists, and to make All-Section and All-WPIAL."

Landen's advice for upcoming

players is to "Get fit and come up to high school with an open mind about what level you will play, whether that is JV or Varsity. Work on your weak foot and communication, and be a sponge. That is the best way to become better, by taking advice and trying to implement that advice to strengthen your game. And remember to have a hungry attitude, because without that you will be nothing on the pitch or in life."

Chris also has advice for future players. "My advice is to work hard and never stop, no matter what anybody else says."

Clearly both these leaders put their heart and soul into the game and lead others in doing so too.

So make sure to go and cheer on your Hopewell Boys Soccer Team this 2023 season and see what this team is all about! Roll Vikes!!



ONE OF NINE, ONE OF A KIND

BY: RAYLA NEFF

Isaiah Pisano is a Senior who participates in Wrestling and Football. Isaiah is coming back and better than ever after his recovery. He tore his labrum in the first game his Sophomore year in 2021, "I continued to play and did wrestling then tore it even more". Isaiah got surgery in June of 2022 and was unfortunately not able to play football.

Isaiah's recovery process was a very long 6 months with 5 months in physical therapy, "The recovery was horrible".

He has been playing really well during his senior season, with 2 touchdowns and a pick 6 against New Brighton "I played a lot better than I expected. My shoulder doesn't even bother me," said Isaiah. He worked hard to get back on the field, and works hard off the field with landscaping and helping out with his 6 younger siblings.

There is more to Isaiah than just athletics. He spends time with his family and friends. Isaiah looks up to his father, Jon Pisano. Isaiah always said if he could have dinner

with anyone it would be Muhammad Ali. His favorite superpower is super speed and invisibility.

Isaiah is happy to return to football and wrestling for his Senior year. He is looking forward to wrestling season, "I want to go to the state championship." Last year Isaiah qualified for the state championship and that is a moment he will never forget.



Are You Really Fresh?

BY: MERCEDES CHURCHILL

Hopewell High School freshmen, this is a start of a new school and beginning. At first all of you might have been confused and overwhelmed, but now you are all starting to get more comfortable.

Don't get too stressed over work, drama, or anything that could get you upset. Students and teachers may get you upset and stressed and it's okay! Lean on your friends and family to support you through school and your extracurriculars.

Be aware of all the rules as well. They are very important. Avoid PDA, don't cheat, and don't bully. There are a lot more rules you should

be open minded to. One more piece of advice: if you walk slowly move to the side to let people past.

All of you are growing up and maturing now, we understand that but please also be respectful to your peers. Everyone, including the teachers are all learning and are focused on learning, people are going to make mistakes and that is wonderful. That is how we learn and grow.

To all the students, thank you for being respectful when you can. It is greatly appreciated.

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Thinkin' Bout Morgan Wallen

BY: KENDRA ONUSKA

Country music artist Morgan Wallen recently came to Pittsburgh for two sold out shows at PNC Park. He performed on the 30th and 31st of August. The original dates, scheduled for June 14th and 15th, were postponed after Morgan was diagnosed with a vocal fold trauma. Due to the severity of his situation, he was mandated by his doctor to go on a six week vocal rest. After 4 of the six weeks, he was able to get back to performing. "The doc cleared me to talk and sing," wrote Morgan in an Instagram story. "We back."

The openers at the Pittsburgh shows, Bailey Zimmerman and Parker McCollum, each performed their share of songs before Wallen hit the stage. During the second night, Morgan's surprise special guest, Wiz Khalifa, came out to perform his hit, "Black and Yellow" in front

of the sold out seats of PNC Park.

Meanwhile, during the first night of the concert, a brawl broke loose between several women at the port-a-potties. Embarrassingly, the fight made national news, putting Pittsburgh in a negative spotlight. An argument over cutting in line to use the restroom, quickly escalated to punching, kicking, and hair pulling. The fight

video has gone viral and memes have already hit almost all social media platforms, clowning the women who participated in the port-a-potty fight.

Despite the negative reaction Pittsburgh has received from the fight, the concert reviews were positive and fans were very pleased with his performances. Needless to say, Morgan Wallen hit a grand slam at PNC Park.





Are You Ready For It?

BY: ELLA RITCHART

Superstar Taylor Swift is no stranger to putting on a good show. Her famous Eras Tour broke many records and left fans speechless.

After not being able to go on tour for three years due to COVID, Swift surprised fans when announcing the Eras Tour on November 1st via social media.

Her setlist is what ultimately shocked many. Swift decided to perform songs from all of her “eras”. The show opened with the song “Miss Americana and the Heartbreak Prince” from her album *Lover*. She followed that with popular songs, “Cruel Summer”, “You Need to Calm Down”, “The Man” and “Lover”.

Going back in time to 2008, she sang songs such as “You Belong With Me” and “Love Story” from her second album *Fearless*.

Following this, she sang as many as seven songs from each album, making the concert a total of four hours.

In those four hours, the most anticipated part of the show is what Swift calls the “acoustic section of the night” and fans call “the surprise songs”. During every show Swift performs two songs, one being played on guitar and the other on piano, that were not on the setlist.

Here in Pittsburgh during her first show she sang “Mr. Perfectly Fine”, a vault track from her album *Fearless*, and “The Last Time” from her album *Red*. The second night she sang “The Story of Us”, from the album *Speak Now* and “Seven”, from *Folklore*.

Along with surprising Pittsburgh with four great songs, she also broke the attendance record at

Acrisure Stadium on the first night she was there. With 73,117 fans in attendance, this marks the stadium’s largest crowd ever.

Not only did Swift break records in Pittsburgh, on opening night in Glendale, Arizona she broke the record for the most-attended concert by a female artist ever. Her tour is estimated to become one of the highest grossing tours of all time.

Along with that, Swift recently announced that a movie regarding her tour that will be released in theaters on October 13th. This two hour and forty-five minute long film will follow Swift as she performs during her six night run at Sofi Stadium in California.

During ticket presale, according to Variety Magazine, the film has earned 26 million dollars. This set a single day record, topping

Marvel's popular "Spider-Man: No Way Home". This record breaking film is highly awaited by all fans.

October couldn't come sooner for Swifties. Not only is the Eras Tour film coming out, but also *1989 (Taylor's Version)* will be out on October 27th, 2023. During her last show on the first leg of the U.S. tour, Swift announced her version of 1989.

This isn't the first time Swift has surprised fans with a new album while on tour. On her first night in Nashville, May 5th, Swift announced *Speak Now (Taylor's Version)*, it came out this summer on July 7th.

Starting in April 2021 Taylor Swift worked to own her own albums. In April she started her journey by re-releasing her second album *Fearless*. Followed by *Red* and *Speak Now*. Swift began this process of re-recording her music because back in 2019 Swift's old record label got sold to Scooter

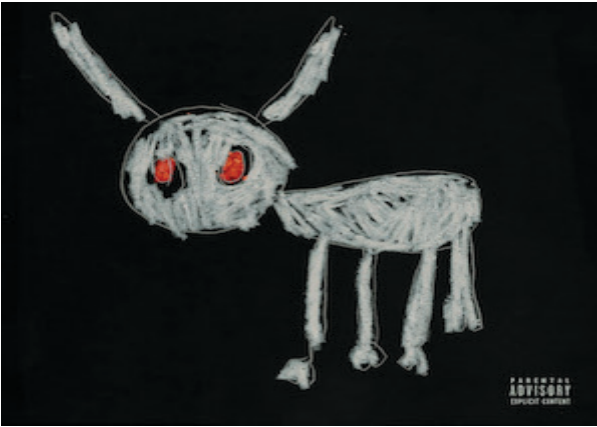


Braun. This means that anytime Swift's song was used in a TV show, movie, or commercial Braun would get paid. Swift did not agree with this, hence the whole re-recording process.

There are still more surprises to come! The Eras Tour continues until 2024. With many international shows and even fifteen more

shows in the US, who knows what Taylor could be up too. Fans speculate that *Reputation* will be the next album Swift reclaims as her very own, or even a brand new album is in the works.





For All The Dogs

BY: DANIEL J. EARLEY

One of the most anticipated albums of 2023, “For All The Dogs” releasing on October 6th, 2023. This will be Drake’s eighth studio album. It will include significant features from Nicki Minaj and Bad Bunny.

The album cover consists of an angry dog drawn by Drake’s son Adonis. The album was teased on January 21, 2023, at Drake’s free concert at the Apollo Theater, but fans were making negative comments about the

previous albums and questioning the quality of music released from Drake.

He responded by saying “I’ve thought about a bunch of things in life, but at this moment in time none of those things are stopping making music for the fans.” On April 7th, Drake released “Search and Rescue” which peaked at 2nd on the Billboard Hot 100.

This summer, Drake released a poetry book titled, *Titles Ruin Everything*, a day later a QR code ap-

peared on the front page of the New York Post. The code sent you to a page with two puppies and a statement that said, “I made an album to go with the book... They say they miss the old Drake, girl don’t tempt me. For all the dogs”. This statement can excite us for the release of “For All The Dogs” and to see if Drake is really hinting at music being similar to his prime. For now, all we can do is wait for the highly anticipated album.



Lynyrd Skynyrd

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Lynyrd Skynyrd’s 22-date tour will be visiting cities across North America from July through September. Lynyrd Skynyrd approaches their 50th anniversary of the band’s critically acclaimed debut album *Endangered Species* in 2023.

They resonate as greatly with their multi-generational fan base today as when they first appeared from Jacksonville, Florida, in 1973. Those who joined the tour were the band ZZ Top, “That Little Ol’ Band From Texas,” who have been

performing for over a half century giving rock, blues and boogie on stage to millions of fans.

With visual images and symbols, as distinctive as their sound, ZZ Top is globally recognized with their beards, hot rod cars, spinning guitars and magic key-chains.

Lynyrd Skynyrd’s most popular song is “Sweet Home Alabama.” “Sweet home Alabama” was originally intended as a response to Neil Young, “Ronnie Van Zant the lead singer of Skynyrd was

a big fan of Young’s music but he was taken aback by Young’s early 70’s songs “Southern Man,” and “Alabama” which attacked the south for its backwards, racist past. Van Zant viewed Young’s songs as inflammatory, unfair indictments of an entire region.” - American Songwriter the craft of music. Now ZZ Top’s most popular song is sharp dressed man Bill Gibbons said that what inspired him to write this song was from a movie he saw and a character was listed in the credits as “Sharp-Eyed Man.”