

# The Owlet

Hoosac School

Hello Hoosac Family! Welcome to a new and improved Hoosac Owlet edition. This edition is filled with a variety of reads from spotlights, television recommendations to even opinion pieces. We have an amazing group of people on the team who love all things Hoosac.

-Lehakoe, Editor in Chief

Welcome back to the Owlet and to the Newspaper Club! A pleasure to bring back to life the Newspaper Club as it was dormant for about 10 years. News is something that is very important in the world, we see it everyday in chapel and all over social media. We hope to bring you great news about our world at Hoosac, from getting to know your teachers better, to the sports games, and even an opinion piece about the World Cup, so without future ado, the first Owlet of 2023!

-Ms. Jones, Faculty Advisor

## **Spotlight Interview: Mr. McDonough**

*By: Finleigh Lewis*

In this paper's edition of the spotlight interview, I interviewed Mr. McDonough. Continue reading to find out all of the fun facts about everyone's favorite math teacher, and to learn how to earn bonus points in his class.

Finleigh: Okay, Who are you?

Mr. McDonough: I am Mr. McDonough.

F: Okay great.. When were you born?

M: Do you want the full.. the full thing? September 15th 1998. \*said most monotone voice ever\*

F: What's your astrology sign?

M: I'm a virgo.

F: Oh really?! I am too.

M: When is your birthday?

F: August 25th.

M: ahhhhh \*disappointed\*

F: Where did you go to highschool?

M: I went to the Kiski school.

F: For all of highschool?

M: No, my freshman year I went to Pine Richland which was public school then my sophomore, junior, and senior year I went to Kiski which is a boarding school.

F: Why?

M: For soccer.

F: Were you that good?

M: ahhh, no. Basically our travel team that I was with since I was like twelve, we had three guys go to Kiski. So I went there then eventually we had three other guys come so it kind of turned into our club team. But I wouldn't say I was good, no. I was above average, I would start on the Hoosac team easily but, i would not say i was amazing.

F: So you think you're better than everyone else?

M: Not everyone else, I think there's definitely some kids on the team who are better than me but...

F: Do you think that Roy is better than you?

M: Yeah.

F: Do you think Lapo is better than you?

M: Yeah.

F: Do you think Jose is better than you?

M: No. Just trying to be honest... no lies in this.

F: Speaking of soccer, I have something I need-  
ed to tell you: Messi, Messi, Messi, Messi, Mes-  
si.

M: Yes.

F: That's the only thing I know about soccer.

M: That's the only thing that really matters

F: Really?!

M: Yes because Messi is better.

F: Do you enjoy teaching?

M: I do.

F: What's your favorite part?

M: I just think being able to share knowledge with the younger generation is great. I was also someone who has always wanted to be a teacher, both of my parents were teachers, they've always worked in schools. So when I was younger I would always enjoy the "take your kid to work day". Then in eighth grade was when I knew I wanted to be a teacher so I went into college knowing exactly what I wanted to do. So being able to do it now is really nice.

F: So you're a nerd?

M: Yeah.

F: But actually I have a lot of respect for you, that's very cool.

M: I literally teach math, I feel like you kind of have to be a nerd to enjoy it.

F: Yeah, but there's a stigma that athletes aren't nerds. You're all of the things.

M: Broke those barriers. But I definitely put on the nerdiness as I became a senior in college. Like my freshman year, no way would I think I would have math equation tattoos. Like even in highschool I wasn't even this big with pokemon. I was into it, but I wouldn't openly do this stuff. But I think now that I'm an adult I don't really care.

F: I wish I had that confidence.

M: Yeah I think everyone should, hoping I can spread some of that.

F: I appreciate that.

M: You know, the pokemon socks pokemon crocs, you know.

F: I do think you take it to a level though that's a lot.

M: Well, that's your opinion.

F: Who's your best friend?

M: His name is Noah. He actually works for GESP. It's the company that we work with for recruiting, but their main partnership is with Woodstock so we see them like wherever we go.

F: Like.. Woodstock the music festival?

M: No. The school. Not Woodstock the music festival.

F: What was your favorite movie growing up?

M: The dark knight, batman.

F: Is that the one that the prince song was in?

M: \*confused\*...the prince song?

F: Yeah. Is it directed by Tim Burton?

M: No

F: Oh. Different batman?

M: Yeah. Well like growing up super young I was a big toy story kid.

F: Okay that checks out. What about now?

M: It's still the dark knight

F: ...And it's not the one directed by Tim Burton?

M: No

F: That's the only Batman movie I know. Other than the Lego Batman movie.

M: The Lego Batman movie is so good. I am a big fan of the Lego movies.

Then I proceed to deep dive and analyze Mr. Mcdonough's entire music taste. Here are the highlights:

We both HATE country

His favorite artist is Nav "he's a rapper"

His top artists are rex orange county, driver era, and mac miller "I'm a big mac miller guy"

He can sing the song Replay by Zendaya lyric for lyric

He's going to see ed sheeran in concert (I hate ed sheeran)

F: Since this newspaper is being published, is there anything you want to announce, now that you have the opportunity to?

M: Wear dress code, and bring a notebook to class.

F: That was a direct stab to many people.

M: Many.

F: Many.

M: And a pencil!

F: Will you give extra credit to the kids that read this article?

M: Yeah.

(Tell him something you learned in this for proof you read it.)

F: What's a duck's favorite snack?

M: Is this like a joke answer? Or serious?...Don't they like grapes? I know you're not supposed to feed them bread. I know that's bad. Everyone's like "don't feed the ducks bread" ...Or is it corn? Is that wrong?

F: Do you know the duck song?

M: Oh yeah! \*sings all of the duck song\*

F: The answer was quackers.

M: \*Whispers quackers angrily

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# Hoosac Sports

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## Boy's and Girl's Varsity Hockey Team Results

*By: Avery Hilton*

After a loss against Frederick Gunns School, which is currently ranked 10th in NEP-SAC, the boy's varsity hockey team came out ready to play against Tier 1 Hockey Academy. The boy's team came out on top with a score of 6-1. The first goal was scored by Page "Jimmy" Jones, the second and fourth goal was scored by Noah Jimbo, the third goal was scored by Eita Yokose, his first Hoosac goal, the fifth was scored by Eliot Lauzon, and the final goal was scored by Davis Carpenter.

The girl's varsity hockey team had similar outcomes with a 5-0 loss against St. Georges but had a better showing against Portsmouth Abbey on Saturday taking the game into overtime but keeping it tied at 3-3. The first goal was scored by Ashley Gillies and assisted by Adrianna Urban, the second goal was scored by Blayne Dussild and assisted by Adrianna Urban. The third goal was tipped by Bella Gale with a shot from the point by Isabella O'Leary.

# Basketball Victories

By: Vinicius Soares

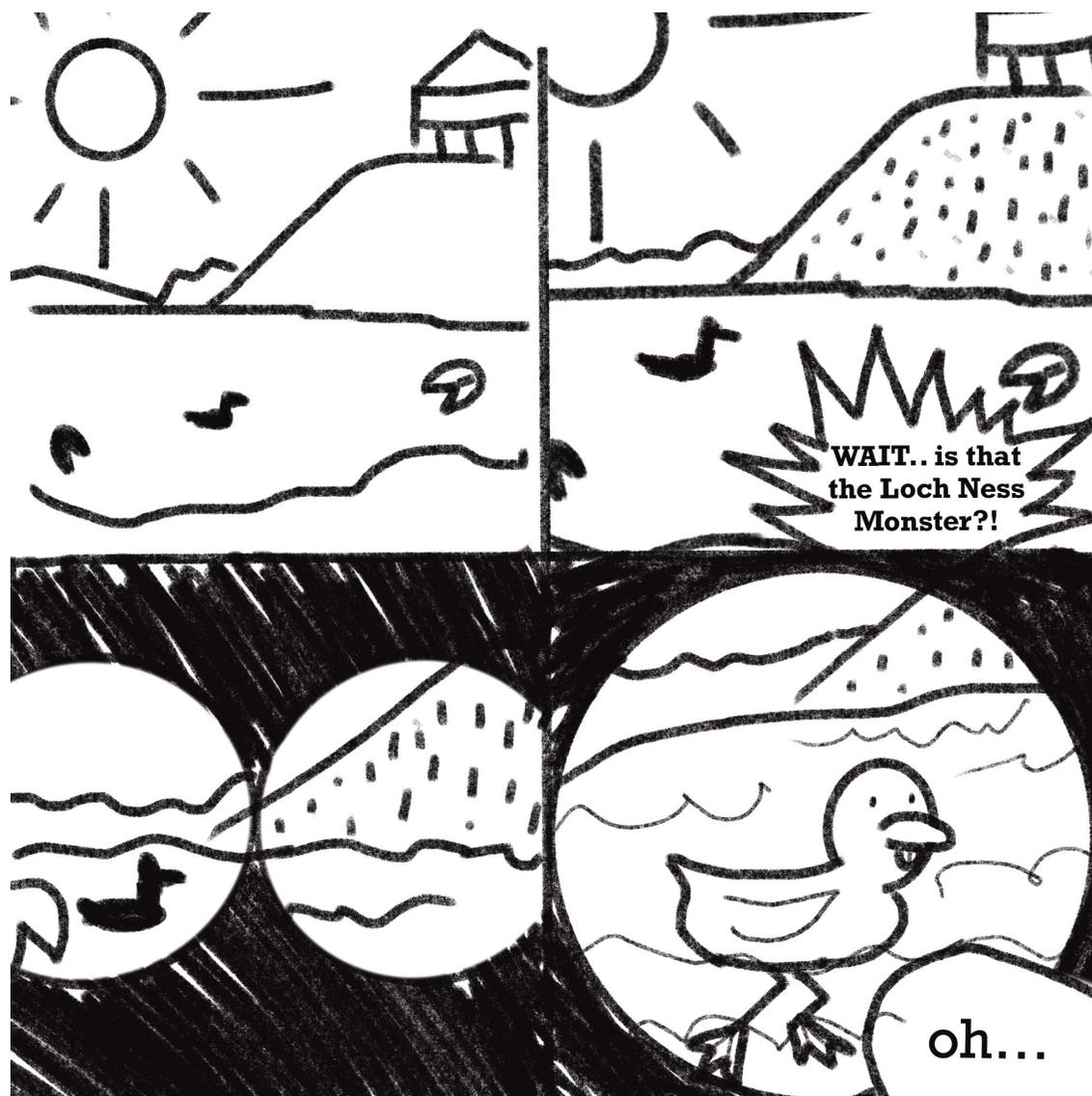
## Basketball AAA

On Friday evening, in an electric game at ISA, the AAA team had a big win against Saint Thomas More, a top team in the league. The first half ended with Hoosac winning by 2 points but with the atmosphere of all the students present in the gymnasium, our team pulled a great 90-77 win, with Nikola Djapa 23' being our best scorer with 22 points.

## W Basketball

On Thursday night, our girl's basketball team came out with the victory in the last seconds of the home opener against Storm King. Shoutout to Brooklyn #23, Maylina #10, and Marasia #11, they were accurate on the offense and played great on defense with steals and rebounds to help the Owls to win on their first home game, with a final score of 55-52.

# Owlet Comic: Quackers



# Opinion Piece: World Cup

By: *Lehakoe Tserane*

If anyone is like me, you love the buzz and celebration surrounding the FIFA World Cup every four years. The 2022 Qatar World Cup brought a lot of discussion about the money spent for the event including the entry to Qatar, and tourism in the country. The football event ran from November 20th until December 18th 2022 with Argentina becoming the champions. The 2010, 2014 and 2018 World Cup's (which I have attended) can attest to a rise in revenue and job creation. Hosting this event is what most countries aspire to do because different currencies are present in their country.

According to Forbes, Qatar as a nation spent an approximate of \$220 million on their World Cup. The money was spent on the eight stadiums and other infrastructure, my favorite being Al Thumama which started construction back in 2017 and officially opened in 2021. Qatar required the infamous Hayya Card used as an entry permit to maintain a population overload among other reasons. The Hayya Card which I used, gained me access to the stadium and transportation around Doha the capital city.

After a fabulous World Cup, we look ahead at the 2026 event which is said to be hosted in the Americas. One wonders whether any infrastructure will be built since the United States is deemed as an innovative and developed country. Since a majority of Hoosac School students will be attending university in the USA, are there any prospects of attending the 2026 World Cup? I am looking forward to the ambiance that will be shared in the next four years. Which countries will be represented? Who will become the next champion? All these questions will be answered in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

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## Clubs and Activies

By: *Miranda Lorenz*

History club with Ms. Graves and Mr. Buckholtz learned about currency and how the American dollar came to be. It all started with gold and playing cards. We learned that the only reason our paper money works is because we have trust in it and a decided worth. In the last meeting we got a new member and discussed future trips. We talked about phones being "devil boxes" and taught our new member the way of the history club humans. History club is such a fun way to learn about the past. Fun trips to historical places, graveyards with cool stories, and even walks through campus. Sometimes we even get to look through old delicate documents.

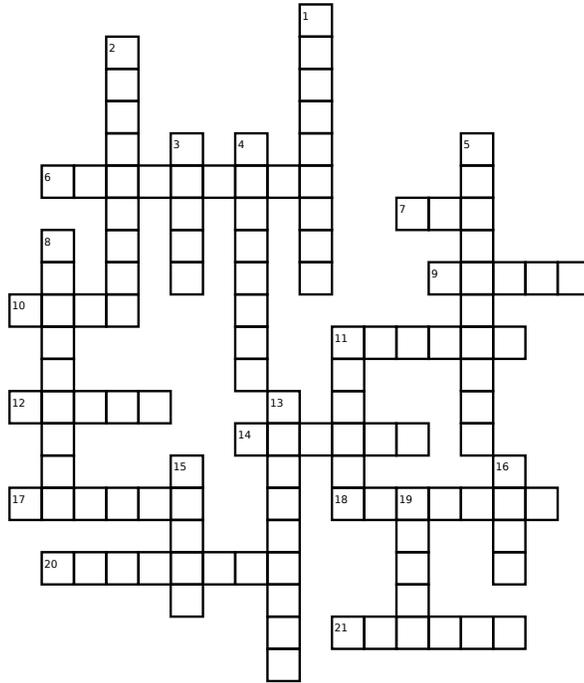
### Volunteer work

Mr. Daft brought a couple kids to a flower show and tea party at a Cathedral. For the first few minutes they got to explore the flower show and take a look around. Mr. daft told them a few facts about the beautiful place. After a while it was time to make tea. They cleaned teapots with wonderful designs and filled them with lavender tea. While those steeped they were moved closer to the stairs and waited until it was time to be served. Tea was run up and down the stairs as classical music played, soon to be followed by tea sandwiches plated on lovely platters. There was enough for many rounds of snacks. Salmon, egg salad, chicken salad and even beets were used to create these delicious sandwiches. After the sandwiches came the amazing desserts. Cake, cookies, macarons, and cupcakes were served on three tier platters. After all was said and done, the volunteers got to eat as many sandwiches and treats as they wanted of what was left. All got to taste the lavender tea. They helped clean up and left with armfulls of food to share.

# Crossworld Puzzle

A chance to win 5 points for your team. Whoever turns in the crossword puzzle to Ms. Jones first with all correct answers gets 5 points towards Antonion or Grafton-ion. (turn in before 2/3/23)

## Who Are Your Teachers?



### Down:

1. 3rd generation teacher
2. from Hoosick Falls
3. was a Corrections Officer in a Jail
4. was on the radio
5. from Serbia
8. speaks Hindi
11. written college-level textbooks
13. taught at Yale
15. goes to Clarkson
16. from California
19. from Connecticut

### Across:

6. recently graduated from College
7. studied in Rome
9. graduated from Charleston
10. has coached players in 2017 NWHL draft
11. 5 years coaching in college
12. has two cats Bella and Odezza
14. played D1 Hockey
17. coached for the Jersey Hitmen
18. study Fine Art in Brooklyn NY
20. lived in Texas
21. prefect at Hoosac



# Campus Updates

By: *Alissa Ushiro*

As students came back from winter break where everyone traveled back home right after Hoosac's traditional Yule Log, which was a great success, we had an even better January. With the Jester still in his reign until the night of January 20th, where another tradition of Hoosac takes place, the Bleeze Banquet.

On the first night of Yule Log, the entire school was presented to the character of the Jester. One of our seniors is chosen to take that title, which isn't only a role in the Christmas play but it also means that the chosen student has the power to play any prank they want for six weeks. As our headmaster would say, for three of those weeks we are on break. However, that didn't stop our Jester, Easton Cahill, from playing great pranks on the entire school.

Creating anticipation by waiting until the night before the very last day to play pranks, Easton started by sending an email to all the students (no faculty) where he claimed with the name of Michael Ryan (Coach Ryan) we wouldn't have classes the next day. The time was close to 11:00 pm, meaning many students read it planning to sleep in, and the ones who were already asleep were to wake up to that email and go straight back to sleep. While all that confusion was happening with the students, the Jester was doing his next prank. He chose to unroll several toilet papers in the auditorium, from the ceiling to the floor. Next, to celebrate the fresh snow we had the previous day, Easton took all the chairs from Mr. Uhl's classroom outside to the front lawn of Towne Hall. Next was probably one of his greatest moves, where he switched our headmaster's office to the central area of Tibbits building, right in front of his actual office. Making it the place of passage between other rooms. "No Jester has moved the headmaster's office before, maybe other rooms but never the headmaster's", were the words of Mr. Foster in the chapel the next day, where another surprise awaited him. In the previous email sent the night before, the Jester also made it clear that we did have chapel even without classes. Very confusing to most, and we found out the reason the next morning. As students rose to sing the school ode, right behind Mr. Foster, we discovered there was a smoke machine hidden. Thankfully, to the joy of our faculty, our Jester's reign came to an end.

Even with the snow, our seniors were able to go to All Saints church for a mass as it could be considered the start of the Bleeze Banquet. We all came back and soon after dinner finally started. The tradition is that greens are burned to symbolize the end of the Jester's reign and the start of the end of our seniors, as from now on it only gets closer and closer to the day when they head to a new phase in their lives. Our students stood bravely through the snow and the flames as the greens were burned and our headmaster told the two senior secrets. Juniors, seniors, and faculty gather for the dinner with great food, followed by a guest speaker who talked about chasing our dreams, that nothing is impossible, and that we should take advantage of the opportunity we have to study in such a great school. Following that we had two students present vocal solos. Alissa Ushiro sang *All Of Me* by John Legend and Livia Gomes sang *At Last* by Etta James. To finalize the night, as tradition, everyone lit a candle and we all made three toasts, to the faculty, the alumni, and our seniors as it is a celebration to them. Winter trimester can bring many hardships, but there are many moments of joy and events throughout it as well.

## **TV/MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS: February Month (Valentines)**

*By: Lehakoe Tserane*

To All The Boys I've Loved Before

Grease

Titanic

The Notebook

Call Me By Your Name

Dear John

The sun is Also A Star

Marry Me

Everything Everything

The Kissing Booth

### **General TV/MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

YOU

Peaky Blinders

Gossip Girl

New Amsterdam

Yellow Jackets

Black Mirror

Daredevil

Breaking Bad

Mother

Lucifer

New York Minute

Five Feet Apart

Gone Girl

The Devil Wears Prada

Dynasty