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E-A-G-L-E-S Dominate in Super Bowl LIX

Super Bowl LIX Halftime

Caption: A winning tradition: Wide receivers A.J. Brown and DeVonta Smith poured Gatorade on head coach Nick Sirianni during the fourth quarter of Super Bowl LIX.

Photo credit: Philadelphia Inquirer



By Aayush S.

Super Bowl LIX (59) was one of the most exciting and anticipated sporting events this year. The Harrington fan-favorite Philadelphia Eagles, coached by Nick Sirianni, played against the Kansas City Chiefs (coached by Andy Reid). Both teams battled for the Vince Lombardi Trophy at the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana.

This game was expected to be very

competitive, and most experts predicted the Chiefs to win. There was a lot at stake for both teams.

If the Eagles won, it would be their second Super Bowl victory ever, while a Chiefs win would mean the first three-peat (3 Superbowl wins in a row) in NFL history.

The Eagles took an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter scoring a 1-yard touchdown by Jalen Hurts using their signature "tush-push," a popular play where multiple

people push the quarterback to gain yards. Then, in the second quarter, Jake Elliot scored a 48-yard field goal, extending their lead. On defense, Cooper DeJean made an incredible interception, leading to a 38-yard pick-six. The Eagles recovered the ball again, and A.J. Brown scored a 12-yard touchdown - expanding their lead to a whopping 24-0 at halftime!

In the 3rd quarter, Jake Elliot made another field goal, and DeVonta Smith had a 46-yard

touchdown. Kansas City finally put some points on the board with a touchdown by Xavier Worthy, but they missed the 2-point conversion.

During the 4th quarter, Jake Elliot drilled another two field goals, giving the Eagles 40 points. At the very end, the Chiefs scored two touchdowns, but they were way too late to stop the Eagles. The Eagles dominated with a final score of 40-22.

The game was not the only exciting event, as one of the most popular moments during the Super Bowl was the halftime show. This year, rapper Kendrick Lamar held the honor. He performed several of his hits including "HUMBLE," "DNA," "Euphoria," and "TV Off" (among others). However, the most exciting song he played was "Not Like Us," as it was one of his most popular songs.

As is common with most presenters at the halftime show, Lamar was joined by some special guests. Joining Lamar were SZA, who played "Luther" and "All the Stars," and Samuel L. Jackson who dressed up like Uncle Sam. While many viewers thought it was one of the best half-time Super Bowl performances, others disliked it.

Fun Facts:

~Although Saquon Barkley gained only 57 yards in LIX, he broke the NFL single-season rushing yards record with 2,504 yards - beating former record-holder Terrell Davis.

~Approximately 83,000 fans showed up to the Super Bowl in person.

~A 30-second Super Bowl ad costs around 7-8 million dollars.

Around the Halls

Seventh and Eighth-Grade Snowballs

By Catherine A.

Both the 7th and 8th grades classes had their Winter Snowball Dances at the end of January. As with the fall socials, both the gym and the cafeteria were open to the students – the dancing primarily taking place in the lunchroom. Unlike the fall socials, the Snowball was a semiformal, and HMS students showed up looking their best!

The halls of Harrington were decorated with festive balloon arches and wintry decorations. Upon entering the cafeteria, students were greeted with more decorations as well as themed backdrops for pictures.



Pictured: Math teachers Ms. Weiner, Ms. Naticchione, and Ms. Barnett join in the fun at the seventh-grade Snowball.

The DJ was taking request for songs all throughout the night. Some of the top songs that were requested included: "F!EN," "Lip Gloss," "Starships," "Not Like Us," and "Only Girl in the World." When these songs started playing, you could see and hear the excitement! Everyone in the cafeteria started singing at the top of their lungs and they danced to the beat of the music.

The dance was so much fun. Seventh-graders can't wait to see what next year's dances have in store, while eighth-graders look forward to their Promotion Dance this spring.



Caption: Banner (top) and festive balloon arch (bottom) welcome students to the Snowball.

SOUP-er Bowl Success!



Pictured: Miss Blood & Miss Palladino gather the 234 cans of soup & veg donated by HMS students. The 7th-graders will celebrate collecting the most cans with an upcoming pretzel day! Event sponsored/signs designed by HMS Student Council.

Scholastic Book Fair Returns to HMS Library

By Yashvi R.

It is February, so that means it was time for the Scholastic Book Fair to return to HMS. Readers were excited to check out the latest releases in literature, but books were not the only items for sale!

Aside from the candy competition and "Guess the Snowball" game, there were lots of fun things to buy like the posters, bookmarks, cute pens, journals, and notebooks. They also sold supplies and accessories for your gadgets, such as phone holders, magnetic mirrors, mouse pads, and best-friend necklaces.

The fair also offered specialty books! For example, if you're a Swiftie they had her biography! They had coloring crafting, and cook books for HMS students who like to work with their hands.

The fair ran 4 days from February 3rd to 7th. All-in-all, it was a great success and raised a lot of money for the HMS library. Thank you to the PTO volunteers, Mrs. Gallagher, and Mrs. Fitzpatrick for all of their hard work!

In the News



We take a look at politics, practices, arts and entertainment that YOU need to know!

DEI Policies Under Fire

By Natalie B.

One of President Trump's first orders as newly re-elected president was to freeze funding of the organizational frameworks that seek to promote the fair treatment and full participation of all people, particularly groups who have been discriminated against in the past or subject to discrimination based on identity or disability. This framework is commonly known as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

Why is this important? To answer this question, you have to go back decades to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s-60s. As most know, there was extreme racial segregation in US South, but after many years of fighting and protesting the Civil Rights Act was signed and put into play. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 banned employment discrimination based on race, religion, sex, color, gender, and national origin. It also outlawed all segregation in all public places.

Under this law, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) was

created, which helped get rid of employment discrimination. In the 1960s and '70s, employees began filing discrimination lawsuits with the EEOC, compelling many US companies to promote diversity in the workplace - including providing diversity training to all employees.

Most of the diversity programs started when Lyndon Johnson was president because he signed affirmative action for all federal contractors to ensure equal employment opportunities. This was the start of the DEI framework which stated, "hire without regard to race, religion, gender, and national origin" and "take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin."

Fast forward to 2020 when the flame for action against discrimination was reignited, and people started paying more attention to workplace equality and the DEI.



Image: TOPSHOT - US President Donald Trump signs executive orders in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, DC, on January 20, 2025. (Photo by Jim Watson / AFP via Getty Images)

Now, in 2025, Trump is trying to stop funding for the DEI because, in his words, he is, "ending radical and wasteful government DEI programs and preferencing." He also states that revoking the DEI act will, "coordinate the termination of all discriminatory programs, including illegal DEI and 'diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility' mandates, policies, programs, preferences, and activities in the Federal Government, under whatever name they

appear." Reportedly, President Trump is removing this diversity program to find money for the government and other departments.

With the future of DEI/DEIA programs, policies, and funding in question, countless US citizens are concerned for their livelihoods, safety, and well-being. It is important to note, though, that Trump's new policies are being met with both protest and legal action.

67th Grammy Awards' Big Winners

By Nischal V.

The Grammys are an annual Music Award event that recognizes artists in many categories, such as Best New Artist, Album of the Year, Song of the Year, and Record of the Year. They occur at the beginning of February and are live-streamed on many services.

This year, the Grammys were held on Sunday, February 2nd where a staggering 94 awards were given out! Even with such a large number of awards and categories, most viewers tune in to see who won in the top four categories as follows:

Record of the Year

"Not Like Us," Kendrick Lamar

Album of the Year

Cowboy Carter, Beyoncé

Best New Artist

Chappell Roan

Song of the Year

"Not Like Us," Kendrick Lamar

"Not Like Us," by Kendrick Lamar won five awards at the Grammys? It won Record and Song of the Year, Best Rap Performance, Best Rap Song, and Best Music Video. This event made history!

Grammys include many more awards such as best song for each genre, best record of each genre, and even awards for poetry. The next Grammys will occur sometime in early February of 2026. Be sure to check out the Grammys official website for a full list of all the winners.

SPORTS

Philly Sports Update

By Lela C.

*This article was written on February 4th. All information, standings, and stats are 'as of that date.'

Eagles

The Philadelphia Eagles are in Super Bowl 59! They are playing the Kansas City Chiefs for the second time in the past three years. Last time we played KC we did lose with a final score of 38-35. Many fans have high hopes for this year – thinking that we might beat them. It seems that most of America is rooting for the Eagles, even if they don't like us, as not a lot of people want to see the Chiefs win a three-peat.

Just as they were in entering Super Bowl 52, the Eagles are the underdogs with a 48.8% of winning while the Chiefs have a 51.2% chance.

Update: The Birds took Super Bowl LIX with a final score of 22-40!

Sixers (and NBA)

At the time of writing this, the Sixers have just traded Caleb Martin for Quentin Grimes and a second-round pick. The Sixers current record for this season is 19-29 due to a recent loss to the Celtics. The Celtics snapped back while the Sixers were up by 26.

Tyrese Maxey has been incredible for the Sixers this season. He has really been great especially because this team this

year has dealt with so many injuries this year. As of February 2nd 2025, Tyrese Maxey has had nine 40-point games this season. This is the second most by a 76er before age 25, behind only Allen Iverson. In related news the Mavericks just traded Luka Doncic, Maxi Kleber, and Markieff Morris to the Lakers in a three-team trade. The Lakers traded Anthony Davis, Max Christie, and their 2029 first round pick. The Jazz received Jalen Hood-Schifino, and the Clippers 2025 second round pick and the Mavs 2025 second round selection.

Phillies

Phillies Spring training starts this month! Phillies Spring training starts on February 22nd in Clearwater Florida. Their regular season starts on March 27th this year, and their home opener is on March 31st. The Phillies just had their truck day and fans are very excited since the season is starting soon.

Update: The Phils lost their first pre-season game 7-6 on Saturday, February 23 against the Tigers.

Flyers

The Flyers have traded fan favorites, Morgan Frost and Joel Farabee to the Flames for Kuzmenko Pelletier and two draft pick deals. A Lot of people really liked these players and were very surprised to see them get traded. The Flyers are currently 8th in their division with 23 wins this season, 25 losses and 6 games ending in a tie.

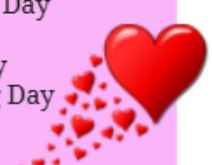
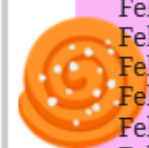
February Celebrations



By: Dhanshika S

February is known for love and, of course, Black History Month. What are some of the other national holidays that we can include this month?

February 1st - National Dark Chocolate Day
February 2nd - National Tater Tots Day
February 3rd - National Carrot Cake Day
February 4th - National Homemade Soup Day
February 5th - National Weather Person's Day
February 6th - National Frozen Yogurt Day
February 7th - National Send A Card To A Friend Day
February 8th - National Kite Flying Day
February 9th - National Pizza Day
February 10th - National Umbrella Day
February 11th - National Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day
February 12th - National Plum Pudding Day
February 13th - National Pancake Day
February 14th - National Organ Donor Day
February 15th - National Gum Drop Day
February 16th - National No One Eats Alone Day
February 17th - National Random Acts of Kindness Day
February 18th - National Battery Day
February 19th - National Chocolate Mint Day
February 20th - National Love Your Pet Day
February 21st - National Sticky Bun Day
February 22nd - National Cook A Sweet Potato Day
February 23rd - National Banana Bread Day
February 24th - National Tortilla Chip Day
February 25th - National Chocolate Chip Day
February 26th - National Pistachio Day
February 27th - National Strawberry Day
February 28th - National Public Sleeping Day
February 29th - National Leap Day



Odds & Ends



*Your spot for tips and tricks,
checking in with yourself, or
trying something new!*

Kirby's LOVE Corner

Welcome to February!

Even though it's the shortest year of the month, February is well-known for leap years, single-digit temperatures, Black History, and, of course, Valentine's day!

Love is in the air. While celebrating love is great, many people tend to focus more on loving others than loving *themselves*. If you ever forget, use the space below to check-in with true love.

How are you feeling right now?

Why do you feel that way?

Stop, take a deep breath in. Then take a deep breath out, and read these words:

*I am unique.
I am important.
I am a good person.
I can handle anything.
I can do anything.
I matter.*

Once again, you can use this space any time you're feeling lost, lonely, heartbroken, or just want to jot down your feelings.

You've got this!



Valentine Cookie Bouquet



By: Dhanshika S

Are you crafty in the kitchen? Are you looking for a fun recipe to try for February? A Valentine Cookie Bouquet may be just the thing! Let's see how to make it.

For making the Valentine Cookie Bouquet, you need: 1 stick unsalted butter, 1 cup granulated sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup packed light brown sugar, 1 large egg, $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. vanilla extract, $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. baking powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. ground cardamom (optional), $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt, $1\frac{1}{4}$ cup all-purpose flour.

To decorate you will need 3-in. heart-shaped cookie cutter, 15 (10-in.) bamboo skewers, red gel food color, 3 pastry bags with plain writing tips, tall glasses or vases; plastic foam / Styrofoam, and granulated sugar.

Instructions:

Step 1: Mix butter and sugar in a big bowl with a beater until the batter gets fluffy and light for about 3 minutes.

Step 2: Beat the egg in the beater until it is mixed in. Then add vanilla, baking powder, cardamom, and salt.

Step 3: Eventually add flour and beat till it is smooth. Then shape the dough into a ball; wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for an hour.

Step 4: Before you line the 2 baking sheets with parchment paper be sure to preheat the oven to 350°F.

Step 5: Take a cookie cutter and cut out your heart.

Step 6: Take your cookies and insert the skewer in the tip of the heart. When done, grab the dough scraps and refrigerate.

Step 7: If you want your cookies to be light brown in the edges, bake for 12 to 14 minutes.

Step 8: To cool down the cookies, leave them on the wire rack for 5 minutes.

Step 9: Enjoy your cookies or decorate them with icing.

Source: <https://www.womansday.com/food-recipes/food-drinks/recipes/a10742/valentine-cookie-bouquets-122026/>