



A FRESH START

Bridget Kelly '26

After last year's disappointing season, Baltimore baseball fans are hoping for something more.

The Orioles finished with a somewhat unimpressive record of 75-87, after an underperforming bullpen, a weak offense, and a boatload of injuries made the season difficult. They finished 5th in the American League East, and failed to make the playoffs for the first time since 2022.

But rest assured. There is hope for the future because this team is playing to win.

The Orioles made a huge move this offseason when they signed first baseman Pete Alonso to a 5-year/\$155 million contract. The "Polar Bear," formerly with the New York Mets, has had an amazing career, with five All-Star games, five Home Run Derby appearances (and two wins), a National League Rookie of the Year Award, a Heart and Hustle Award, and a National League Silver Slugger. The Orioles and their fans are hoping that Alonso will bring both the veteran experience and strong offense that this team needs.

After this major power play, the Orioles signed several other players. Outfielder Taylor Ward became a Bird after signing a 1-year/\$12.7 million

contract. Previously, Ward was with the Los Angeles Angels and had a career season: 36 home runs, 103 RBI, and an OPS of .792. Ward was acquired from the Angels in a surprising trade that took pitcher Grayson Rodriguez away from Baltimore.

Other players brought to the team include veteran pitcher Chris Bassitt, infielder Blaze Alexander, pitcher Shane Baz, second baseman José Mejía, and pitcher Jackson Kowar. All of these players show that the Orioles hope to improve their pitching and defense on the field.

Of course, not all improvements come on the diamond. The Orioles, after firing Brandon Hyde midway through the season last year, hired Craig Albarnaz to be the new manager. Albarnaz comes to Baltimore after serving as associate manager for the Cleveland Guardians. Other previous experience includes managing in the Tampa Bay Rays' minor league, as well as coaching with the San Francisco Giants. Albarnaz wants to help the Orioles return to the postseason and maybe even have a chance at the World Series.

No one can predict what this year will bring, but we all know one thing for sure: it will be entertaining. Enjoy the season, Birdland!



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- You will need:
- Paper (brown, plain white, colors all will work!)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Coloring tools - crayons, colored pencils or markers
- Paint (optional)
- Paint brush (optional)

Steps:

1. Trace and cut out a hand on a piece of paper (if you chose white paper color the hand brown).
2. Glue the paper hand to a separate paper.
3. On the separate piece of paper use colored paper to cut and glue, or use paint to add leaves to your tree. Try fingerprinting many different colors to show the beauty of spring!

Enjoy your finished tree craft! Happy Spring!



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Finding Nemo: From Screen to Stage

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This year, the IHM theater department is putting on a production of Finding Nemo Jr. and some people may be wondering, "Is it similar to the movie everyone knows and loves?" The Eagle Eye reached out to the director, Mrs. Noppinger, and some of the cast to shed some light.

One of the most prominent differences Mrs. Noppinger has pointed out is that the theatrical production includes musical and dance numbers, which aren't present in the movie. She also noted that throughout the movie and the musical, there's a constant theme of hope that she believes ties in nicely with the Archdiocese of Baltimore's theme this year, "Pilgrims of Hope."

Three of the cast members, Maeve Conly (Nemo), Caroline McNulty (Bruce u/s), and Natasha Castillo Murillo (Dory u/s), have also given their opinion! For the most part, they all agree that the musical follows the exact same plot as the movie. Although it is noted that there's more emotional depth in the musical, audience members get to see the rocky relationship between Nemo and Marlin from a deeper perspective.

All in all, the movie is a beautiful Disney Classic and is well represented in the musical! The show dates are March 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. and March 29 at 4 p.m. Come out and support IHM's theater department!

Tickets:



Snowcrete Jungle

Maddie Schriefer '27

Recently, Baltimore was hit with 5-8 inches of snow and a follow-up layer of about 3 inches of sleet to cover the snow completely. Some called it "snowcrete!" Since this snowstorm was so significant, IHM had a full week of snow days. Students were ecstatic about having multiple days off from school. There were also some asynchronous days where students had to complete schoolwork at home and at their own pace. Catholic Schools Week was also delayed because of the snow, so many activities had to be rescheduled. Fortunately, it was still fun! All of the activities were nice treats from the CSW Committee right after the break. Some of the highlights of the CSW remix were: Students "Matching With their Prayer Partner" Day, an ice cream treat at lunch, students dressed as saints marching down the halls, and middle school first-responders stations. Thanks to the faculty and staff; keep up the great work!



TV Show Review:

Percy Jackson

Phoenix Coulbourne '28

Percy Jackson and the Olympians is a Disney show based on the book series by Rick Riordan. Season one of the show is based on the first book, Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief, and is about the mysterious theft of Zeus' lightning bolt. Season two follows the second book, Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Sea of Monsters, and centers on Percy and his friends as they embark on a quest to stop Kronos, the king of the Titans.

The first season of the show is really amazing because it is based on Greek mythology; it depicts monsters, gods, and goddesses, and tells their legends. In addition, each actor plays their role very well, and really matches the original characters from the book. Finally, both the intro and outro are really beautiful and establish what the show is about.

The second season of the show is even better than the first. The actors played their roles even better than last season, and they even added a new character who is really cool and just wants a friend. In addition, season 2 is based on extremely cool, unique, and terrifying sea monsters. Finally, the depth in the story is impressive. They added lots of detail and important moments in the show.

Overall, the show is very interesting and entertaining. Watch seasons one and two now on Disney+, so you don't miss out on the show when season three drops.

Book Review:

Keeper of the Lost Cities

Mackenzie Sparwasser '26

If you like fantasy, science fiction, adventure, and magic, then you will love Keeper of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger. This book is both a graphic novel with two parts and more coming, and a chapter book with roughly 400-800 pages.

The book is about a young human girl who makes friends with an elf who takes her to his world, which consists of many different cities and places that interact with the human world. Throughout the book, the girl leaves her human life behind, discovers her identity, makes new friends, and gets into trouble at her new school while also thriving there. As the story progresses, she becomes a detective and tries to solve a mystery from her past. In the end, she has to find out if she is powerful enough to save the new elven world she has come to love.

If you are interested, you can find this series online, in bookstores, and at your local library. The series order is as follows: Keeper of the Lost Cities, Exile, Everblaze, Neverseen, Lodestar, Nightfall, Flashback, Legacy, 8.5 Unlocked, Stellarlune, 9.5 Unraveled, and finally Elysian. As I have read this series, I have fallen in love with the characters and the books. I would give this book a 5/5. Even though some parts were confusing at times, the endings of each book finally made me see why these books are so good. Even if you don't like extremely long chapter books, you will love the graphic novels. The graphic novels and the books share the same storyline, and no detail is left out. In both the chapter books and graphic novels, you fall in love with every part of the story.