

THE WINDSOCK

DINING HALL TAKES ON NEW LEADERSHIP

By: Abby Garber, '23

With the departure of Ms. Deb Pardini as Dining Hall Manager, a new era begins in the Eastern Mennonite School Dining Hall. Ms. Karla Tierney joined the EMS community this year when her son, Alvin, joined the class of 2028, but her new job in the dining hall made her EMS experience come together perfectly. "... Our family and our way of thinking and lifestyle really aligns with the EMS way of thinking as well, so I wanted to be part of that. We live kind of far away and our long-term goal has always been to be a little bit closer to Harrisonburg and this was kind of our first step in making that happen." said Ms. Tierney, the new Dining Hall Manager.



Ms. Tierney is eager to ensure that the dining hall continues to serve the best food possible and she is planning on continuing to serve the most popular meals as well as eventually mixing in some new recipes. She is eager to share some of her Pennsylvania roots by experimenting with hoagies and cheesesteaks when that becomes feasible. In addition to the food that will be served, she is also setting the groundwork for a dining hall that will encourage a positive environment for both students and staff.

Although she declined the request for chicken nugget day everyday, Ms. Tierney is anxious to meet and get to know the students as well as serve quality food to the Eastern Mennonite School community.

WONDERFUL JANITOR BY: LEAH CHUNG, '22

Do you ever stop to appreciate the cleanliness of our school? It takes a lot of hard work and effort to maintain the cleanliness of a school full of students. Students need to take time to appreciate those who maintain our school. Al, who has been working since 2008, is one of the school's janitors. If you are ever at school past the last bell, you will likely see him strolling through the halls with his cart of equipment. He cleans the first floor of EMHS. This includes the restroom, classrooms, hallways, and more. Since the start of COVID-19, he also has been cleaning our door knobs. However, Al is not the only janitor at our school. Kathy is the name of the janitor who cleans the second floor. She works from 6:00am to 2:00pm. After Kathy's job is done, Al works from 3:00pm to 11:00pm. Many students aren't aware of their hard work. They are responsible for clean halls, pleasant smelling restrooms, and much more. Students should take more time to appreciate our janitors. Surely nobody would enjoy attending a dirty, gross school. Next time you see Al or Kathy wandering the halls, take time to think about the hard work they do to keep our school clean. Your appreciation is greatly appreciated!

HARMISON SHINES IN GUTSY MENNO-CLASSIC RUN

By: Skylr Harminson, '22

The Eastern Mennonite Flames put forth a decent effort at this year's annual Menno-Classic tournament this weekend here at Eastern Mennonite. All the boys who played in the 3 games last weekend gave it their all and left their heart on the field, leading to a 9-0 win, and two quality ties against talented opponents. However, no soccer player in the state's "all" can compare to Harmison's. Senior keeper Schuyler Harmison dominated at the Menno-Classic, as he's done all season. Harmison had 15 official saves for the weekend, including 7 against Trinity and Christchurch alone. When asked about his abnormally excellent production, Harmison smirked, pushed his beautiful hair out of his face, leaned back against his lamborghini, and pondered for a second. "I'm just too good. I know teams are starting to take notice. Opposing strikers are scared to even attempt to sneak a shot by me." He continued, saying, "Christchurch made the mistake of wearing white against us, and I could see that at least half of their offensive players peed their pants". Naturally, this striker-demoralizing effort didn't go unnoticed by the All-Tournament committee, as Harmison was selected to the first team as the best keeper at the event. "Yeah, obviously I was picked for the first team," stated Harmison casually. He paused for a second, and used his trophy to floss his pearly white teeth, and smiled. "I'm a humble guy, so at first I was like, 'There's 7 other keepers who played in that goalmouth this week, surely one of them deserves this award more than me.' until I realized how ridiculous the notion was. Not one of those guys could sniff any of the saves I made last Friday and Saturday."



This mentality is truly an insight on what separates Harmison from the rest of the mortal goalkeepers in the state of Virginia. As far as Harmison's trophy display, the structural integrity is begging for mercy. "Seriously, there's too many trophies on that thing," Harmison complained, "on my momma it's about to rip my wall off," These are the consequences of excellence a player of Schuyler Harmison's caliber has to suffer from everyday, but he doesn't really mind. "It's only a small price to pay for athletic glory." Harmison said on the matter. As the playoffs approach, look for him to somehow continue to build on these three inhuman performances. I would strongly recommend attending any upcoming game of his if you can, that is, if you can find a seat on the bleachers among all the college scouts, Premier League managers, and supermodels flocking to see the show.

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THE MET GALA OPINION BY: CLAIRE PARSLEY, '22 AND NAOMI DIENER, '23

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DIFFERING OPINION ALERT!!:

I'm sorry but I am NOT rocking with Kim Kardashians full black outfit. She looks like she's mimicking someone's shadow. Where is the glamour? Where is the pizzazz? She just looks creepy.

Now this is where I'd beg to differ. She looked very mysterious, and she was able to draw a lot of questions and attention with her look without just looking ugly.



As we're sure most of you know, the Met Gala fundraiser is one of the highest fashion events of the year for celebrities to show off some of the most intricate looks. It has always showcased a large display of specially designed outfits and classy dresses that millions of people praise. This event has been running since 1948 and continues to draw much attention even after all these years. Many were thrilled to see what the 2021 Met Gala theme would bring. However, this year's Met Gala has been received with very mixed reviews. In our humble opinions, the theme chosen was the first wrong move. This year, "In America, A Lexicon of Fashion" was the theme selected. Judging by what the celebrities wore, not many people knew what that even meant. There were still plenty of stylings that were incredible, but generally the theme wasn't very cohesive.

Here are some of the celebrities on our "best dressed list:"

Iman wore a magical gold dress by Dolce Gabbana x Harris Reed that made her look like an angel and also appeared to defy gravity, so aesthetically, it was one of the best looks of the night.

Lil Nas X blew everyone away with a Versace costume that had three looks in one. One may even say he's a legend.

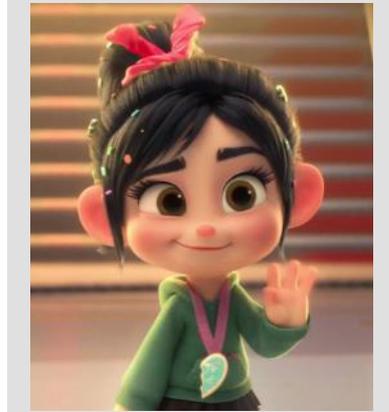
Another celebrity who exceeded expectations was Grimes in an Iris van Herpen dress which was accessorized by a very high fashion sword. She truly "slayed" the look. Here are some of the "absolute monstrosities" of the night:

Dixie D'amelio looked dreadful in her Valentino dress, granted you could hardly even see her behind her hat. We found Natalia Bryant hiding in an oversized Connor Ives easter egg at the gala. It's not Easter anymore.

WHY IS Vanellope NOT A DISNEY PRINCESS?

BY: GABBY CASTRO, '24

Lots of you are probably familiar with the adorably feisty Vanellope Von Schweetz from the movie, *Wreck-It-Ralph and Ralph Breaks the Internet: Wreck-It-Ralph 2*. But according to Disney, she isn't considered an official Disney Princess! There's good reason to question why not, she is a great role model and fits nearly all the requirements in order to achieve the Disney princess status. Vanellope is a very spirited character. She lived on her own and took care of herself for what seems like years with no idea why she was the only one who didn't seem to fit in the arcade game she resided in. Vanellope knew one thing, she was meant to race. Even though she had much more work to do to get a shot like everyone else, she was determined. She also exemplifies a multitude of other admirable qualities. *Wreck-it-Ralph* had adjusted to scaring or intimidating nearly everyone he comes in contact with. When Vanellope meets him, even though his main purpose in his game is smashing things, she doesn't even flinch at his threats. This is only the first indication of her bravery.



She was willing to sacrifice her life to save Ralph from falling off the mountain of soda which definitely ticks the heroic box. Although she has a tough exterior, Vanellope is still quite thoughtful and she feels just as deeply as anyone else. This is shown when she made Ralph a handmade medallion saying, "You're my hero" to replace the medallion Ralph lost. Though she's a glitch, she overcomes it; she learns to use those talents as a strength, at the end of the movie, she is revealed to be the rightful heir to the Candy Kingdom. She has a princess status, she's heroic and she takes a central role in a Disney film. She presents a variety of unique traits and has a story that is unlike any others, so why isn't she a Disney princess?

SPORT SECTION

SPOTLIGHT SPORT: VOLLEYBALL

BY: FORTUNATA CHIPETA, '23

Everyone has a passion, an everyday thing that keeps life moving. Often a distraction from the stress of everyday life. For Malia Bauman, that is volleyball. Malia lives and breathes volleyball. Some People just think it's an extreme game of keeping the ball off the ground. For Malia, it's much more than that.

When Malia is on the court, she gives it her all without holding back. She loves the energy and the excitement she feels when she is on the court. Even more so, she enjoys celebrating victories with her teammates whom she greatly supports. Volleyball is a team sport, you win as a team and lose as a team. Malia doesn't let one loss trouble her, they motivate her to work harder to be her best on and off the court. Her teammates push her to be her best regardless of the final outcome. Malia constantly works to create and maintain a positive atmosphere for teammates. To Malia, the team is like a family. It is comforting to know that you have someone on your back through every step of the way.

Many choose to play sports due to the fun aspect of being on a team. For Malia, it came from inspiration. That inspiration is Karla Hostetter. She is very dedicated to volleyball, she is positive even when losses occur. Karla has inspired Malia to be a positive role model in the lives of her teammates.

