

# Back to School Edition

/by: Harrison Richter and Jagger Hurraw/

## Welcome to Our New Teachers



### Ms. Bowers:

Our High School welcomes many new faces. For instance we have a new Spanish and Social Studies teacher, Ms. Bowers. She hails from Elkhart, Indiana and went to Concord High school. From High

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School she attended Indiana University– South Bend for teaching, spending 8 years studying psychology, government, international relations, economics, and history. Ms. Bowers has many interests and hobbies like making art and reading fantasy books, but also owns a bow and brrows for practicing archery outside in nice weather. In childhood, she learned how to play chess from her father and has been playing ever since. Ms. Bowers would like everyone to know that she has a 4 year old daughter of her own named Marceline who is “my absolute world.” Still, there’s room in her life and in her hear to “help out my students as best I can with anything.”

### Mr. Stanner

Mr. Jeff Stanner is the new English teacher for grades 6th, 7th, and 8th. In addition to being an English teacher, he is also the new varsity volleyball coach and the new, resident Notre Dame fanatic.



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### • For those who don’t know, would you please introduce yourself?

I live in Angola, with my wife, daughter and crazy dog named Oakley. I enjoy being outdoors, everything Notre Dame Fighting Irish, and studying (yes, I said “studying.” :)

### • How have your first couple of weeks in the middle school been?

This is my first teaching position! I am excited and very grateful to have all of these wonderful teachers around me for support.

My first few weeks have been busy, busy, busy, but I am enjoying it.

### • What is the one thing you are most excited about for the 2023-24 school year?

I am excited about everything right now! Working with such good kiddos in such a strong learning environment is exciting in every way!

Maddi Dager getting some jumping jacks in while simultaneously blocking a shot against Lakeland on August 24th

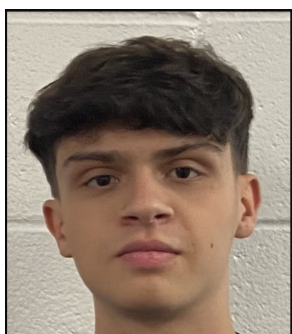


## Welcome to Our Foreign Exchange Students

/By / Victoria Garrison

We’ve two new arrivals at Hamilton High School, Rafael Darini also known as ‘Rafa,’ and Natapohn Im, also known as ‘Jenny.’ Let’s all welcome them with open arms and make this the best school year possible!

Photo by: Andrew Merritt



### Rafael (Rafa) Darini:

One our newest exchange students comes to us from Brazil, where he enjoys playing basketball, going to the gym, and hanging out with his friends. While not having a particularly favorite song, Rafael loves listening to some “Brazilian Funk.”

Rafael is most excited to meet new people and make new friends, he also wants to learn more about the English language. His favorite kind of movies are action and horror movies. Back at home Rafael likes to hangout at friends’ houses, party, or spend time with his girlfriend. Rafael wanted to be an exchange student to learn more about our language and culture, and to play basketball. After high school Rafael plans on going to college in Brazil.

### Natapohn (Jenny) Im:

Perhaps because she comes to us from tropical Thailand, Jenny is most excited for Halloween, and to see the snow. Surprisingly though, Jenny loves to feast on steak, pasta, and pizza. Drawing, painting, watching TV series, and reading fill her free time, along with listening to her favorite songs, “Killer Queen” and “Brooklyn Baby.”

Kicking back to watch movies, she’ll will likely indulge in horror, romance, and science fiction (sci-fi). Speaking on school back in Thailand, Jenny’s says, “it’s fun but definitely not as fun as here, because I get to take all kinds of classes, like art, rather than everything being decided for me.”

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The Truth About 9/11!!!!!!!!!!!!

By: Dade Beldon & Anonymous

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It’s undeniable that the events of 9/11, much like Pearl Harbor, are a cutting scar in the memory of Americans everywhere. And we’ve been told that Al Qaeda was the responsible party. But I have a different theory, one involving a certain green-jacketed inhabitant of the Irish Isles. Yes, I’m talking about the “Leprechauns.” Hear me out!

Sure, it might seem crazy, but the Leprechaun League of Unmentionables (LLU) is believed by many groups and individuals, such as myself, to be the responsible party behind 9/11. You see, between 8/10 and 9/10, a high volume of financial bets tied to United & American Airlines, Boeing Aircraft, and insurance stocks flooded the market. Then, as a result of 9/11, the U.S saw its first unplanned grounding of all national flights. Next, the stock market closing for several days allowed tensions to build until the following Monday morning, compelling nervous participants to issue enormous volumes of “sell” orders. Upon market drop in stocks of all shades and hues (rainbows, anyone!?) commenced. In just one week, the NASDAQ alone plummeted 16%. In all, investors lost \$1.4 trillion dollars. Our exclusive investigation can now reveal that ALL investors involved in these suspicious financial acts were funded and endorsed in some way by the LLU. Meaning that the LLU profited heavily off of this national tragedy. And we all know how much their kind likes all things “green.”

But, “Why else?” you might ask. Think for a second, as we all know, leprechauns have a multitude of cultural practices invested in sky-related phenomenon (see “Rainbows”), which means they also have a vested interest in planes. Need I say more?! Yet, I will! St. Patrick’s Day just so happens to fall on March 17th... the 76th day of the year. Get it? The 17th, 76th.....1776! Their be-whiskered chins plotting this moment for centuries! And it gets worse! 9/11 leaves 111 days of the year remaining. Can you imagine a more ominous and suspicious number? Hardly! Just look, 2001 + 9/11 also has— count ‘em! — three “1s”! It was a plot a full Millennium in the making!

‘Fine,’ you might say, but can we further follow the trail of ill-gotten green? Would I still be talking if I couldn’t? Most tellingly, check out the price of gold in the days following 9/11, not to mention the going rate of pots and marshmallow-based cereals. And, who, pray tell, collects, nay HORDES! The demon metal? All of that sweet, sweet lucre flowed in the pockets of what Darby O’ Gill, world-renown Leprechaun expert, refers to as “The Little People.”



Shamrock Shrapnel, one of many weapons of these lucky, but not-so-charming, villains!

‘Stop, please!’, I hear you plead, but I can’t, and won’t! You see, because Leprechauns, as creatures of Spring are Pisces, which the all-knowing astrological experts at astrology.com describe as “full of dreams and plans”....“Dreams and plans?” You mean, like dreams of global domination and plans to destroy America?!” WAKE UP, SHEEPLE!

‘YES! But, ‘What can we do?’ you may ask. ‘The authorities refuse to act,’ you say. Well, that’s where you and I come in. It’s time for some vigilante justice! I say we storm the Halls of the Leprechaun League this St. Patrick’s Day, and put an end to the reign of terror by those ‘Little Green Men.’ It’s our only hope. We can’t afford to wait until they strike again. We’ll burn down every leafy meadow from here to Fairy Land and leave a trail of clover-covered carnage in our wake! We’ve nothing to lose but our innocence. ARISE! ARISE! ARISE, PEOPLE OF HAMILTON!

Volleyball: Season Update

/By Jagger Hurraw Photos by Harrison Richter



The Hamilton Girls’ Volleyball season is now underway in Head Coach Jeff Stanner’s inaugural season at the helm. Our Lady Marines have started the season off right with at the time of this article having already notched three glorious victories. In order, these heroic triumphs came against: Pansophia (25-12, 25-13, 25-12), Southern Wells (26-24, 18-25, 16-14), and Westview (25-15, 15-25, 17-25, 25-16, 15-13). (Side note: For our new volleyball aficionados, high school volleyball is played in a best of five game series to twenty-five, with each game being called a “set”. If the game goes to a fifth set, then the final set is played to fifteen rather than twenty-five).



Coach Stanner, being the steel-nerved, yet compassionate leader, is quite pleased with the girls turning their hard work in practice into victory on the hardwood. In a recent press conference, Stanner says “With it being early in the season, we are still getting some of the bugs worked out and getting used to working with each other. However, considering we are playing at the level we have been up to this point in the season I am extremely proud of the girls.” Along with their courageous coach, we also got our beloved seniors’ opinions on how they believe the season will go. There are two seniors on the squad this year: Alayna Dean and Maddi Dager. Alayna, adding on to Coach, said “I really think this will be a good year to end on with it being my last. We are winning more than we ever have, and it’s nice to see our younger teammates getting acclimated to high school sports quickly.”

Maddi observed that “Every game we seem to grow as a team. As the season progresses I think we will see an increase in wins.” Aside from the wisdom of the experienced 12th graders and the rest of the returnees, the team also welcomes five freshmen to the court. We hope to see you all at some of the upcoming home Volleyball games. On September 26th, October 2nd, and 3rd, the latter being Senior night. The NECC tourney falls on October 7th, with sectionals following soon after on the 10th. For full details, see the insert included with this edition





Hamilton's new track, in Marine Blue

Photo by: Drew Merritt

## Girls' Volleyball Remaining Schedule

Tue Sep 26	Garrett High School	SG	6:00 PM	Hamilton Community Schools (Charleswood Court)	Home	
Mon Oct 2	Central Noble High School	SG	7:30 PM	Hamilton Community Schools (Charleswood Court)	Home	
Tue Oct 3	Prairie Heights High School	SG	6:00 PM	Hamilton Community Schools (Charleswood Court)	Home	
Sat Oct 7	NECC Tourney	SG	9:00 AM	Garrett High School	Away	7:45 AM
Tue Oct 10	IHSAA Sectional (First Round)	SG	TBD	Lakewood Park Christian School	Away	
Thu Oct 12	IHSAA Sectional (Second Round)	SG	TBD	Lakewood Park Christian School	Away	
Sat Oct 14	IHSAA Sectional (Final)	SG	TBD	Lakewood Park Christian School	Away	



# Hall Pass

/By Andrew Merritt & Harrison Richter

"A negative is school starting too early in the year." —Wyatt Temple

"I get to see all of my students, that is a positive AND negative!" --Mr. Buss

A Negative is seeing Andrew Merritt in the hallway. —Maddi Dager

A positive is the library: having somewhere to go when not working in class. —MADdie Nester

"A positive is I get to have three agricultural classes. "— Britney Heffern

"A positive is the thought put into our athletics programs." --Dylan Holiday

A positive for me is sports and choosing my classes, which we can't do in Brazil . — Rafael Darini

Hawai'ian Night  
at the  
Volleyball game



Aloha, Drew!

Why the long face?



"?" By Jenny Im

## The Artist Speaks!

**Me:** So, what's this painting called?

**Artist:** I don't have a name for it.

**M:** What's the subject?

**A:** What do you mean?

**M:** Is it a character from anime?

**A:** No.

**M:** What inspired the work?

**A:** Nothing. It's just an image from my mind.

**M:** Any special meaning then?

**A:** I don't know. I just painted it.

And there you have it, ladies & gentleman, straight from the mind of yet another deep & mysterious artist.