

The Buccaneer

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RB vs. LB: Thanksgiving rivalry turns 100

BY TIM KELLY

When Thanksgiving comes around, there are a few things that you are guaranteed to see: a delicious dinner hot out of the oven, family gathered around the table, and a football game between Red Bank and Long Branch.

The Thanksgiving Day game is the longest-running tradition in the Shore Conference and one of the longest in the entire state. For the past 99

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SPORTS

**CHATTLE SCORES
BRILLIANT VICTORY
OVER RED BANK HIGH**

Good Crowd Fills Stands At Oriole Field To Watch
Two Rival Jersey Shore Teams In Action
On Gridiron In Exciting Game
At Red Bank Saturday

**BOTH TEAMS PLAY GOOD
BRAND OF FOOTBALL**

Student Bodies Keep Up Almost Continual
Cheering From Start of Game Until Finish
When Chattle Makes Last Score
On Short Line Plunge

Chattle high school scored a brilliant victory over the Red Bank high school on Saturday, Nov. 3, 1923. The try for points was made when the Chattle players entered the game on Saturday determined to win the game or "die" fighting for it. Many alumni are expected to be present at this game which is always the most important one of the Chattle schedule.

**RED BANK WINS
FROM FREEHOLD**

Continues Winning Streak In

**SATURDAY'S GAMES
ARE MUCH DISCUSSIBLE**

Cornell, Yale and Syracuse Vanquish
—N. Y. U. and Fordham Are Reported
Matched For Tuesday's Encounter

New York, Nov. 5.—Football followers found much for discussion in the battles of Saturday in which Cornell, Yale and Syracuse vanquished powerful foes. The day, spectacular in many contests, came up to full expectations as a big football date. Yale was vindicated for paying her football coaches \$42,000 a year when the Blue took the Army's scalp, no mean achievement, by the count of 31 to 10. By this showing it is generally believed among Yale's friends that she should make a glorious come-back against her rivals. Cornell made a great showing against the unbeaten Dartmouth team, ending with a 22 to 7 victory, and Syracuse took the measure of the unbeaten Penn State team, 10 to 0. The Cornell eleven established its right to lock to high places in the final reckoning. Pennsylvania's victory over the Pittsburgh Panthers marked another step forward for the Red and Blue eleven and put them that much nearer a chance to curb Cornell's advance. Columbia showed marked improvement in defeating the Middebury eleven, which tied Harvard. Harvard's defeat of Tufts eliminated a worthy contender for the high places. Princeton beat a none too strong Swarthmore team, but showed itself weak against the forward pass game. Other outstanding contests were

LAKEWOOD SCORES

Exciting Game
Large Crowd
Orange

Lakewood High School's other victory day when they defeated Orange High School 18 to 0. Lakewood's kickoff as a plunge means "disposal" 40 yards. Two first downs a 20 yard pass. Koffman scored. Coombs tried a drop kick but a drop kick has been altogether untried since day. The second in the same play a blocked punt boomer was kicked.

LONG BRANCH DAILY RECORD / NEWSPAPERS.COM

A local newspaper heaped praise on the team from Chattle High School – the precursor to Long Branch High School – for its "brilliant" 13-0 victory over host Red Bank High School. (The district didn't officially become "regional" until 1969.) Records show the teams met on Saturday, Nov. 3, 1923 – nearly four weeks before Thanksgiving Day.

‘Sleepy Hollow’ headed for opening night, dinner show

BY EASY JACK PORTMAN

One of RBR's many crown jewels is that of its Visual & Performing Arts Academy. Wonderful sports opportunities and clubs galore also rank high on the list, but the VPA has for decades remained a highlight of the school. Its creative opportunities provide

a place for students to flourish.

One particular subdivision of the VPA, the RBR Drama Academy, is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, theater arts instructor Reuben Jackson —

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Have you ever wondered what mindfulness is? Have you ever wondered about the importance behind it as well?

Mindfulness is the state of being aware of one's surroundings and being mentally present in a given moment. The ability to carry out the art of mindfulness takes daily practice and can be worked on by anyone willing to put intention and effort into it.

In stress-inducing environments such as school or work, it is crucial to stay in a positive mindset and be fully aware of one's environment. Studies have proven that those who practice mindfulness on a daily basis have more positive outlooks on life, better social structures, and reduced anxiety and depression levels. When attaining a calmer state in environments such as these, one may find it is easier to focus in a relaxed manner.

Freshman English teacher and field hockey coach Danielle Spinelli recently provided insight into how building mindfulness skills may help students in the school environment.

"To start, students can begin to understand where the need to be mindful — oftentimes, this means being less anxious — is coming from," Mrs. Spinelli explained.

When students are feeling stressed, anxious or distracted, a healthy way of managing those feelings would be to check in with oneself and identify the source of those feelings. Mindfulness gives students the language and techniques for doing that self-check. Mrs. Spinelli broke it down thusly:

Is the problem interoceptive in nature? "Meaning approaching from the inside out, [or] interpreting what's going on inside the body." Proprioceptive, or related to "awareness of where your body is in space"? Or exteroceptive, coming from "outside in by asking, 'What's happening around me? Are other



COURTESY OF CAITLIN TURNER
RBR coach and certified social-emotional learning facilitator Danielle Spinelli (left) led her field hockey team through a mindfulness exercise prior to a preseason workout in late August.

people and stimuli the focus of my distraction?"

Mrs. Spinelli points out that students must identify which source needs the most attention, then address conflict by applying different strategies to diminish stressful situations. Techniques such as breath work, stretching and various exercises of movement are all methods one may use to reduce stress, she said.

The techniques can be incorporated into every part of a student's day, whether at home, in the classroom or while taking part in sports or other after-school activities, Mrs. Spinelli pointed out. Especially for those that have an involved schedule filled with a variety of extracurriculars, students and athletes may find themselves overwhelmed or facing conflicts with time management.

By observing the environment around oneself and distinguishing where stress comes from and how it should be addressed, students can locate points of tension and manage negative feelings that can get in the

way of productivity and enjoyment.

By expanding on mindfulness skills, one may develop healthier relationships with teammates or classmates, learn to self-regulate and manage one's calendar productively, and appreciate a less stress-inducing environment.

"The more you practice, the more an individual has the ability to grow in self-awareness and then will know which method to apply and when," Mrs. Spinelli said.

Mrs. Spinelli is one of two RBR staffers who came into this school year newly certified as social-emotional learning facilitators. Along with RBR Child Study team case manager Audrey McGarry, Mrs. Spinelli completed the Breathe for Change mind-body and social-emotional wellness program, which aims to equip educators with techniques to manage their own and their students' mental and emotional health. The Breathe for Change program includes training in yoga, mindfulness and social-emotional learning (SEL) practices.



COURTESY OF RBR GUIDANCE

Jessica Mendez-Romero, William Hernandez-Medina, Jayla Wilson, Luis Ramirez-Ramirez and Kira Ashton-O'Connor were among the dozens of RBR seniors who received admissions offers from area colleges and universities during RBR's three Instant Decision Days this fall.

Colleges to Bucs: We want you!

COURTESY OF RBR GUIDANCE

Gone are the days of waiting around for the mailman to deliver the coveted fat envelope that once signaled college admission. In fact, for dozens of RBR seniors, there was no waiting at all! Over the course of three Instant Decision Days spread between Oct. 18 and Nov. 20, the Class of 2024 earned 94 on-the-spot acceptances to 11 area colleges and universities, courtesy of an RBR Guidance Department signature event known as Instant Decision Day.

Originally organized by counselor Shalene McLaughlin in 2013, Instant Decision Day aims to streamline the often complicated and expensive process of applying to colleges. The program brings college admissions officers directly to RBR; students who submit applications ahead of time can then complete their in-person interviews all at once. If admissions officers like what they hear, they offer the RBR candidate an acceptance letter and — in many cases — merit scholarship award in the same conversation.

The schools that sent representatives to meet with senior prospects this fall were as follows:

- Drew University (Madison, N.J.)
- Fairleigh Dickinson Univ. (Florham, N.J.)
- Georgian Court University (Lakewood, N.J.)
- Kean University (Union, N.J.)
- Montclair University (Montclair, N.J.)
- New Jersey Institute of Technology (Newark)
- Quinnipiac University (Hamden, Conn.)
- Ramapo College of New Jersey (Mahwah)
- Rider University (Lawrence, N.J.)
- Seton Hall University (South Orange, N.J.)
- Stockton University (Galloway Township)

As of press time, Guidance was waiting to hear on 22 more pending admissions decisions, as well as merit scholarship totals offered by the participating schools. Last year, RBR seniors from the Class of 2023 were awarded \$1.96 million in Instant Decision Day scholarships. This year's award total was at \$2.52 million and counting as of press time.



COURTESY OF RBR GUIDANCE

RBR seniors (from left) Vanessa Matone, Angel Velasco, Cayla Lamegos-Outwin, Victor Mendez-Escalona and Melany Mendez-Garcia were all smiles after earning admission and, in some cases, scholarships to colleges and universities across the state.

RBR rockers prepare to do battle

BY JOEY SPRIZZA

Wanna perform on stage but aren't a VPA major? Well, you don't have to be to perform in Battle of the Bands.

Battle of the Bands is a great way to get stage experience and to meet more people with the common

interest of music and band. Just like jazz and other classical genres, rock is just as important. Getting to know other musical styles is a great way to expand your experience and try new things.

Registration is open through Dec. 13, and auditions will be held in January. The battle is set for Feb. 9, 2024.

Best of luck to everyone who auditions!



FRIDAY
FEB. 9

RBRHS PRESENTS: **BATTLE OF THE BANDS**



Sign-ups open through Dec. 13!

Scan to register

Contact for more info:
battleofthebands24@gmail.com

RBR VPA

The poster features a background image of a large crowd at a concert with their hands raised. The text is overlaid on this image, including the event title, dates, registration deadline, contact information, and the RBR VPA logo.



COURTESY OF NYLA MORTON

Class of 2025 President Nyla Morton (second from left) studied abroad in Barcelona, Spain during the summer between her sophomore and junior years at RBR. Nyla participated in a language-immersion program sponsored by the nonprofit educational travel organization CIEE. She offset the cost of her trip through a combination of CIEE scholarship monies and income she earned as an influencer for the program.

Can high-schoolers study abroad? YES!

BY EMMA KRZYCKI

Studying abroad in high school is possible, and that's what CIEE Global Navigator programs are all about! This week, at the invitation of the RBR Guidance Department, a representative from the nonprofit CIEE — Council on International Educational Exchange — spoke to all grade levels about the travel and study opportunities available to students through the 75-year-old organization. The pertinent details are summarized here.

CIEE offers a full range of study abroad programs that give high-schoolers the opportunity to spend anywhere from three weeks to a whole summer in a foreign country. Unlike in other places, where studying abroad is more common during high school, only about 2% of U.S. students get that opportunity every year.

Studying abroad in high school is not only personally transformative; it helps students stand out in college application and job interview processes.

Financing your trip

Scholarships make studying abroad accessible to more students. Students who may otherwise not have had a chance to travel as teenagers get to make lifelong friendships with students from across the U.S. and the world, helping them see themselves and other cultures in a new light.

Still, cost is a major factor to consider when applying. CIEE tuition starts at \$4,750 and can be

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Writers, actors, cooks collab on ‘Sleepy Hollow’ experience

who serves as director of the Red Bank Regional Theatre Company — decided to commemorate this event with a very special fall play.

Last school year, Mr. Jackson tasked the Level 3 and Level 4 Creative Writing Majors with writing an original adaptation of Washington Irving’s 1820 short story, “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,” with the direction to make it as close to the original text as possible. The writers (including this author) worked hard in secret over the summer to write, rewrite and edit the play, and now it is ready to be staged: Opening night is Thursday, Nov. 30!

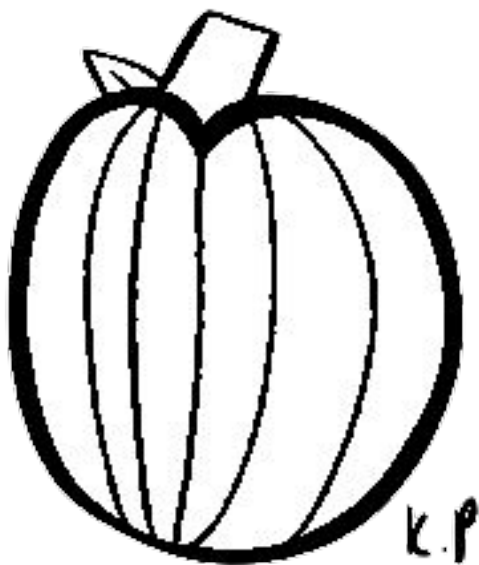
This cross-academy work is a sign of how engaged and unified the VPA is at RBR. When asked about his decision to break the mold for the fall play with a student-written adaptation, Mr. Jackson had this to say: “‘The Legend of Sleepy Hollow’ is something I’ve always wanted to direct, and I think we came to a point where we had the right production team to do it this year.

“I think Washington Irving wrote a story that is really timeless and still excites readers and audiences, even in the 21st century, [but] I really couldn’t find a credible stage adaptation in print,” Mr. Jackson explained, noting that his thoughts turned to RBR writing teacher Meaghan McDavitt and her student in the Creative Writing Academy.

“Last year, they had some really

brilliant material in the [Creative Writing Academy] showcases, and I thought they could write a really good adaptation,” Mr. Jackson noted.

“Moreover, in the real world of theater, collaboration is a constant between writers, actors and directors,” he added. “I wanted to bring a real-world working dynamic into the fall production that hadn’t previously been in any



other production to date.”

Mr. Jackson supported his idea by elaborating, “It’s always been about collaboration in the VPA from its earliest years. The writing and the acting is what this is about. I thought a big collaboration between two departments in the VPA for a fall mainstage production would be a great way to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the VPA.”

But Mr. Jackson decided to celebrate this very special play

with one other event. Last year, a special Dinner & A Show ticket package was made available for the first time as part of the Red Bank Regional Theatre Company’s staging of “Shrek: The Musical.” On one night of the show, the RBR Culinary Club worked hard to provide a special themed dinner centered around the show that was paired with a meet-and-greet with the characters.

This year, the same type of event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. Once again, Chef Enny and the Culinary students will whip up a delicious “Sleepy Hollow”-themed dining experience.

“Chef Enny made a great occasion out of the dinner [and] meet-and-greet for ‘Shrek,’” Mr. Jackson reflected. “Very imaginative menu and excellent food.

“This year, I think he will top that just in the menu alone,” Mr. Jackson added. “I think it’s a great opportunity if friends and family can get together and dine before a show here at RBR, and it’s a great fundraiser for the program.

“Also, it’s a great introduction into the world of the play, as the dinner is inspired from the classic short story that the play is based on,” Mr. Jackson noted. “It’s a celebration of the play, of autumn, the world of theater — it’s an event.”

Chef Enny echoed Mr. Jackson’s

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VPA marks anniversary with dinner & show combination

enthusiasm: “I just want to say, I am pumped to show the Culinary Club and diners what a real meal looks like! This is what higher-profile clientele expect when they go to an event. I want to show the school how it’s done in the real world.”

“When talking with Mr. Jackson and the writers, they explained there is a scene where this is essentially a harvest festival, [so] I thought we would try to re-create a homey yet upscale dining environment,” Chef Enny said of the inspiration for the Dinner & A Show menu. “The play takes place in the late 18th, early 19th century, so the food should be relatively rustic. A large roasted piece of meat would certainly be a centerpiece at a banquet during that time period. I will be updating the cooking process by cooking the beef and turkey *sous-vide* ... (vacuum sealed and cooked in a pot of water using a thermometer) to ensure they are cooked perfectly.

“For the appetizer, I am using a recipe from Drew’s Bayshore Bistro in Keyport, a restaurant I used to work at,” the chef added. “I cook the butternut squash in some milk and then purée it with cheese to create a velvety orange cheese sauce that is 50% vegetables,” which he noted is “a great way to sneak some veggies into a food that kids will eat.”

“For the veggies, we are keeping it seasonal and rustic: vegetables that are in season during the late autumn and simply roasted in an oven. And of course,” he added, “no festivity or celebration is complete without a toast to the host, and since it’s a school event, we are going with sparkling cider.”

Visit RBRHSNJ.BOOKTIX.com to purchase tickets!

Adults = \$15 online / \$20 at the door

Seniors + Non-RBR students = \$10

RBR students + staff = FREE

PERFORMANCES

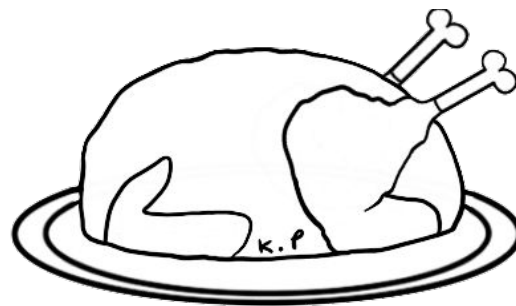
Thursday, Nov. 30 – Saturday, Dec. 2 @ 7 PM

Sunday, Dec. 3 @ 2 PM

DINNER & A SHOW

Saturday, Dec. 2 @ 5 PM

Tickets = \$30



Sleepy Hollow Dinner Menu

— appetizer —

roasted butternut squash
mac-'n'-cheese with herbed bread
crumbs

— entrée —

roast beef & turkey carving stations

— vegetables —

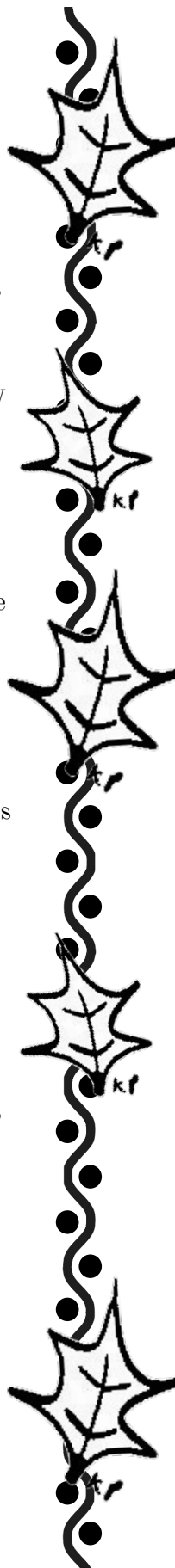
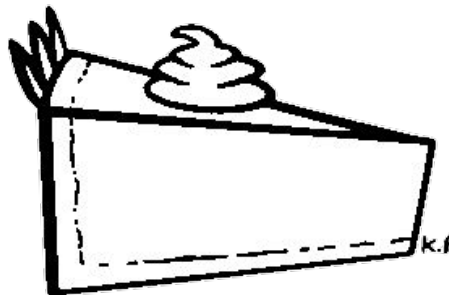
roasted medley: potatoes, carrots,
onions, apples, brussels sprouts,
squash

— dessert —

pumpkin cheesecake
Headless Horseman cookies

— beverage —

apple cider



STUDY ABROAD, FROM PAGE 5

Multiple options exist for students looking to explore abroad

more depending on the program. Tuition includes all the student's housing, food, instructional, activity and ground transportation costs, as well as student travel insurance. Scholarships can cover up to 100% of tuition, though the cost of airfare and passport or visa fees are always the responsibility of the student.

Between 2015 and 2023, 66 students from RBR studied abroad with CIEE, and they earned more than \$179,000 in scholarship funds to offset their tuition costs. In the summer of 2023 alone, 20 Bucs participated in CIEE programs and earned a total of \$52,000 in scholarship awards. CIEE will give away close to \$6 million in scholarship funds to U.S. high school students this year.

Selecting the right program

CIEE offers study abroad opportunities in more than 35 cities, including Paris, Barcelona, Rome, Tokyo and Rabat. CIEE has around 63 different programs just for high school students, ranging from summers to full years abroad. CIEE programs each focus on one of a multitude of subjects grouped in five main categories: Arts & Culture, Business, Social Change, STEM and Language.

CIEE has a drop-down menu on its website, CIEE.org, that makes it easier to find your desired destination and area of focus. Different programs are available in different locations, and details like accommodations vary from one program to another. Be sure to read each program page thoroughly as you consider CIEE's various offerings.

For example, if you choose to a language program, you can earn up to four college credits, which looks great on college applications! Keep in mind that if you choose to do a language program, most require a year of high school language.

Lodging

Because there is no better way to achieve language immersion than living with locals, all CIEE language programs include a homestay with a local host family. All homestay families go through a background check

to make sure the student will be the safest they can be while abroad.

Outside of language programs, CIEE high school summer abroad programs feature a variety of housing options depending on the program focus and/or location. These can include homestays or centrally located dorms, hostels or hotels.

All student lodging plans include: meals (and the accommodation of specific dietary needs), access to laundry, and wifi connectivity.

Depending on the program, students may or may not share rooms with other students. Some rooms may house just two students together, while bigger and more comfortable spaces may house more. When assigning rooms, CIEE does its best to place students based on their self-identified gender.

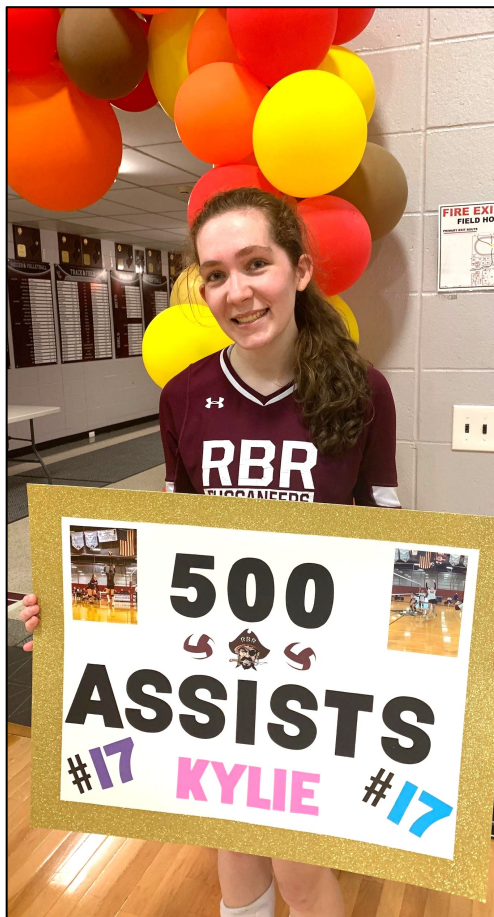
CIEE typically cannot accommodate requests for students to share rooms with specific other friends or siblings. Studying abroad is all about meeting new people, and CIEE encourages students to make new friends and connections.

Applications

Most summer 2024 program application deadlines are in mid- to late January, with a few as early as December. Be sure to check the details of the programs that interest you. For more information, scan the QR code below.



**Scan to visit
CIEE's high
school study
abroad pages,
where you can
research
specific
programs and
start working
on your
application!**



KYLIE FISHER (#17) SETTER SENIOR

Kylie earned 544 career assists over her three years on varsity. This past season, Kylie broke RBR's record for season assists with a whopping 306.



senior standouts

C O M P I L E D B Y R O W A N M A R T I N



ALEENA FELICIANO (#18) OPPOSITE • SENIOR

Aleena was the varsity volleyball team's leader in kills this season, with a staggering 137, giving her a grand total of 220 career kills. This year, Aleena also earned a spot on the B-North All Division team.



BUC BEAT | Voices from the halls of RBR**Q:**

What's your favorite place to shop during the Black Friday weekend?

**FRESHMAN**

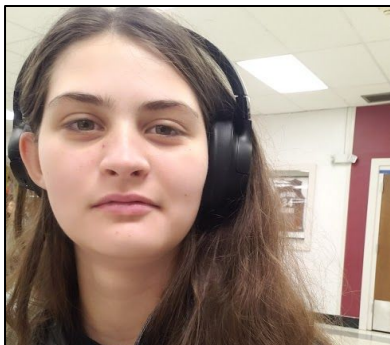
"NASCAR
Shop online."
— *Bailey Rigglesman*

**SOPHOMORE**

"Amazon."
— *Carly Darragh*

**JUNIOR**

"Best Buy."
— *Lyric Osorio*

**SENIOR**

"Hot Topic."
— *Sam Lewis*

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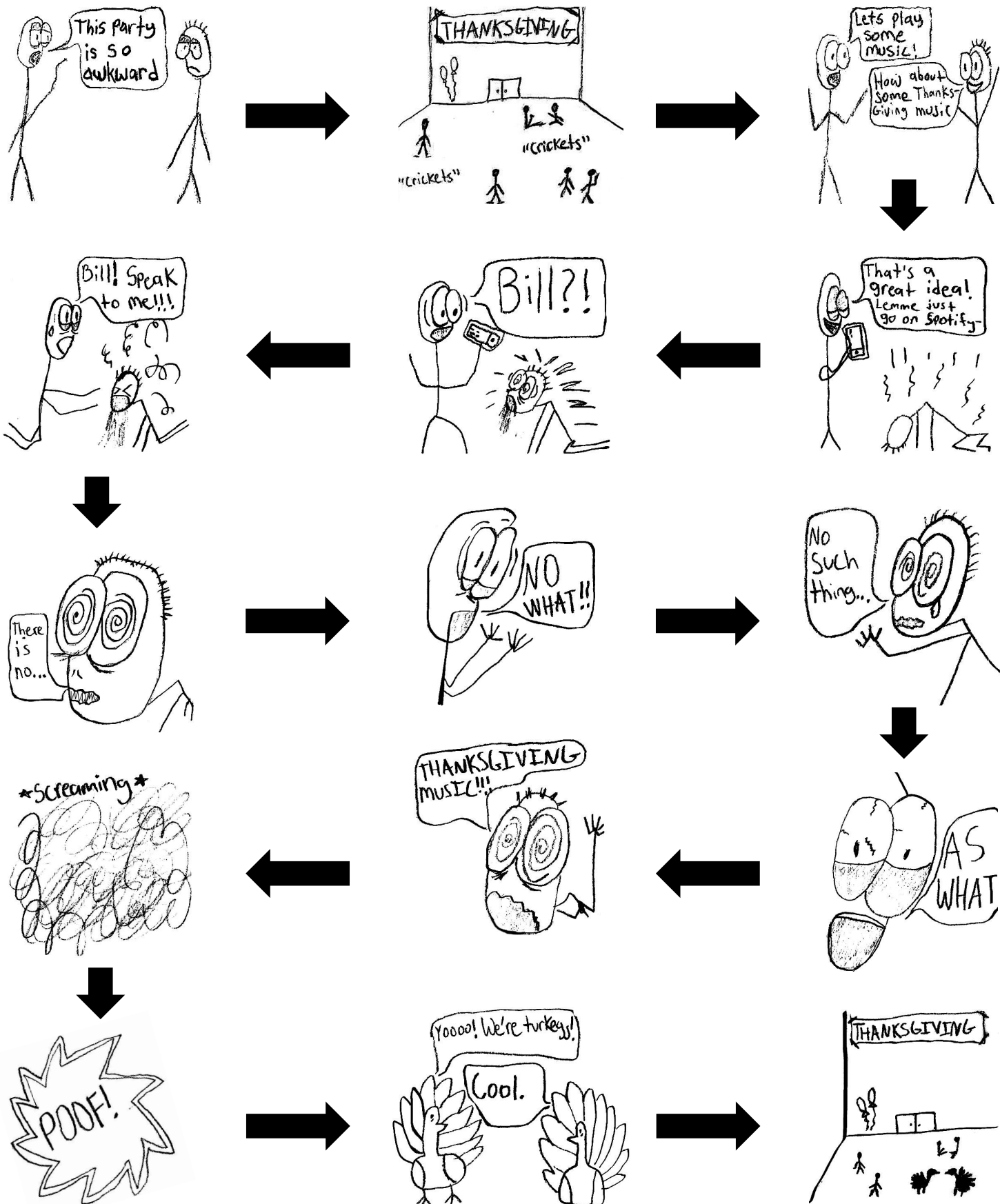
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THANKSGIVING MUSIC | Bridget Smith



THANKSGIVING TABLE | Kira Ashton-O'Connor



apple

collard
greens

cornbread

cranberries

feast

gravy

ham

pie

potatoes

pumpkin

rolls

soup

stuffing

turkey

vegetables

wishbone

yams

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FOOTBALL SCRAMBLE | Kira Ashton-O'Connor

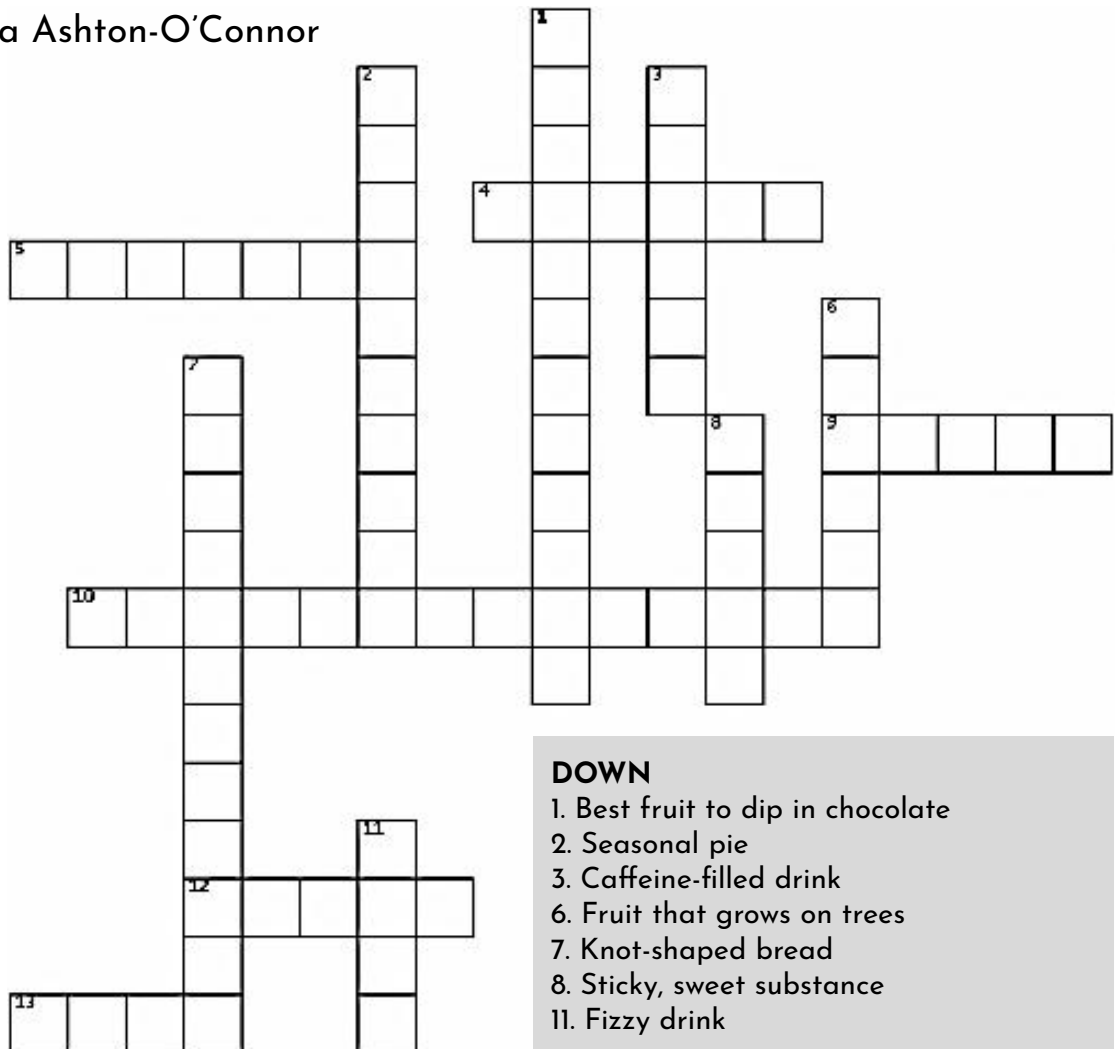
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1. fumble / 2. interception / 3. touchdown / 4. endzone / 5. scrimmage / 6. quarterback
7. cleats / 8. safety / 9. tackle / 10. turnover / 11. Friday night lights

GOOD GRUB | Kira Ashton-O'Connor

ACROSS

4. Opposite of a pancake
5. Well known condiment
9. Savory Italian pie
10. Top choice for picky eaters
12. Golden rings
13. Baby back ___



DOWN

1. Best fruit to dip in chocolate
2. Seasonal pie
3. Caffeine-filled drink
6. Fruit that grows on trees
7. Knot-shaped bread
8. Sticky, sweet substance
11. Fizzy drink

RIVALRY, FROM PAGE 1

Bucs aim to surf Green Wave in 100th Turkey Day matchup

years, the Bucs have taken on the Green Wave every Thanksgiving Thursday (or thereabouts) in the hopes of taking home the Ty Lewis Trophy, which is claimed by the winner of the annual game.

Over the course of the nearly hundred-year tradition, Long Branch has gotten the better of Red Bank: The Green Wave leads the all-time series 64-32-3. But amid speculation that the upcoming 100th anniversary game could be the last Thanksgiving meeting between the rivals, all wins and losses are thrown out the window.

The Bucs have had an up-and-down 2023 season. All year, the Bucs have been battling injuries on both sides. They're currently sitting on a 3-6 record but coming off two gritty wins over Lacey and

Steinert earlier this month.

This year, the Bucs' offense has been led by senior running back Jah'Cire Jones. The four-year varsity running back has been a major part of the Bucs' recent successes, contributing three touchdowns to the team's two most recent victories.

On the defensive side, the Bucs' line has been stellar the past couple of games. The defensive unit has been led by Harvard football commit Griffin Egan and classmate Liam Stack.

All year, this senior duo has provided major strategic advantages for the Bucs, with Egan constantly in opposing teams' backfield and Stack locking down the secondary. Stack is coming off of one of his best

games of his career, wherein he racked up a pair of interceptions and blocked kicks in the Bucs' 14-7 victory over the Steinert Spartans of Hamilton Township on Nov. 8.

"Tensions are high for this upcoming game," captain and three-year starter Nick Gandolfo shared in the days leading up to the Bucs' Thanksgiving Day matchup with Long Branch.

"It's a great time hearing former players, alumni and current fans cheering us on in the stands," Gandolfo said of the atmosphere surrounding the annual rivalry game.

"Many of us seniors will be playing our last game ever," the captain added. "So we are going to leave it all out on the field."



100 Years Ago ...

On a chilly Saturday in early November 1923, the hometown crowd buzzed with anticipation as the “gridiron warriors” of Red Bank High School hosted the crew from Long Branch’s Chattle High School for what was described as an “exciting” game that featured “a good brand of football.” Little did anyone at Oriole Field know, that day’s 13-0 shutout of the “Red Bankers” would be the first of 99 epic clashes between the teams that eventually became, respectively, the Long Branch Green Wave and the Red Bank Regional Buccaneers. On the eve of the teams’ 100th Thanksgiving meeting, *The Buccaneer* dug into the archives of the *Long Branch Daily Record*, a local paper that ceased publication in the 1970s, to put together some clippings from the game that started it all.

Red Bank High School	LINEUP	Chattle High School
Irwin	.....	Julian
	left end	
Kaiser	.....	Showler
	left tackle	
Stout	.....	Dickerson
	left guard	
Nestler	.....	Clancy
	center	
Bennett	.....	Colton
	right guard	
McClellan	.....	A. Cittadino
	right tackle	
Taylor	.....	Kiernan
	right end	
Brennan	.....	Marks
	quarterback	
Sloss	.....	Lerner
	left halfback	
Marthens	.....	Schlenger
	right halfback	
Hariman	.....	J. Cittadino
	fullback	

HIGHLIGHTS

A large and enthusiastic crowd was a at the field before the opening of the game, and both schools showed much sportsmanship and spirit throughout the game.



Red Bank, just before the opening whistle, started a snake dance around the field that almost reached college dance proportions ... When the dance was half concluded, the whole student body lined up across the field and gave a cheer for the visiting team. Chattle rooters ... then took up the cheering, and both teams began the fray with the assurance of the backing of their respective student bodies.



Red Bank all through the game employed new tactics on the local boys and signalled fair catches for every punt they were to receive.

12-MINUTE PERIODS	PERIOD 1	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 3	PERIOD 4	TOTAL
Chattle High School	7	0	0	6	13
Red Bank High School	0	0	0	0	0



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Bucs *swishing* for big basketball season

BY CATIE MARRIN

The boys' basketball team ended the 2022-2023 season with an 8-15 record — not exactly a victorious campaign, but those lopsided numbers mask some important wins, particularly against longtime rivals Red Bank Catholic and Christian Brothers Academy.

The seniors leading our team this year are Numan Afzal, Jameson Ackerman, Sean Forbes and Braydon Kirkpatrick. Ryan Fisher, a junior point guard, has been a varsity starter since his sophomore year. He managed to rack up an impressive 67 points during the 2022-2023 season.

Recently, *The Buccaneer* decided to ask Fisher a few questions regarding his goals for the upcoming season as not only a player, but a teammate.

The way Fisher sees it, the only goal the team cares about this season is “that we win a

state championship.”

“We haven’t won one in a while, and we believe that this is the year we can make it happen,” Fisher asserted. As you can see, he is a very determined individual, which shows not just in his style of play, but his belief that “this season will be much different from the last.”

“Last year,” Fisher continued, “we had a new coach, and everything was all new to us. Now that we have a whole year of experience under our belts, things will be much different. Even though our record wasn’t great on paper last year, we did some things that haven’t been accomplished in a while.”

To see if this promising team fulfills its mission, come watch the Bucs’ home opener on Thursday, Dec. 14 against Southern @ 6:45 PM in the RBR field house.



ICE HOCKEY LOOKING TO SHAKE OFF CHILL

BY CATIE MARRIN

Will RBR ice hockey make a comeback this season? In years prior, our Bucs ice hockey team has had a rough go of it. Nonetheless, our triumphant hockey squad is planning to make a comeback this year. With seniors Lars Wilson, Gus Filippelli, Annie Lootsma, Lucas Nijmens and Patrick Riddle leading the charge, this season is bound to be one of the best ones yet!

Sophomore Mikey Holzapfel has set himself a lofty goal: He aims to score 10 to 15 points this season. With 6 assists already, this target looks 100% obtainable for this promising player.

Many of these young men and women have very impressive stats, such as Filippelli with over 443 saves in his career!

Owen Montgomery is not far away, with over 389 saves in his freshman year alone. What will sophomore year bring for him?

Stay tuned as the Bucs begin to answer these and other questions in a season full of potential. Home opener against Central Regional is slated for Dec. 13 at 8:15 PM at the Red Bank Armory. Be there!



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GRIDIRON GIRLS

Junior vs. senior matchup puts ‘fun’ in fundraiser

BY GERLINDE DUNNICAN

As the boys’ football season winds down at RBR, the girls’ season is just beginning. Yes, it is the time of year for the (almost) annual Powder Puff game, recently rebranded the “girls’ intramural football game.”

(This name change was caused by some controversy over the sexist implications of “powder puff,” a term that arose in the 1940s to refer to women’s flag football matches. The term — a reference to makeup applied by female players — can be seen as demeaning women’s athletic ability and implies that the game is not taken as seriously as it should be. The change sparked some upset among students who prefer the “powder puff” tradition. Although the Athletic Department could not pinpoint a precise year

this tradition started at RBR, the earliest record of the Powder Puff game as a school event is from 2011, according to RBR Athletic Director Michael Stoia.)

Regardless of its title, the juniors-versus-seniors game took place on Monday, Nov. 6 in RBR’s football stadium and proved to be a great demonstration of strength and determination by both teams.

The juniors wore black hoodies and the seniors wore pink hoodies. Sweatshirt sales served as a fundraiser that created a large amount of money for the junior class.

With less than a 90-minute practice before the game, the girls played well and had a lot of support from parents, friends and peers. Teams were coached by Mr. Stoia, RBR Principal Julius Clark, and math teacher and class

advisor Eric Melone, as well as some of the Buccaneer football players.

Each of the girls’ teams had about 40 players participating, and both grades put up a strong fight against each other.

Carrying her team with the first speedy touchdown of the matchup, Sammy Gannon put the seniors in the lead, 7-0, earning a lot of cheering and excitement from her teammates and the crowd, as well as bragging rights for the Class of 2024.

However, not long after did Chelsea Langa tie the score with a touchdown for the juniors.

With time running out, the game was left in a tie with a 7-7 score. The decision was made to award the victory to the team that had advanced more yards.

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The Class of 2025 eked out a win over their senior counterparts in the Nov. 6 girls’ intramural game.

GERLINDE DUNNICAN / THE BUCCANEER

JUNIORS

Sophia Bald
Olivia Chmielewski
Camryn Colaizzo
Sophia Condouris
Kayce Coscia
Emma DiFede
Abby Doogan
Keira Fagan
Elle Fishbein
Nora Flanagan
Rory Fleming
Eva Garcia
Mica Garofalo
Caleigh Gilbert
Jessica Gomez

Ella Griffin
Avery Grootenboer
Honor Hile
Arayana Holiday
Tristan Hughes
Opal Lachik
Alexa Laido
Chelsea Langa
Fatima Linares
Guadalupe Lopez
Catie Marrin
Kate McCabe
Vanessa Merendino
Avery Merrill
Ryann Moore

Nyla Morton
Bridget Munson
Haley Norris
Emma Ostervich
Emily Pena
Abby Petrone
Caroline Polloway
Katie Pouso
Noelle Ptak
Jasmia Rivera
Isla Rubin
Emily Schellato
Kaitlyn Szabo
Kennedy Whitehead
Olivia Yarusi

SENIORS

Sophia Callano
Laila Castell
Michele Cieluch
Sarah Coscia
Allie Courtney
Abigail Crow
Jill Doody
Kathryn Duncan
Gerlinde Dunnican
Aleena Feliciano
Meghan Fitzpatrick
Julianna Foote
Sammie Ford
Megan Gandolfo
Sammy Gannon

Camryn Gardner
Dakota Giese
Ally Grassi
Samantha Henry
McKayla Hughes
Emily Ketterer
Meghan Kilgallon
Vanessa Lopez
Tara Lynch
Jenna Maloney
Sophie Masonius
Jessica Mendez
Melany Mendez
Aileen Monahan
Mairin Munson

Caitlin Murphy
Lilly Pelensky
Lola Raymond
Jill Samaha
Reilly Sanborn
Lily Savko
Catherine Stack
Annabelle Stone
Amber Sudnikovich
Izzy Tonielli
Eleni Tsakiris
Liv Ventre
Sutton Wickman
Nola Wilson

INTRAMURAL, FROM PAGE 18

Class of 2025 gets narrow victory over senior rivals

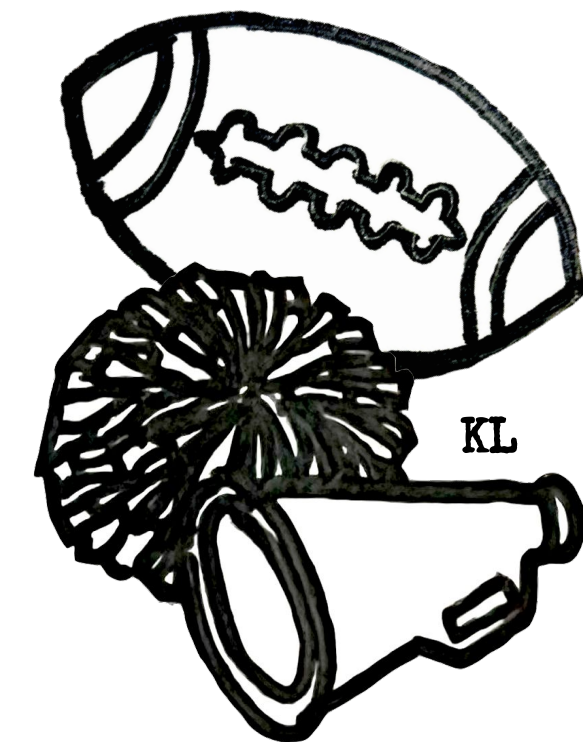
Unfortunately for the seniors, the juniors advanced more yards, making them the winners of the game.

Both players who scored touchdowns were very excited about it.

"I felt very confident in my 50-yard touchdown," Gannon said of her early score. "I'm pretty sad that we lost, though — we could've won!"

And when asked about her ultimately winning touchdown, Langa stated, "I was so excited I helped my team get the win, and I can't wait for another win for the Class of 2025 next year!"

Now the question remains: How long will the tension last between the junior class and the senior class?



CHEERLEADERS

CLASS OF 2025
JUNIORS

Aarron Butts
Jake Chatto
Zayier Dean
Thomas McBride
Quinn Niesz
Harry Savko

CLASS OF 2024
SENIORS

Brady Carroll
Sam Dengler
Brendon Jervet
Josh Nesheiwat
Liam Stack



ATHLETIC HONORS

The Lady Bucs tear up the track and kill it on the courts, but today, RBR administrators will recognize 39 female scholar-athletes for their off-field accomplishments. A trio of girls' teams have been invited to the Principal's Cup breakfast to celebrate their strong performances in the classroom during their respective seasons. Collectively, these teams posted the best GPAs in the school during their most recent seasons:

Girls' Tennis 🎾 **99.28%**
Girls' Indoor Track 🏃 **98.42%**
Girls' Lacrosse 🏑 **97.04%**

Sophia Bald
 Diana Benitez-Garcia
 Sophia Callano
 Natalie Clark
 Abigail Crow
 Kathleen Deverin
 Paloma Donohue
 Jillian Doody
 Meghan Fitzpatrick
 Caleigh Gilbert

Jessica Gomez
 Allison Grassi
 Samantha Henry
 Nicole Kalorin
 Chloe Keating
 Ava Kungel
 Chelsea Langa
 Keira Leverock
 Ella Marc-Aurele
 Sophie Masonius

Jessica Mendez-Romero
 Kate Meulener
 Elsbeth Munro
 Lilly Pelensky
 Sasha Perskie
 Anna Petersen
 Sofia Pia
 Abigail Plattel
 Aaliyah Reevey
 Isla Rubin

Karlie Ruland
 Catherine Sack
 Reilly Sanborn
 Lily Savko
 Claire Smigie
 Nora Tavares
 Emma Tuohy
 Marley Victor
 Sutton Wickman



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On National Signing Day (Wednesday, Nov. 8), RBR seniors Laila Castell and Andrew Pape committed to Division I collegiate sports programs. Upon graduation, forward/midfielder Castell will enter the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. and play for the Army Black Knights, while midfielder Pape will trade his Bue maroon for the Terrier red of Boston University.



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