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WPIAL Realignment

What Does That Look Like for Frazier?

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Football schedules will be released by the first week of February. Those schedules will include non-conference opponents hand picked by the WPIAL rather than assigned at random, another decision made to reduce travel.

WPIAL playoff brackets and the number of postseason qualifiers in each classification won't be decided until after the PIAA reveals updated state playoff brackets.

Class 2A (27 teams) SECTION 1 Apollo-Ridge Ligonier Valley Serra Catholic Shady Side Academy Steel Valley Summit Academy	SECTION 2 Beaver Falls Ellwood City Freedom Laurel Mohawk Neshannock New Brighton Riverside
SECTION 3 Beth-Center Chartiers-Houston Charleroi Frazier McGuffey Washington Waynesburg	SECTION 4 Brentwood Carlynton Seton LaSalle South Side Sto-Rox Western Beaver

What do you think about the changes? Email comments to news@fraziersd.org and your comments may be included in the next issue of the Commodore Chronicle.

8th Grade Collaboration



Recently, eighth grade students completed jobs in a factory. They were assigned tasks to simulate working conditions during the Industrial Revolution. After a few minutes of working to complete a product for speed and accuracy, students were given a challenge.



Students were provided with a scenario where they were acting as young children who had physical challenges. This increased the difficulty of the task and decreased the accuracy.

Students from Mrs. Wildman's History class and Mr. Rafail's ELA class worked together and competed to see which team of workers were more productive. The collaborative sessions went quickly and students were anxious to move on to the next task.



Working with help from Mrs. Kloock and Mrs. Moffatt, the classes used knowledge learned from the History class to recreate young workers during the Industrial Revolution. Students wrote in journals to record the experiences as child workers with disabilities. The entire experience was a culmination for the History unit and introduction to the novel unit in English class.

SPORTS

Congratulations Sierra!!!



100th Career Victory for Thayne



100th win The Frazier wrestling team didn't get the first win in school history as they hoped Wednesday night. But superstar Thayne Lawrence had a memorable night, achieving a big individual milestone in the Commodores' 50-24 loss to Mt. Pleasant in both teams' Class 2A subsection 3B opener.

The Lehigh recruit joined the century club with his 100th career victory, pinning the Vikings' Jack Kramer in 1:58 of the 182-pound match for Frazier's only win on the mat.

"I've been wrestling here for four years and it's hard getting that achievement at a small school," said Lawrence. "I feel good getting there and getting it done. Now I have to refocus and go to Ironman this weekend and compete there as hard as I can and see how it plays out."

FAFSA Completion Session

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships#types>

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships#how-find>

Finding and applying for student aid can be confusing. Visit the FAFSA website for general information. The two links above are for specific information about applying for scholarships and the different types of scholarships available.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>



As the year begins to wind down and high school graduation starts to appear within your vision, it's easy to lose sight of the college admissions process within all of the excitement of what's ahead. That is completely understandable; there is a lot going on – and a lot to be excited about!

Seniors, you're almost to the finish line, but still have some tasks to finish up before the school year – and your high school career - is over.

Here's what you should focus on throughout the month of March:

Start Making College Decisions

You can't make all of your final college decisions until all of your admissions responses have arrived from colleges, but you can start mapping out the different scenarios so that you're prepared for whatever decisions may arrive. Be prepared no matter what responses may come and start narrowing down college decisions as they arrive in the mail.

Verify Financial Aid

Before you make any finalized college budget decisions, make sure to verify your financial aid. You don't want to count on any financial aid that isn't actually available to you!

Send Your Final Transcripts to Colleges

Ensure your final transcripts are sent to colleges via your advisor or school counselor. Double check that your transcripts have been sent to the correct schools and will meet each school's housing deadline.

Prep for Finals and/or AP Exams

Your senior year grades will have an impact on your college admissions decisions. Assuming you are already admitted into a particular school, your grades will impact whether or not you're going to remain admitted. Additionally, if your grades continually improve so that colleges you're waitlisted for may reconsider.

Apply for Scholarships

As always, you should continue to apply for scholarships. College isn't cheap and you can always use extra money to pay for school! Make sure to continually apply to scholarships you match to and don't get discouraged if you don't win. Applying is ultimately a numbers game and the more scholarships you apply for, the better your chances are of winning. So apply early and apply often!



Mock Trial 2020



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Friday, April 24

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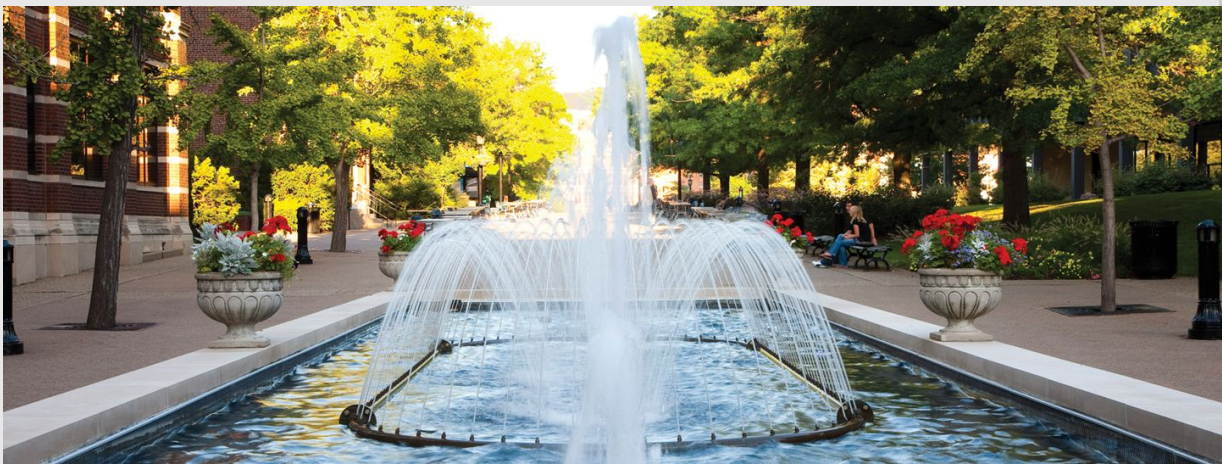
More information to come

“She warned him not to be deceived by
appearances, for beauty is found within.”





Spiritus est qui vivificat



Apply for Admission

Step 1 - Submit your application:

Prospective undergraduate students may apply to Duquesne University directly through our application, or through Common App.

Step 2 - Access your applicant portal:

After you submit your application, you will have access to your applicant portal where you'll find a checklist of additional materials that may be required. (Please note that students who apply through Common App will not have access to their applicant portal until mid-to-late August. You'll receive an email from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions when you're able to log in to your portal.)

This checklist may include transcripts, letters of recommendation and standardized test scores (or learn more about test optional admission for Business, Liberal Arts, Music and select Health Science programs).

Health Sciences and Nursing applicants ONLY: If your intended program of study requires a letter of recommendation, you will need the following information about your recommender: First and Last Name, Organization, Position/Title, Relationship, Phone Number, Email (Please use organization email)

Questions?

Contact Undergraduate Admissions at admissions@duq.edu or call 412.396.6222.

Please visit the University apply page for graduate, law and visiting student applications.

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**Friday, February 28 and
Saturday, February 29
6:00pm**

**Middle School School Auditorium
General admission is \$8**

**Presented by
Frazier Drama Club**

A special thanks to the Frazier Art Club for helping make our trip back to the Golden Age of TV a memorable one. We are looking forward to working together to bring more fun to the Frazier stage.

When the draft selects rock star Conrad Birdie, his fans are devastated, but none more than struggling songwriter Albert Peterson, whose song Birdie was just about to record. Albert's longtime girlfriend, Rosie, pushes Albert to write a new tune that Birdie will perform on television to a fan selected in a contest. The scheme works, with young Ohio teenager Kim McAfee declared the winner, but no one has counted on the jealous wrath of her boyfriend. See how Albert's "smother" almost ruins the plans for Al and Rose. Kim's parents are wondering what their daughter may be up to when all of the kids in town follow Conrad out to party. Put on your poodle skirts and leather jackets because you've "Got A-Lot of Livin'" to doooooooooo.

Are you in the mood for a Broadway show?

As winter sets in, think about going to see a Broadway show touring through Pittsburgh.



Miss Saigon Feb 4 - Feb 9

Direct from Broadway

Experience the acclaimed new production of the legendary musical *Miss Saigon*, from the creators of *Les Misérables*. This is the story of a young Vietnamese woman named Kim who is orphaned by war and forced to work in a bar run by a notorious character known as the Engineer. There she meets and falls in love with an American G.I. named Chris, but they are torn apart by the fall of Saigon. For 3 years, Kim goes on



The Sound of Music

March 5 - March 15

The final collaboration between Rodgers & Hammerstein was destined to become the world's most beloved musical. When a postulant proves too high-spirited for the religious life, she is dispatched to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval Captain. Her growing rapport with the youngsters, coupled with her generosity of spirit, gradually captures the heart of the stern Captain, and they marry.



The Band's Visit

March 10 - March 15

an epic journey of survival to find her way back to Chris, who has no idea he's fathered a son. Featuring stunning spectacle and a sensational cast of 42 performing the soaring score, including Broadway hits like *The Heat is On in Saigon*, *The Movie in My Mind*, *Last Night of the World*, and *American Dream*, this is a theatrical event you will never forget.



Cats Feb 25 - Mar 1

CATS, the record-breaking musical spectacular by Andrew Lloyd Webber that has captivated audiences in over 30 countries and 15 languages, is now on tour across North America!

Audiences and critics alike are rediscovering this beloved musical with breathtaking music, including one of the most treasured songs in musical theater— Memory. Winner of 7 Tony Awards® including BEST MUSICAL, CATS tells the story of one magical night when an extraordinary tribe of

The critically acclaimed smash-hit Broadway musical *The Band's Visit* is the winner of 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, making it one of the most Tony-winning musicals in history. It is also a Grammy Award® winner for Best Musical Theater Album.

In this joyously offbeat story, set in a town that's way off the beaten path, a band of musicians arrive lost, out of the blue. Under the spell of the desert sky, and with beautiful music perfuming the air, the band brings the town to life in unexpected and tantalizing ways. Even the briefest visit can stay with you forever.

The cast of world-class performers is led by award-winning Israeli actor Sasson Gabay, star of the original film and the Broadway production, and Chilina Kennedy, known best for her historic run as Carole King in Broadway's *Beautiful – The Carole King Musical*.

With a Tony- and Grammy-winning score that seduces your soul and sweeps you off your feet, and featuring thrillingly talented onstage musicians, *The Band's Visit* rejoices in the way music makes us laugh, makes us cry, and ultimately, brings us together.

Cats gathers for its annual ball to rejoice and decide which cat will be reborn. The original score by Andrew Lloyd Webber (The Phantom of the Opera, School of Rock, Sunset Boulevard), original scenic and costume design by John Napier (Les Misérables), all-new lighting design by Natasha Katz (Aladdin), all-new sound design by Mick Potter, new choreography by Andy Blankenbuehler (Hamilton) based on the original choreography by Gillian Lynne (Phantom) and direction by Trevor Nunn (Les Misérables) make this production a new CATS for a new generation!

Check out the many events at
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Summer: The Donna Summer Musical

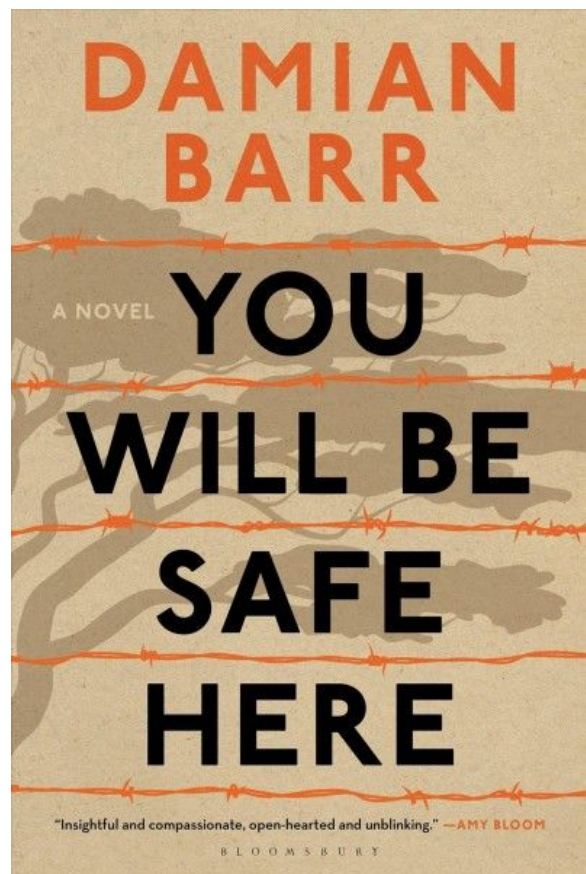
April 7 - April 12

She was a girl from Boston with a voice from heaven, who shot through the stars from gospel choir to dancefloor diva. But what the world didn't know was how Donna Summer risked it all to break through barriers, becoming the icon of an era and the inspiration for every music diva who followed. With a score featuring more than 20 of Summer's classic hits including Love to Love You Baby, Bad Girls, and Hot Stuff, this electric experience is a moving tribute to the voice of a generation.

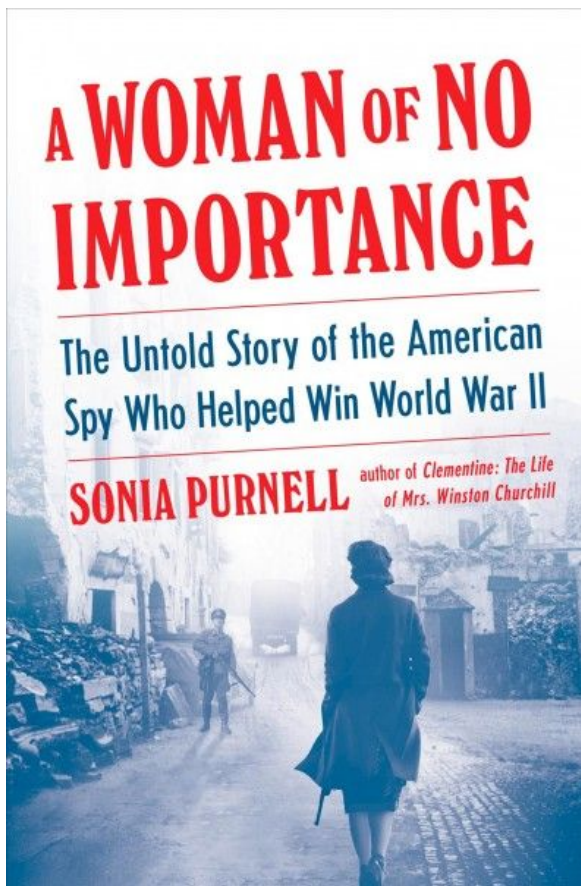




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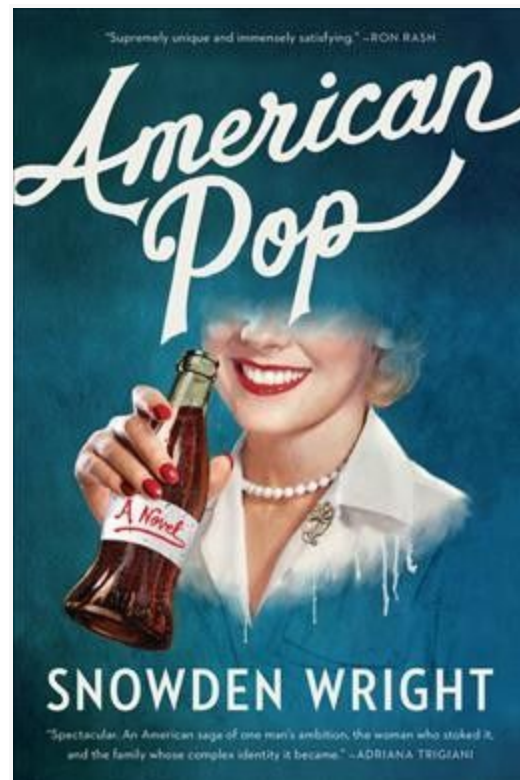


I love a good story where I also learn
something new. And Damian Barr's

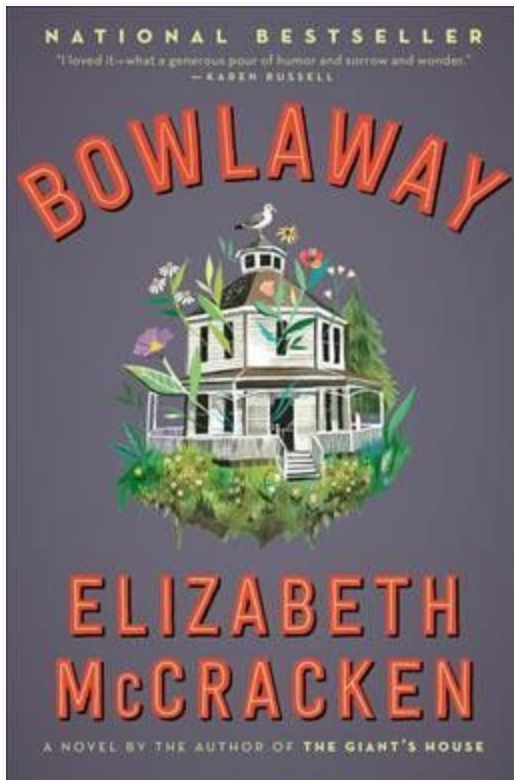


As an American woman with a disability, Virginia Hall was an unlikely choice for British spy work. But by 1940 she was in France, with only the barest brief – build a resistance, no matter what. Sonia Purnell’s *A Woman of No Importance* is a gripping account of how Hall defied all expectations as she built her network and how she fought obstacles at home after the war. The book smooths a staggering cast and a complex timeline

historical novel – partly set during the Second Boer War in southern Africa – checks all the boxes. Barr deftly points out how the British scorched-earth policies and development of concentration camps helped inspire the atrocities of Nazi Germany – as well as laid the groundwork for apartheid in South Africa. At times, this book felt like two completely different stories – it’s set in 1900, and also in 2010 at an apparent gay conversion therapy camp. But stick with it and you’ll see how it’s all related.



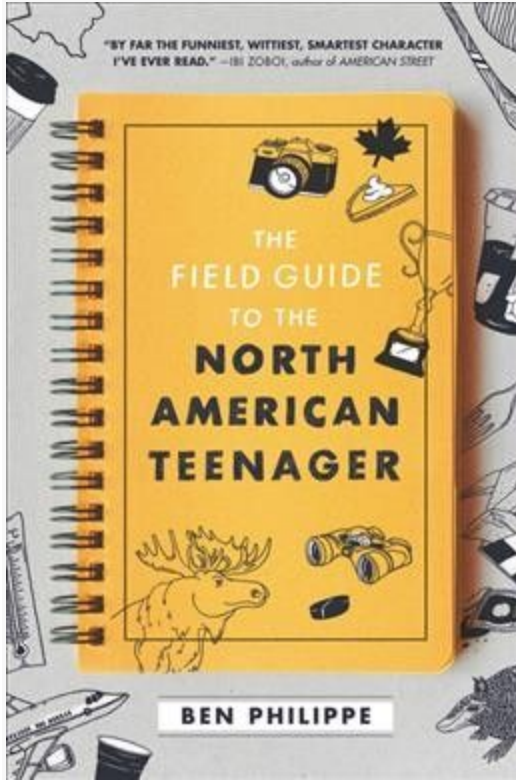
into a brisk narrative, balancing the story of the resistance that eventually made victory possible with the life of a remarkable spy who risked it all.



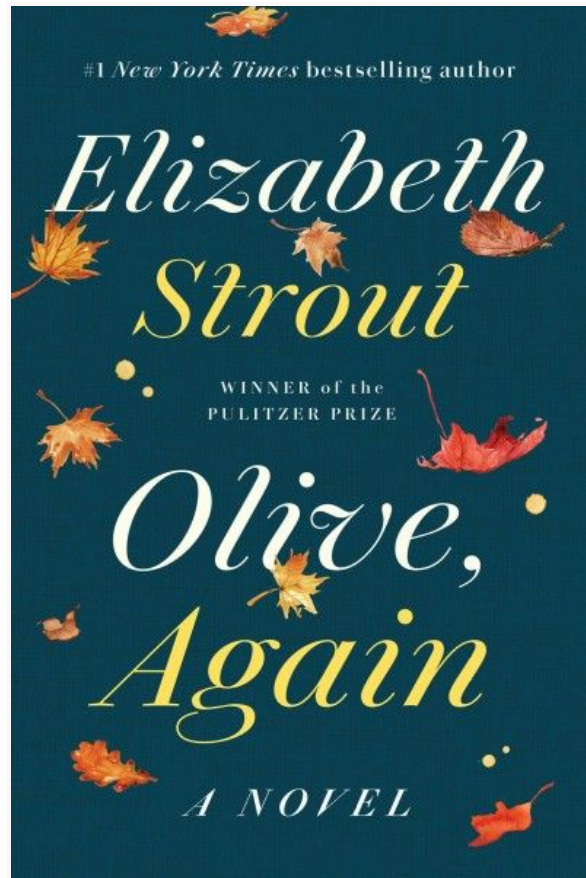
I suspect there's never been (or ever will be again) another work of fiction whose main character is arguably a family-owned candlepin bowling alley. From the moment Bertha Truitt, matriarch-to-be, is discovered unconscious in a cemetery, events follow their own idiosyncratic (and sometimes outlandish) course, but Elizabeth McCracken, a writer's writer, brings this

American Pop fizzles with the same energy as a freshly opened soft drink. It follows the Forsters, a Southern family whose wealth is rooted in a massive soda company. The meandering timeline winds back and forth through more than a century of highs and lows for multiple Forster generations, without ever getting confusing (there's a family tree included for reference). Every member of the family has faced misfortune, self-inflicted and otherwise, which will make you root both for them and against them. Snowden Wright's lush depictions of the varied time periods and locales make it easy to envision it all. So, crack open a can and savor this story.

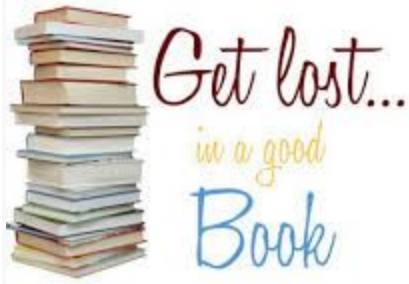
charming and quirky novel to a most satisfying conclusion.



High school: Who's in? Who's out? You could make a sociological study of it. And that's exactly what Norris Kaplan does. Norris is a hockey-loving, black, French Canadian kid – a snarky, skeptical fish out of water plopped into a Texas high school. *The Field Guide to the North American Teenager* will be funny and familiar to anyone who has had the pleasure of attending high school. Share it with a teenager.



Ten years after she won a Pulitzer Prize for her linked stories about Olive Kitteridge, Elizabeth Strout returns to coastal Crosby, Maine, with this worthy update about her retired but not retiring school teacher, a tetchy, blunt busybody who's also capable of kindness – and self-doubt. At this point in her life, ornery Olive struggles with widowhood, loneliness, regrets over behavior that alienated her only child, snobbery and the affronts of aging – but she's resilient,



Do you have a good book to recommend? Please email your choice and a brief summary to news@fraziersd.org and we will publish it in the next issue.

and more importantly, open to learning a lesson we should all take to heart: Empathy can radically change your outlook on the world.

- I** I choose a book
Look it over inside and out.
- P** Purpose
Why do I want to read it?
- I** Interest
Why do I want to read it?
- C** Comprehend
Do I understand what I am reading?
- K** Know the words
Do I know most of the words?

