



TRITON VOICE

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Triton Newsmakers: Reviewing 2024-25 News, Sports, and a Look into the Past from the Archives

Top 5 News Articles of the Year, 2024-25

"Travel Troubles," October

Triton's problems with getting buses to come on time continued this fall. Sports teams were often affected, with buses sometimes showing up very late or not at all. In late winter, Triton signed a contract with the same bus company, with the only other bus contractor bidding a higher price. However, the administration has put penalties in place for the bus company, North Reading Transportation, if the contractor does not deliver on promised busing

"Going, Going, Gone: The Pink House Saga," October

The *Triton Voice* was on the scene as part of the Pink House, an iconic worn-down home on Plum Island, began being bulldozed. The razing of the building was halted after Gov. Maura Healy stepped in. However, the teardown eventually took place later in the spring

"Triton Eligible for SBA Funds," December

After two years being rejected by the state's school building association, Triton was welcomed in on the third try. Being part of the Massachusetts School Building Administration, Triton could be refunded up to 50 percent of what it spends to build or renovate the school. The visioning and planning process for the project is now underway.

"Best Schedule in the League," January

In an extensive survey of area schools, the *Triton Voice* reviewed the daily schedules our neighboring academic institutions. Student reporters surveyed students about which school schedules they prefer and what changes they would make. The result was a suggested schedule that allowed for longer lunch, a later start time, and a waterfall schedule.

"Power Outage leaves Triton in the Dark," April

Two faults in the electrical lines serving Triton resulted in a half-day power outage at Triton this

spring. Additionally, the school's backup generator did not fire for nearly an hour, leaving students in the dark, without working bathrooms, and without Internet. The day was one to remember.

Top Triton Sports Articles of 2024-25

"Student-Athletes, or Athlete-Students?" November

In an early *Triton Voice* article, a student reporter and athlete explored what comes first for Triton students, sports or academics?

"Baseball, Baseball, Baseball," May

The Triton baseball team started the season strong, had some setbacks, but were very hopeful for the rest of the season in this sports story.

"There's No I in Team" February

At the midpoint of the winter season, Triton teams were still hopeful of a big ending. In this mid-season review of the teams from their captains' perspectives, the goals were to make the tournaments.

Other notable sports news:

- The **girls field hockey** team highlighted their season with a huge win over Pentucket on their senior night
- The **boys hockey team** got a giant win in the Newburyport Bank tournament, beating top rival Newburyport
- The **girls lacrosse team** got an elusive win, their first in two years this May.

Top 5 Most Clicked-on at Tritonvoice.co

- The *Triton Voice* website, tritonvoice.co, continued to grow this year, with a daily average of over 100 unique visitors each day. This year, pizza reviews took two of the top spots. The most-viewed [See NEWSMAKERS on page 2](#)

The Final Goodbye

Commencement Ceremony, 2025



Class of 2025 Tossing Their Caps (photo by **Peighton Hertigan**)
Ava Johnson & Peighton Hertigan

Staff Writers

June 7th, 2025, the Class of 2025's last day together at Triton High School. It was the day they had been waiting to finally come, and there were many mixed emotions.

The graduation ceremony this year took place in the high school gym due to rainy weather. It was hot and stuffy, but students, friends, and family found a way to push through to celebrate.

"I just can't believe this day finally came," graduate Adam White said. "Time just really flew by."

White said Triton brought him great times, such as the friends he's going to miss who made memories he'll cherish forever.

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A Fresh Start Triton Introduces Modified School Schedule

By Taylor Richard, Angela Simmons & Chloe Price, **Staff Writers**

As the school year approaches its final stretch, we start to envision what the next year will bring. For 2025-2026, we will have a changing schedule.

Mixed feelings have flooded the halls with some students eager for change and others yearning for normalcy. "I think the new schedule is more difficult and confusing," said incoming senior Riley McIsaac. "It didn't need to be changed."

With new beginnings also comes anxiety for the new things ahead, "I don't enjoy change, so I'm not a fan of the schedule," McIsaac said. The schedule consists of a discussion of a change in the old "Viking Block," now being 51 minutes instead of 30, and at the start of the mid-day class rather than the end, "calling it a 90 minute period just sounds more intimidating," Riley said. Another major change in the schedule is an alignment with the middle schoolers; some high schoolers roll their eyes at the thought of walking the halls with middle schoolers, while others beam at the opportunities they have. Riley said "I think that the middle and high school are divided for a reason and a lot of the middle schoolers aren't mature enough to be in the high school yet," whereas middle school Principal Alan MacRae counterclaims "they're going to see some other opportunities for them in the schedule, and, as an eighth grader, they'll

know exactly what to understand when they get to high school." "As a whole, they follow directions and do their tasks pretty well," said MacRae about next year's group of eighth-graders. Current sixth and seventh graders will be getting a taste for high school before it actually starts with combined music, TLC, and world language classes, including both Spanish and French.

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	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
7:42-8:33 (51 min)	A	G	F	E	D	C	B
8:36-9:27 (51 min)	B	A	G	F	E	D	C
9:30-10:21 (51 min)	C	B	A	G	F	E	D
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12:28-1:19 (51 min)	E	D	C	B	A	G	F
1:22-2:13 (51 min)	F	E	D	C	B	A	G
Drop Period 2:13-2:25	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

New Triton Regional High/Middle School Schedule for the upcoming school year.
(Kelley Photo)

Crunch Time Fall Sports Preview 2025

By Cassidy Beebe
Staff Writer

With the school year coming to a close and summer being right around the corner, students start to mark their calendars for fall sports tryout dates. The rising senior class of 2026, are also starting to get busy with leadership roles, goals, and standards they want to set for their team's season.

Sports this fall will include football, soccer, field hockey, cheerleading, cross country, and golf. From the field throwing, ball kicking, stunt lifting, and cross-country trails, teams are gearing up to make their mark, and classmates are ready to cheer and rally. Here's a look at what to expect this fall as athletes, coaches, and our school prepare for another season of highs, lows, and unforgettable moments.

Your *Triton Voice* reporters spoke to a couple of the upcoming seniors of the fall sports, football, soccer, cheerleading, and field hockey, at Triton.

Football: Junior Everett Romono, a football captain, has set goals for the fall season that he wants to achieve. "I want to see my team show up and play their hardest every game, and to continue to change the culture of Triton football, as well as Triton athletics in general," said Romono.

Cheer: Junior Cassidy Beebe, a captain on the cheer team, shares here goals for the season. "A big goal I have competition-wise would be to place at CALS because last year was rough for us, and it's my first year and last year competing, so I would like to achieve that. Another goal I want to maintain is having less drama on the team this year. I just want everyone to have a good season and a lot of fun at the games," said Beebe.

Field Hockey: Also on the field, night and day, this fall is captain Ava Johnson and her field hockey team. "My goal is to play my hardest at all times, be a good team leader on and off the field and be someone the younger players can look up to, and make a big difference in play on the field," said Johnson.

Soccer: Kicking it off for soccer, captain Paxton Laky, a soccer captain shared what he's looking forward to. "I'm looking forward [See SCHEDULE on page 2](#)

Inflation 2025: Is it Improving?

What Changes are Here Now and on the Way in the Next few Months

By Addison Rowe & Liam Dostie
Staff Writers

Over the past few years, we have all felt the effects of inflation; the rise in prices for things such as food, gas, rent, and even movie tickets. For a while, prices were going up fast, and many families were feeling the pressure. But in 2025, there's finally some good news: inflation is slowing down.

In the U.S., prices are still rising, but not as rapidly as before. In May 2025, prices were about 2.6 percent higher than they were a year ago. That still might sound like a lot, but it's much better than the 9 percent jump we saw in 2022. Other countries, such as those in Europe are also seeing prices rise more slowly now.

Because inflation is slowing, the U.S. government's central bank (called the Federal Reserve) is thinking about lowering interest rates, which could help make loans and credit cards cheaper again.

"I think inflation is unnecessary to a certain extent as it keeps the economy balanced," said Junior Tiara Lavalley, "but it can very easily destroy the economy as well."

Even though inflation is slowing overall, some things are still expensive. The following is a partial list of those things:

Rent: Housing costs are still high, especially in big cities. That's making it hard for many people to find affordable places to live.

Health Care and Education: These services keep getting more and more expensive every year

Groceries and Gas: Prices have come down a bit, but they're still higher than they

were a few years ago.

"I think rent, groceries, and gas are the biggest things that got impacted," said Junior Warren Dalton.

How Are People Affected?

Not everyone is feeling the same relief: Some workers are finally seeing their paychecks go up, but not always enough to keep up with prices.

Families on a budget are still having to make tough choices about what they can afford.

"It's not hard to decide between having food to eat or a toy, but you'd still want to get the toy and watch them smile," said Julie Rowe. "Inflation can prevent this in many families." Small businesses are still having to make tough choices about what they can afford. They are also still paying higher costs for supplies and borrowing money.

What About the Rest of the World?

In countries such as Brazil and India, inflation is also slowing down. But in some poorer countries, food and energy are still very expensive. And in China, prices are barely rising at all; some are even going to go down, which can be a different kind of problem.

What's Next?

Experts are keeping an eye on a few important things:

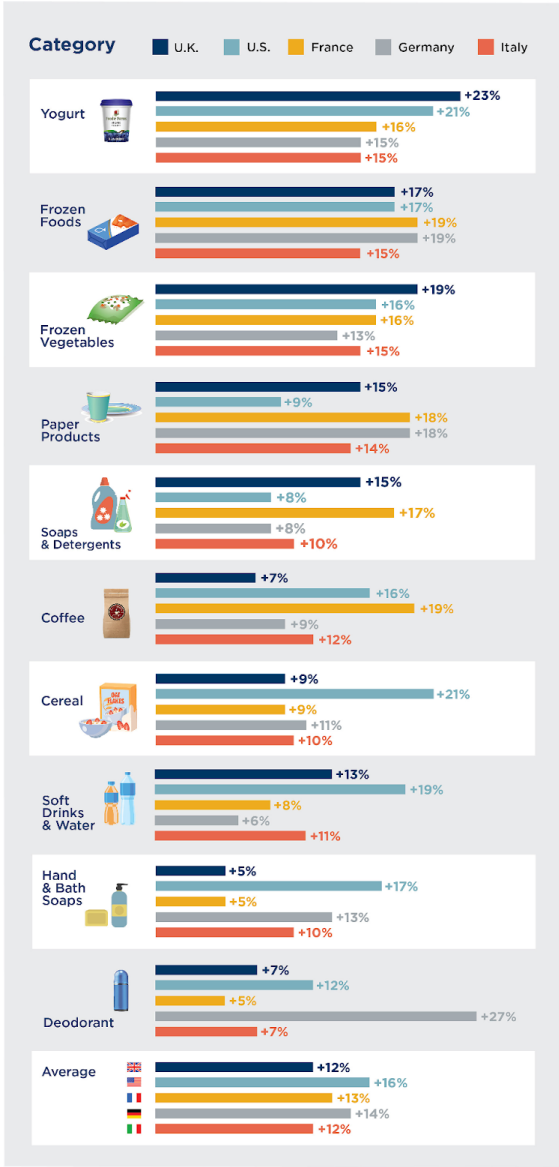
If more people lose jobs, that could slow inflation down more.

If wars or natural disasters affect oil or food supplies, prices could rise again.

New technology, like artificial intelligence, might change the way businesses work, and that could affect prices too.

Bottom Line

Inflation is finally calming down, but that doesn't mean everything is back to normal. Some prices remain high, and many people continue to struggle to catch up. But after a few rough years, it looks like we're heading in a better direction.



SOURCE: Catalina Shopper Intelligence Platform, Q1 2023 vs. Q1 2022

Heard In The Halls 2

By Sadie Deveau & Nancy Arias
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The *Triton Voice* is back again and following up on last week's list where we listen to people's conversations. Now that the seniors are gone, it seems the halls are much quieter. However, it's easy to say there are still many fun conversations that we may "accidentally" listen to.

Library

Student: "I'm actually gonna beat your butt."

Student 2: "He said I'm not going anywhere and so I couldn't go anywhere because his fat butt was weighing down the chair."

Recording Room

Student 1: "Do people actually think I'm a delinquent?"

Student 2: "Yes, everybody thinks that."

Math Hallway

Student 1: "(Student's name) graduated REACH!"

Student 2: "I LEVELED UPPP!"

World Language Hallway

Student: "Are you related to Ray?"

Teacher: "no."

Student: "Lewis."

French Class

Student 1: "You just walked under *Ratatouille*."

Student 2: "Wait, we're watching *Ratatouille*!?"

Student 1: "no, I said 'You just walked under *Ratatouille*.' Look at the door."

Language Hall

Student: "I feel terrible today, I was screaming so much yesterday... I was at Canobie Lake."

Student: "You just bit my chest, that one actually hurt."

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to being a leader of my team. I have always held great pride in the sports I play, so it is an honor to be able to lead them," said Laký.

With returning championships, fresh talent, and high expectations across the board, this year's lineup promises intense dedication, competition, and compelling storylines for this fall.

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Emotions were high as the new graduates reminisced about their days here at Triton, saying how they weren't quite ready to let it go. Others expressed that they can't wait to leave.

"I can't wait to move to California now," graduate Andrew Balkus said. "It's just time for me to move on and start a new chapter of my life."

As is tradition at Triton, the salutatorian and valedictorian were assigned speeches. Valedictorian Brian "Mackie" Wallwork spoke about the future while salutatorian Tihan Khan addressed the past and growing up.

"Looking back, it's clear we're not the same people who walked into this school four years ago," Khan said. "We've grown—not just academically, but also as people."

Khan went on about how the importance of school wasn't just made up of projects and report cards, but the students and teachers too. Although no one experiences a perfect high school career, Khan made it apparent that all the setbacks and challenges every student faced throughout their time at Triton, made them who they are today.

Four years seems like all the time in the world before it comes to an end, but in reality, that's not the truth, said Wallwork during his speech.

"I lost my senior lacrosse season to a freak injury," Wallwork said during his speech. "...Realizing I'd never get to experience so many things that I had put off—thinking I had time."

Wallwork helped said you don't always have all the time in the world and you have to live in the moment and appreciate all the little things. High school can be one of the best or hardest years of your life, he said, but you must live it to the fullest because you won't be in it forever.

Every year, Triton High School is lucky enough to be able to receive one \$20,000 scholarship awarded by The Institution of Savings Bank of Newburyport. This scholarship is given to a

hardworking student, who they find to be deserving. The 2025 graduate who was awarded this year's scholarship was Aileen Huang, who is attending Tufts Medical School in the fall.

Towards the end of the ceremony, class officer Sophie Chapman got the privilege to speak. Chapman quoted country music singer Zach Bryan regarding how grateful they all should be for these past four years together.

"How lucky are we," Chapman quoted, a line from one of Bryan's biggest hits, 28. "How lucky are we to have had these past four years together and to experience us growing up as one. Through all the hardships, good times and bad, we finally did it."

Chapman went on to say how grateful she was to have been with this group for the past four years and how they all made her time here memorable. Chapman is one of the many who aren't ready to let it go and loves being able to be here with all her friends and making countless memories. The 2025 seniors were a group of students who will forever leave their mark on this school, and will be greatly missed. Now that the class of 2025 is officially gone, it's time for everyone else to take a step up and for the class of 2026 to take on their role of being the seniors.

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work well for students," said current junior Bella Carmody, "having the three lunches is [going to be] confusing, and leaving a class and then going back to it after lunch is going to ruin our focus." Some students like Bella worry that time for academics will be scarce with the change, and impact the learning for students. Although our previous article mentioned a possible later start time, unfortunately, it has been overlooked, with the times staying at 7:42 am to 2:13 pm.

"For the past two years, the schedule has been working great for us. I understand they want to match up lunches with the middle school, but we need structure and can't keep changing the schedule.

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page, however, was an April Fool's Day article. The most clicked-on stories were:

- 5: "The Battle of the Slices"
- 4: "One Bite, Everyone Knows Rules"
- 3: "Ongoing Road Work in Salisbury"
- 2: "Aroma Joe's Rush... What's in It?"
- 1: "Native American Burial Pot Scandal Lands Triton Teacher and Coach in Federal Prison" (April Fools Day article).

Top 5 Articles from When Seniors Were Freshmen, 2020-21

COVID-19 dominated the news stories in 2020-2021. Students began the year remote learning, then transitioned to hybrid, then returned to school. Top stories this included, "High School Students Struggle to Find New Normal Amid Pandemic," "Coping with Covid," "COVID-19 vs. Triton Sports," "Pediatric Concerns Amidst Pandemic," "Triton's Response to Mental Health."

Top 5 Articles from When Seniors Were in Kindergarten, 2012-2013

"Caffeine Purchase Ban" & "Coffee Allowed for Students," November, April

At the beginning of the year, Triton ended all coffee sales, including for teachers. Students had long been disallowed from drinking coffee, but the new rule also applied to teachers. Then, in a turnaround, for the first time, Triton students were then allowed to bring in their own coffee, hot or iced, to the schools and classrooms. The previously-banned drinks needed to be covered or in a closed bottle. The main concern now is spilling the drinks or leaving trash behind.

"Team Triton Hosts Casino Night,"

A group aiming to raise funds for a new Triton football stadium held a Casino-style fund-raiser for the project. The group, called Team Triton, hoped to gain money for the \$2.5 million project.

"Triton Voice Visits Boston Bombing Site," May

Reporters visited both the *Boston Globe* newspaper headquarters and the site of the recent Boston Marathon Bombing in May. Students saw the blast site, the many donations and memorial items, and discussed the historical event. The group also spoke with *Globe* reporters, editors, sat in on an editorial meeting and toured the newspaper's offices and printing press.

"Living in a Smart Phone Society"

Many students now own smart phones, whether they are the iPhone 6, the Galaxy, or other new touch-screen phones. How will this change things in school? Will students be able to use them for class work? How will teachers control them?

"Technology: Harmful to Childhood?" November

Speaking of technology, an editorial in November, 2012 predicted that schools will eventually have computers in every classroom for students, and that students and teachers will have to balance how much tech is used in the classroom to increase student learning but also keep them focused on long-term, hands-on projects.

Top 5 Articles from When Seniors Were Born, 2006-2007

The Nintendo Wii had just come out, the "Great Recession" was still on the horizon, and George W. Bush was in the White House. Triton High had nearly twice as many students when this year's seniors were born, but students still wrote about similar topics.

- "Triton Senior Prepares for Possible Deployment to Iraq"
- "Students Consider whether AP Classes are Worth the Work"
- "Boys beware: upcoming fashions include tailored jackets, 80s retro, and headbands"
- "Wii-n or Lose, New Nintendo System Sparks Anticipation"
- "Face to Face on Facebook: Students Prepare for College with New Online Site."