

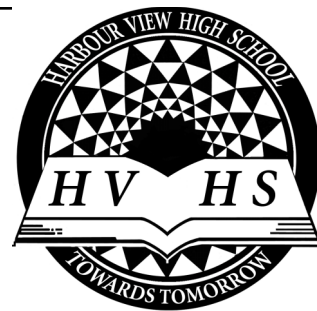


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"Fall seven times; get up eight."
- Japanese Proverb



Bowing the Strings

By Aaron Sousa

When it comes to learning an instrument, the typical teenager will often choose something simple like the guitar or piano. In this instance, Alexandre Banks is not the typical tee. He has chosen an instrument that surprises quite a few.

The 17 year old Harbour View student picked up the fiddle when he was eight years old and has played ever since.

"I went to an event called *Fiddles on the Tobique* and afterwards, I said to myself, "Everyone seems to play the fiddle, so I'm going to learn to play too!"

While fiddle music is still common in our province, folks are shocked to learn that a teenager plays.

"Most of the time, I get reactions like, "That's a hard instrument!" Or "That's so cool!"

But what's cooler than that, is that he constructed his own fiddle.

"My instructor makes them by hand so I asked him if he could teach me how to make one. We sat down for three hours every day for the past four years. It's very difficult, but the end result was amazing."

Like every entertainer, for Alexandre public exposure is key. However, music venues can be hard to book. But with Alexandre's bright smile and positive attitude, he never fails.

"I've played at the Saint John City Market in the summer time, among other places. But my favourite spots to play are the nursing homes around the city."

"The music brings them back. A lot of them have Alzheimer's or Dementia. One second, you'll see someone almost dead and hollow, and the next, they're smiling and they're tapping their foot."

Besides fiddling, Alexandre is a member of his school's SRC, and is a part of both band and choral programs at the school.

One thing to know about Alexandre is, he isn't boastful. In that, he isn't looking to get anything out of playing fiddle.

"I just do it for fun," said Banks, "I've won prizes in fiddling competitions, but those don't mean anything. I know what I want to do with my future, and it doesn't involve music."

The straight-A student wishes to become involved in the fields of engineering and science after his high school career comes to an end.

Until then, he'll just keep rosining up his bow.



(Photo contributed by Aaron Sousa)

December at HVHS

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Alice Worden: The Real Deal

By Ethan Godsoe

If you've ever ventured into the art room, you've no doubt been pulled into Alice Worden's alternate universe—a euphony of students and work, yellow and orange walls, giant flowers, LGBTQ flags and alien faces. It's constructive chaos where respect, kindness and freedom of expression take precedence. These virtues are incorporated throughout the room's visual displays and its emotional atmosphere.

Getting to this point was far from easy for Ms. Worden; she left everything behind to study at Dalhousie University. She lived in a cramped, dilapidated apartment with her four-year-old daughter, traveling back and forth from Yarmouth to Halifax for her degree. According to her, those wilderness years were worth it; she learned she could survive.

Another contributing factor to Ms. Worden becoming a teacher was her miserable high school experience. She hated school, feeling unintelligent and tormented by teachers for it. That experience stayed with her and inspired her to become the kind of teacher she is.

"I wanted to become the kind of teacher who would treat students better than I was treated," she said.

This passionate statement segues into a description of her teaching style. She pauses to laugh before she admits "Oh, dear, direct and thorough. It's always about respect and kindness in my classroom."

Ms. Worden doesn't beat around the bush; she says what she means.

Although she has gotten to do what she loves for 13 years now, sometimes her job is frustrating.

A lot of the time it feels like people don't care about art. It can sometimes be tiring to have to justify the benefits of your subject," she said. "Art shouldn't be relevant only on special occasions. Every day, everything we touch, see and hear is art."

Ms. Worden believes in actions over things, kindness toward everyone and every student's potential. She's a rare kind of teacher.

"I'm here to make students' lives a little better. I never want to forget what it was like to be a teenager myself."

Anyone is welcome to come to her with their problems. She'll pour out advice and tea like a comforting, albeit zany, art school aunt.

Ms. Worden is more than a listening ear, instructor and artist: she's the real deal.



Kate Shannon from Canaport LNG presented Mr. Palmer's Basketball Academy with a cheque for \$3000 to support the program. Thanks so much!

Back L-R: Jack Kelly, Mr. Palmer, Ryan Clark, Sean Miller, Colby Shephard, Mark Green, Cameron Stewart, Colin Black, Gerry Bidgood, Sam Holder, Colin Finkle

Front L-R: Kevin Duplessis, Alex Richard, Sarah Finkle, Kate Shannon, Ellie Bidgood, Raven Hebert, Claire Godsoe, Jaylee Garfield, Brendan Doucette



Ryan Craig & Madalynn Allaby for making the New Brunswick Rugby team!

Our chess club tournament winners:

Grade 12 - Alex Banks, 1st place

Grade 10 - Alex Booker, 1st place

Grade 11, Justice Gunn, 2nd place

Grade 10, Keenan Watt, 2nd place

Grade 9, Quwyn Deboard, 2nd place

Grade 9, Caleb Whittier, 3rd place

Haven't we metaphor?



By Ethan Godsoe

I'm certain in our lives, we have all encountered something that screams at us from the screen, page or frame (whatever medium you're interested in.) It's something that resonates deep within us and brings an emotion, topic, issue, philosophy, message to the surface of your consciousness.

This, on a personal level alone, is powerful, but put into a wider context when a piece of art, let's say poetry, as that's what I'm here to talk about, does that to a group of people on a large scale, that can create a ripple effect of long term change politically and socially.

In this month's *Haven't we metaphor?* I will tackle a very timely subject of the personal being politicized as well as poetry's place in the current political climate. How its power to cause real change in society can be wielded by the common man.

Caged Bird

By Maya Angelou

A free bird leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends
and dips his wing
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and
his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still

HVHS Sunshine Cafe

Hungry?? No lunch? No problem!

Go to room 122 at lunch for the following:

- A welcoming smile
- Toast your own bagel
- Make a grilled cheese sandwich
- Make French toast
- Make a cup of soup
- Hot herbal tea or cold filtered water



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SPORTS



with Alexandre Banks & Ethan Higgins-Watson

Hello fellow Vikings! November was a transitioning month from the fall sports to the winter sports; however, the Vikings have been keeping busy in practices and tryouts. Furthermore, the teams have had outstanding starts to their seasons; their hard work is paying off!

Cheerleading tryouts occurred throughout the month and a team of 25 was selected a couple weeks ago. Last year the cheerleaders did well at the provincial championships and through hard work and lots of practice the team is looking at a bringing the banner home this year. There are quite a few coaches of the team, they are as follows: Andrea Lawrence (head coach), Shayla Hansen, Jessica MacDonald, Spencer Clive, Ms. Langille (teacher supervisor) and Mrs. Tomilson (teacher supervisor). The team will do very well this year.

The girls hockey team have been playing great on the ice so far. This season the girls hope to improve their game and enjoy the sport at the same time. Through hard work and dedication the girls hope to do well at regionals. The coaches are Mike Dixon, Ms. Stubbs, Ms. Vautour and Mr. Carvell. The girls have had a few early losses, but they have a long season ahead of them and they will perform well. The assistant captains of the team are Liz Delaney, Bridgette Tomilson, Kaitlyn Paulin, Jenna Dixon and Grace Mealson. The HVHS home games are every Tuesday night at 7:10 at the River Valley rink. Come and support the team as they play other high schools. Good luck during the season, girls.

The junior varsity girls basketball team have had an incredible start to their season. They have played two league games and an exhibition game and have won all three. The captains are Ellie Bidgood and Sarah Finkle and they are looking forward to a good year. So far the girls have a good shot at making provincials and maybe winning. The coaches are Jim Palmer and Mark Palmer and they are very excited about the team's performance. The team has been working hard in practice and their efforts are paying off on the court. The girls won the Simonds Tip-Off Tournament at the end of November.



Back L-R: Andy Fox (coach), Dave Black (coach), David Fox, Sam Holder, J.R. Burris, Colin Black, Gerry Bidgood, Mark Green

Front L-R: Zander Wilkins, Ben Lambert, Chris Johnson, Ethan Crowley, Colin Finkle, Mitchell Gautreau, Sean Miller, Colby Shephard, Chris Addison

(Photo submitted by Mrs. P. Black)

For a wonderful story about the JV Boys basketball team demonstrating their community spirit, visit

<http://nbhoops.simplesite.com/430021048>

You made us proud, boys!

Our Viking senior girls' basketball team has been playing great throughout the start of their season. They have been performing extremely well on the court and their dedicated team efforts has led them to tense games which they have dribbled out victorious. The senior girls coaches are Emily Thomas and Katie Gowlett and the manager is Kara Watters. The girls had a slow start to their season but through hard work and good team skills they are vastly improving. In November the team played in the Fundy High tournament and the Simonds tournament. So far this season the girls lost eight games but won two. Most of the losses were not regular season games. The girls are looking at winning the East-West challenge and making provincials. The girls have been doing fantastic this far in the season. Great work, girls.

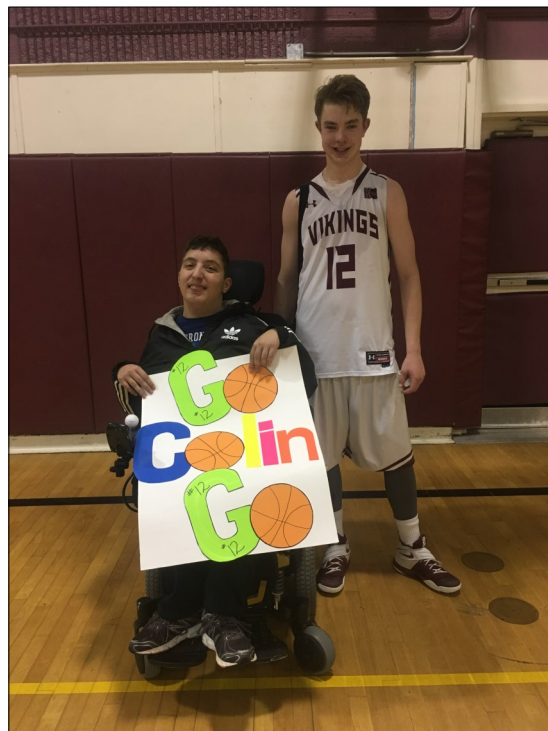
The junior boys basketball team had a great start to their season this month. They began by playing two exhibition games against Riverview High School. These games were great for the boys to gain experience and grow as a team. After competing with Riverview, the boys had their first regular season game, against the Saint John High School Hounds. The team played amazingly well together and worked hard at perfecting their plays. At the end of the excellent game, the team beat their opposition by around twenty points! The Vikings also played in the Simonds Tip Off Tournament in November. The team's hustle and determination lead to them going undefeated throughout the tournament and going to finals. In their last game of the weekend, the team played Rothesay and beat them by an astonishing fifty points and took home the first place banner! Way to go boys! After the boys' exciting weekend, they had their second regular season game against Sussex Regional High School. Once again, the boys worked hard and played really well. To continue the team's winning streak, they beat Sussex by forty points.

The senior boys basketball team also had an awesome beginning to their season. They started a little later than the junior boys, playing their first game as a team in the Simonds Tip Off tournament. Fredericton High School was the team's first opposition. The boys played well, even with a few bumps at the start of the game, and it was a close game in the end, with the Vikings only losing by twelve points. This didn't stop the team from staying positive for their next game against Simonds High School. Once again, the Vikings played hard and competed very well. The boys calmed down during this game and played smarter, but sadly in the end, they lost to Simonds as well. Their next game was against Hampton High School and the team performed excellently, beating the Huskees and placing third in the tournament. Way to go team! Later that week, the team had their first regular season game against Sussex Regional High School. The Vikings competed strongly against their opponents and were ahead in points the entire game. As the clock ran down to zero, Harbour View was ahead by nine points, and they won the game. Way to go, boys!

The swimming team has begun their season as well, and it's looking like they're going to have another fantastic season. The Vikings first competition was City and Districts at the Saint John Aquatic Centre. The team competed really well at this event. Everyone gained experience and got to know what a real competition is like. The team is very excited for the rest of their season.

Harbour View's field hockey team had an incredible end to their season at the Provincial tournament. The team went all the way to finals at the event and faced Saint John High School in Miramichi. The girls performed phenomenally and hustled their hardest until the end. Unfortunately the opposition scored in the last five seconds of the game to take the lead, and the Vikings lost. Placing second was an awesome accomplishment for the team, and they were very pleased with how their season went. The girls can't wait for the next season and their next chance to take home the Provincial banner.

November was another excellent month for the sports and athletes of Harbour View High School. All the teams continue to demonstrate the awesome athletic talent at our school and are improving every practice and game. Read the next issue of Harbour Views to see how the swim team competes at their Regional competition and how our basketball teams are playing. In December is the annual East-West challenge where Harbour View plays Simonds in basketball. This year it will be hosted at Simonds, we hope to see you all there supporting the Vikings! Have a great Christmas season.



Luke Perry and his friend Colin Black.

(Photo submitted by Ms. Vautour)

East-West Challenge

December 11th @ Simonds High, 6PM

\$5 at the door

OR buy a \$13 ticket in the hall until Dec 7th (includes bus travel, pizza & face painting.)



By Jacob Moore

There are lots of great venues for live music in Saint John. One of the few venues that is open to all ages is Taco Pica. I went there the other day to watch a show with local bands

The first group was filling in for someone who was driving from Fredericton but their car broke down and they couldn't find another way in. They called themselves the East Side Ragamuffins. The two girls, Jillian Wong and Miranda McCaustlin, are a great duo from good old Saint John, New Brunswick. One of their songs was a mellow folksy kind of tune. In that song, Jillian sang and played a ukulele that is slightly smaller than a guitar while Miranda played the cello in accompaniment. Holy, could she ever play that cello! It was like watching a robot programmed with absolutely perfect precision sliding the bow back and forth over the strings. I liked that they kept it simple, though, because you could appreciate all the elements - the cello, ukulele and vocals - since there wasn't a whole lot going on.

The second band was called The Disasterbaters. Honestly, I didn't know where one song ended and the next started. That may have been because they were so extremely loud. Either way, I left and came back for the next band.

The headliner was The Moonlight Project. We waited a while to see them and they got up and did maybe three or four songs and then the drummer kicked the bass drum head in. (Although, to be fair, the guy that used the drum kit from The Whateverbaters looked like he probably wore it down a tad.) Nonetheless, I thought the songs they did were pretty good.

A former Harbour View student, Brandon McCluskey, plays bass for them along with Jake McIntyre on rhythm guitar and vocals and Alec Alston (another HVHS alumnus) on lead guitar. These guys were great dynamically. They started off with some simple grooves that you'd start bobbing your head to and then pick it up with their lead guitarist, who was off the wall entertaining, and engaged you in what you were listening to. Once a chorus came around you weren't repelled by how intense it was, instead you actually wanted them to bring it up a notch. Plus, Jake's lead vocals fit their style really well. His low raspy voice reminded me of Kurt Cobain when he screamed into the mic for one of their tracks. I would have loved to keep listening to them. If only they brought a spare kick drum head...



By Madison Muise

Action. Crime. Thriller. All three combined into one movie. *John Wick* is a "once in a lifetime" kind of movie, the kind that makes you watch it over and over again to pick up on little details and subtle hints you missed, a movie that you'll enjoy seeing a dozen times.



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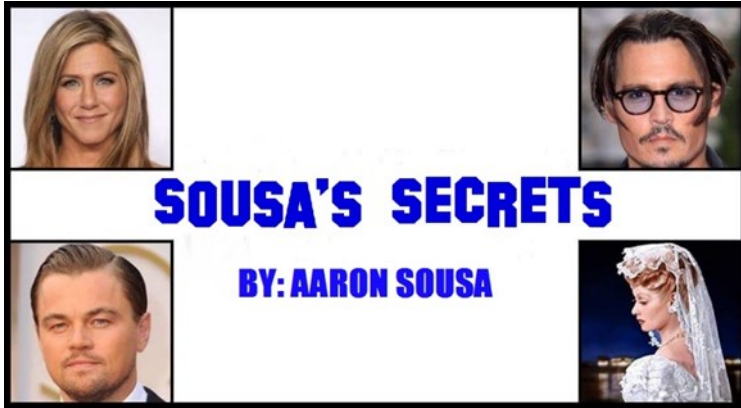
John Wick is a simple man who wants simple things in life: a car, a wife, a house, and his own life; though life is never simple for a retired assassin, as he soon finds out. After his wife's death and a turn on his now meaningless life, John sets the son of a mob boss as the target of his revenge.

I know many movies where the soundtrack is offsetting from the action. It takes away from the scene and the tension. This is not one of them. Background music isn't something you normally think of right of the bat when talking about a great movie - it's usually the characters, or the big plot twist that you spoil for your friends - but the dark, yet upbeat, tones of the *John Wick* soundtrack had me downloading the songs right after the movie was done.

The plot. Man, I don't know how many times I have had trouble following plot, understanding story lines, or even losing interest due to unrealistic scenes. Nothing, and I mean *nothing*, about this movie makes me want to it in the blender (which I have wanted to do to so many). Boom, character development. Boom, action. Boom, 'Oh my gosh, what just happened?' It all ties in smoothly and comically at the right moments, and quick and dramatically at other moments.

The characters are what really matter in any story. The heroes, villains, comic relief - you name it. Every character has a purpose, even characters you hardly notice. My favorite character is Aurelio for a number of reasons. I can't spoil him for you, but I'm sure you'll see why. Pasts are exposed in original ways, not following the same old 'exposing himself to the audience while trying to make a point' way. They are well thought out and planned properly.

John Wick is one of my all time favorite movies. 10/10. However, it is rated R for strong/bloody violence, language, and drug use, though I doubt that'll phase most of you, so enjoy.



Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way!! Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas, Vikings! It's that magical time of year once again. Where the malls are filled with Santa's elves and Christmas carols playing on the radio. I just love Christmas. It appeals to all of my senses, the sights of Christmas decorations, sounds of carollers, the smell of gingerbread, and the texture of Ugly Christmas Sweaters. I love it...My goodness, I'm rambling. Let's jump on Santa's Sleigh to Los Angeles.

David Cassidy: 1970s television star, singer, and teen heart-throb, David Cassidy passed away last month on November 21st. He was admitted to the ICU of a Fort Lauderdale hospital in Florida. Sources close to the star said he was suffering from organ

failure and was in critical condition. Cassidy made headlines in the past two years. In 2015, he had a major meltdown on a British morning talk show after the hosts asked him very basic questions about his latest divorce and bankruptcy. And earlier this year, he announced to the public that he had been diagnosed with dementia. Cassidy was born on April 12, 1950 to actors Jack Cassidy and Evelyn Ward. He was raised by his grandparents in New Jersey because his parents were on the road all the time. In 1956, David learned that his parents had been divorced for two years, but never told him. That same year, Cassidy's father married actress, Shirley Jones. Jones would later be David's TV mom on the musical sitcom, *The Partridge Family*. The show later became a classic act, touring around the world holding concerts, selling out venues. Eventually, David went solo, and surpassed the popularity that *The Partridge Family* got. By the 1980s, his career had started to dwindle to nothing, receiving minor billing in Las Vegas. David is survived by step-mom Shirley Jones, half-brothers Shaun, Patrick and Ryan and his children, Katie and Beau Cassidy. He was 67.



Photo credit: <http://www.siriusxm.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/David-Cassidy-SXM.jpg>

Ben Affleck: Anyone following action movies will know that Ben Affleck reprised his role as Batman in the latest fall release *Justice League* teaming up with all the other DC Superheroes like Superman, The Flash, and Wonder Woman. Well, turns out that our little Affleck is a thief! Well...not quite. Story goes, that after the film finished shooting, and he decided to take a couple of mementos with him. After multiple phone calls from Warner Brothers, they caught on that he took them. And a few days later, he received a bill from the studio charging him for taking them. He went on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*. "You can't exactly have been stealing it if you got billed for it, which is what happened to me at the end of this story," explained Affleck, "Turns out Batarangs aren't cheap."



Lady Gaga: This story is more or less for humour. Lady Gaga was seen getting prepared for the American Thanksgiving in West Virginia last month. According to a picture posted on TMZ's website she was seen wearing a black hoodie, scouring the produce section at Kroger's supermarket. The hoodie clearly worked because she wasn't noticed by anyone. But that's strange, to be honest. Gaga has that iconic platinum blonde hair and it's that no one put two and two together. I personally feel sad for celebrities sometimes, where they have to disguise themselves in order to live as normal people and do normal things, like grocery shopping.

Well that's it for this month, guys! Have a very Merry Christmas and I'll see you in the New Year!

And that's the glimmer in the stars...

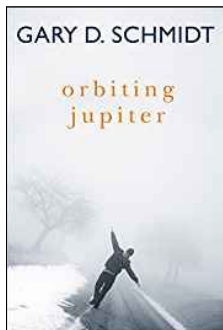


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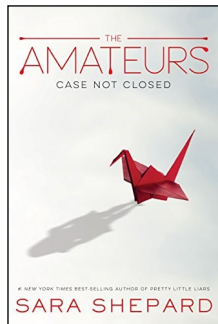


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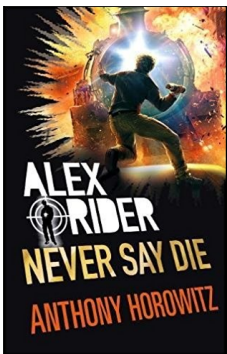
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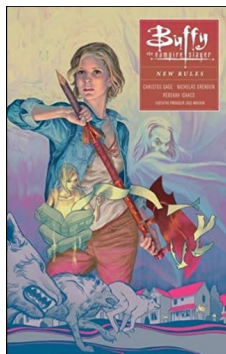


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