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## Triton Hockey Takes the Ice

Triton BOys Ice Hockey Looks to Return to the State Tournament



The Triton Boys Hockey Team huddles before playing Boston Latin in the Division Two North semifinals last season (Martha Tatro Photo).

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Newburyport and Masconomet are always tough to play in any sport, but the Triton Hockey Team is looking to overtake these two rivals.

"Teams like Newburyport and Masco are definitely circled on the calendar," said senior hockey returner Brad Killion.

After a strong run into the tournament for the first time in 10 years the team is looking to bounce back with another great season. The boys will look to take another run at the tournament with many returners from last year.

Last season brought many ups and downs for the team, but with a few key players, they had a season to remember, with help coming from graduated seniors Sam Rennick, TJ Regan, and Ben Fougere, the team is looking to fill in the holes they left this year.

"This team should know what it takes to compete and succeed in high stress environments," said Head Coach Ryan Sheehan.

With 14 returning varsity players coming back, this team is looking to be a solid CAL contender.

"I think we have a good shot to win the CAL this year," said senior Captain Tyler Godfrey. "The games against Port and Masco, along with the opener against Lynnfield, will be tough."

The boys finished last season with a 15-6-2 record and came out with wins against high quality teams, and they are looking to do the same this season.

"After looking at the schedule this year and seeing teams like Masco and Newburyport we know that it will be tough," said Junior Brady Lindholm. "(They have been) adding in better teams to play

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## Battle of the Winter Teams

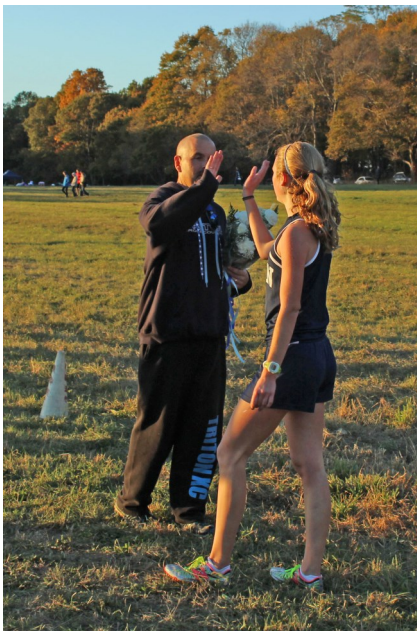
Triton Athletes Advocate for Their Sport as Tops

By Paige Volpone  
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Every athlete thinks that their sport is the best sport, but the *Triton Voice* set off to see which one has the most support this winter.

Triton provides seven different winter sports: boys ice hockey, coed wrestling, boys basketball, girls basketball, coed winter track, winter cheer, and coed swim and dive. With many different options to choose from Triton sports are well rounded. Some teams have recently gone to state tournaments, and the coaches are a huge part of that success.

A poll was posted on Instagram that asked for students to argue whose coach is the best. The top



Joseph Colbert congratulates one of his runners after a good run (photo by [mcclllandmiscellanea](https://www.instagram.com/mcclllandmiscellanea)).

three teams who thought their coach is the best at what they do were hockey, wrestling, and track out of 441 people who voted. Ryan Sheehan, who has been coaching the ice hockey team for four years, was one of them. Sheehan's record with the team over the last four years is 36 wins, 21 losses, and 11 ties. Last year, the hockey team made it to the north semi-finals in the tournament.

"He knows what he's talking about, has played his whole life and can tell us straight up when we are doing something wrong and how to fix it," said senior Connor Kohan.

With experience under his belt, Sheehan will keep pushing his team forward. The team said Sheehan can fix problems on the fly and push them to work on problems to make them better for games to come.

Along with Triton's well-liked hockey coach athletes also named wrestling coach, Mr. Shawn McElligott, who is also known as "Coach Mac" at Triton. Mac has been coaching wrestling for 2s years and keeps coming back to help the program grow. Coach Mac has a record of 347 wins, 104 losses, and 3

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## On the 'Ban' Bandwagon

Massachusetts Following Trend of Banning Items to Police the Public

By Nick Pagliarulo  
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Massachusetts has been starting to follow what has become a modern way of policing the public: by simply creating bans.

What might seem like a radical idea in some Republican states is nothing out of the ordinary when living within a predominantly Democratic state. Over the last couple

years, Massachusetts seems to have been following the trends of the "ban" culture that originated in states such as New York and California. This includes banning physical items that are known to have lasting damage to the environment as well as banning things such as words one can and cannot say without receiving a fine.

Specific issues that have split the country apart for the past few years are not slowing down anytime soon. With the recent proposals to ban products that have been widely used for decades, and even a recent proposal to ban the curse word b\*\*\*\*, the ban culture is not slowing down anytime soon. In fact, it might be just the beginning. Democratic states such as New York and California have been states Massachusetts has been looking up to, and these issues are the ones Republican states such as Florida and Texas are trying to avoid at all costs.

Items that have been showing up within state legislation as potentially being banned include the prohibition of plastic straws, plastic bags, and the newest proposal, banning balloons. Massachusetts has also gone so far as to review a proposal to ban the word b\*\*\*\*, a vulgar term for a woman.

Some say the public should vote on the consideration of banning something before enacting it. Others suggest that denouncing words is a threat to free speech and is unconstitutional. Others believe the banning culture is a necessity to a better way of life.

The proposed law, "An Act Relative to Helium Balloons" filed by State Representative Sarah Peake, a Provincetown Democrat, states, "this act would ban the sales of balloons filled with gases like helium that environmentalists say, when released to the sky, pose serious and potentially fatal risks to wildlife."

"I feel that putting legislation into place is important when it comes to environmental risks," said Dr. Ellen Moore, science teacher. "When it gets to the point where something that is largely used becomes a health issue and not only threatens humans, but other species, we need to have the obligation to enforce legislation that protects the overall health of the community."

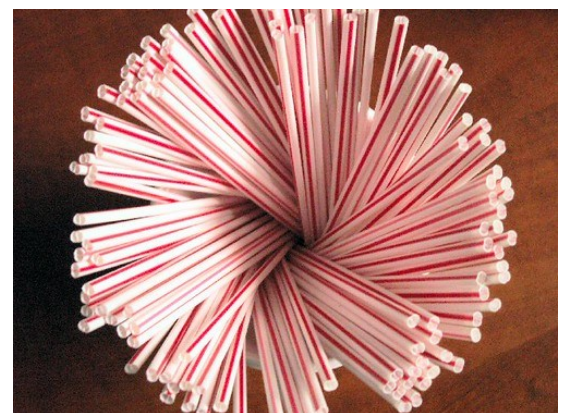
As well as banning items and products that create a risk to the health of the environment, the recent battle to ban the sale of all e-cigarette products has sparked controversy within state legislative branches and the citizens.

"If we banned everything that was bad for people and for the environment we would be banning a lot of things," said Mrs. Carla Wagner, academic support teacher at the high school.

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This article has been selected by School Newspapers Online as one of the best in the country this school year.



Among the items being considered to be banned in Massachusetts are straws, plastic bags, e-cigarette products, and even verbal insults. "Straws" by LabyrinthX- Creative Commons

# Local Towns Debate Pot Shop Options

## Triton Towns Accept Dispensaries, Newburyport Rejects

By Derek Cotter, Staff Writer

Now that marijuana has been legalized in Massachusetts and a few of our surrounding towns have dispensaries in place, many people are wondering what it means for our community and just exactly how it all works.



A marijuana dispensary in Denver, Colorado (Creative Commons photo).

Marijuana is still a federally illegal drug, making it a hard business to work in. Banks still see money earned from dispensaries as drug money, and are very cautious about how they handle business with pot shops.

As a result, all business around pot is a sensitive field to be working in. There are many problems that dispensaries have to work through, such as federal taxes, usage and amounts of pot, importing and exporting, and state versus federal law.

"I feel that as long as there are no added dangers to the community, there is no reason to not legalize marijuana," said Triton student, Nathaniel Howard. "From what I have heard pot shops would bring revenue into our area."

Dispensary cannabis is still all grown in California and shipped to Massachusetts, but shipping faces the problem of untrusted people, in which businesses must take extra precautions so that they don't lose any product. According to Newbury Town Selectman Alecia Greco, "Every stem, leaf, and plant has to be tracked."

Back in 2016, Massachusetts voted to legalize the recreational use of marijuana despite federal prohibitions. Only cash is allowed for purchasing pot.

Massachusetts has put multiple taxes on marijuana as well. According to Colorado State Senator Will Brownsberger's website, there is a 10.75 percent state retail tax and an optional 3 percent municipal tax on marijuana in Massachusetts. However, anyone who has a medical marijuana card doesn't have to pay tax for pot products and

can skip any line at a dispensary.

The Triton Voice interviewed former Triton teacher, Mike Doyle, who is a former pharmacist as well, and a current Newbury Town selectman.

"It's an industry that's going to explode," said Doyle, "Every day they are finding out more uses for THC. It's stopping cancer growth."

Pot dispensaries are much more secure than liquor stores and tobacco shops. Every pot store has a police officer on duty inside and everyone who enters has to display their license when they enter the door and once again at the register. The police are stationed in the shops both for safety and for crowd control, since some shops have had lines quite far outside the door.

Any state that legalizes marijuana has to make their own laws about possession, transporting and age. According to the state's tourism website, anyone over the age of 21 with a federal ID can purchase and use marijuana, and you don't have to be a resident of Massachusetts either.

You may only possess up to one ounce of marijuana and up to five grams of marijuana concentrate outside your home, and it may only be used inside your home. The use of marijuana in public is still prohibited, and any location where tobacco is banned, marijuana is too.

When transporting, such as in a vehicle, marijuana must be sealed in a container and kept in either the trunk of a car or a locked glove compartment. Driving while under the influence of marijuana is also illegal.

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ties over his 22 years. Mac does not just coach his kids to become better in their sport. He also instills discipline and hard work into the teams in real life.

"My coach always makes me feel like I can reach greatness," said senior wrestler, Josh Stevens. "(He) pushes me to give 110 percent to help him and the team."

Coach Mac proves his worth to this team time and time again with winning Cape Ann League championships and sending some of his players into the state tournament, players said.

Every Triton coach knows how to push their teams and form a bond with them. When a coach can connect with their kids and their players to know how to become a better person outside of sports. Instilling this into their players will make them want to work harder to pay off everything that their coach has done for them in their four years of being here.

Kylie Lorenzo a runner on the track team told us something special about her track coach, Mr. Joe Colbert. "He has helped me develop an exceptional work ethic and grow as both a person and an athlete. We have a very good student-coach relationship, as well, one that stretches further."

The Triton coaches prove time and time again that they are the best at what they do. There might not be a number one coach at Triton, but the school is lucky to have coaches who are respected by their athletes. It



Shawn McElligott poses with one of his former wrestlers, John Boyle (Photo by Newburyport Daily News).

shows how hard Triton coaches work to help their kids out and improve them in many ways. Just another reason to ask "Why Triton?"

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such as Gloucester, and Chelmsford."

When comparing the schedules from this year and last year there is a big difference when it comes to out-of-league games. Besides playing Wellesley and Melrose again this year, they will travel to Gloucester for their third game of the year. Instead of participating in the Christmas Tournament at Saugus with Melrose, North Reading, and Saugus, they will be playing a tournament in Chelmsford a week later. That tournament will consist of teams that include Danvers, Lowell, and Chelmsford.

The team is looking to make a huge impact on the school by having more students attend the games to help Triton High School to be known around the region. They must prove again what it means to be a top contending team in any division.

The boys have three scrimmages before they travel to Lynnfield to take them for the first game of the season. But one of those scrimmages is dif-

ferent.

Most of the time, teams will scrimmage teams that are in the same state. This year the boys will play their first scrimmage against a team from Connecticut, which is new for this program.

"I think that adding the scrimmage against a team that comes from a different state could help us a lot," said senior Connor Kohan.

"It will give us exposure to other states which could make an impact on how we play at a different level," said Kohan.

This year the team is looking to do something amazing, but what will be the difference? The school picked up a new Athletic Director, and trainer over the summer and the trainer actually became the assistant athletic director.

"(I am looking forward to) watching games, and covering a new sport since becoming certified," said Trainer Macy Morrison.

The boys look to have another great year and hope to make it a memorable one.

# Greatest Sports City of 2000s

## Boston Remains the City of Champions

By MarkAnthony Glickman

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Winning just seems like an annual occurrence in Boston.

The city has 12 championships since 2000 making it the winningest city in America over the past 19 years. And there is the promise of continued success this year for the New England Patriots, the Boston Celtics, and the Boston Bruins.

"Living 45 minutes north of Boston and being able to take the train

into the city to see the Red Sox, Bruins or Celtics play is amazing. The fans here are some of the most passionate fans I've ever seen," said senior Will Gundrum. "Also, awesome how much we win, so you get to go to the Duck Boat Parades after we win a championship."



Alex Cora greets fans during the Duck Boat Parade after the manager's Red Sox won the World Series in 2018 (photo MarkAnthony Glickman).

Boston has had each of its four major sports teams win a championship. That includes the Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots, Boston Bruins, and Boston Celtics. The Patriots have six Super Bowl rings, the Red Sox have four World Series Championships, the Bruins have won one Stanley Cup, and the Celtics have won one NBA Final. In all, Boston teams have appeared in 19 championships since 2000.

The most successful of the four major sports teams is the New England Patriots, with six Super Bowl titles and nine appearances in the Super Bowl. This success has come from the greatest coaching/quarterback duo: Quarterback Tom Brady and Head Coach Bill Belichick. They haven't had a losing record in 19 consecutive seasons. With this success it's no surprise that the Patriots are considered to be one of the greatest dynasties ever.

"I think that the Pats will be good this year, but I don't want to think they will win every year," said sophomore Kyle Pearson.

The Red Sox have had similar success with winning four World Series since 2004. The biggest World Series wins came in 2004 with their sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals, in which they broke an 86-year drought. In 2013, after 94 years, they finally won a World Series at Fenway Park, once again against the Cardinals. The Red Sox are the most successful Major League Baseball team since 2000.

The Celtics have only won one NBA championship since 2000, winning in 2008 against the LA Lakers in a series that went to Game 6. In that series, the Celtics would win in front of the home crowd at TD Garden. Then, in 2010 the Celtics made it back to the NBA Finals, only to lose to the LA Lakers in a 7 game series.

The Bruins have also only brought one title back to the city of Boston. In 2011 the Bruins won the Stanley Cup in a 7 game series against the Vancouver Canucks in Vancouver, British Columbia. They went back to the Stanley Cup finals in 2013, and lost to the Chicago Blackhawks in 6 games. The Bruins returned to the Stanley Cup in 2018 and lost in game 7 at the TD Garden.

"The Bruins deserve to win the Stanley Cup this year, especially with the way the Stanley Cup ended in heartbreak last year," said junior Andrew Masher.

With other cities like Los Angeles and New York City compared to Boston, there is a clear dominance for Boston sports with them bringing the most titles back to Boston in the 21st Century. Giving Boston the name "Title Town" in the 21st Century. Considering how the Patriots, Bruins, and Celtics are performing, it doesn't seem like Boston sports are going to be slowing down anytime soon.

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"Vaping is something we do not know much about yet," said Wagner, "so the temporary ban might make sense while we continue to learn, and educate users about the effects."

Many have criticized the recent proposal to ban the word b\*\*\*\* in Massachusetts, and the recent proposal that was accepted in New York City to make the terms "illegals" and "illegal alien" a crime. They say that a heavy fine along with a known word that some find "offensive" are on the verge of violating free speech.

The New York City proposal specifically states, "these terms are no longer to be used to demean, humiliate, or harass a person based on their citizenship status and their limited English proficiency." Banning the word b\*\*\*\* in Massachusetts is said to no longer be used to "accost, annoy, degrade, or demean another person" and was put into place by State Representative Daniel J. Hunt, D-Boston.

"I think people have a right to their opinion, but I think there's a difference between that and hate speech. Banning certain words and sayings is a slippery slope due to this being unconstitutional, but there needs to be lines drawn," said Ms. Jennifer Scott, Spanish teacher. "We really just need to determine what's hate speech, slander, and defamation before considering enacting such a ban"

Massachusetts has been trying to find who they stand for within the last few years within politics and rules and regulations, and it's simply not ending anytime soon. Some think it's just the start. "I think Massachusetts, California, and New York see eye-to-eye on different topics, but we are definitely in closer line with New York," said Moore.