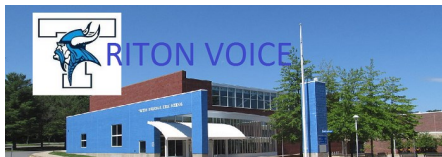


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A Perfect Finish

Girls Cross Country is undefeated for first time in 32 years



Members of the undefeated regular season Girls Cross Country team include, from left, Isabella Silva, Kerry Power, Sage Woodward, Heidi Ernst, Sarah Harrington, captain Kylie Lorenzo, Ellie Gay-Killeen, Sam Protopapas, Laney Towle, and Ivy Simms (not pictured, Ella Visconti) (**Jacobs photo**).

By Karoline Jacobs
Staff Writer

For the first time in 32 years, the Triton Girls Cross Country team has gone undefeated.

"I never thought I would play a sport that would win a CAL, and it still hasn't settled in that we have one of the best records in Triton history," said junior Kerry Power.

The Triton Cross Country team finished their regular season last month with a record of 10-0. The students of Triton have been hearing about the team's accomplishments over the morning announcements frequently this year because of their high performance in running. Runners Kerry Power and junior Captain Laney Towle shared their experiences with their team and the season.

"We stayed focused, but at the same time we had fun, so our coach really works on balancing our workouts," said Power.

The team's coach, Mr. Joseph Colbert, balanced workouts by having a lighter workout one day and a heavier workout the next to keep the runners healthy.

When it comes to some teams, a special bond forms between runners that makes them like a family.

"It's a big family with the boys and the girls teams," said Power. "And we both support each other and care about everyone." Each member is in it for

"We stayed focused, but at the same time we had fun." — Junior Kerry Power

each other and not just for themselves, Power said.

Being undefeated is great, but the team had to endure challenges that they would often have to push through to get the win.

"The heat and the hills, and a lot of people on our team have asthma, so that played into having an effect," said Power. "So we really needed to push ourselves in uncomfortable situations to come out with the win."

The team will be losing only one senior next year, and since they have such a young and strong team they will be able to continue without having major repercussions.

When it comes to records broken, there were a lot of them this year.

"I actually don't know how many new records were set," said junior captain Laney Towle. "I think Ellie [Gay-Killeen] set a bunch for course records." According to both Power and Towle, they have strong underclassmen who will be able to carry the team through the rest of their high school careers.

As a captain, Towle had to take on a role and mindset that asked her to achieve her goals as well as the goals of the team.

"There's a fine line between friends and helping them reach their goals and build their confidence," said Towle.

"They're a very talented group of athletes," said **See UNDEFEATED on page 2**

Cheater, Cheater, Pumpkin Eater

A closer look at those who copy, plagiarize, and fake their work

By Kelley Frithsen
Staff Writer

When faced with the stress of a test or being too tired to study, students turn to cheating to help pass a test or get an A in their classes.

Cheating defined by the Triton High School Student Handbook is: "Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials... to gain advantage on a quiz, test, exam, report, or other class project." It also includes cheating to do better on a quiz, test, projects, and homework in a dishonest way.

Some students view cheating in different ways than teachers and administrators.

"If one person cheats, it's unfair that they will do well on the assignment but the rest of us fail," explained senior Jennifer Calkins "So if they can do it and not get caught, why can't I?"

"I was in a class the other day when I heard some disconcerting discussion among students, who on the whole felt that cheating was okay as long as you don't get caught," said Principal Kathryn Dawe. "If that is what students believe, we have a lot of work to do in educating our students about right from wrong."

Another student explained how cheating on tests and projects is stupid but on homework it is okay.

"Homework just kind of seems dumb. Most students don't have time for it, so we end up cheating to not get a zero."

"Laziness," said Ms. Margaret Flaherty, an English teacher at Triton, when asked why students cheat. "Most of the time it's laziness. It's this weird kind of 'the grade is everything' perspective, like there is a zero in Aspen, I have to do something about it so I will copy my friends work."

One senior at Triton said, "If I cheat, which is rare, it's because I'm stressed, and I really want to get the best grade I can. If I get bad grades on my report card, I get worried that I won't get into the colleges I want."

Flaherty also explained how many students may not realize that it can take up to 17 hours of work for teachers to catch a cheater, work which entails emails back and forth between parents, meetings with the student, and more for only the short time it took a student to copy and paste something.

Another sophomore student explained, "I have **See CHEATING on page 2**

Homecoming Hot off the Press

Previews for Triton's 2019 Annual Homecoming Pep Rally

By Maggie Bowen
Staff Writer

Junior class officers Ava Ford and Paige Volpone are excited about their class's homecoming theme and set up for this year.

Ford has been a class officer for three years, and Volpone has been a class officer for two. The junior class voted on the theme *Finding Nemo* for Homecoming 2019.

"We chose this theme because we were trying to think of shows or movies from when we were little that we could do," said Volpone. "So we came up with *Finding Nemo*, and *Finding Dory*."

"We also came up with *Shrek*, and *Mario Kart*. We wanted to do something that we could make a lot of decorations too and also something with an easy skit and a bunch of characters," said Ford.

Every year before Thanksgiving, Triton High School holds a pep rally that involves each class competing in fun activities. These activities include tug-of-war, crab soccer, volleyball, and relay races.

The sophomore class chose *Shrek* as this year's theme for homecoming. The class officers, along with the help of other students, have been creating a skit to perform in front of the whole school, along with gathering decorations for the gymnasium.

Students outside of the sophomore class are wondering how the sophomores are going to approach how they are dressing up for this theme. Ogres, fairies, donkeys, cats, and other mythical creatures are costumes that people plan to use.

The senior class has voted on their theme to be *Aladdin*. The students along with the class officers have been working hard to make their senior year homecoming the best they can make it. It is up to this year's senior class to continue the tradition of seniors winning homecoming. Deciding on what to wear for *Aladdin* as a theme has been a bit of a struggle for some seniors.

As of November 9, Triton's 2019 freshman class had not yet decided on a theme for this year's homecoming pep rally. Hopefully, the freshmen make enough time for themselves to be prepared, create a skit, and set up all of their decorations.

Ford said that the junior class officers have started the script for the play that also accompanies homecoming activities, and officers have had meetings on Mondays through Thursdays, before and after school.

"We've been doing that and talking about decorations and how to start everything and get our supply list together. Then we're going to start buying it and putting all of our supplies out," Volpone said.

Theresa Karol, a librarian at Triton, is also a part of the making of homecoming, spoke about preparing for the pep rally. Karol is helping the junior class to gather new ideas and make sure everything is going as smooth as it could be.

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Class of 2020's homecoming theme set up in 2017 (**Bowen photo**).

Remaining Student Dress Up Days for Spirit Week

- **Monday, Nov. 19th - PJ day** (ACTUAL pajamas, (no gym attire, sweatpants, sweat-shirts, athletic wear, etc.))
- **Tuesday, Nov. 20th - Hawaiian day** (floral, leis, tropical, acceptable if only wearing a lei)
- **Wednesday, Nov. 21st - Class Unity day** (wearing class theme color)

It Can Wait

Despite the possible consequences, Triton student drivers admit they continue to text and drive

By Connor Kohan
Staff Writer

Looking down at a phone for that quick second can be the difference between life and death. Some teenagers are willing to risk a lot just to send that quick text to their friends or family.

Studies from icebike.org state that an average of 11 teens die every day due to the "one last text" to send to their friend while behind the wheel. These deaths are a result of 330,000 car crashes that happen each year involving texting while driving. In interviews with multiple Triton students the *Triton Voice* found many students risk the texts while driving, with one student saying, "yeah I've texted and driven before, but it's okay I won't crash."

Senior Gracie Burnim admits to have texted and driven at least once before.

"I drive with my knees and text with my hands," Burnim said. "I have places to be and people to see." But that doesn't exclude her from the dangers she faces by not giving her full attention to the road and her surroundings. Studies show that drivers lose sight of the road when looking down at a phone and that can prove fatal.

It won't matter if a student is driving the safest car in the world; if he or she isn't watching the road, an accident could take place, said junior Maggie Bowen. Students aren't the only ones getting in smartphone-related car accidents. According to the Center for Disease Control, nearly 1,000 people are getting into car accidents daily due to mobile devices. Students who don't drive encounter texting and driving on a daily basis.

"I have gotten in a car while someone was texting and driving," said Michale Farago. "We almost crashed".



Senior Gracie Burnim texting in the THS parking lot (Kohan photo).

Kiefer Callewaert stumbled on statistics when asked about texting and driving and said, "One out of four teens gets in serious accidents while texting and driving, yet teens still insist it won't be them. However 400 million people participated in the Multi-Millions Lottery and everyone insists that there's a chance they could win."

Junior Charlie Takesian, almost got into a car accident that he never thought he'd get into while a friend was texting and driving.

"We were driving in Groveland," Takesian said. "We were going back to my friend's house, and he was on his phone, and I was in the back seat. Then, he started swerving into the other lane and he almost hit another car head on."

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"I think that their preparations and their ideas are coming along really well. We just need to start executing the final plan," Karol said. Being prepared is something that can never hurt, Karol believes the junior class is already well prepared for homecoming. "I think after the last couple of years I know what's coming, it's a good time."

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been caught cheating multiple times, but nothing has come from it."

Celebrities such as Kim Kardashian West have admitted to cheating. West said she hid answers on the inside of her skirt so the teachers wouldn't be able to ask her to lift it up to reveal the cheat sheet or be able to prove she was in fact cheating. Hearing stories like this from a successful person can make that, since the person is rich and famous and they could have gotten there with the help of cheating, they can too.

There are also students, such as junior Samantha Protopapas, who believe cheating is always wrong.

"No I don't cheat," said Protopapas. "I believe that things you get in life have to be earned, and I would never feel good about taking something that somebody has earned or getting something that I hadn't."

Triton's Honor Code states that for the first offense of cheating on homework a student will receive a zero and their parents/guardians will be called. On second and subsequent offenses, cheating can eventually lead up to a suspension.

For students in college who get caught cheating, their punishment can be more severe. Cheating can haunt a student's academic career and follow them to other colleges or universities they may attend. Positions they hold, such as leadership roles, can be taken from them in these situations. Students in college who cheat also risk failing a course that they have been paying for, and the only alternative then is to pay again to take the same class.

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Colbert. "It's a deep group because everybody assumes we were winning because of Ellie and Sarah [Harrington], but it's actually a really talented group, there's five or six of them that are pretty good."

According to Colbert, the team really supports each other and pushes each other to do well in practices and workouts.

"They all come back next year; there were no seniors in the group, so the plan for next year is to try to take it to the next level," said Colbert. "They won a Cape Ann League Championship. We want to see how far we can go and hopefully go to the national championship next year."

At the end of the season, the team finished second overall in the CAL's on Thursday, Nov. 8.



A senior writes answers on her hand for a test she is unprepared for (Frithsen photo).

Triton Talent

Music Makers Callewaert and Janvrin

By Amanda Bowman
& Ethan Tougas
Staff Writers

Look below the surface and the student body at Triton harbors unique interests and talented individuals. Quentin Callewaert and Ben Janvrin are no exceptions.

Callewaert and Janvrin have both made names for themselves as top notch musicians, in both their personal lives as well as in the Triton Arts Department.

Sue Densmore, head of the arts department, spoke of their talents and some of their defining characteristics.

"Their humility, their willingness to listen and bounce ideas back and forth, and the idea that they have a gift. They could easily coast, but they don't," said Densmore. "If you have a talent, to decide to dive in and maximize that is amazing. That's how you contribute to the world."

Callewaert started to explore the world of music at about 8 years old. "My dad always used to have a guitar in the living room, and everytime I would walk in the room I would see the guitar perched up on the seat. I just thought it was so cool."

"I think the most important thing for me is all the genres I've stumbled into. I started purely with classical guitar, which I still do, but just through listening to music I've developed a love for other genres such as fingerstyle, rockabilly, jazz and pretty much anything I can get my hands on," said Callewaert.

Callewaert has been writing and recording some original pieces of music, which he intends to release on his upcoming debut album. His first original single, "Water Music in D Major", was released recently, and was featured on Triton's *VTV*.

"I have to say, it's very very cool, and it's kind of surprising. I didn't think people our age would really want to listen to that,



Janvrin (left) and Callewaert (right) standing in the singer's room (Tougas photo).

or connect with it at all," said Callewaert.

Callewaert said he is very humbled and very appreciative of the feedback he has received from both students and teachers.

Janvrin has been playing guitar since he was 12 years old, but he started singing at age 8. "I always wanted to do music, I was singing for a long time but I just didn't know how to play an instrument. I wanted to have some way to become my own artist."

"It's become more of something I like to do, compared to something I have to practice every single day," said Janvrin. "I don't have to think about it, I just pick up a guitar everyday and play whatever."

Janvrin doesn't have any original music currently, but would like to work towards creating some in the future. "I would really love to make this a career. I can't really picture myself doing anything else. Whether it's not even just a high paying job, it would be so cool to share my love of music and fill arenas. It would be surreal," said Janvrin.

For Triton Arts, Callewaert plays guitar in the high school jazz band, and both Callewaert and Janvrin sing in Jazz Choir.

"I think there's all kinds of talent hiding all over the place. There are people who put themselves out there, and people who don't," said Densmore.

Nightmare on Elm Street

Seniors Get Spooky at Halloween Parade

By Mackenna Faucher
Staff Writer

From Dwight Schrute to *Cards Against Humanity*, seniors paraded around the halls on the morning of Halloween, following weeks of preparation and coordination with friends. "...that's why I'm a lone frat boy named Brad," said senior, Juliette Lumley when asked about her Halloween costume.

Triton's cancellation of the Halloween parade left students furious last fall when a snow day occurred. This year, the parade came back without snow on the radar. In the weeks prior to Wednesday, October 31, seniors started to plan out their costumes. The last time an arranged Halloween Parade took place for these seniors was their last year of elementary school. When coming up with costume ideas, students have social media and previous years to look back on for inspiration.

Lumley had her whole costume planned out a week before the parade. For her costume, she looked for the preppiest shorts and shirts at Goodwill in order to find something simple and affordable.

"I feel like working in groups for this Halloween parade is a good idea but personally, it's hard to go into a group once everyone else has started thinking of their idea and characters. Lumley said she decided to choose the route she did because it seemed unique. She wanted to avoid having the same costume as someone else.

Senior Lindsey Gardella decided to dress as a robber with a group of her friends. She said she thought joining a group rather than going solo made the whole experience better.

"We actually bought everything Tuesday night. We had originally



Seniors, Liv Mosher and Grace Poster preparing for the Halloween parade (Faucher photo).

planned to do the characters from *Holes* but we weren't able to find the orange pants."

In order to get ideas, senior Amy Clark looked through Pinterest, but nothing really stuck. Eventually, she joined a group effort using *Cards Against Humanity* featuring Triton Slang such as "aye vikies," often said by senior Kelley Frithsen.

Sophomore Morgan Mead predicted early on that there would be a few students dressed as Cardi B or Donald Trump. Dr. Erik Champy came in with Ms. Olivia Cornell as the famous presidential couple just a few days after Mead's guess. Underclassman and their teachers lined the hallways to watch.

"I do think it was overrated," said Gardella. "I used to love always watching it, but then like actually being in it, it wasn't as great as I thought it was going to be."

However, Mead is already looking forward to her parade. "The parade gives kids a chance to be careless and childish again."