



## INTRO TO *THE RAMPAGE*

By Gabriel De Figueiredo

Hello everyone! Welcome to the first issue of the school year of the Shawsheen Tech Student Newspaper, The Rampage. Here, you can read about both recent and upcoming events at the school, see photos, get reviews on movies and music, read student perspectives on the year, and more! This newspaper is written by students, for students, for all grades. If you are interested in getting involved in life at Shawsheen Tech, we are looking for more people to join newspaper, to take photos, write articles, and potentially more. If you're interested, join us in DVC after school on Mondays, or pop by DVC to meet Mrs. Ouellette to get more info. We hope you enjoy this issue and stay tuned for more!

## *FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE*

By Gabriel de Figueiredo

Imagine this - It's the first day of school at Shawsheen Tech. For the newcomers, we've all come here for different reasons; some students wanted to follow a specific career path that is offered at Shawsheen, some want to save funds for college, make money on co-op and maybe buy a Camaro... or some simply want a clean slate, a new beginning to be reinvented. Personally, I came here for my own reasons. As a freshman from Wilmington, I was nervous like many others. What was I expecting from our first day? Well, as soon as I learned that the first day was going to be a freshman orientation, I wasn't expecting it to be... great. I anticipated awkward introductions and forced interactions with kids I'd never seen before in my life. There were random students trapped in a hot gym, and stuffed into bleachers. The normal school speeches welcomed the new students... to me, it was as expected, the standard

high school introduction I had in my mind. It wasn't half bad; everyone seemed to be pretty nice, but then, just as fast as the expected came, I experienced the unexpected. We were tossed in the deep end; new computers with Windows, instead of Google which is what my old school used, new immense and complex schedules, new teachers of all varieties, and of course the maze-like structure of the school. We can all agree to 2 words: OVERWHELMING and EXCITING. But just like that, the first day was over and we went home. The dawn of the second day brought even MORE confusion. I couldn't count on my hands how many sheets of paper I had in my bag and how many times I got lost. When I got home, naturally, my parents wanted to know every little detail about the day. They wanted to know what the teachers were wearing and eagerly wanted to read and sign every single form I had.

To end the week, Shawsheen Tech had an incredible football game and won, wiping out the other team easily. And now, we look ahead to starting our Shop Exploratory and meeting new teachers and learning new skills... we have so much more to get absolutely confused about. But hey, I suppose it'll be fun, right? We have Homecoming festivities, and a lot more to learn and discover. So stay tuned readers, stay tuned.



## MOVIES YOU SHOULD BE WATCHING *NO MATTER THE DECADE!*

By Mazy Stuart

Movies... what do we love about film? There is an indescribable experience when the lights begin to dim, and the screen shows beautiful images that delight us and give us feelings that we've never felt before. Movies move us, they fill us with hope, sorrow, bravery and love. If you're someone like me, you love every genre of film. This week I want to tell you about one of my absolute favorite movies of all time, it's a little film called... *Back to the Future*.

### BACK TO THE FUTURE

Released in 1985, *Back to the Future* tells the story of a small-town California teen, Marty McFly, who travels through time to the 1950's thanks to his friend, physicist Doctor Emmet Brown, who built a time machine out of a classic 1980's DeLorean. I have seen this movie at least 1000 times I thought to myself, *what draws me in every time?* Is it the action, the sci-fi, the comedy, the love story?

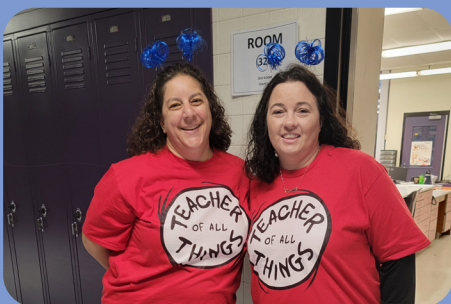
Maybe it is everything. I just love this film from start to finish and *Back to the Future* is considered by many as a perfect movie, and I couldn't agree more. It gets better every time you watch it. This film is so good, that there are 3 movies in this iconic franchise. Not only is this one of the best films of the 1980's, it has one of the best ending lines in a movie, "Roads? Where we're going we don't need roads."

I highly recommend watching it, as the story, the plot, and the dialogue are amazing. The directing by Robert Zemeckis and the music by Alan Silvestri is incredible. The performance from Michael J. Fox, and Christopher Lloyd are iconic and on point. Crispin Glover and Lea Thompson give a lovely performance of two high school sweethearts. The cast and crew are at an all-time high in this 1980's classic that was executive produced by Steven Spielberg. I truly love this movie through and through and

I would give it 10 stars. In conclusion, this is a movie you should be watching... no matter the decade.

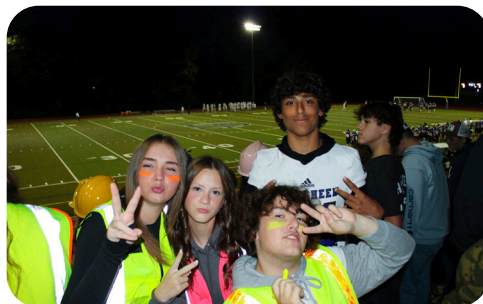


## SPIRIT WEEK



## 2023 PEP RALLY

### GO RAMS!



# PRESSURES OF STARTING A NEW YEAR *A JUNIOR'S PERSPECTIVE*

By Stanley Morgan

Before I stepped into school on the first day, a countdown started in my head. A countdown which kept telling me, "Hey man, it's crunch time". It's hard to think that over two years ago, I was welcomed to Shawsheen as a freshman. I'm now halfway through my time as a high school student, and sometimes I still feel like I've just started. This year is when I must start worrying about college, PSATs and SATs, yet still manage to have fun and be a teenager. The clock is ticking, and it's terrifying to think that I could be "left in the dust" if I cannot keep up with all these expectations. I know I am not alone. Many other juniors share the same pressures as me. Even through the stress, we still try to have fun and be a kid before we lose our chance. Next year, we're all adults and we're all going to go in different directions into our professional careers. So if you want my advice, don't let the countdown stress you out too much, make sure you still find time to have fun and enjoy the remaining days of your childhood.



## SPORTS CORNER... UPCOMING VARSITY GAMES!

**Football** 10/7/23

@ Greater Lowell 2:00pm

**Girls Soccer** 10/10/23

vs. Greater Lawrence 4:00pm

**Golf** 10/10/23

vs. Bedford High 3:30pm

@ Patriot GC

**Volleyball** 10/10/23

@ Whittier 5:30pm

**Cross Country** 10/11/23

@ Lowell Catholic 4:00pm

**Golf** 10/11/23

vs. Somerville High 3:30pm

@ Patriot GC

**Boys Soccer** 10/12/23

vs. Mystic Valley 4:00pm

**Girls Soccer** 10/12/23

@ Mystic Valley 4:15pm

**Volleyball** 10/12/23

vs. Lynn Tech 5:30pm

**Football** 10/13/23

@ Triton Regional 7:00pm

**Boys Soccer** 10/16/23

@ Dracut High 6:30pm

**Cross Country** 10/17/23

@ Greater Lawrence 3:30pm

**Girls Soccer** 10/17/23

vs. Lowell Catholic 4:00pm

**Volleyball** 10/17/23

@ Greater Lawrence 5:30pm

**Boys Soccer** 10/19/23

vs. Northeast 5:00pm

**Girls Soccer** 10/19/23

vs. Whittier 4:00pm

**Volleyball** 10/19/23

@ Innovation 5:15pm

**Football** 10/20/23

vs. Greater Lawrence 2:00pm

**Boys Soccer** 10/23/23

vs. Lowell Catholic 4:00pm

**Girls Soccer** 10/24/23

@ Lowell Catholic 4:00pm

**Volleyball** 10/24/23

@ Greater Lowell 5:30pm

**Volleyball** 10/26/23

vs. Dracut High 5:15pm

## SHAWSHEENS NEWEST TEACHERS: *DR. MILKOWSKI*

This Year the Rampage is working on a series of interview-based articles dedicated to the newest recruits to the Shawsheen staff! For this issue the focus is on Dr. Milkowski. Thursday of September 14th the following interview ensued:

**Q: What do you teach?**

A: Chemistry and Physics: CP/CE (Junior) Chem, Honors (Senior) Physics.

**Q: How long have you been teaching?**

A: This is the start of my 21st year teaching.

**Q: What is your favorite part about Shawsheen?**

A: I really love the student's mindset when it comes to working in class. The students have great problem-solving skills and are open to working things out by themselves in the sense of the curriculum. Assigning group problems to students in the classroom and having them troubleshoot to find a solution orients students to understand the content further.

**Q: What are you struggling to adjust to at Shawsheen?**

A: I really love using Microsoft, but I have been using google for 5 years, and getting reacclimated to using the software in learning plans is taking longer than usual.

**Q: What is your favorite part about teaching that pushes you to continue with it?**

A: I really like working with teens. It helps me gain a sense of their perspective and get to know them. Sometimes it also just keeps the brain young and helps us learn what's currently popular with them. I think it's funny when I try and fit into that vocabulary. Also, on a learning standard I like challenging them to think critically.

That just about wraps up our interview with Dr. Milkowski, we hope she has a great year! Though we still have several other teachers to talk about, tune into the next issue of the Rampage for more new teacher interviews!



# SHAWSHEEN TECH

STUDENTS & ALUMNI TO HOST

## Fall Fair



Event is free and open to the public.  
Over 100 vendors; concessions and raffles will be available.

**NOVEMBER 19, 2022**  
*Saturday 9:30 am - 3:30 pm*

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