

# THE WINDSOCK

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## FALL HOMECOMING CONCERT

BY: RACHEL LEE

Homecoming at EMS started on October 15th. It opened with a Volleyball game, and closed with a concert performed by the exquisite EMS choirs and orchestra. On the last day of homecoming, after the intense soccer game against alumni had died out, the homecoming concert began. The concert consisted of the string orchestra, band, chamber choir, touring choir, and other guest artists. As the audience began to fill the auditorium seats one by one, the concert started with the strings' elegant sound. The band then joined the strings, playing a selection of Fiddler on the Roof as a whole orchestra. As the strings left the stage, giving the spotlight to the band, the ensemble played two songs that they had prepared. After the band had played their songs, the guest singers surprised the audience with their remarkable talent. Followed by the guest singers, the chamber and touring choir ended the concert, singing with a few former choir members who were part of the audience. The homecoming festivities had ended with great success, thanks to the EMS faculty, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Stutzman, Mrs. Lorecas, and the various musical groups. EMS is filled with many talented musicians. The future is bright for the school and its wonderful music program.

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## AN UNTITLED POEM

BY: CLAIRE PARSLEY

Ever since my first breath  
shallow and innocent  
ever since that first small inhale,  
I've lied I continue to lie and lie  
with my stares  
with my looks  
with my laugh and perhaps I know I must  
it holds the globe that's tipping  
It holds it in place  
I think it does  
perhaps I spew my lies once  
some forgotten and already old face  
told us as our faces flickered  
how we are all imposters in our own right  
improvement is born from force  
but wasting breath at an attempt to tell the truth?  
we'd collapse, realism kills  
all memories be miserable  
all life be overflowing with strangers  
strangers that lie  
I am a stranger to all of you  
and I've lied like my life depends on it  
since my first breath



## PHYSICS: WORTH THE CREDIT? BY: STEVE KIM

Physics is an incredible subject that helps to describe the world we live in. Physics applies places besides earth, the laws of physics apply to the entirety of the universe. Physics is the crucial foundation for all of science. Forces are acting on every object around us, and physics is the study of those forces. How they balance each other, or create imbalance or motion. Physics also mathematically studies the types of energy such as kinetic energy and potential energy

If you take physics, you can learn about the force of weight on an object that causes it to fall at the speed it does. In addition, there are several other equally interesting subsections of physics. These include, thermodynamics, wave mechanics, electricity, magnetism, and many others. Currently, physics students are fabricating. Students are able to use different instruments and are given the opportunity to learn via hands-on experience. If you enjoy science or math here at Eastern Mennonite, taking Physics with Mr. Carini would be an excellent choice.



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## SPIRIT WEEK, WHAT A SUCCESS!

BY: LEAH CHUNG



At EMS, there is an event called spirit week, which is organized by the SCO. Spirit week occurred from October 11th to 15th, and brought out creativity, helping our school get excited for Homecoming Weekend. Many people enjoyed dressing up for spirit week! The first day was Pajama day, which is when students wore comfy clothes. There were a variety of pajamas: frogs, checkered patterns, stripe patterns, etc. The next day was Western day, the day with the most participation.

There were many cowboy hats, boots, and checkered shirts. One day during the week, students dressed up as superman, maleficent, and other various heroes and villains. Later in the week was tie-dye day. That day was the most colorful day. We saw handmade tie-dye t-shirts and unique hoodies. The last day of spirit week was blue and gold day. Since EMS colors are blue and gold, students were well equipped for the day. On the final day of the week, there was a pep rally. We saw how everyone dressed up! Elementary school, middle school, and high school! It was nice to have spirit week before homecoming weekend. It was an excellent beginning to a weekend of fun.

## VIRGINIA GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION BY: ABBY GARBER



Photo from NBC News

On November 2, 2021, Virginia held a high-profile statewide and local election. Up for grabs were the statewide offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General. The majority control in the House of Delegates was up for grabs as well. Virginians had the ability to vote early starting September 17, 2021, and over a million Virginia voters took advantage of that opportunity. There was much anticipation leading up to Election Day due to the tightness of the races. National news networks focused on Virginia in an attempt to decipher the outcome of the upcoming Midterm elections in 2022.

The Republican Party of Virginia had successes on almost every front this election. Glenn Youngkin (R) beat former Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) and Princess Blanding (LP) with a vote total of 1,658,633 (50.82%) to win the race for the office of Governor of Virginia. Former Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) received 1,579,591 (48.40%) votes statewide and Princess Blanding (LP) received 22,542 (0.69%).

Former Del. Winsome Sears (R) beat Del. Hala Ayala (D) to become our next Lt. Governor with vote totals of 1,655,063 (50.99%) and 1,587,318 (48.90%), respectively. Incumbent Attorney General Mark Herring (D) lost to Del. Jason Miyares (R) with a final vote count of 1,601,194 (49.29%) to 1,644,807 (50.63%), respectively. Republicans also reclaimed the House of Delegates by flipping seven seats to overtake the former Democratic majority of 55-45 seats. In the House of Delegates, Virginia Republicans now have a majority of 52-48 and the new Speaker of the House is Del. Todd Gilbert (R-Shenandoah) and Majority Leader is Del. Todd Gilbert (R-Scott).

Gov.-elect Glenn Youngkin will officially be inaugurated on January 15, 2021 along with Lt. Gov.-elect Winsome Sears and Att. Gen.-elect Jason Miyares. Until then, the new Republican administration is building a transition team to prepare for the next 4 years.

Since Cross Country has come to an end, we welcome Indoor track. Most people think Indoor and Outdoor track are the same thing, but they have enough differences to be classified as two different sports. Even though one takes place outside and the other takes place inside, there are more differences than just the location. The difference between indoor and outdoor track is the track size and the events. The standard indoor track is 200 meters and has a maximum of six lanes, while the outdoor track is 400 meters with eight lanes. Due to the space constraints in an indoor facility, indoor events do not include discus. For indoor track the shorter events range from the 55 meters to 1,000 meters, while outdoor track ranges from the 100 meters to the 800 meters. The mile and the two mile remain the same for both outdoor and indoor. Even though races are indoor, the team will practice outside. If the weather is too cold, however, the team will use the hallway for warm up and workouts. One of the track facilities the team will compete at is Liberty University in Lynchburg, one of the top facilities in the country. On occasion, the team will do a Polar bear meet, where they compete on an outdoor track but they will still run the indoor distances. Local schools host polar bear meets due to them not having indoor facilities near them.

## BEHIND THE SCENES OF INDOOR TRACK BY: FORTIE CHIPETA



# THE REVIEW PERIODICAL ISSUE I: JUNGLE CRUISE BY: NOAH LOKER

!Disclaimer!

I don't keep up with cinema so I won't be naming Pirates of the Caribbean references in this movie or anything like that. Also, this review is exclusively about the movie itself, not about the actors.

Jungle Cruise is a great movie and is full of dad jokes, references to other movies, and has a great plot for those who like to study lore. I think this movie is perfect for families to watch together and has great choreography, although Jungle cruise does have its downsides.

Jungle cruise is an action/ fantasy movie about a crew of three people going up the amazon river to get the tears of the moon, a tree in the Amazon Rainforest that has flowers that can cure any disease and break any curse. This movie takes place around World War 1 and there is a German soldier or scientist who is trying to get the tears of the moon before the others. There is also a curse in the movie that makes up much of the second act's plot. It is about conquistadors that got cursed by the leader of a native tribe and can never leave sight of the river without the a punishment of death.



Photo by IndieWire

## Final Rating: 8/10

This movie is perfect for families to watch together. It is filled to the brim with dad jokes and other comedic references and acts. There are a lot of fight scenes and the visuals (specifically in the finale) are stunning. The acting is perfect and the characters are great (specifically Franco) and there is a Zazu reference!

No movie is perfect and this is why this movie isn't. The plot is a bit hard to follow and when it moves by fast, it moves by really fast. If you want to understand this movie in detail and not take notes, you're going to have to watch this movie a second time. The action scenes do make sense but the characters are clad in plot armor and they seem really unrealistic, specifically in the harbor fight with the U-boat roughly 30-40 minutes into the movie. A saving grace in this movie is the instances where the protagonists have to surrender a few times when they are completely out of options. The bad things, while bad, are overrun by the upsides of this movie.

Jungle Cruise is a great movie and one that almost everyone can enjoy. It has a lot of dad jokes and a great and interesting plot to follow along with, even if it is hard to follow on your first few watchthroughs. I do recommend this movie to everyone and in the end. Add heading

# CHRISTMAS OPINION ARTICLE

IN COLLECTIVE EFFORT BY: NAOMI DIENER AND CLAIRE PARSLEY

As December gets closer, the presence of Christmas loving lunatics is much more apparent. As we hear the same covers of classic Christmas songs in the car playing on the radio 24/7, we ask ourselves the same question: when is this Christmas madness supposed to begin?

Personal Naomi Diener: opinion because there are two very popular American holidays that happen in the months leading up to Christmas, we shouldn't begin celebrating another holiday before those are over. Halloween and Thanksgiving both deserve attention and should not be overshadowed by another holiday. That leaves the entire month of December to be dedicated to Christmas and people can go crazy then.

Claire Parsley says: Christmas time comes with several perks that we should take advantage of early on. Eggnog is the juice that fuels me. The delicious, thick, milky taste is well worth early Christmas celebration. I don't want to be limited to one month of eggnog drinking! If the shelves are stocked with it, I'd like to drink that eggnog by the firelight and play my catchy Christmas tunes as soon as humanly possible. Mistletoe shouldn't just be a tradition for December either. The earlier you hang mistletoe, the more likely it is that you'll accidentally find yourself under it with a real charmer. Also, I want you to ask yourself; are Christmas trees the most amazing living room decoration possibly ever? I don't actually care what you think because the answer is heck yes. Our tree has unique ornaments my siblings and I made when we were tiny children as well as several strings of rainbow lights. I love having a tree up before December because it has fantastic vibes and makes the living room super swaggy. In conclusion, Naomi doesn't know anything and I choose to celebrate and be happy for as much of the year as possible.



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Response from Naomi Diener: I don't think that eggnog should be considered Christmasy, and should just be viewed as a nice autumn drink. This way, Claire can extend the period of time in which she can eat eggnog without shame. Also, if you really want to put a tree that sheds excessive amounts of pine needles in your living room, go for it. It doesn't affect me what someone does with their own living room. But don't have Christmas music playing on the radio until after Thanksgiving, because that makes people grow tired of the music faster. I do recognize that the time before Christmas is a special time in which people can get excited for the most celebrated holiday of the year, so I think that everyone should do what makes them happy before Christmas Day.

Response from Claire Parsley : Awesome!

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