

THE WINDSOCK

TANGIER ISLAND DECLARES WAR ON THE U.S. PENGUIN-PIGEON ALLIANCE PLEDGES SUPPORT

BY: THOMAS FAIRFIELD

One of our reporters, working in the Chesapeake Bay, reveals the shocking truth. Tangier Island, led by its seagull sovereign, Prince Najork, has been preparing for war with the U.S! It has also been in contact with the largest air and naval force on the planet, the penguin-pigeon alliance, which has pledged to aid them in "any military operation against the U.S." With an airforce of some 400 million, and a naval power of one-tenth the size, the Penguin-Pidgeon Alliance is the greatest Sea and Air Force on the planet.



Allied with the entire force of the east-coast's seagulls, this grand armada is poised to swoop down on the U.S. In an emergency meeting of the cabinet, the vice-president said "It's hopeless. Our army is outnumbered nearly one hundred to one. Their forces will sweep down on the U.S., pecking everything in their path. Their Seagulls and Pigeons control the air, and will easily be able to take down our planes, simply by clustering around them so the pilot can no longer see. And if any strike is made against Antarctica and the Penguins, I advise the soldiers to be careful, and wrap up very tight, as it's very cold in antarctica."

MERGE VS COMMON GROUNDS

A COFFEE SHOP COMPARISON


BY: EFFIE EADS

Do you like an iced coffee before a long, sweaty sports practice? Or perhaps a steaming chai latte after class in the dead of winter? If so, you've probably gone to Merge Coffee Company. Going to Merge is a relatively new tradition at EMHS, but a common one. Many students buy a drink there before or after a sports practice or another extracurricular. But did you know that there's a closer, {more affordable} coffee shop? Common Grounds is Eastern Mennonite University's coffee shop, and it's in EMU's gym building, only 3/10ths of a mile, or about a four minute walk from EMHS.

Common Grounds is also a bit cheaper than Merge. Below is a chart with three popular drinks and their prices at each shop.

When I reached out to the management of Common Grounds about their prices, I also asked if there was anything they would like to tell the student body of EMHS. La'akea Fujita, one of the managers of Common Grounds, says this.

Over the summer, Common Grounds changed locations to the second floor of University Commons and has undergone some exciting upgrades. It would also be inspirational for EMHS students to see a student-run business in action. We are excited to welcome people to the new space when we open on October 3rd!" Although your choice of coffee shop is up to you, I know I'll be going to Common Grounds in the coming months.

	Merge	Common Grounds
Latte (12oz)	3.50	3.00
Fruit Smoothie (12oz)	3.95	3.00
Chai (12oz)	3.50	2.75

SCO ANNOUNCEMENT

EMHS SCO is excited to announce that this year we will be doing a fall semi-formal! It will take place on October 22 from 7-9 pm at Showalter's Barn. Tickets will be \$10 per person, and attire is semi-formal (homecoming dance style)

THE WINDSOCK WARRIOR ADVICE COLUMN

What college should I go to?

Set your sights high! Only apply to colleges that have an acceptance rate of less than 10%. Don't waste your time with any of those other "schools." Because in the end, they don't deserve you. Don't try to stand out, either. Everyone tries to stand out, so they all end up blending together. Be as exceptionally average as you possibly can. I hope this helps!

To: Windsock Warrior

From: Anonymous Student

My dog kills my chickens sometimes and brings their corpses into the house. What should I do?

You should be encouraging this behavior actively! Your dog is acting off of its primal instincts to feed those it loves, which, in modern day society, is a very powerful tool for social maneuvering. If anything, you should be killing the chickens yourself and bringing their corpses to your dog. Best of luck!

To: Windsock Warrior
From: Anonymous Student

How do I convince my five-year-old that it is, in fact, time to go to bed?

You have to be assertive with five year olds. They're starting to get to a point in their life where they need to fight back against you and establish their autonomy, which, as us parents know very well, does not blend well with being five years old. You should put your child on a strict regimen not unlike the one exercised by the United States Marines, as it builds character like nothing else! Best of luck!

To: Windsock Warrior
From: Anonymous Faculty

EMS EARNS RUNNER UP 49TH ANNUAL HOME CROSS COUNTRY MEET!

EMS' ERIN LOKER COMES IN FIRST FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS!

BY: SAMUEL CASTANEDA

On Saturday September 10, 2022, Eastern Mennonite school held their 49th annual Cross Country meet. There were 12 teams registered that attended at Peak View Elementary School on the Burtner Family Farm course in Penn Laird, Virginia. The course has been held here for over 15 years. Erin Loker '24 came in first for all high school girls. Erin ran a time of 22:32 and came in first by about 46 seconds. Paige Hutcheson came in 9th place with a time of 25:18. Great job to the girls! For the boys race the team overall came in second place! They only lost to East Rockingham by 24 points. The team average time was around 20:00. Their total points were 50 and the trophy was displayed in the hall for a few days after the meet. Jedrek Sneary came in 4th place for all high school boys with a time of 19:10! Drew Holland came in 7th, Jakob Gerlach came in 9th, and Ben Huyard came in 13th. Isaac Ott came in 17th place overall.



The people in the race weren't the only people of notice though! Athletic director Andrew Gascho and Kendal Bauman organized this huge event. There were more than 20 parent volunteers who helped make the meet possible. Among volunteers were multiple parents of runners on the team. There were also other faculty members there to cheer on our runners! There were also many volunteers from our community helping out. Sponsorship from Weavers Flooring America also helped make this possible. Congratulations to our EMHS Cross Country Team, and a shout out to all of the people behind the scenes that helped make this possible! Go Flames!



MONTHS INTERVIEW

COLUMN BY: HANNAH DREGDER

ANDREW LANTZ

This month I interviewed Andrew Lantz, member of the Varsity Boys Soccer team. According to Andrew, their season got off to a rocky start this year. However, it's starting to get straightened out, and he's hopeful for the rest of the season. Andrew has been playing soccer since he was four. He has played many different positions but has settled on center mid which he has played so far this season. So far, his favorite memory this year is scoring six goals against Tandem at their home game on September 6th.



SPECIAL QUESTIONS

Now, time for our special questions. Our first question, which was from Naomi Diener, asked his opinion on cilantro. Andrew is indifferent to cilantro. He says he wouldn't put it on tacos, but if it was already on the taco he'd eat it. Andrew definitely still has some room for improvement on his road to loving cilantro, but at least he's trying. Our second special question was offered by Abby Garber regarding Andrew's opinion on Christmas. Andrew likes being out of school for Christmas break and he enjoys sleeping and recovering from the stress of school over the break. He thinks a good time to start getting in the Christmas spirit is around the week of Thanksgiving. Andrew's special question for next month is "Do you regret anything from your past?" which we will be asking Martha Wyse.

FRY TIME WITH ANNA & PAIGE

OUR MOST AND LEAST FAVORITE FRIES

A while back, we decided to taste test a variety of fries from fast food chains in Harrisonburg. To guide us on our fry-tasting adventure, we had a rating scale of 1-5, the price, and a space for comments. The food chains we got fries from included Popeyes, Wendy's, Cook-Out, Five Guys, Arby's, McDonald's, Dairy Queen, and Chick-Fil-A. After visiting each chain and trying their potato slivers, we looked back at our ratings and discovered what we are about to share with you. Below are our hot takes.

WHICH FRIES ARE THESE?

1. Popeyes
2. Wendy's
3. Five Guys
4. Cook-Out



RESULTS:

Top Tier: Popeyes and Five Guys 5/5

Bottom Tier: Dairy Queen and Chick-Fil-A 2/5

Honorable Mentions: Popeyes' Blackend Ranch 5/5 and DQ's Zesty Queso 5/5

PAIGE'S FAVORITE:

Ever since I had them for the first time, Popeyes' fries have been at the top of my list. They are crunchy and flavorful with a perfect blend of seasonings. They were also highly ranked on Anna's list.

PAIGE'S LEAST FAVORITE:

From this fry adventure, I liked Chick-Fil-A's fries the least. They're good when they're hot and with sauce, but on their own they are generally bland and when they cool down they become floppy. I do appreciate the fun shape and occasional potato skin. They were ranked similarly on Anna's list.

ANNA'S FAVORITE:

Five Guys. Exquisitely fried. The potatoes were unpeeled which added an additional level of crispiness, as well as a certain homemade aesthetic. Served fresh and hot, a good classic fry. The main downside with these fries was the price. While there was a substantial amount of fries in the bag, the price was a lil high. These fries were ranked highly on Paige's list as well.

ANNA'S LEAST FAVORITE

Dairy Queen let me down. What they have in sugary dairy products, they lack in actual food. The fries lacked flavor and crunchiness. They seemed only to exist to fulfill the definition of fry. Overall they were very generic. The only thing that saved them was the delicious creamy queso. It brought 1 star fries up to a 2.

WINDY AND SOCK: REPORTERS

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BIDS ON A FLAMING FUTURE

COMIC BY: ELIZA WARREN AND CORINA JAHNE

Have you ever been stranded on the side of a road due to an unreliable bus? Well, we have, multiple times. But not to worry, the proceeds of the EMHS auction, "Fan the Flame," are going towards a new bus for the school!

On Monday morning, September 26, the auction total was over \$14,000. The "Fan the Flame" auction was the first in-person auction in 2 years and occurred at the Cross Keys Barn. The auction included a dinner from Hank's and music from the Rain Pickers, featuring an EMS alumnus Perry Blosser '14, in a new Shenandoah valley string quartet.

In addition, the comedic duo, Dawn and Chris Womack, auctioned off the items, including tickets to "Date night laughs" with Dawn Womack herself. Other things up for bid were, float therapy sessions, karate party packages, polo lessons, a gift certificate and a gift bag to Magpie, and so much more. Thanks to everyone who donated!

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