

The Javelin

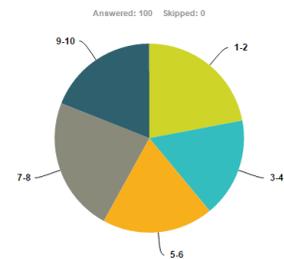


The Progression of the Spring Musical
 By Karissa Helton and the Review Team

This semester, Mrs. Gianni has harnessed her talents as a drama and chorus teacher to produce the musical *Anything Goes!*. It will be performed March 17th and 18th at 7:00 pm in the District 3 Auditorium. The story takes place on a boat in the 1920s. Characters like gangsters, foreign missionaries, and more will be in the cast! We decided to observe the future performers of the musical to get a sense of the preparation required for this endeavor...

Walking into the room, we noticed Mrs. Gianni being interactive with her students. The students were imitating her motions that corresponded with the music. Their choreography is only a portion of the effort and time required. Mrs. Gianni works great as an instructor for the upcoming performance! She and the performers are going to need a lot of support from the community. They are determined to make this performance one that you will not want to miss, and judging by their effort, the musical is bound to prevail!

How stressed are you right now about the semester? (on a scale of 1-10)



An Interview with Mrs. Catherine Gianni By Anna Scott

I sat down with Mrs. Catherine Gianni, the Chorus and Drama teacher here at BHS, to ask her what it's like to teach two very different classes and handle concerts, plays, and musicals all at the same time. Here are her responses:

What inspired you to become a teacher?

Gianni: I had an awesome high school chorus teacher. After I went to college to be a physician, I discovered that I wasn't happy and so I switched back to choir.

How do you manage to juggle all of your classes and activities?

Gianni: Copious amounts of caffeine! Organization is also a key factor, although that isn't always my strong point. I was able to arrange my classes so I could manage them and extra activities all at once.

You've taught all over the world, from the U.K. to Saudi Arabia. What made you want to come and teach here? How are those places different from each other?

Gianni: I came to the upstate because my mother lives in Simpsonville, and I wanted to be closer to her. We left Saudi Arabia because of the Gulf War; we had an infant at the time and didn't want to live in war. The U.K. and Saudi Arabia are complete opposites; I can drive in the U.K., not in Saudi Arabia. Our school in Saudi Arabia only went to grade 9; after that, the kids went to boarding school. The U.K. was completely open. We could do anything since we were in London, and there were also people from all over the world there. Very different from BHS—the curriculum, the size, and the culture is all different.

What has been your favorite teaching moment from over the years?

Gianni: One is that when I was in the U.K., the grades 4 & 5 performed on the West End in *Joseph* every other night for six weeks. Another is from Charleston, getting the Young Americans to come to the school and teach the kids their routines.

What is the best trick to cure or avoid stage fright?

Gianni: There truly is no cure, because nerves are necessary; nerves fuel your performance. Without them, your performance will be very flat. Severe stage fright, on the other hand, can be helped with rehearsals.

From your experience as a teacher and performer, what advice would you give to students pursuing a career in education and/or performing arts?

Gianni: Adopt caffeine! In music or drama education, once again, organization is key. In performing arts, grow a thick skin. Rejection is very common, and you just have to take it with a grain of salt.

Marksmanship

By Sarina Abee

Marksmanship is not simply shooting a gun. It is the achievement of self-control, balance, and self-discipline. You pick up on these morals in marksmanship, and the life lessons you learn will follow you throughout your high school experience. Coach Sargent James stated that, “The only shots you miss are the ones you don’t take.”

Initially, many were inspired to join based on gaining experience for their shooting and sharpening their skills. Eventually the group thinned out to very small numbers, leaving behind the current members.

Some enjoyable things about being on the team are the satisfaction of winning and the fact that you not only gain experience, but also a new group of close friends.

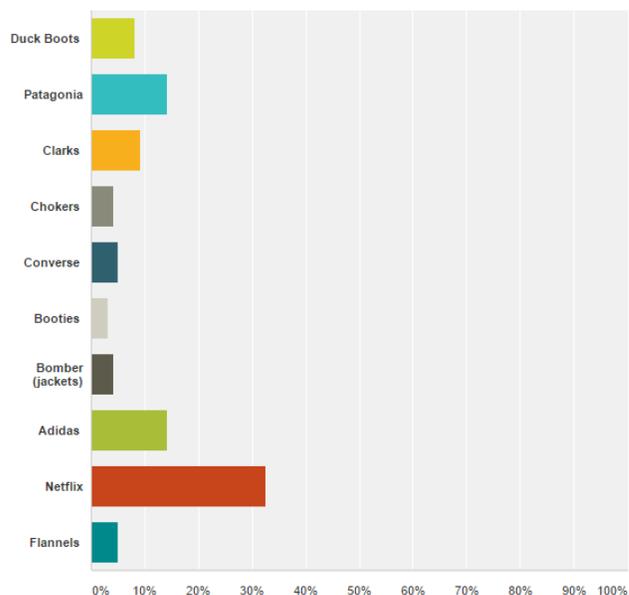
Competing can be very exhilarating, but it can also make you very nervous. When on the line, about to take that perfect shot, a million thoughts go through your head. But eventually, those thoughts fade into one: hitting the target.

Practice truly does make perfect. Lack of practice clearly affects the quality of your shooting, whether the shot turns out to be a flyer or a perfect ten.

Practices take place every week on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the ROTC room right after school.

What's your favorite trend from 2016?

Answered: 98 Skipped: 2



Artwork by Reagan Anderson

Fishing Team, Forgotten?

By Cassie Whitt

You hear all the time about football, right? Basketball, baseball, and wrestling get publicity, too. But do you ever hear about your school's fishing team? I didn't think so. You might hear their names over the intercom maybe once in a while, but they never get as much recognition as the main sports at high school. Let's don't forget them.

Sophomore George Stanford related his experience being on the fishing team. Some of his revelations may surprise you. Being on the fishing team requires a lot of money. You have to have your own boat, and in each boat, there are two anglers and a boat captain. What made George want to become a member of the fishing team?

"I've always loved to fish, and I'm really good at it. I watched as a kid how men caught these big fish and I wanted to be just like them," he says.

"Do you feel like the fishing team isn't recognized enough at Broome?"

"Not really. We get our names called a few times over the announcements just like every other sport, just not as much as the main ones. But I do agree they could say a little more about the fishing team because Bass Fishing is a national sport."

"Would you recommend this sport?"

"Sure! The more people that get interested, the more this team will start to get recognized. Not only that, it's fun for everyone. You might get frustrated sometimes, but once you learn and accomplish what you came here for, it's worth it."

George obviously has real love for what he does. He's not doing it to get the popularity. He just wants to make a big catch!



Artwork by Trey Whitsel

Class Surveys

By Anna Scott and Sarina Abee

The following survey reflects the opinions of a guy and girl from each grade level here at BHS.

Freshman Results

Q1: How would you describe your first year in high school so far?

Abigail: A bit of a struggle, but I've learned a lot about myself.

Adam: Slightly overwhelming, but I've managed.

Q2: What would you tell yourself at the beginning of the year if you could go back in time?

Abigail: Surround myself with people I want to be around.

Adam: Study for Ms. Sparks' class!

Q3: What did you expect high school to be like before you came to Broome?

Abigail: I expected tons of drama, but it's surprisingly calm.

Adam: A much larger version of middle school.

Q4: What do you think about the stereotype of freshmen being looked down on?

Abigail: I think it's justified, because many freshmen are still immature going into high school, and they think they deserve to be put on a pedestal.

Adam: I think it's false; I haven't experienced it.

Sophomore/Junior Results

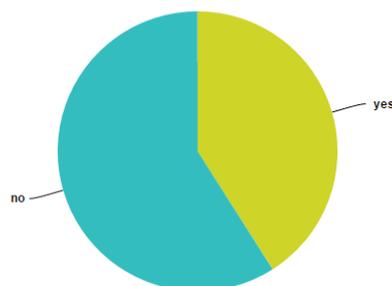
Q1: What has been your favorite part of the year so far?

Lily-Anne (Sophomore): Learning about myself.

Brenden (Sophomore): Football season.

Do you have new year's resolutions?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 0



Cassie (Junior): Meeting new friends; coming out of my shell

Jonathan (Junior): Java II (class at DMTC)

Q2: How would you describe this year in three words?

Lily-Anne: Stressful, Challenging, Exciting

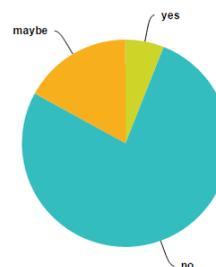
Brenden: Exciting, Interesting, Fun

Cassie: Stressful, Interesting, Happy

Jonathan: Interesting, Calm, Fun

Do you think school uniforms should be required?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 0



Q3: How does freshman year compare to your current year?

Lily-Anne: It seems like everything is happening all at once.

Brenden: Freshman year was tough, coming to a new school. But it's a lot easier now.

Cassie: I was very quiet and antisocial during freshman year. Now I'm the opposite.

Jonathan: I've learned so much more this year.

Q4: One piece of advice to incoming freshmen?

Lily-Anne: Enjoy it, and don't be afraid to ask for help. Also, be yourself.

Brenden: Don't be nervous! Figure out everything sooner so your next four years are easier.

Cassie: Make good choices, and always be yourself.

Jonathan: Be organized! You'll thank yourself later.



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Sports News

By Sarina Abee and Kiara Rodriguez

An Amazing Season

“This wrestling season is going very well. The middle school Centurion wrestling team finished this season with 10 wins. This was our 3rd 10-win season in a row! Our middle school team are county champions and region champions. Tristan Lawter won the state championship at the 185 weight class. The varsity team just finished up their region campaign and won region on January 19th with a 73-6 victory over Chapman, so we are having a great season...now we're beginning to get ready for the play offs.”

-Coach Andy Lake

A Close Call

“The basketball team is up and down right now. They are solid in 3rd place in the region after giving up a close win on January 17th, which would have put them in 2nd in the region. We have quite a bit to go this season as far as region play...We had to deal with quite a bit of injuries and sickness.”

-Coach Ben Martin

Aiming for the Region

“The varsity girls basketball team is currently 6-9 overall and 2-2 in the region. The team is led by captains Ansley Hodge, Michelle Morrissey and Bessie Reid. Ansley is leading the team in points (159), steals (67), assists (22), and rebounds (126). Michelle is a close second with 120 points, 21 assists, and 30 steals. Mackenzie Mahoney is second on the team in rebounds with 56. The girls team still has 6 remaining region games and will be having senior night on Friday, February 3rd versus Clinton.”

- Coach Brian Schult

Thank you for reading the first of three 2017 issues of *The Javelin*. Our writers have been working thoroughly on their pieces, and I can only imagine how fulfilling it feels to have their hard work pay off. As editor-in-chief, it's certainly fulfilling to see everything come together.

This issue was generally centered around highlighting some of the unrepresented groups at Broome High School. We hope to have stirred some interest in our drama and chorus programs, as well as the marksmanship and fishing teams.

Our next issue will be a special Valentine's issue of *The Javelin*. Don't worry; not everything will be romance-centered. Our journalists have some heart-warming ideas and surprises for the next issue, and we hope to once again receive your support.

Again, on behalf of our writing staff, thank you.

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Editor-in-Chief