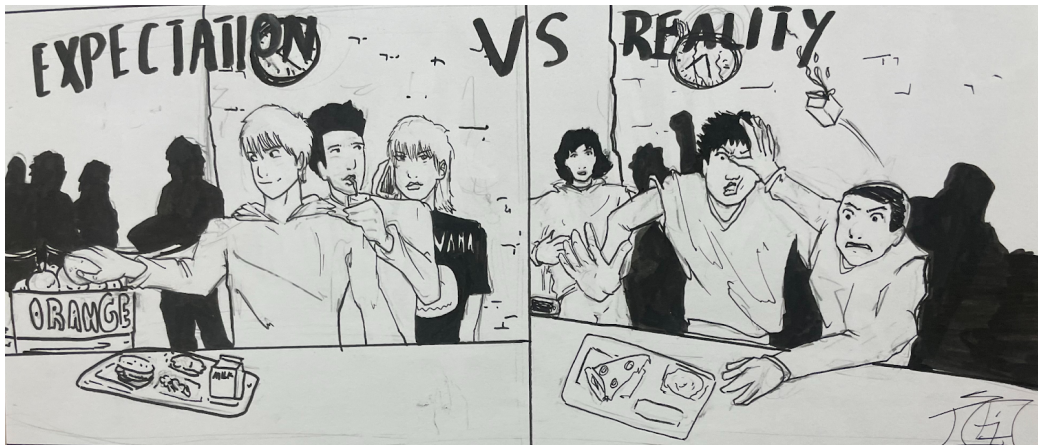




# The Bishop Bulletin



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## From the Berlin Bureau...

By Mila Rockedal

On a rainy Saturday in early October, I walked out of a bookstore and into a protest. After quickly doing some research, my friend and I figured out that it was an AfD protest. The AfD (Alternative for Germany) is a right wing political party in Germany that runs on a platform of hostility. They are anti-immigration, anti-European Union and do not believe in global warming. Almost 10,000 AfD members from around Germany gathered in Berlin to criticize the government for the rising prices of food, fuel, and other important necessities.

Although it is true that prices are rising, it is not for the reasons the AfD says. Ever since Russia attacked Ukraine in February, fuel prices have been on the rise. Before the war, Germany got most of its gas from Russia, but since Germany is publicly supporting Ukraine, Russia has cut off their gas supply. This has caused the prices to rise, which in turn angers groups such as the AfD.

Although the AfD wants Germans to believe that they're concerned about economic issues, most can infer that the AfD is simply an intolerant group focused on de-diversifying Germany. In protest of AfD's beliefs, about 1,500 counter-protesters gathered at the police barriers of the protest, chanting phrases such as "Alle zusammen, gegen den verschissmus" (Everyone together against the b\*\*\*s\*\*\*) and "Say no to Nazis".

One of the first things I heard as I got closer to the crowd was the word "Nazi" being shouted, which was obviously very alarming, especially to me as a young Jewish person living in Berlin. As all Germans know, right wing protests helped bring the Nazi political party to power in the 1930s, which led to World War II and the Holocaust. Because of this, Germans are generally very anxious about most right wing movements. Since the events of World War II, the Nazi political party has been banned by the German government. However, many AfD ideologies bear a resemblance to the ideas of Nazism, which leaves most Germans particularly cautious of them and their agenda.

The AfD was established in April, 2013, by Bernde Lucke. By 2021, the AfD was the fifth largest German political party, and currently holds 79 out of the 736 seats in the parliament. Although this does not seem like a large number, it still holds more seats than six other political parties, showing that although many people oppose the AfD, enough support exists to give the group prominent seats in government. Along with most of Germany, certain government organizations suspect the AfD of being an extremist group. In March 2021, the AfD was placed under surveillance by the Federal Office for Protection of the Constitution (BFV) for possibly being an extremist group, however, the Federal Court of Justice denied the surveillance in the hope to give all parties an equal opportunity in the election. Earlier this year, the Court granted permission to the BFV to once again surveil the AfD. It will be interesting to see if AfD support will grow during the winter as the gas prices continue to rise.

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## A Classical Success Story

By Theodore Anderson

It was the 18th inning and still scoreless, the longest scoreless postseason game in baseball history. If the Houston Astros won, they would move on to the league championship. Full count, no one on, no outs. Peña stepped to the plate for one more pitch. Murfee delivered a slider, it hung right in the middle of the strike zone and slightly inside: the perfect pitch to hit. Peña swung. With a loud crack, the ball made contact with the bat and was sent flying deep into left center field and over the outfield wall. A home run.

On October 15, 2022, shortstop Jeremy Peña of the Houston Astros hit the game winning home run after 18 scoreless innings to send his team to the American League Championships. This spectacular moment made not only Astros fans overjoyed, but also people in Providence. Jeremy Peña was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, but moved to Providence when he was nine years old. He spent his high school years at Classical, where he was a star player on the baseball team. In 2015 (Peña's senior year), the director of athletics at Classical high school, Bob Polazzo, stated that "In my 26 years as an A.D, I've never seen a [baseball] player at Classical recruited as much as Pena." That year Peña had a .390 batting average and was even selected in the 39th round of the MLB draft to go to the Atlanta Braves (though he decided not to sign with them).

Not only was Jeremy Peña an outstanding player, he was also a team player that was respected by those around him. I interviewed Simon Sanchez, another Classical alum who helped coach Peña during highschool. When asked about what Jeremy Peña was like as a player and a teammate, Sanchez said, "Jeremy was always kind hearted while interacting with his teammates. I never saw him get frustrated with anyone or put anyone down." Sanchez also recalls Jeremy being attentive and considerate of the coaches advice even when he probably knew everything that they had to offer.

During his rookie season with the Houston Astros, Peña has hit 22 home runs, has a .253 batting average, and 63 RBIs (runs batted in). He is also a contender for rookie of the year. Jeremy isn't the only Peña to find success in major league baseball, though. His father, Geronimo Peña played for the Cleveland Guardians (the Cleveland Indians at that time) and the St Louis Cardinals from 1990-1996.

In an interview during a series at Fenway park, Peña stated "I don't know where I would be if I didn't go to Classical." The Astros are looking for their 4th world series appearance in the past 10 years. Even though New England does not have a home team in the postseason, there is still a hometown player to pull for in this year's MLB playoffs.

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## A Brief History of Modern Social Media

By Simon Kislak Brown

Social Media is one of the most influential creations of the modern era. It has changed how humans interact with each other, transformed media output and information flow, and created much of modern culture. But how did this distinguished creation come to be? Who were the innovators of this technology? What are the stories behind the creations that have captured the modern world?

### Facebook

Facebook is one of the most prominent institutions of the 21st century, with over two billion monthly active users, but this platform started at a much smaller scale. Facebook was created by Mark Zuckerberg, who is one of the richest people on the planet. In 2004, at the time of Facebook’s creation, he was a Harvard student with a love for coding, and making a stir within his school. Zuckerberg had already created a popular, but short lasting social network called Facemash, which generated two random women at Harvard and students would vote on who’s more attractive. Zuckerberg then created another website called “The Facebook” which was meant to connect Harvard students with each other. The website quickly became popular beyond Harvard, Zuckerberg received investments, Facebook became corporate, and it spread to the rest of the world, becoming what it is today.

### Twitter

Twitter surfaced from the creators of a successful podcasting company called Odeo. When Apple added podcasts to iTunes in 2005, Odeo feared Apple would run them out of business, so the company took another path. Former Odeo employee and engineer, Jack Dorsey suggested to Odeo’s founders, Evan Williams, Biz Stone, and Noah Glass, that they should create an app with a short message service and the ability to post blog-like updates to anyone on the platform. Williams, Stone, and Dorsey bought out Odeo and put all effort into the future of Twitter, which debuted in October of 2006. Twitter gained popularity at the “South by Southwest Music and Technology Conference” and in May of 2007, the platform became the corporation Twitter Inc. Twitter is now one of the most culturally and socially influential creations of the 21st century.

### Instagram

Instagram’s creator Kevin Systrom was a young man who didn’t even have any formal computer science training, but had worked for Google and had interned at Odeo. Instagram was originally an app called Burbn, which was similar to many social medias, except for the fact that it had a unique photo sharing feature. Instagram kickstarted at a party, where Systrom met two people from two investment companies and showed them the prototype to his app. These companies invested \$500,000 to begin creating Instagram. With the five hundred grand, it only took eight weeks for Systrom to put together a team and complete the app. In the first week of Instagram’s life, it was downloaded 100,000 times. After two years of the app's existence, Instagram became one of the most popular social medias, and Jack Dorsey, a founder of Twitter, (whom Kevin Systrom had met while interning at Odeo) offered 500 million dollars for it, but in the end Mark Zuckerberg obtained instagram by doubling Dorsey’s offer.)

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An image of *Bombus affinis*, the rusty-patched bumblebee, enjoying nectar from a wildflower.

## *Bombus Affinis*, The Rusty-Patched Bumblebee

By Khalil Garcia Llorens

The genus name of true bumblebees is *Bombus*, first described by prominent French entomologist Pierre Latrielle in 1809. In his research, Latrielle described only 13 species of his newfound genus. Every decade since, more and more species have been proposed, bringing us to the modern day, where there are over 250 accepted species of bumblebees and bumblebee relatives throughout the Northern and Southern hemispheres. The focus of this particular article, however, is one species of *Bombus* native to Eastern North America— *Bombus affinis*, the rusty-patched bumblebee.

Our rusty-patched bumblebee, was first described by Ezra Townsend Cresson in 1863, and did not look much different from our common Rhode Island species— *Bombus bimaculatus*, the two-spotted bumblebee, and *Bombus impatiens*, the common eastern bumblebee. In fact, to the untrained eye, upon seeing a rusty-patched bumblebee the deep-yellow patch on its back could be entirely missed and mistaken for another bee species. However, it’s unlikely that any person in New England would currently have the opportunity to witness this fabled species flying merrily about. Once widespread from Georgia, to Ontario, to North Dakota, *Bombus affinis* populations experienced a steep decline of an estimated 99% in the last 30 years, first noted in the 1990’s. The few populations that have been found are small and threatened by disease, and only exist in fractions of their former range. This decline coincides with a few notable environmental events, such as the introduction of neonicotinoids (a detrimental form of pesticide), weather pattern shifts (climate change), habitat loss and degradation (malnourishment and loss of possible nesting sites), small population biology (genetic bottlenecking and sickliness), and exposure to pathogens (diseases that can wreck populations who are subject to genetic bottlenecking).

Despite all of the factors fighting against *Bombus Affinis*, there is still some hope for this beautiful and once widespread bumblebee species. There are a good amount of monitored populations, and a federal recovery plan (establishment of good habitat and habitat enhancement) has been set in motion in hopes of saving this fundamental species.

The rusty-patched bumblebee is not alone in its plight—bumblebee populations all over the Americas have been declining, with 21 federally listed endangered species in the Eastern U.S. While it is true that there are many recovery efforts being made, for some species the outlook is grim. Latrielle’s world of 1809 is long gone, and all over the world bumblebee species have been declining to points of extreme concern. So let us remember that world of Cresson and Latrielle, and appreciate the amazing, although diminished, bumblebee populations that support our complex and intricate Northeastern American ecosystem.

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**This Month in History: Stamp Act Congress**

**October 7th-October 25, 1765 NY, NY**

*By Jibreel Reda Frayn*

The Stamp Act Congress was a meeting between representatives of the American colonies held in New York City. It was the first meeting between elected officials of the colonies. The meeting’s purpose was to decide how to react to the British imposed Stamp Act, which was a tax on many paper items such as playing cards, calendars, legal documents, newspapers, and stamps. It was put in place to pay back the British war debts from the French and Indian War.

The congress took place during the build up to the American Revolution, in a period in which many colonists began to develop resentment against their status as a colony under the British monarchy. The colonists felt that their rights as Englishmen were being violated, and the delegates from the states decided to discuss uniting against the act, issuing the Declaration of Rights and Grievances. They claimed that parliament had no right to tax the colonies while also offering them no representation.

A majority of the delegates signed petitions addressed to parliament and King George III against the Stamp Act. Groups such as the Sons of Liberty organized boycotts and other (sometimes violent) acts of protest, which led to much outrage from the British merchants, whose businesses suffered from the colonists’ protesting. After a lot more pushback than expected, the British parliament repealed the Stamp Act.

Although this may have seemed like a win for the American colonists, it was definitely bittersweet. The same day that the Stamp Act was repealed, The Declaratory Act was put in place. In this act, parliament stated that they could make laws binding the American colonies “in all cases whatsoever” as a response to the constitutional issues raised by the colonists, including taxation without representation. On top of this, one years later The Townshend Act, which taxed almost all goods imported to the American colonies, was put in place. British troops were sent to the colonies to enforce the law, resulting in some of the more famous events of the build up to the Revolution, including the Boston Massacre and more locally, The Burning of the Gapsee.

Recognized as one of, if not the first, act of unity and defiance against the tyranny of British rule over the colonies, the Stamp Act Congress set in motion one of the largest butterfly effects in history, leading to the independence of The United States. Throughout the long history of the American fight for independence, the Stamp Act Congress is one of the few most significant events.

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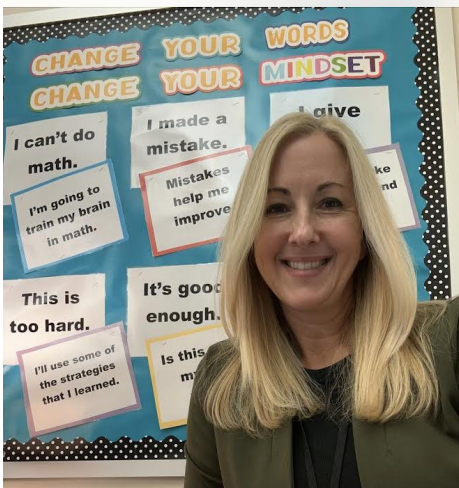
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**Interview with Jessie Gilbert**

*By Eliya Brody*



*Jessie Gilbert in front of the growth mindset board in her classroom*

Jessie Gilbert is a 6th grade math teacher. This is her first year teaching at Nathan Bishop. Below are some questions to get to know her.

**ELIYA BRODY:** What inspired you to teach? Was there a role model in your life that helped you pursue the field?

**JESSIE GILBERT:** I started teaching after I had my two daughters, so this is my second career. I was in business management before I started teaching. After I had my two daughters and I was so involved with their schooling it inspired me to become a teacher myself.

**EB:** What is your favorite thing about teaching math?

**JG:** I love teaching students that it's okay to make mistakes and we make a lot of mistakes in math. I love teaching students to persevere through their struggles because a lot of students struggle with math. I love to help them and push them through that struggle to get better at math. I also like to change the negative mindset that most students have about math.

**EB:** What techniques do you use to help students develop a positive mindset about math?

**JG:** I have a positive mindset board in my classroom that we always refer to. If a student says I can't do something we stop right away we talk about what we're going to do to get to that point where they can do it. There is a lot of just modeling that positive mindset to them so that they see it and and hopefully change the way they feel about math.

**EB:** What do you feel are the challenges of teaching math? How do you overcome them?

**JG:** I think the challenges especially with math are that many students come in and have that negative mindset that they can't do it so they hate math. That's definitely a challenge to get through. I talk to my students a lot about perseverance and making mistakes and with that comes a positive mindset.

**EB:**What is your favorite type of math to teach?

**JG:** I would have to say specifically ratios and percentages are my favorite. Ratios and percentages are my favorite to teach because it encompasses so much in everyday life.

**EB:** How do you maintain student engagement?

**JG:** I maintain student engagement with positive energy! If my students see that I’m excited to teach them, they are more excited to learn. I create connections with my students in the beginning of the year. They know that I care about them. I also love to use humor with my students.

**EB:** Finally, what do you want to inspire in your students?

**JG:** I want all of my students to know that they can be successful in math and just be successful in general. I think one of my biggest things I want to change is that negative mindset about math and school. I want to show my students that math can be a good thing for you and math can be fun.



## Looking Back On the Pats: Weeks 1-6

By Jibreel Reda Frayn

The New England Patriots are currently 3-3 heading into week 7. They are last in the AFC East behind the New York Jets (4-2), the Buffalo Bills (5-1), and the Miami Dolphins (3-3, Division Record). The situation may seem dismal, but most Patriots fans are filled with hope. After a terrible 20-7 loss in week 1 to the Dolphins where the offense could not move the ball, the Patriots came back with a crude 17-14 win over the Steelers thanks to a Mac Jones 44 yard touchdown pass to Nelson Aghalor. Going into week 3 a bit more hopeful as the Patriots had a lot of momentum, they were taken down by the Ravens after a terrible defensive showing and a crucial late game fumble from Nelson Aghalor.

Late in the loss, the Patriots suffered a massive hit to their playoff hopes. On a desperate fourth quarter drive, Mac Jones was hit hard by Ravens pass-rusher Calais Campbell. Jones was visibly injured after the hit, and limped off without putting pressure on his left ankle straight into the locker room. To add insult to injury, the play where Jones injured his ankle was a game sealing interception. After tests, Jones was diagnosed with a severe high ankle sprain, and was immediately expected to miss multiple weeks.

With Jones out, Bill Belichick named veteran backup quarterback Brian Hoyer as the starter against the Packers. However, many fans believed rookie Bailey Zappe should start. On the Patriots second drive of the game, Brian Hoyer was injured after taking a hard hit on a sack, and was evaluated for a head injury on the sideline. He was ruled out with a concussion, and rookie fourth round pick Bailey Zappe came in for his first NFL game. The Patriots kept it close going into halftime thanks to rookie cornerback Jack Jones first career interception, which he returned for a touchdown. The Patriots continued their confident showing and kept even with the Packers. Bailey Zappe threw his first career touchdown, and the game went into overtime. After both offenses were not able to move the ball, Aaron Rodger finally drove the ball into field goal range, and Mason Crosby drilled the winning kick. Even with a loss in the record, many Patriots fans were proud of the game, because of the rise of two rookies, Bailey Zappe and Jack Jones.

When playing against the Lions in week 5, the Patriots showed the NFL that they meant business. Even against the number 1 ranked Lions offense, the Patriots shut them out with an amazing 29-0 win. The defense proved themselves with a whopping 5 forced turnovers on downs, another interception by Jack Jones, a forced fumble by Jack Jones, and a strip sack by Matthew Judon recovered by Kyle Dugger and returned for a touchdown<sup>1</sup>. Bailey Zappe and the offense did not have trouble moving the ball with Bailey connecting with Jakobi Meyers for a touchdown and Rhamondre Stevenson carrying the run game after starting running back Damien Harris got injured.

In week 6, with confidence at a season high, the Patriots did not disappoint with their 38-15 crushing of the Browns. Another beautiful defensive game and Pro-Bowl caliber showing from Rhamondre Stevenson. Highlights included four takeaways, an interception for both Kyle Dugger and Jalen Mills, a strip sack fumble, and a muffed punt recovered by rookie UDFA Brendan Schooler. On the offensive side of the ball, rookie Tyquan Thornton caught his first and rushed for his second career touchdowns, along with Rhamondre Stevenson powering in two more touchdowns. Bailey Zappe was impressive with an over 300 yard stat line and two touchdowns<sup>2</sup>. A headline after the game was Bill Belichick tying George Halas on the list of most career wins as a head coach, with both now having 324.

In the coming weeks, the Patriots play the Bears, Jets, Colts, and Jets again. The offense need to prove themselves against good defenses, especially if Mac Jones comes back. These are all winnable games, and they can not let themselves get caught off guard in a trap game. If the defense can continue their strong play for the rest of the season, it will really lighten the load for the offense, and make winning much easier.

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## Book Review: “The Inheritance Games”

By Chloe Rourke

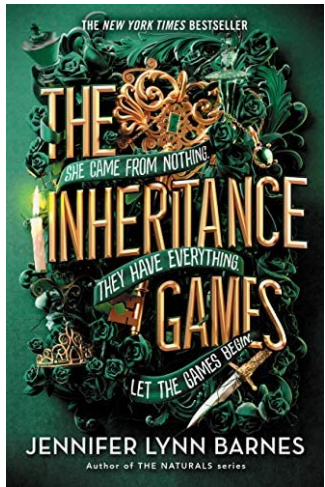


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Jennifer Lynn Barnes's novel *The Inheritance Games* is a mystery thriller that follows sixteen year old Avery Kylie Grams. Avery, with her mother dead, her father missing for years, and her guardian half sister on the rebound with her abusive boyfriend, is living out of her car. All Avery wants is to go to college, get a good, well paying job, and blend into the crowd until then. During a trip to Texas, though, Avery visits the Hawthorne house and discovers she’s the beneficiary of billionaire Tobias Hawthorne’s fortune. She has never heard of him in her life, but she is starting to think this has something to do with a game she and her mother used to play.

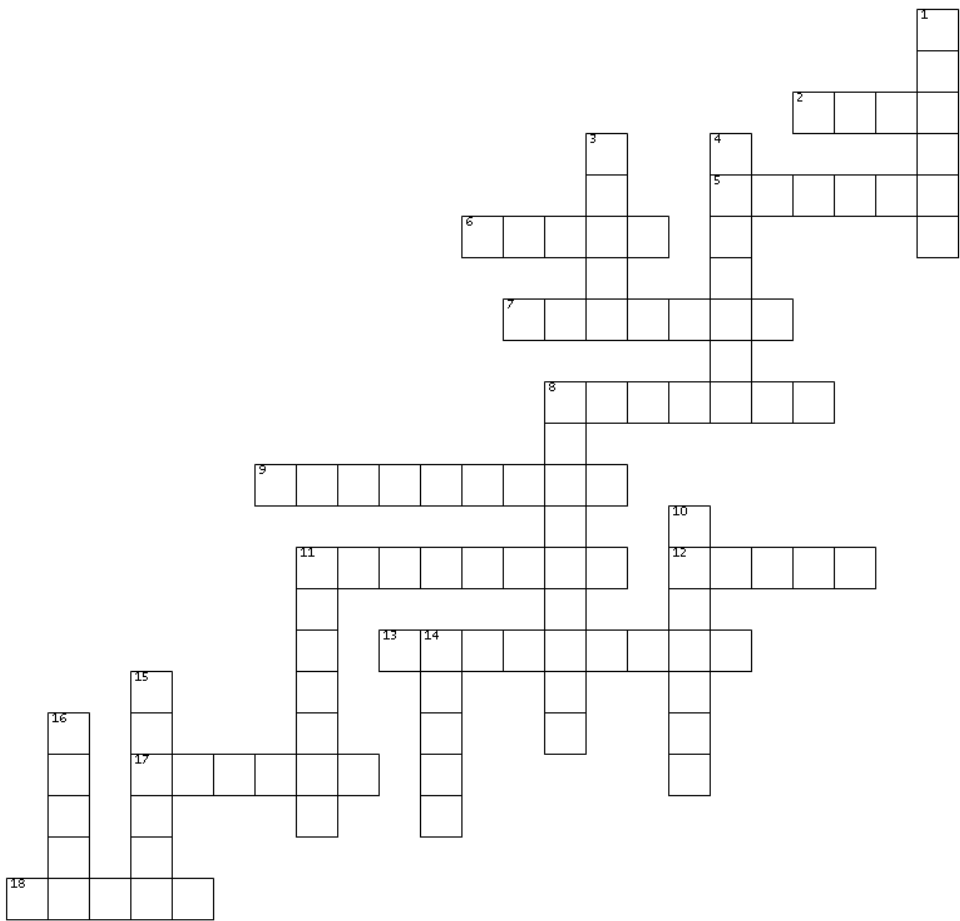
In order to obtain this mysterious fortune, she must, however, abide by one condition: living for a full year with the snubbed Hawthorne family. The family is made up of the billionaire’s grandsons, who are four young adult brothers: Grayson, Jameson Nash and Alexander. The brothers are all stumped as to why Avery got the entire fortune, and all have different theories around the matter. Grayson is convinced that Avery is some kind of con artist and is trying to figure out how she conned his grandfather, who was supposed to hand his inheritance to him.. The brothers are all stumped as to why Avery got the entire fortune, and all have different theories around the matter. Grayson is convinced that Avery is some kind of con artist and is trying to figure out how she conned his grandfather, who was supposed to hand his inheritance to him. Nash is suspicious but lets it slide, like he does with most things in his life. Jameson is transfixed by the “Heirous” and decides to help her figure out why Tobais left his entire fortune to her. Alexander is suspicious of Avery, but decides to make the best of the situation and help her out anyways.

The story gets even more interesting when Avery learns that Hawthorne was a master of games and manipulation. To understand her role in the billionaire’s final game and why she’s the recipient for his inheritance, she must piece together clues left in his massive estate filled with hidden chambers. In order to solve these riddles, though, Avery must turn to the Hawthorne brothers, even if some of them want her dead. Things get even more complicated when Avery discovers she has feelings for two of the brothers, Grayson and Jameson. Thrust into a Cinderella story situation, Avery must figure out how to handle her feelings, despite everything that’s weighed on her shoulders.

Short, snappy chapters supply nonstop momentum with red herrings, family secrets, and life or death stakes. *The Inheritance Games* is a suspenseful novel that definitely lives up to its genre. It is a page turner that has you at the edge of your seat, eagerly awaiting the next clue. You feel for each and every character, despite some of their twisted ways of thinking. Whatever the reason you pick up this book, you will not be disappointed!

October Crossword Puzzle

By Kelsey Corrigan



Down:

- 1. The act of making bread and other baked goods
- 3. The Massachusetts town famous for its past witch trials
- 4. A cart full of straw pulled by a tractor
- 8. The holiday at the end of October that is commonly celebrated by dressing up and trick-or-treating
- 10. The month this issue of the Bishop Bulletin was published
- 11. Fall is \_\_\_\_\_ weather
- 14. What is given out during trick-or-treating
- 15. These turn hues of red, orange, and yellow in autumn
- 16. Characterized by their brooms, pointy hats, and magical ability

Across:

- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ O’ Lantern
- 5. The season previous to winter
- 6. The tree from which syrup is made
- 7. An autumnal flavor of pie
- 8. The time of year when food is picked
- 9. A place where mazes are frequently made
- 11. Personified human bones
- 12. A drink made from apples that is commonly associated with fall
- 13. Made to deter crows from crops
- 17. Picking these is a common fall activity
- 18. A haunted spirit commonly associated with Halloween

2022 Thanksgiving Food Drive

By Christopher Pride

We want to ask for your assistance with our Thanksgiving Food Drive. In 2020, our school was able to assist 8 NBMS families. In 2021 we were able to help 26 families..... our goal in 2022 is to assist 30 families (more if possible). This year’s food drive will be held from November 2nd to November 16th. We encourage all students, faculty, and staff to donate non-perishable items during that time. On November 1st, collection boxes will be delivered to all period 1 classrooms. Please encourage your classes to be as generous as possible. As an incentive, please announce that the period 1 classroom with the most amount of collected items will be presented with hot chocolate and donuts. Additionally, as a way of augmenting our drive, we will be asking faculty, staff, and administrators for monetary donations to add to our baskets. Monies collected will be used to ensure that all baskets are equitably filled, and that each family receives a small gift card for perishables.



Key Dates:

11/1	Boxes will be delivered to all Period 1 classrooms
11/2	Food Drive begins
11/9	Interim Count
11/16	Collecting all goods from all Period 1 classrooms
11/17 - 11/18	Organization of boxes
11/21 - 11/23	Delivery of boxes to families

Non- Perishable Item Examples:

- Corn Muffin Mix
- Applesauce
- Beans (Canned or Dried)
- Cranberry Sauce
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Soups
- Green Beans
- Broth (Chicken or Beef
- Mac and Cheese
- Stuffing





