

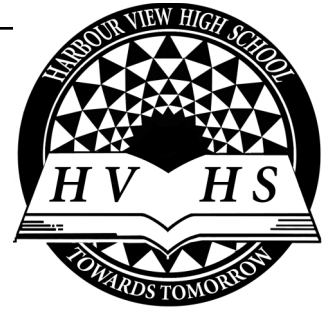


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"Would you like you if you met you?" - Tegan and Sara



Halloween Spook-tacular



Students got into the Halloween spirit in a big way this year. Every home room carved a pumpkin and, at lunch, students were treated to a spooky pumpkin walk in the main hall. The pumpkins were then donated to our neighbours on Brunswick Drive and Douglas Avenue.

Pictured left: Students from Ms. Vickers' home room.

Middle Left: Kimberly Quinn

November at HVHS

7 - Parent Teacher, 4:30-7:30

8 - No School, Parent Teacher 9:00 - 11:00

11 - Remembrance Day

16 - Santa Claus Parade

22 - PD, No school



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Then, of course, there are the costumes...

Above left: L-R: Claire Blackmore & Damien Theriault

Above right: Dylan Johnson, Liam Johnson, Caleb Whittier

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Are you interested in writing for *Harbour Views*? Come see Ms. McDonald in 307 to find out how you can get your own byline.

By Emily Dixon

Hello Grads!!

Does everyone have their smile ready? Flewelling Photography will be coming to Harbour View the week of November 4th. Make sure to sign up for a time slot outside of Mrs. Lyon's class room 321.



Are all you girls on the hunt for that perfect prom dress? If you have already bought your perfect dress make sure you post a picture of your gown on the Facebook group HVHS Prom 2020 to ensure no one has the same dress as you! If you have not found your dress yet, no worries. There will be a prom dress expo on Sunday November 24 at the Delta Hotel in Fredericton, (225 Woodstock Road). This event will run from 12:00pm - 4:00pm. This is a great event to prep for prom. You will enjoy an afternoon of prizes, giveaways and a fashion show displaying the latest trends. You will also have the chance to win a prom dress from The Wedding Chapel Bridal Boutique. (Winner must be present.) Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased online.

Don't forget to order your yearbook now. The sooner you purchase the cheaper it will be. The price is now \$55 and books can be ordered from Mrs. Thompson in the library or by visiting Jostens.com

Get ready to see our wide variety of customized grad clothing; there will be a debut coming soon. Order forms will be available at parent teacher on November 8th.

We hope everyone had a blast swinging from the trees at Timber Top, and made some pretty spooky pumpkins at pumpkin carving. For our next event, we are looking to having a wing night at Jungle Jim's and we can't wait to see everyone there! Stay tuned for more details on that event Follow us on Instagram @gradclasshv2020 and join our group on Facebook @HVHS Grad Class 2020

If anyone has any event ideas, come see us, or shoot us a message. We are open to all suggestions.



Congratulations to our CREATIVE students who were nominated to represent HV's Viking Value for the month of October: CREATIVITY.

L-R: Madlyn Woodruff, Alex Rankin, Melanie Wood, Megan Gautreau, Madalynn Allaby, Jack White, Brandon Montyr, Lauren Palmer, Alex Cochrane and Carter Losier

A review of *Into the Woods*

Dear Students and Staff:

On Friday, October 11, I attended HV's presentation of Sondheim/Lapine's *Into the Woods*, the musical fantasy that interweaves the storylines of several well-known fairytales. As a birthday treat, I invited four of my theatre-loving/musician Libra friends to join me - and what a treat it was!

From the moment we entered the auditorium the scene was set - literally. Bird song welcomed us and the branches lining the walls invited us 'into the woods.' The dark hues foreshadowed the second act, where nothing ends happily ever after, and Scott Harke's set design allowed uninterrupted flow, as one scene moved seamlessly to the next (good thing, or it might have been 'the last midnight' before the curtains closed).



L-R: Olivia Potter, Owen Chisholm and Emma Weagle

(Photo submitted by Mrs. McDevitt)

The show was well-cast, both musically and dramatically, with all major roles adeptly handled by newcomers as well as seasoned actors. One of my musician friends noted Andrew Potter's timidity as Jack showed his innocence, especially of the dire consequences of his actions, highlighting two of the main themes of the play: be careful what you wish for, and children will listen. We all agreed Emma Weagle's Red Riding Hood and Lauren Dykeman's Witch were particularly powerful. There were; however, a few surprises: I especially enjoyed Casey Ogden's Prince, probably due to the shock factor - where has he been the past three years? One of my theatre-loving friends singled out the performance of Ajay Guerts as the narrator, while another appreciated the addition of the dancing Woodland Nymphs, which added depth to the visual experience: a feast for the eyes as well as the ears.



Under Ms. Bossé and Ms. Sander-son's direction, this production had it all: it effortlessly blended comedy and pathos, enwrapped in irony, with Cinderella's stepsisters, the wolves, the Princes and their Stewards providing comic relief to incidents of abuse, infidelity, marriage break-ups, accidental deaths and murder. I've seen *Into the Woods* done many times by teenagers, adults and professional actors, and HV's is one of my favorite performances!

Congratulations on a job well done - I can't wait for next year's show!

Ms. Mary Power (HVHS 1997 - 2018)

Left: Annaliese Nylen hard at work during rehearsals for *Into the Woods*

VIKING SPORTS

By Ethan Crowley

It's playoff season in the sports world here at HVHS. From regional and provincial tournaments to the grind of those last few regular season games, we are seeing lots of success. As the leaves change, so do the sports; soon enough we will be in full swing of winter sports such as basketball, swimming and cheerleading.

The field hockey team was on a mission for a repeat on last year's banner winning season. After an exceptional regular season performance, the girls ended up in second place, giving them a first round match up against Sussex in the regional round of playoffs. After advancing to provincials with a 1-0 win the girls beat Bernice McNaughton High school in double overtime thanks to game winning goals by Keely Hussey and Ellie Bidgood. In the provincial banner game, HV played the undefeated KVHS which proved to be the biggest challenge of the year. Ellie Bidgood scored the only goal for the Vikings in a hard fought 2-1 loss. Congratulations to the girls for placing second in the entire province!



Back L-R: Ms. O'Connell (coach), Kylie Dorcas, Eliot Sprague-Hay, Maya Poziomka, Bailee Tomilson, Emma Campbell, Alexis Harris, Madelyn Thompson, Abby Randell, Isabelle Sutton, Gracelyn Walsh, Ellie Lomax, Madison Young, Kathleen Roy, Mrs. Dick (coach)

Kneeling L-R: Jessica Palmer, Kaylee Robson, Keeley Hussey, Emily Dixon, Meghan Glenn, Ellie Bidgood, Hannah Breneol, Sarah Finkle

(Photo submitted by Ms. O'Connell)



The cross-country team ended the season in incredible fashion with a total of seven runners competing in the provincial championship race. For the first time Harbour View qualified with a full junior varsity team of four runners (Aidan Crowley, Nate Jensen, Brayden Baird and Ian Dow). A special congratulations to David Fox who placed 11th in the entire province for the Sr boys 5k run division! Well done to the athletes and many thanks to Tara and Jerome Dick for their continued support of our running program.

(David Fox pictured left.)

Photo submitted by David MacLeod)

The Vikings football team has made the playoffs for the first time in seven seasons after going 2-5 on the season. Team captains were Mark Green, Sean Miller, Evan O’Hara, Josiah Sisco and Jack Fawcett. When asked about his team, head coach Tyler Guimond said “This is one of the best teams we’ve had since 2009. Our record doesn’t reflect on that... this is an aggressive hungry team. Our main goal is to bring the championship back to HVHS!” Senior slot receiver Sean Miller also commented on his high school football experience by saying the best feeling is “getting hyped when there’s a big crowd and the brotherhood of being on the field knowing your teammates have your back no matter what.” The team played Saturday November 2nd @1pm in Sussex, but unfortunately didn’t come out on top.



(Photo of Mitchell Gautreau right submitted by Ellie Bidgood)



On the Ball with Hannah Renault

Hello Vikings, my name is Hannah Renault. I am a grade nine student, and this is my first year taking on the challenge of *Harbour Views*. You may be wondering what I will be sharing with my fellow Vikings. I’m here to interview new and talented Viking athletes every month for *Harbour Views*. Some things I am interested in are playing sports, my favorite being basketball, and writing and reading. You’ll probably always catch me reading a book in the hallways.

We all know football season is just about finished, so let’s get to know some of the players. I interviewed some new players to see what their experience was like so far this season. Meet Hannah Hughes (#30) and Chandler Bennett (#17). Our Viking football team is a unisex team and it is great to have the viewpoints from two genders.

I first interviewed Hannah Hughes (#30) to get her opinion on what it’s like to play on a team with boys.

Hannah Hughes: “I think it’s really cool to be able to play on a team where it’s not a big deal if you’re a boy or girl. It’s really nice to get to experience what it’s like to be on a unisex team.”

Hannah Renault: “Would ever consider playing for HarbourView’s football team next season?”

Hannah Hughes: “I would probably play football again so that I could gain some more experience playing the sport and also to be able to play for my school.”

The second player I interviewed was Chandler Bennett (#17). I also wanted to see his opinion on what it’s like to play on a team with girls.

Chandler Bennett: “To play on a unisex team is kind of different and it’s something new.”

Hannah Renault: Will you play for HarbourView’s football team next season?

Chandler Bennett: “Yes, I love playing football because it’s just a calming sport, and it’s a good way to release negativity.”

The definition of **On the Ball** is someone who is efficient, talented, effective, and gets things done.

Our Vikings rise above and beyond.



Hannah Hughes is not injured due to football. This photo was taken on Halloween!



Chandler Bennett

Making positive changes for our environment

By Emma Campbell

Climate Action is a group of concerned students taking the lead on making climate concerns a priority and they are trying to influence everyone all the way up to the Board of Education with their ideas. The group is lead by Logan Breen and Declan Hartery.

“We formed the Climate Change Action group at Harbour View to look into ways our school can reduce its climate and environmental impact,” said Logan Breen. “Our priorities are to improve our school’s recycling program, lobby government to take action on our climate emergency, and to make HVHS a greener, more environmentally friendly school.”

The Climate Action group wants to turn it around and start to teach people the effects that our lifestyle has on our Earth.

HVHS realizes that if we can focus on small things and make small changes that those changes will soon become big differences in the world. For example, if we can eliminate plastic bags, we will be getting rid of a lot of pollution. Our Climate Action group wants to take lead and prove to all schools that small changes can make a difference. All schools should have a Climate Action group.

“We need to take a lead and influence others on what is really going on around us,” said Declan Hartery.

So far, the Climate Action group has come up with the ideas ranging from recycling electronics, getting plastic bags banned and a new recycling process here at HV. Currently, all the bottle recyclables are being recycled by Mr. Kincaid, our school custodian. Mr. Kincaid has taken all the school’s recycling to the bottle redemption center for the past several years and all the money is collected and at the end of the school year the money is given to students as scholarships. Mr. Kincaid is retiring this year and he has helped the school so much with the recycling program. The Climate Action group is trying to think of new ways to make

our recycling possible here at Harbour View.

Climate Action group is a club open to all. They meet every Tuesday at lunch in room 206.

L-R: Gerry Bidgood, David Fox, Declan Hartery, Logan Breen & Zach Addison

(Photo submitted by Mikayla Payne)



Another group at Harbour View that has a great positive impact on the environment is the Garden Club. It’s a group of Vikings that come together once a week to work in the fabulous school garden. Every year the students and staff of Harbour View plant an array of vegetables that are then harvested in the fall. The harvest is then used for things such as free lunches during Wellness Week or given to the Culinary Tech class.

“We have had a great turnout for the HV Garden Club so far this year. We have been harvesting, cleaning up the paths, amending the soil and even planting. Last week we planted garlic! Who knew there would be so many things to do in the garden in fall,” said Mrs. Tomilson.



Shout out to the members of SRC for organizing the pumpkin carving contest and taking them to the neighbours as gifts.- Ms. O'Connell

Patrick MacDonald - Patrick is a talented writer who is deeply committed to improving his skills and sharing his passion for writing. Now that he has finished all the writing courses the N.B. curriculum has to offer, he has started the HVHS Writing Society, encouraging his peers to share his love of the craft. He is also doing amazing work as a co-op intern at CBC. Homeroom 206 is really proud of you, Patrick!

Emily Smith has been promoted to the rank of Petty Officer First Class in her cadet corps.

Jared Cosman is the only Viking and the youngest member on the Jr. A Fredericton hockey team. Way to go, Jared.

Amy LeBlanc, Lauren Dykeman and Ajay Geurts were all accepted into the Mount Allison University Honour Band program!

Way to go, Majid (MJ) Abdalla Mohamed, who helped his Saint John U-18 boys Division 1 soccer team win the provincial banner for the first time.

Read more about this story:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/saint-john-soccer-newcomer-team-provincial-championship-1.5342940>

Congratulations to Bryce Stockford, Natasha Bremner and Lyndsi Creamer for earning spots in the NB Youth Orchestra for the 2019-20 Season



Left:

Congratulations to Mme. Chevarie-MacNeil, winner of the first ever Staff Member of the Month Award, which is sponsored by the Renaissance Team.

(Photo submitted by Mrs. K. Kennedy)

Bottom:

Congratulations to Ms. Vautour, who was the winner of our first photography competition. Teachers were invited to submit their best summer photos and the pictures were judged by members of Mr. McCaustlin's Photography 120 class.



Our HV debate team placed first at the SJHS tournament over the Nov 2-3 weekend. Logan Breen and Declan Hartery (pictured left) were the top ranked team overall and Declan was named the highest ranked debater.

Way to go, Vikings!

Ocean Action - Students learn about Biodiversity



L-R:

Declan Hartery, Kimberly Quinn, Rylee Macaulay, Hannah Breneol, Victoria Columbe, David Fox, Logan Breen & Kamryn McKillop

Photo submitted by Ms. O'Connell

By Rylee Macaulay

The Ocean-Wise Biodiversity Organization has been around since 1956, but their involvement with Harbour View High School has only come about in the past few years.

Within the Ocean-Wise Biodiversity Organization, there is a group called "Ocean Action". This group and whoever they chose to have as a guest speaker, host Skype sessions with students across Canada to talk about biodiversity. Harbour View High School is one of the chosen schools that participate in these sessions.

According to Ocean Action, "In this community, you will find the activities, resources, and dialogues between youth across Canada and around the world - who have collaborated to make a difference in their communities, their schools and their countries. With the guidance of expert mentors as well as communicating with each others, youth around the world are taking up the challenge of conservation and impacting the world around them."

Every Monday during lunch and period 4, Mrs. O'Connell and a group of 5-10 students participate in these sessions with the Ocean Action group in the Lecture Theatre or in Mrs. O'Connell's room.

These sessions are beneficial for students because, with our worsening climate, more students should be aware of what they can do to help. These sessions increase that awareness.

In these sessions, they have talked about grant writing, different species of spiders and how to identify them and what biodiversity is and how to protect our oceans.

"I like having the opportunity to learn about how to protect our oceans and about biodiversity," says Declan Hartery, grade 11 student who participates in the Ocean Action sessions.

If you would like to learn more about biodiversity and how to save our planet, come to a session on a Monday during lunch either in the Lecture Theatre or in Mrs. O'Connell's room. Together, we can help save our planet and biodiversity.

The problem with plastic

By Jonah Foote

Plastic, it's everywhere, hard to avoid, most pollute and is often single use only. Single-use plastics are well, single-use, used once, and then promptly thrown out. These plastics include plastic bags, straws, pop and water bottles and food packaging.

Every year, we produce around 300 million tons of plastic, and about half of that plastic is single use! Only 13% of all plastic worldwide is recycled. Add in petroleum-based single-use plastics, and they become harder to recycle- and need new virgin materials and chemicals to do so.

Petroleum-based plastic isn't biodegradable and often end up in landfills where it gets buried or ends up in water-where it often finds its way into the oceans. While they may not be biodegradable, they will break down into little particles after many years. This then releases toxic chemicals- used to harden and shape the plastic- that get eaten by fish, who in turn, get eaten by us, which allows these chemicals to enter our bloodstream. These chemicals have been linked to cancer, infertility, birth defects and more.

This has brought change, however. Back in June, Justin Trudeau and his government announced a plan to ban single-use plastics. This follows in the footsteps of the EU. Restaurants have also taken action to help. Starbucks is one of the best when it comes to this. They have made many subtle changes to their stores to help the environment. But in our case, they have stopped using plastic in the cups for their hot drinks. Think about that the next time you get a pumpkin spice latte.

You can make a difference, no matter how small. Use reusable cups or bottles and be more conscious about what you put in the garbage and recycling. Every little thing helps.

The most fun you can have with pen and paper

By Mikayla Payne

Patrick MacDonald, a grade 12 student at Harbour View High School, started a writing society for his peers. MacDonald is also a writer himself and took both writing classes offered at school, Writing 110 and 120.

The Harbour View Writing Society (HVWS) is a place where students can go at lunch on Wednesdays and write. HVWS is also a place where writers can feel safe and be with like-minded people. Writers can share their work with others in the group.

"I started it to inspire others my age to get into creative writing," said MacDonald.

On the first day the club met, early in October, MacDonald explained how he hoped the club might work. He told the group every Wednesday of every week they can work on their writing. Also, that the last Wednesday of every month they will be able to share their writing. After he was done explaining, he gave them a writing prompt. The prompt was a picture of a dark creepy road. Then the writers began writing.

Writing and the arts are important in schools. There are numerous reasons why that is. The arts help learners to develop creative problem-solving skills. Art experiences boost critical thinking and teaches students to take time to be more careful and thorough. It also provides challenges for learners at all levels.

"The arts aren't as practical as math or science," said MacDonald, "but they help shape you as a human being."

A report by *Americans for the Arts* state that young people who regularly participate in the arts (three hours a day on three days each week throughout a whole year) are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, or to win an award for writing an essay or poem, than children who don't participate.

Every school should involve the arts somewhere, whether it's more art classes or extracurricular activities. The arts will benefit students and help them find their passion. It will also help children express themselves. Students shouldn't be robbed of the arts.

"In my experience," said Ms. McDonald, the Writing teacher at the school, "people need a creative outlet. I would have been miserable without writing."

Writing is one of the easiest ways to get one's thoughts and feelings out. It is easy for anyone to pick up pen and paper or even use memo on their phone. It could be in the form of journaling or writing stories. Even writing intrusive thoughts on a sticky note and throwing them out help a person. And because writing helps to get thoughts out, it could be used as a strategy for mental health.

"Writing is very cathartic," said MacDonald. "You are essentially expressing your emotions on a page."

Aside from writing being a way to get things out, there are other benefits to writing. One major benefit is that it provokes imagination and creativity. Writing can also improve handwriting when done the old-fashioned way. It can also improve verbal skills.

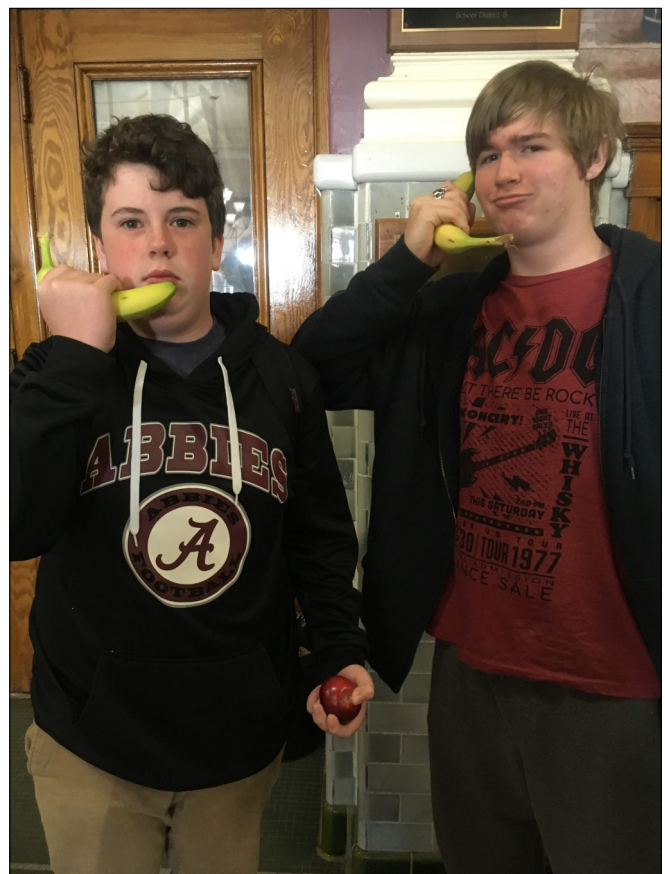
Dylan McCluskey, a writer who attends HVWS, has positive feelings towards the group.

"The Writing Society is a fun and easy way for everyone to express their creativity in writing," he said.

First Wellness Week a huge success



Sheila Greig, Aaron Boyle and Emily Crawford-Logan try their hand at Jenga.



Healthy snacks are an important part of Wellness Week, and it never hurts to have your banana phone just in case your cell battery dies. :-)

L-R: Chenney O'Blenis-Rathburn & Noah Melanson

The Scene

By Thomas Doiron

These last few months have seen a lot of sadness in the music world; specifically, in rock and metal. Back in June, after a show in Bangor supporting Ozzy Osbourne's final tour Dave Mustaine of Megadeth announced that he had stage 2 throat cancer and he would not be touring for the remainder of the 2019 and 2020 season. Although Megadeth is set to perform on next year's rock and metal cruise, it is unknown whether Megadeth will tour ever again but it is very possible that they will not.

Earlier this month rock guitar god and icon Eddie Van Halen was diagnosed with cancer for the second time. Back in 2000 he was diagnosed with mouth cancer after a long time of smoking and chewing on his metal guitar pick. This resulted in a surgery where he had about a quarter of his tongue removed. He has stated that he has been travelling back-and-forth to Germany for the last year to get treatments and that things have been going stably but have not progressed or gotten better. Van Halen's last tour was in 2015. I was lucky enough to see Van Halen and the Kenny Wayne Shepherd band in Bangor in June of 2015; however, many fans are disappointed after a rumored farewell tour has been cancelled due to Eddie Van Halen's current state. Eddie's ex-wife, Valerie Bertinelli, has been visiting with Eddie and their son Wolfgang periodically, for the first time in years, due to this ordeal.

Also, in rock and metal news, Josh Homme of Queens of the Stone Age has announced that the California Stoner-Rock band is most likely finished with making albums. He stated to a Loudwire reporter that "this cycle of album-tour-album-tour is just vicious, I'm not interested in getting any bigger with Queens, and even if we got a little smaller, that would be okay." This comes as a disappointment to fans because Homme has basically confirmed that there will be no follow up or recovery to 2017's *Villains* that was a tremendous flop.

By Connor Campbell

For all intents and purposes it's safe to say rock is dead, not in the sense that the genre has disappeared entirely but with the popularity of acts like Greta Van Fleet; showing rock's obsession with the past. The popularity of The Arctic Monkeys further cements the genre's desperate attempts to popify itself to land in the mainstream. These acts and others show that the genre is stuck in a state of stagnation.

This isn't entirely a bad thing. Other genres are already breaking their way into the mainstream. This lack of public focus on rock music may allow it to grow and develop beneath the surface. The growth is already showcased when you start to look at the underground of music; bands like Black Midi, Daughters, and Idles.

Though the second two on that list have developed their monolithic, aggressive, and often abrasive yet catchy sound over the course of a decade (or even two in the case of Daughters.) Black Midi are relatively new. Their violent and haunting sound harkens back to 1980s New York experimental punk bands like Swans and Sonic Youth, mixing poppy song structures with walls of noise, louder than life guitar breakdowns, and esoteric lyrics delivered in a strange and contorted manner.

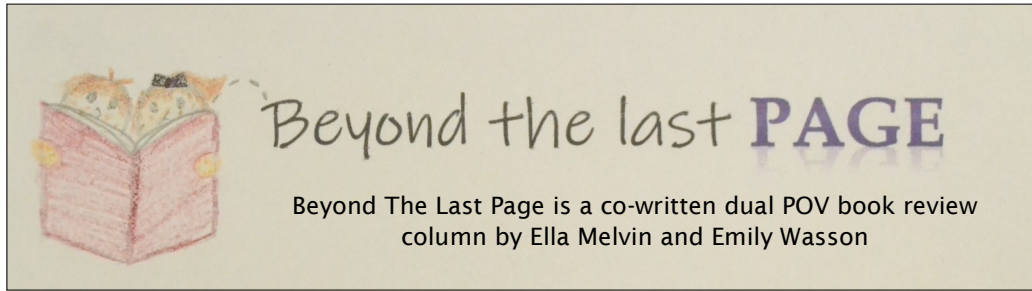
A perfect starting point for this band is bmbmbm. The song is played at the end of nearly every Black Midi set and with good reason. The five minute song builds up with ominous ringing background noises and a repeated riff that entices yet almost alienates the listener. As the song continues, the lyrics go from whispered to almost screamed as the tension ramps up and up until the song feels like its about to burst at the seams. Then it does.

The last few minutes of the song are truly explosive and cathartic, as all the chaos in the song comes front and center. The aggressive and emotional explosion makes it impossible not to thrash along with the song. In this moment the band feels as if its about to lose control completely, yet, thanks to Morgan Simpson's insane drumming everything is miraculously held together by a thread.



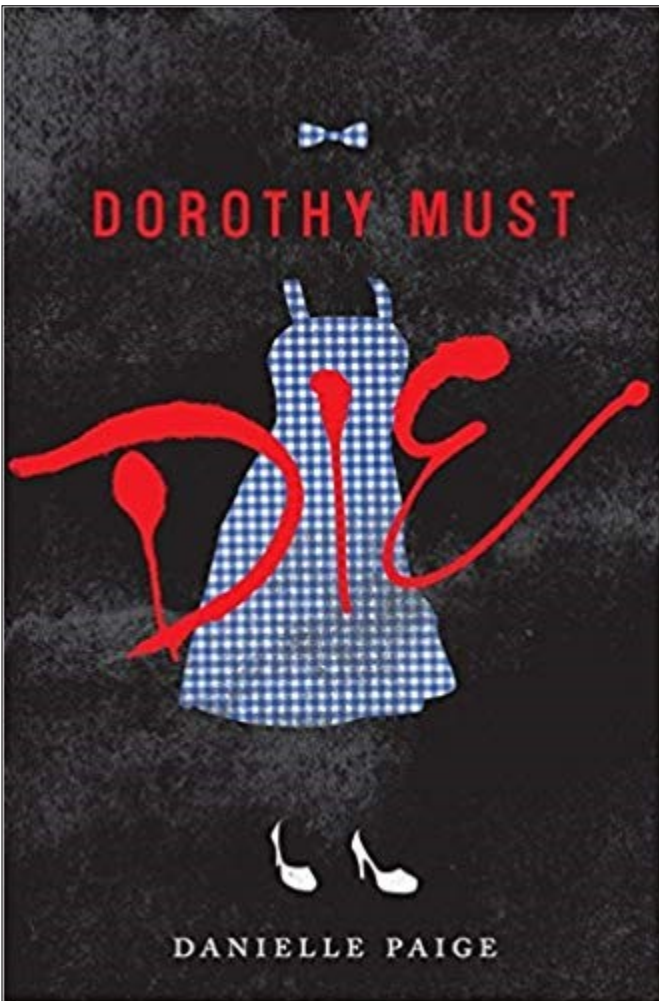
So if rock is dead, maybe it's for the better. If this lack of mainstream appeal leads to explosive acts like this who become vanguards of the genre., maybe this small break from the spotlight is just what we needed to finally breathe a little.

Photo credit: <https://www.alttickets.com/black-midi-tickets/leeds-brudenell-social-club/2020-02-19-19-30>



By Ella Melvin

Everyone knows the story of Dorothy Gale, the nice girl from Kansas who gets swooped up by a tornado and plopped down in Oz. At the end of the story, Dorothy returns to Kansas and everything is just as it should be. But what if Dorothy didn't like Kansas anymore? What if Dorothy went back to Oz?



In this month's novel by the talented Danielle Paige, *Dorothy Must Die*, this is exactly what happened. The only problem is Dorothy is not a nice little girl anymore; she is a cruel, power hungry, bully who is obsessed with stealing all of Oz's magic and who is even worse than the Wicked Witch of the West. Dorothy even has all the "good" guys on her side. You know, Glinda and the Lion, the Scarecrow and the Tin man. In fact, the only people standing in her way is the Revolutionary Order of the Wicked or the 'bad' guys. So when Amy Gumm, the other girl from Kansas (a modern Kansas) shows up, she is recruited by the Order with very specific orders: Dorothy must die!

This masterful novel follows Amy and her faithful pet rat as they try to learn who they can trust in this upside down Oz where wicked is good and good is wicked, while they also try to kill Dorothy...without being killed themselves!

The cover art of this book is really perfect. It is simple and classic with a dark undertone. Really, my only problem with it is the brief description on the back of the book. It is interesting and gets you hooked, but it doesn't really focus on the main idea of the book and could be written more on point. Overall the book this month was very good and gets a 4.5/5 rating from me.

By Emily Wasson

Welcome to the Land of Oz, where a dictator rules with sparkly shoes and evil runs free from its usual leash! Sound familiar? No? Well welcome to *Dorothy Must Die*, a twisted take on a classic tale. Similar to the original, this book starts off in main character Amy Gumm's home state, Kansas where she is displayed as the misfit of the town but when she is whisked away in a tornado and lands in Oz she quickly realises this is not your average tale. It has been overthrown by Dorothy who has become a malicious dictator. Amy joins forces with the Society of

Witches where she becomes wicked, which now means good... we think.

Dorothy Must Die takes a casual approach to its start; there is character development and not a lot of movement story wise. Later in the book it takes a complete turn and everything changes. First the plot starts to pick up pace, then everything you think you know about characters just disintegrates into thin air.

My last comment on *Dorothy Must Die* is that the synopsis is what hooked me on the book and it doesn't come into play until the end, but once that train has left the station it's gone. I found myself squeezing in reading sessions on the bus even though I usually get a headache reading on the bus! That's how great the ending is. If they maybe stretched out those parts it would have made the book a little more enjoyable. Now that the plot is present I am excited to read the other three books in the series. All differences aside I give this book three stars out of five and do recommend buying it.

Dance, dance, dance the night away...Fall Masquerade



Top Left: Lexi Flewelling, Emily Dixon, Jacob Ashburn, Owen Lohnes, Abby Craig

Top Right: Kaleigh Robson, Hailey Palmer, Becca Dunham

Left: Ainsley Clark, Jack Bailey, Aiden Hazen

Right: Gerry Bidgood & Becca McKenzie

Bottom Left: Amal, Abdikani & Sumaya Abidalla Muhamed

Bottom Right: Ashley Perry, Hannah Hughes, Jaiden Ducey

(Photos submitted by Mrs. Mawhinney)

