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World Language National Honor Society Induction

The World Language National Honor Society inducted 77 new members this year, in which the ceremony focuses on the significance of being a member. World Language Department Chair, Mrs. Sherry, commented, “Actively participating in their respective language peer tutoring program, intending to study at the highest level possible, for most of the students that will be the fourth year of the chosen language and most importantly they must receive the recommendation of their current teacher with regard to character.” The members of the World Language NHS help peer tutor students and are chosen for the character they demonstrate in the community of Austin Prep. These important aspects of the students’ commitment to their respective languages were reflected throughout various speeches by current society members.



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Unitas



Eighth Grade Washington D.C. Trip

During the annual Eighth Grade Washington, D.C. Trip, the students grew closer together as a class. The experience greatly impacted the Eighth graders, as Olivia Siden ‘28 reflected, “I thought the best experience was the Arlington National Cemetery. I think our grade did a great job of understanding the importance of the cemetery and the honor behind it, and I think the changing of the guards was a very impactful experience that was really for our grade to see.” Throughout the entire trip to D.C., the class exemplified Unitas. Lucia Gracileri ‘28 said, “With every memorial that we visited we got to experience them as a group. Whether it was listening to the speeches in our small groups or going to the Mass as a whole grade, we got to see everything together.” Overall, this trip strengthened Unitas because everyone learned and grew together.



Caritas



Easter Basket Donations

Each year at Easter, the Austin Prep community comes together to send donations of food and supplies to people in Lawrence who are in need. Mr. Morales stated, “We show support and help them give items for the Easter season that they don’t have. We help support 80 families to give them supplies.” He also added that the Easter Basket initiative shows Caritas in the community by, “Thinking about helping people. We think about what Jesus went through and show the support to those families.” AP students make baskets for families in need during the Thanksgiving and Easter seasons. Also, AP students go the extra step for the Christmas Drive and bring toys and gifts to the families. The baskets are delivered to St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Lawrence, MA in time for the families to celebrate the holidays.



NEWS!



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Spring Spirit Week Recap

The final spirit week of the year was a thrilling one! With a four-day week following the long Easter weekend, there were exciting activities and dress-down days to look forward to. On Tuesday, students proudly wore Austin Prep apparel. During the lunch periods, students participated in a fun round of bingo, with the prize being an AP t-shirt. On Wednesday, there was a candy jar guessing game for the whole school. On Thursday, the theme was Western Day. Students decked out in flannels, jeans, and cowboy hats. There was an entertaining jousting competition between different grade levels during Community Meeting. On Friday, each grade represented their class colors: middle school wore green; freshmen wore pink; sophomores wore red, white, and blue; juniors wore white; and seniors wore black. There was also a pep

rally for the entire school on Friday that showcased all of the Varsity Spring sports. Each sport choreographed their own dance routine. At the end of each dance, three judges gave the team a score out of 10. Once the final team had performed, it was announced that Track & Field won with an almost perfect score! As the pep rally came to a close, a bull-riding machine was revealed! Students tried hanging on to the bull for as long as possible, but most could only manage for a few seconds! At Friday's Pep Rally, it was announced that collectively, Austin Prep raised \$45,124 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital during the three Spirit Weeks this academic year. Overall, the final Spirit Week didn't disappoint! It's safe to say that everyone will be looking forward to new spirit themes next year.

Remembrance Journey Abroad

During the 2024 April Break, students traveled abroad to Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic. Approximately 50 students attended the trip, with five teacher chaperones. The students explored sites in Berlin, Prague, and Krakow, including the concentration camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau. During this nine-day excursion, there were opportunities throughout the tour for small-group facilitated discussions with faculty, private reflection, and prayer. In Berlin, the group visited the Soviet War Memorial, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, and Checkpoint Charlie. Checkpoint Charlie was a bustling spot in Berlin during the Cold War. It was the line between East and West Berlin, and it was right where the American and Soviet sectors met. There was a significant moment in 1961 when tanks from the U.S. and the Soviet Union faced off there, making it even more famous.

After the Berlin Wall came down in 1989, Checkpoint Charlie wasn't necessary. Now there's a replica, and

a museum, all about its history. The travelers also explored Museum Island, Berlin's Jewish district, and sites related to World War II and the Holocaust. Berlin's Jewish district is an extremely important part of the city's history. It's home to the New Synagogue, which was important for the Jewish community in the 1800s. There's also the Old Jewish Cemetery, which has lots of stories to tell. During the Holocaust, this area was where many Jewish people were taken from Berlin. Visiting these places helped students understand how the Holocaust affected the Jewish community here. It was a truly somber and meaningful experience that helped students reflect on what happened to so many people during that time.

In Prague, the students visited the Olympic Stadium and the House of the Wannsee Conference. The House of the Wannsee Conference is where top Nazi leaders met in 1942 to plan the "Final Solution," which was the genocide of millions of Jews during the Holocaust. Led by Reinhard Heydrich, they decided how to carry out the mass murder. Students also toured the Royal Quarter and St. Vitus Cathedral. Overall, this trip was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and experience for the students who went.





SAVI Recap

During the 2024 April Break, seven students had the opportunity to embark on an Augustinian journey of tradition, prayer, and reflection. Schools rotate who hosts the retreat, and this year was Malvern Prep's turn, who is located in Malvern, Pennsylvania. Austin Prep is one of ten select Augustinian Schools in North America to be a part of this retreat. The retreat is rooted in the desire for schools in North America to provide opportunities for students to deepen their knowledge and spiritual practices. As Fr. Bill Gabrielle, O.S.A. told the students in a talk this year, "It is our job to keep the fire alive." This connects to the flaming heart associated with Saint Augustine, which happens to be a statue that Austin Prep showcases as you walk through the main entrance. The average day consisted of morning prayers, reflections in the chapel,

discussions breaking down each of the Augustine values, and group activities with the other schools. Along with strengthening the Augustinian brotherhood, there were opportunities to explore the sights of Philadelphia! The group visited the famous Rocky Steps, the Old Augustine Church, and the Reading Terminal Market where they tried delicious food. When asked what her favorite part of the trip was, Gianna Buscemi '26 said, "Getting to meet students from the other Augustinian schools. Everyone was so nice, and it was really fun to come together and spend the weekend at Malvern's beautiful campus. Overall, it was an awesome experience and a great way to meet new friends." The students also toured Villanova University and had a day of service to live out the values and mission of the Augustinians. In summary, the 2024 SAVI trip was an excellent way to strengthen connections, practice Unitas, and understand the core values of St. Augustine.



Softball Team Heads to Orlando

This year, the varsity softball team had the opportunity to travel to Orlando, Florida to participate in spring training through an organization called KSA. The team stayed at a Universal Studios resort with many other athletes, both softball and

the rides. When asked what her favorite part of the trip was, Ava Intoppa '24 said, "My first favorite part was definitely spending time at the parks with my teammates. The experience of exploring and going on rides with each other brought us all so much closer. My other favorite part was probably on day three of the trip, when we met with hitting/mental strength coach Cindy Softball. She sat down with our team and gave us some great advice on how to have a strong and positive mindset while playing



other sports, which gave them many opportunities to make new friends!

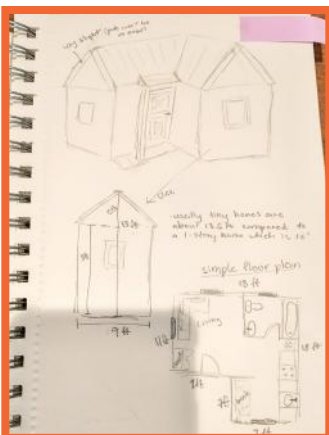
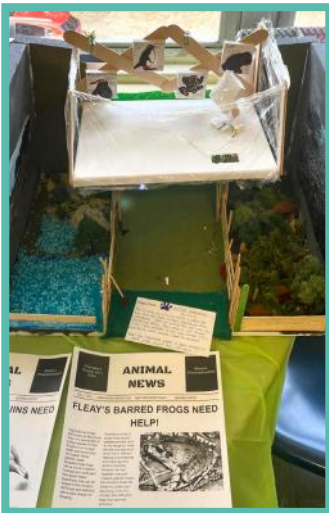
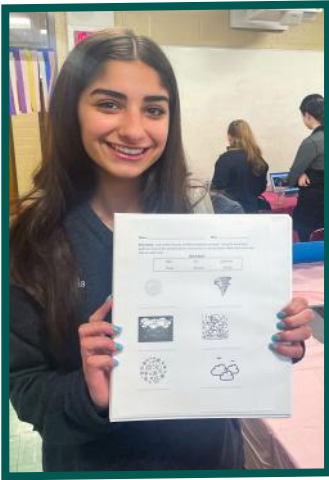
Throughout the trip, there were many times to have team bonding activities. The team united at the parks, and played fun games like "Wavelength" while waiting in the lines for

a sport designed for failure." The team was lucky enough to be the first team in Austin Prep history to experience something like this. Overall, this trip was a great example of Unitas and Caritas, as it brought the team together and taught them skills they will never forget!



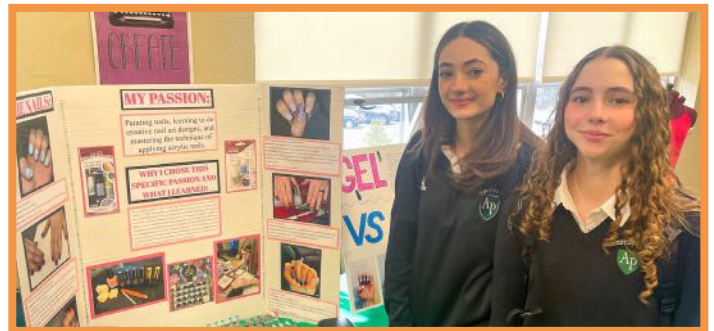
FINDING YOUR PASSION

Writing by Chris Trodden | Layout by Janelle Irvin



The annual AP Language & Composition Passion Project is near and dear to the hearts of the Austin Prep English community. Students in Mrs. Putney and Mrs. Choate's classes created projects based on the subjects that inspire them personally. Their inspiration came after they read *The Element* by Ken Robinson which discusses passion and how finding your own passion can change your life. The book entails how everyone has their own passion as they are unique in each and every way. Mrs. Putney shared the details of the project, including the check-in process. Along with the check-ins, a grade is given based on the student's progress in the project. The grades serve as a goal for students to achieve by staying consistent and engaged in the work throughout the project.

Some examples of projects were David VanderZouwen



'24 who created his own personal 18-hole golf course, Aaron Wilcox '25 designed an AI program that can identify pictures, and Eliza Martin '25 made a vlog based on her Track & Field team.

One student's passion that stood out from the other projects was Evelyn Surowiec's tiny model house. Surowiec '25 mentioned her passion as she said, "I am interested in going into the architecture field as I am passionate about math and art." Using her math and creativity skills, Surowiec was able to create a model for the house using cardboard food boxes and



scalar tools to draw up her plan. Surowiec stated that she worked on an architecture project in the summer prior to this school year. She discussed how that pushed her to use architecture in her passion project a few months later. "I did an architecture program last summer so I had some idea about how I wanted to go about the rest of the project from drawings to the model," she remarked, as she also used new and different techniques than in the last project. Surowiec's project was just one of the very many projects that AP Language & Composition students created, all based on their very own passion.



Lunar New Year

Writing by Mikey Brosnan
Layout by Angel Gong

The holiday of Lunar New Year dates back approximately 3,500 years ago, although the exact date is not known. The celebration originated in ancient China, and is now celebrated all over the world. The holiday represents the beginning of spring and the start of the new cycle on the lunisolar calendar. There are 12 different animals that go in a 12 year cycle. This year is the Year of the Dragon. When it is the same year as the year you were born in, it is said to be a year of good fortune for you. This February at Austin

Prep, we celebrated Lunar New Year by decorating fans, calligraphy painting, and making dumplings with our Mandarin classes. Our students from 6th to 12th grade participated in all of the festivities throughout the second week of the month.

The first event students took part in was painting fans, which are called “shans”. This was a fun and very educational experience. Students learned a little bit about the history of the fans, how they are made, and the intricate details that are important when painting them. Students also made Spring Festival couplets. These are pieces of paper or fabric that are painted in a similar way to the fan, but they have characters that symbolize good fortune. Common characters on



the couplets include “fu” (福) meaning “luck”, and “long nian da ji” (龙年大吉) meaning “good luck in the year of the dragon.”

The last activity the class participated in was making dumplings. Students were all brought down to the dining hall where the Mandarin teachers had all the ingredients laid out. Students added the beef filling in the dough, which could be colored with different fruits. It made for a lot of fun, and after students were finished, they had enough to pass out to people walking through the dining hall.



Another tradition is for little boys and girls to receive Red Envelopes from their parents or grandparents. These envelopes are full of money, usually ending in “8” because it is considered a lucky number in the culture. Students played a game of bingo, and the prizes were the Red Envelopes with varying amounts of “Yuan”, (Y) which is the name for Chinese currency. Lunar New Year was a great chance for our community to learn and celebrate Chinese culture. culture.



Ciao e Benvenuto Hello and Welcome MR. DONATI!

Writing by Josie Palermo | Layout by Ryan Thompson | Photo by Sophie Rosselli

Can you imagine growing up in a different country and moving to the U.S. as an adult? Well, that's exactly what Mr. Donati did! He was born in a small town called Castelnuovo di Garfagnana, Italy, in the province of Lucca in Tuscany.

Growing up in Prato, Mr. Donati commented about his childhood, "My childhood was very nice, with lots of pasta and pizza, lots of sun, and fun with my friends at the park, playing soccer." In high school, Mr. Donati also played basketball, even though there were no school-specific teams. Mr. Donati played on club teams with other teenagers his age, where he became an outstanding point guard and 3-point shooter.

He later moved to Bologna for college, where he pursued his passion for science. There, he completed both his Bachelor's Degree in Astronomy and his Master of Science in Astrophysics and Cosmology. Mr. Donati has



always been very fascinated by science and scientific subjects, and says that now he is, "Extremely happy to teach chemistry and physics at Austin Prep."

But why did Mr. Donati choose Austin Prep? Although he had many excellent schools to choose from, he says he chose Austin Prep, "Because it is a great school and has a beautiful campus. I also

appreciate the difference in the American school system." The Italian school system is extremely different from the United States system because the students don't change classrooms each block. Their classmates stay the same throughout the academic year, and the teachers are the ones who change from classroom to classroom. Similarly, the students do not choose their elective subjects, as the

country already decides for them.

Mr. Donati says the students and the entire community are his favorite part of working here at Austin Prep, and we know he is a great addition to the Austin Prep community! You can visit him in room 403 to say "hi", or to talk about one of his favorite science topics; Astrophysics!

Spotlight on Kasey Field



On-And-Off Ice Superstar!

Writing by Jasmine Labriola | Layout by Thomas Casale | Photo by Sophie Rosselli

Administrative Assistant to the Office of Development, Mrs. Kasey Field, is a role model for many on campus. To the students, she is more known as a JV Soccer and Ice Hockey coach. Mrs. Field is a skilled hockey player, an exceptional coach, and an all-around inspiring person. When asked about her passion for hockey, she reminisced, “I grew up in a hockey family with my dad and both uncles coaching high school and college hockey, along with my brother playing hockey. I decided to join the crew when I was a mite. I played with the boys up until I was

11 years old.” She continued, “I then went on to play at Assabet Valley and the Flames growing up. We went to the U12 National Championship with Assabet Valley, unfortunately coming up short in the finals after an undefeated season.” Not only did she continue to pursue her passion for hockey through high school and college, but she also chased a similar curiosity of Criminal Justice, and received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University.

After college, she continued on to work at John Sewer & Drain Cleaning, Inc. in Woburn for 11 years, where

she was the administrative assistant and eventually Vice President. When asked why she decided to join Austin Prep and coach here, she stated, “I always dreamed of being a teacher; however, life took me down the administrative path. I loved the idea of being back at a Catholic high school, having grown up in Catholic schools from K-12. Coaching came as a surprise to me as I had no intentions until I met with Mr. Pat Driscoll that summer. I thought long and hard about it because I have two children and life is crazy at times. I honestly and truthfully believe my decision on being a coach

was one of the best and most rewarding ones I have made in my life.” If asked, the students that she coaches will all say that she is one of the best JV coaches at Austin. Now that the season is over, Mrs. Field talks about her goals for the JV girls, “I really want every kid to grow and develop each year. I hope to continue to keep it fun and also offer those life lessons of commitment and hard work into each athlete’s experience.” Mrs. Field is an awesome addition to the Austin Prep community, and a perfect fit as a coach. Austin knows that she will continue to rack up tons of wins with the her teams!

Behind the Scenes of GREASE

Writing and Photography by Cecilia Goldsmith | Layout by Noah Rivera

BORN TO HAND JIVE

This year's amazing production of the musical Grease was a huge success, due to the hard work put in by everybody involved. Starting in January, rehearsals were held twice a week after school, but the schedule gradually expanded to include daily rehearsals to adequately prepare for the show. The multitude of rehearsals definitely paid off, as the cast performed three wonderful sold-out shows at Greater Boston Stage Company from March 22-24. Victoria Liwanag '25, who played Mrs. Lynch, shared, "For me, the aspect of rehearsals that made the show the most successful was the frequency of them. By being with the cast almost every day, I became comfortable with trying

new things and coming out of my comfort zone, and that really showed through in the performance." During the course of the production, the cast, made up of both theater veterans and students making their musical debut, became more closely connected. Steven Reyes '26, who played Doody, remarked, "The highlight of rehearsals for me were the weekend practices. We would rehearse some songs in the keyboard lab and try to learn the choreography for Greased Lightnin' in the hallways... Those weekend rehearsals really helped us grow closer as a cast. I also loved hanging out with everybody below the stage before the show each night." Part of what made the experience so special for numerous members

of the cast was seeing everyone's incredible talents on display for the first or even hundredth time. In particular, the help and support of Mrs. Pascucci-Byrne (Director/Producer/Choreographer) and Mr. Stephen Williams (Musical Director) allowed everyone to grow and develop as actors, singers, and dancers as the rehearsals went on. As Reyes said, "I think that Mrs. P's direction helped the show be as successful as it was. She would let us ad lib or add lines from the movie, and would wait until we finished a scene or act before she gave us critiques. This allowed us to make the show unique to us." Undoubtedly, Grease was an incredible experience across the board. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!





SPRING ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Writing by Chris Trodden | Layout by Jay Voica

At Austin Prep, there are many spring sports offered including Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Lacrosse and Track & Field. Highlighted in this article are four student athletes: Jordan Barthel from Baseball, Chase Barlow from Boys Lacrosse, Morgan O'Donnell from Girls Track & Field and Anna Ferranti from Girls Tennis. Each of these athletes have given their all to prepare for their seasons and to succeed every game, meet or match.



Chase Barlow

Boys Lacrosse

Chase is a Senior who has attended Austin all four years of high school. He has been extremely devoted to lacrosse as he said, "I've been playing my sport since 4th grade. It's an outlet for me to get my mind off things and just

get out there and compete." Lacrosse has become a lifestyle for Chase along with becoming an integral part of his life. There is no true offseason in lacrosse as Chase details, "For lacrosse, the offseason has more lacrosse. During most of the offseason, I'm playing more lacrosse with club or box lacrosse." It's a massive commitment as the sport takes up nearly the entire calendar year, yet Chase has maintained his high level all these years. His success on the field has driven him and his team to amazing seasons in the NEPSAC. All this led up to a great Senior season to close out his high school career.



Anna Ferranti

Girls Tennis

Senior Anna Ferranti is a lifer at Austin Prep and has been on the Varsity Tennis team since freshman year. She currently serves as the fifth singles player. She is particularly passionate about tennis as she described her background in the sport, "I have been playing tennis since I was a little kid, but I didn't begin to take it seriously until I was in

middle school. Now, tennis is one of my primary sports and a big part of both my life and my Austin Prep experience." Starting a new sport in middle school can be difficult to find the love for it for some, but Anna went against the odds to become the great player she is today. Of course, everyone has their perfect idea of a gameday and Anna is no different. "My ideal gameday would be a sunny day on our home courts surrounded by my teammates hungry for a win." The Girls Tennis team has been particularly successful in recent years, showcasing Anna's ideal gameday atmosphere perfectly. Congrats to another great season for Girls Tennis and to Anna as well.





Morgan O'Donnell

Track & Field

Senior Morgan O'Donnell from the Track & Field team competes in the sprints and jump events, and has done so for each of the past four years. She was also a Captain for the past two seasons. As a track athlete, there is a very short offseason from

winter to spring seasons, so summer is left as the time to recover. Morgan went into detail about her summer offseason saying, "I trained for track season by going to the gym, eating healthy and going on daily runs." Along with her training, track has become very special to Morgan. She discussed her connection to the sport saying, "I have been running track since freshman year and it is truly a large aspect of my life. I love this sport and the community and family I have made over the years!" This was the final season for Morgan before she moves on to college and she worked hard to make it her best season yet.



Jordan Barthel

Baseball

Jordan is a Senior and in his second year at our school. As a member of the Baseball team, his role is first base and pitcher. The daily grind that comes with being a two-way player is difficult but is something Jordan is up to the challenge for.

Jordan was asked about his ideal game day prep and answered with, "I get to the field, stretch out and hit. Then before the first pitch, I eat a granola bar." When asked about his offseason routine, Jordan showcased his dedication to baseball. "Every day I am either lifting or hitting to keep my body in shape ready for the season." Baseball offseason is from November to March each year as the high school season is immediately followed by the club season. Jordan was extremely excited for his final high school season and was able to show off the hard work daily that he put in off the field.



A Day in the Life

What a Typical School Day Looks Like for an AP Student

Writing by Alexa Schiela



Steven Reyes is part of the Track & Field and Cross Country teams, along with being an active participant in the Choir and Theater program. Throughout the week, Steven's schedule is always packed, whether it is due to his sport, choir, or academics. Maintaining this balance to stay on top of your tasks can be challenging, but he seems to have figured out how to be the perfect blend of student, performing artist, and athlete.

"I usually get to school between 7:30 to 7:55. If I get to school early enough, I usually talk to friends until the bell rings. A regular day of classes for me usually goes pretty well. I like my classes and clubs. I am in the Singers Workshop Club,

where we practice solo singing. It is pretty fun to see what songs my friends choose. After school, I have Cross Country practice in the fall and Track practice in the spring. During the winter, I go to rehearsals for the Spring Musical. In rehearsals, depending on the day, we might run scenes, learn choreography, or practice the songs. I have choir on Tuesdays and Fridays, but I have to balance the rehearsals with practice. When I get back home, I shower, eat dinner, relax for a bit, and then finish my homework."

Steven always puts in the energy and effort needed to take his talents to the next level, and is excited to see what the future holds.



Chris Trodden is a part of the Baseball team. Chris shared what a typical day in his life consists of. "My before school routine is to shower, eat breakfast, get dressed in my uniform, then brush my teeth to leave for school around 7:15. My regular day of classes consists of usually three classes, with one free block. I'm not in clubs this year, but I have been in a few in the past like Softball Club. I always eat lunch with my

friends every day, and it's a good time to talk with them. After school, I have baseball practices or games, usually every school day. My night time routine is to shower, eat dinner, do homework, watch TV, brush my teeth, and get ready for bed." Chris has shown the value of teamwork and dedication to athletics over the past few years, and is enthusiastic to bring what he has been taught into the next chapter of his life.



Austin Authors

Layout by Jasmine Labriola

Creative Writing

There I Stood

Mia Dinunzio '24, Author/Creative Writing Head

And there I stood
eyes closed and I felt it all end
the sad tears shed on my first day, and excited cheers
for special lunches

I saw my first grade teacher hug a younger me I saw
my first crush pass me by
I saw my first good friend smile at me
still...

I patiently watch the flowers bloom
on the tips of branches every year
and dwindle as I look from my bedroom window
during a snow day

the flowers are starting to bloom again
pollen and an acute joy fill the air
it flows with the winds of fate and acceptance of a life
yet to be enjoyed and cherished

I stand on the stage
one hand on my heart
the other grasping my diploma tightly
I fear if I let go I am saying goodbye to it all still...
I waved to my parents tears and all
and stepped down onto the green grass
of promise and a bright tomorrow

smile, the sun is setting on your past, and rising on
your future.

How Lucky We Are

Caroline Brabeck '25', Author

How lucky are we to be where we are

But how we must feel for those who are afar

How lucky are we to live such glamorous lives

But what about those who are so deprived

While we must enjoy where we are

We can not forget those who are far

Those who struggle in ways we would
never even think

Like water and food which is gone in a blink

We must speak with kind hearts and just minds

And never be ones whose eye turns blind

Caring for all no matter what

Near or far feeling their hurt in our gut.

Newspaper Writing

Solar Eclipse Visible in Massachusetts for the First Time in Seven Years - by Isabella Fountain '25

On April 8th, a once-in-a-lifetime celestial event occurred in Massachusetts: a near-total solar eclipse. With the path of totality (a line where the eclipse is total — when the sun is completely covered by

the moon) only about two hundred miles away, we were able to see 80% coverage at around 3:30 p.m. Hundreds of enthusiasts booked hotel rooms in cities on the eclipse's path, causing traffic backups all over the

eastern half of the United States. Journalists from the *New York Times* wrote various pieces covering everything from sighting times to picture tips. Even on our very own Austin Prep campus, minutes after dismissal, students gathered

by windows and out on the field to gaze at the sky, eager to try out their viewing glasses. During the peak coverage, I was able to take some pictures of the eclipse from at home by putting my viewing glasses over my phone camera.

To keep reading, go to the Austin Authors website, the Legend at www.apsnews.org

JV TEAM

Writing by Alexa Schiela | Layout by Olivia Mersch



JV Boys Basketball

JV Boys Basketball had an extremely successful season with a winning record. They endured against several tough teams and remained strong all winter. When asked about the highlight of the season, Michael Brosnan '26 shared, "The highlight of our season was a huge comeback victory against Beaver Country Day. It took the whole team to battle back against a tough opponent, but we played as one unit instead of individual members." The team showed great determination and are looking forward to next season!



JV Boys Hockey

JV Boys Hockey had another exceptional season, displaying many opportunities to improve both individually and as a team. When asked how the team grew closer, John Burnham '26 shared, "The team got closer during all of the practices and workouts that we had throughout the season. We had 6 AM practices at least once a week for the winter season and while they were brutal, we grew together on those early mornings." The team shared many bonding experiences, which allowed them to succeed tremendously. The boys had an incredible season and are looking forward to next year!

SPOTLIGHTS



JV Girls Basketball

JV Girls Basketball developed much team camaraderie and persevered through various challenging games this season. When asked about the highlight of the season, Caitlin Simmons '27 shared, "The highlight of our season was our second game against Pingree. In this game, we went into it knowing they were a good team and we had lost to them before. We worked our hardest in this game and put all of our effort into it to get the win." The sense of closeness they formed was displayed when they had to rise to challenges this winter. Overall, the girls did a great job throughout the season!



JV Girls Hockey

JV Girls Hockey had a strong season showcasing many team bonding moments that brought the girls together. Jasmine Labriola '26 described how the team was able to grow closer together over the course of the season, "We grew closer together as a team during practices. Coach Field, made every practice unique and fun, really emphasizing the value of teamwork." The many team bonding memories allowed the team to enhance their abilities, which made for a stronger season. The girls are looking forward to another rewarding season next year!

