



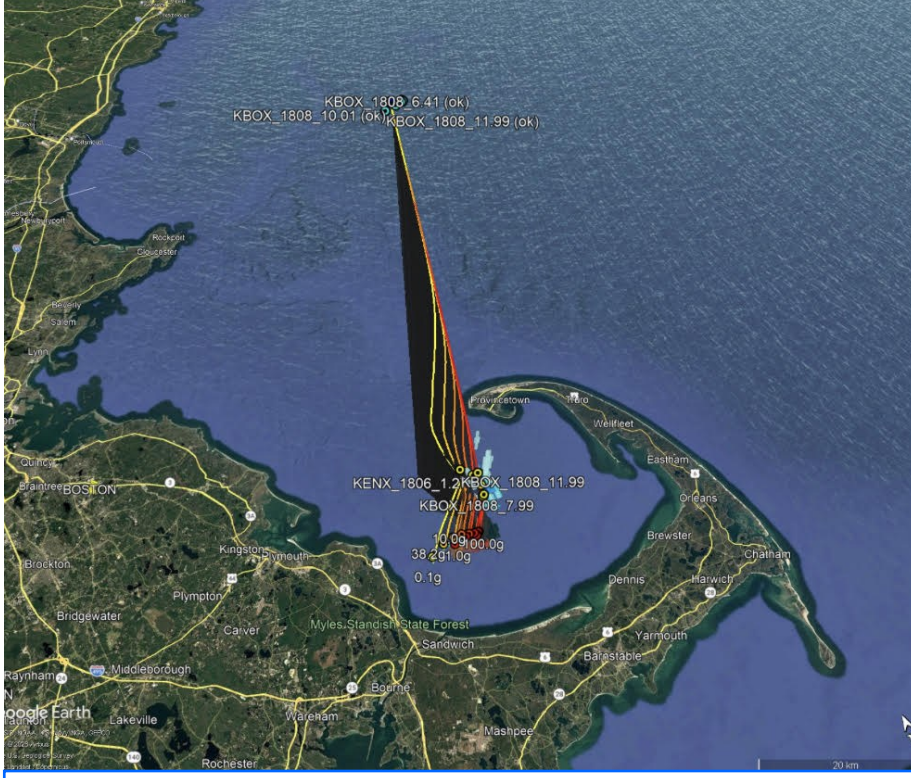
Meteor in Massachusetts Shooting Star Causes Sonic Boom

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A meteor entered Earth's atmosphere on Monday, June 1, at 2:06 p.m. and a loud boom was heard across Massachusetts, leaving many residents wondering what had happened. The sound was later traced to the meteor as it entered Earth's atmosphere, according to NBC Boston.

"The meteor was about five feet wide," according to NASA, with a mass of 5.6 metric tons. (That's about the weight of a large elephant). "It was traveling at about 42,000 mph when it entered the atmosphere at 2:06 p.m. The meteor streaked through the sky for 26 miles, headed from northwest to southeast." The unexpected and loud noise startled many from the Triton area, including junior Ava Brown.

Brown had just returned home from work and was in her room when she heard the boom. "My next-door neighbor had been working on the trees near his house, and I thought one of the branches fell," explained Brown. "I was confused, like, did it hit the ground that I heard it came through the atmosphere?"



A visual created by NASA shows the projected flight path of the meteor that streaked near Massachusetts and New Hampshire on June 1.

Like many others across New England, Brown was surprised the meteor was responsible for the sound. The idea that an object traveling through space could create such a powerful sound made the event even more incredible.

Junior London Stanley also experienced the boom first-hand. Stanley was at home in the kitchen when the sound echoed through the area.

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Helping The Environment One Step At A Time

Marine Biology Final: How to Save the Environment

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Ecological sustainability means living our lives in a way that preserves the world and its resources for future generations.

For myself, it is extremely important to keep the environment clean and safe. I also wish that everyone around the world feels the same way.

So, as our final assignment in marine biology class, students, including this reporter, embarked on what is called a sustainability project.

The Goals

My goal for the next two weeks during the duration of this project is to pollute the earth less in as many ways as possible. This will be achieved by my seven goals. These include: start giving back to the community by donating clothing to a local thrift store; avoid buying fun drinks; consuming no fast food or meat; not spending any money shopping for clothes, shoes, or any unnecessary things; and saving electricity, including only charging my phone while in the car and not watching TV for the two week project.

My initial reaction to this project was excitement. Hearing marine biology teacher Mr. Tom Horsley introduce this project filled me with motivation, inspiration, and curiosity.

"This project is one of my favorite things we do all year," Horsley told us. "It really sticks with you." Starting this project, I believe, is going to influence me to continue these new habits.

The Plan

To start with my first goal, I will be donating 14 articles of clothing total; 1 item of clothing each day. At the end of this project, I will gather my pile of clothes and bring it to the Lighthouse Thrift Store in Salisbury, Massachusetts. After reviewing all the clothes I selected to donate, I will pick some of the nicer items, if any, and bring the clothes to Plato's Closet in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

For my next goal, I will no longer be buying any fun drinks throughout the day or consuming fast food of any kind. Typically, I start most of my mornings driving to Aroma Joe's or Starbucks. Some days I get two, or even three drinks. After this goal is complete, it will also save me at least \$5.35 most days, or around \$40 each week, just on a single drink. I will also save money by reducing my gas use by avoiding the seven-mile drive to Aroma Joe's, or 14 miles total each trip. When I choose to make a little bit of a shorter trip, 6.5 miles down the road to Starbucks, it will save me 13 miles total. This will save me around \$2.30 in gas money each time I avoid purchasing a fun drink. Additionally, I will not support a big franchise like Starbucks by doing so.

Next, on a similar note, I also want to reasonably limit going out to dinner. Each Friday, my night concludes with going out to eat with my parents, but other than that, I will not go out to eat at any other time. Similarly, I want to cut out meat completely. Another step towards saving the environment is going to include no shopping, including online shopping. This means that I will not buy any clothes, shoes, or any other unnecessary items. I

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Triton's Top 10 of 2026

The good, the bad, and the...

By Gracelyn O'Neill & Olivia O'Leary
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Triton is without a doubt an unpredictable school. You never know what could happen next, although it's never THAT shocking. Obviously, Triton has had some wild incidents this year, but which went above and beyond, landing them in the Top 10?

Starting at **number one** is certainly the loss of our beloved history teacher, Mr. Boyle. Mr. Boyle made an impact on every student's life whether they got the gift to have him or just saw a friendly face in the hallway. To everyone, he was well known. Putting his teaching career aside, he loved his family; Mr. Boyle was so proud of his children, including his two boys and their success in college as well as his younger daughter and her committing to play Division 1 basketball. With his wisdom and his endless knowledge, he was always there to give a life lesson that really left an impact. It is safe to say that no teacher will be like Mr. Boyle, but it's a blessing to have had someone as student-driven and passionate.

Who would have ever thought that the 1990's trend of hacky sacking would make a big impact. During the past few months the hallways have been devoted to circling up and passing the sack, which puts it in the **number 2** spot. Students have even made an Instagram page with videos of their crazy highlights of sacking. Triton was named #1 in the CAL for hacky sacking, so I guess we can say we won a championship this year.

While being at school, a student's only worry should be school work, until it isn't. Since the side and back lot consists of new drivers, little things like locking your car slips your mind pretty often. There weren't consequences for not locking your car until students were notified that there were break-ins. Money, personal belongings, and even a car were stolen right at our school, which made this hit the list at **number three**.

Coming in at **number four**, left high and dry, Triton athletes have been stranded on several occasions by bus drivers.

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1. TRITON
2. PENTUCKET
3. NEWBURYPORT
4. AMESBURY
5. ESSEX TECH
6. ROCKPORT

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CAL Hacky Sack, an Instagram handle that collected videos of students playing hacky sack around their schools, ranked the schools based on the quality of tricks students from those schools showcased. In the end, Triton was voted by users of the account as "best hacky sack school" (Instagram image).

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Beyond the Box Score

Baseball's Roller-Coaster Season Ends on High Note

By Benjamin Hutchinson
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Despite a roller-coaster 8-12 season, the Varsity Baseball team fought their way into the postseason, ultimately falling short in a tense, second-round playoff battle this past Sunday afternoon.

As a player on the team, I can say the start to the season was great through our first couple of games, then it turned a bit gritty. We really needed to figure things out. After losing a handful of games, we went on a great stretch, winning a half dozen games, putting us back into the playoff picture. We pushed through the last week, getting us ranked 18 out of 47.

As a player, watching the team come together throughout the season, it was great to see, even from the rough beginning with little team chemistry and such a young squad that included just six seniors. The chemistry that we built gives us high hopes for the next few years to come.

Shaun Beevers, step-father to a player on the team, came to almost every game, and always noticed things that we didn't notice in the moment.

"In the beginning of the season, there was little chemistry," said Beevers. "For instance, when there was a double play opportunity, it didn't seem the middle infield was very coordinated. When there were runners in scoring position, and a ball was hit into play, there wasn't much talking; it was more of kids running around just trying to get the ball."

Beyond the final 8-12 record, the story became one of a team that found its identity when it mattered most. The *Triton Voice* decided to dive into the shift that allowed a young roster to overcome early problems, stick together through close losses, and earn a hard-fought spot in the postseason playoffs. For others, it offers a view of how true leadership and brotherhood can turn a challenging season into a memorable one.

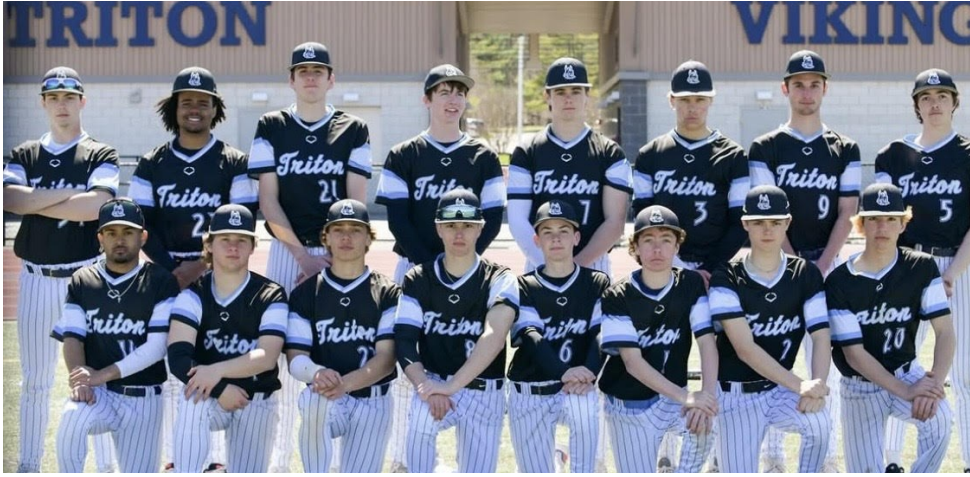
Coach Kyle Priest was happy with the season we had, through all the ups and downs, and even the unfortunate end of the season, he said he was very proud of everyone.

"The first half of the season was pretty scary, and I wasn't sure that we were going to make the playoffs, but you guys figured things out when we really needed to," said Priest. "With such a young roster, I'm sure that the next couple of years are going to be even better than this. (We) ended how we did – no one wanted that to happen – but that was all out of our control. I'm really going to miss our senior guys, but even without them, I know that we are going to do just fine."

"The off-season was definitely going to work on more things to ensure some errors will not happen, or at least see much less of them," continued Priest. "I'm super proud of you guys, and I can't wait to see what next year has to come."

The season started with a lot of frustration. Early-spring games were marked with small mistakes that proved costly; it was a quiet dugout searching for a spark. The team got off to a slow start, dropping several close, one-run games due to defensive lapses and poor defensive mistakes, and this resulted in the team digging an early hole in the standings.

That spark finally came when it was important, when everything was on the line. Facing elimination from playoff contention, the team strung together back-to-back clutch wins in the final week



The 2026 Triton boys varsity baseball team. From top left: Jacob Conroy, Lowell Parra, Charlie White, Caleb Murray, Sam Harding, Wyatt Allen, Ben Hutchinson, Noah Collins. Bottom row: Adrian Meza-Pina, Gavin Fraser, Genaro Carrillo, Kellan Haley, Luke Murray, Evan Allen, Carson Rumph, and Chance Monteiro (photo by AimPhoto1).

of the regular season to lock in the 18th seed in the playoffs. The dugout energy shifted dramatically; a loose, "nothing-to-lose" mentality took over, bringing out the team's best baseball of the year.

The team carried that confidence into the first round of playoffs. A focused, high-energy atmosphere on home turf, playing with the confidence of the higher seed, we were determined to protect our house. Entering the tournament as the 18th seed against the 47th seed Maimonides School, the team avoided the trap of underestimating our opponent. We executed a dominant game plan, riding a complete-game pitching performance by Genaro Carrillo to take care of business and advance to the second round.

However, what seemed to be the start of a great run in the playoffs was cut short. Not because of poor playing, or lack of hits or errors on the field, but because of umpiring. A tense, highly-charged atmosphere was created when bad calls brought roaring protests from the stands and dugout, with phenomenal pitching by Kellan Haley, but that was contrasted by the team's refusal to quit.

The postseason run came to a heartbreaking end in the second round to Manchester-Essex High, heavily impacted by a string of incredibly poor umpiring calls that went against the team. Despite the frustrating officiating and shifting momentum, the squad kept its composure, erasing a late-inning deficit to stay within striking distance until the final batter. Even when it felt like the game was stacked against them, the players never turned on each other; the dugout stayed loud, backing up whoever was on the field. Unfortunately, the job couldn't get finished with all odds against us, a devastating 3-2 loss.



The Vikings team celebrates after a first-round win at the Spofford Tournament in Georgetown (Gianna Marengi photo).

skip day turned out to be an EVERYONE skip day due to the weather being so hot. Most sports were cancelled due to the heat, with the exception of softball, and everyone spent their day tanning.

The bathroom is a place where people go to do their business in private. This year, the hallways faced insane backups due to the boys bathroom being treated like a TSA line, which put this problem at **number seven**. With guards posted up at the door, in the bathroom, and the surrounding hallways, a build up was inevitable. Though it seems harmless, students were actually getting marked late or even absent due to the traffic jam. Why not just open another bathroom and spare the students that time?

Number eight: Not many schools have ambulances showing up at least three times in a week. Triton has had multiple occasions where medical assistance has been needed due to the "greening out" which is slang for having too much marijuana. Smoking in the bathrooms has been an issue for years on end but reaching a point where ambulances are being called is excessive.

Halloween is scary itself, but became scarier at Triton. As students began to walk in, the school was put into a hold. Teachers outside ran up to student cars and told them to get out and run into the building. Being dressed up in their best Halloween attire made it seem like it was just a Halloween prank. But it wasn't, which makes this **number nine**. Around 30 minutes later students were on their way to class with still no information why they were held in a hold.

Finally, at **number 10**, the night Juniors and seniors look forward to most was almost canceled. The venue being switched a day before prom made students panic and upset that they spent so much money

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have a bad habit of buying an excessive amount of things that I really do not need. I spend a lot of money over the course of the week, so this will save me a lot of gas and money for the next 2 weeks.

For my final goals, I will be taking these next two weeks to not watch any TV. I usually fall asleep with my TV on all night, not turned off until 7 a.m. the next day. This will save around 10 hours of unnecessary electricity. At night, I will get back into reading instead, making it a goal to read two books throughout this challenge. Another step is that I will no longer charge my phone all night, when it doesn't always need to be charged. I will keep it charged by only charging it in the car or at necessary times during the day.

Overall, it may be easy, it may be hard to reach these goals. I have plenty of clothes that I just need to let go of, so selecting 1 piece of clothing each should be a simple task. On the other hand, it could be difficult for me not to start my mornings off with a drink or eat out of the house less. Shopping will be another thing that will be harder to avoid, but I am confident that I can do it. Limiting electricity will be simple for me, judging that I have a tendency to forget to ever charge my phone.

As of this writing, today was the third day of the 2026 project. The first day went mostly well, except for the fact that I had my TV on for an unfortunate 10 hours... and I was asleep for the majority of that time. But I turned it off as soon as I woke up. Otherwise, I stuck to my goals! It was pretty easy as well, including the part where I donated well over 14 items to the Lighthouse Thrift Store in Salisbury.

Diving into my second day of the project, it wasn't a very typical day for me. I had a concert at night, so I ate out for dinner, but other than that, I stayed on task all day. I wanted to start my morning off with an energy drink at Aroma Joe's, but I held myself back. In addition, I avoided getting fast food on the way home. I also chose a couple more clothes to donate on top of the numerous other clothing items.

The third day wrapped up, and everything went smoothly. No slip-ups all day.

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"I thought my brother hit something with his truck," said Stanley, who initially thought it came from somewhere close by. After hearing reports that the boom had been caused by a meteor, however, she was surprised by the explanation. "I thought that was crazy, absolutely insane," Stanley said.

The unusual event became a major topic of conversation as communities shared their experiences and reactions. For many people, it was the first time they had ever heard a meteor-related sonic boom.

History teacher Mr. Chris Gette reacted to the news with a sense of humor.

"I was disappointed that it wasn't an asteroid," Gette said. Although Mr. Gette joked about wishing it had been an asteroid, scientists noted that the meteor posed no threat to people on the ground. While asteroids are larger rocky masses, meteors burn up in the atmosphere before reaching Earth's surface. In this case, the meteor – often known as shooting stars – broke apart while traveling through the atmosphere, releasing energy that produced the loud boom heard throughout New England.

Events like this serve as reminders that Earth is constantly interacting with objects from space. While most meteors go unnoticed because they are small or occur over remote areas, larger meteors can sometimes create visible fireballs and audible sonic booms that capture public attention.

From confusion and surprise to excitement and curiosity, the event left a lasting impression on those who experienced it and provided a rare opportunity for people to witness the effects a space visitor.



Gracelyn O'Neill has help getting a staple out of her foot, an accident that happened at prom (Mia McKay).

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But to be real, emails are sent daily about bus drivers calling out so who is surprised. This spring, the softball team had no bus driver and was forced to take the van. Next thing they knew, they were a half hour late. As for the baseball team, they had a bus run almost two hours late. And not to forget the tennis team, which was stranded and resorted to the van as well. Additionally, our girls lacrosse team's bus got pushed from three to four even though their game started at four, leaving a whopping ten minutes to warm up.

Number five: The day before 2025 Christmas break, Triton spent the early morning in the freezing cold waiting for the fire department to investigate the stench fuming the hallway. The whole school eventually gathered into the gym for another hour, waiting for the "all clear." If the "gas leak" wasn't tracked down within the next 30 minutes the school would have been sent home for an early December break. In the end, the big lead up was caused by a dead animal that had been rotting, and students had to remain at school.

At **number six**, Senior skip day is a tradition across thousands of high schools around the world. This year, senior skip day fell on a Wednesday with a level eight UV. Lucky them, right? Wrong. Senior