

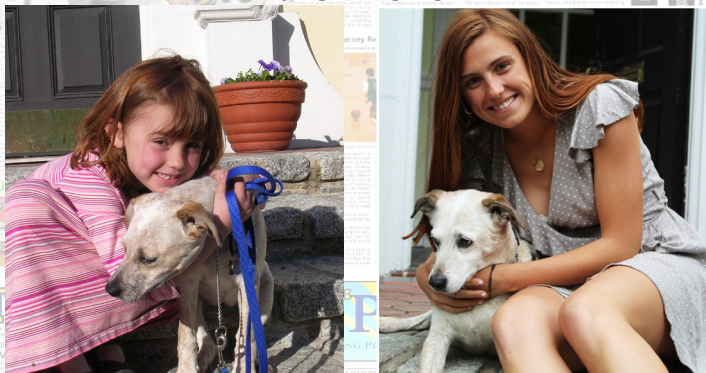
# The Pel Mel Farewell Mel Senior News Staff Share Their Memories & Say Goodbye

**Ella Stern**  
Features Editor



"I'm glad that I was able to call Pelham home and that I was able to attend PMHS. I think that I'll really miss the community feeling that you get here, and the nurturing environment that I grew up in. I enjoyed AP Art History because it was so unlike anything I have learned before, and it definitely sparked an interest of mine that I didn't even know existed. Print Journalism similarly inspired me to pursue journalism and gave me the freedom to explore the field. I'm really grateful for the experiences that I've had in Pelham and feel especially thankful for teachers, my parents, and others that have helped guide me these past few years. I would tell future students that even if school seems tedious at times the memories you make, friends you gain, and experiences you have at Pelham will most certainly shape your life for the better so make sure to enjoy every moment."

**Charlotte Edmunds**  
Editor-in-Chief



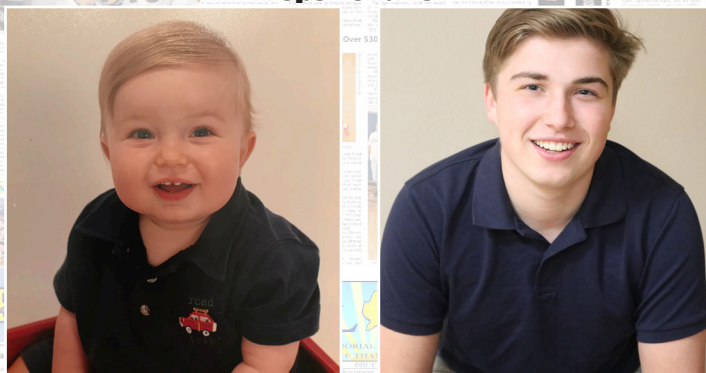
"My time here at PMHS has been one of great experiences and memories. Print Journalism has been my favorite class throughout high school. Not only was I able to build upon my skills as a writer, but being a part of *The Pel Mel* gave me a sense of responsibility, because I knew everyone would see the results of my hard work. The sports atmosphere in Pelham impacted my experience because they strongly exemplify the bond and spirit this community has. I'm going to miss being on these teams so much. One thing I regret about high school is focusing too much on the little things. Don't stress over one bad test grade! Take advantage of our teachers who are always there to provide support- they've all demonstrated how strongly they care not just about my education, but myself as a person. Specifically, Mrs. Connolly has always been there for me whenever I needed to talk. She's made these past four years so much easier!"

**Ben Glickman**  
Editor-in-Chief



"My best memory from high school was Olympics junior year because it gave a real sense of camaraderie between members of my grade that we had never felt before. It was really nice to feel that sense of community here. I will miss the array of familiar faces that I see when I walk around and know that there are people who are willing to open their doors to me. I built a lot of good relationships with teachers whose classes I have been in and even whose classes I have not been in, and that created a lot of bonds I can rely on for help when I need it. It will be hard to leave that behind."

**Zach Leonard**  
Sports Editor



"One of my best memories came just after Hurricane Sandy, when I completely lost power at home. To ensure my social studies project was completed on time, Mr. Jackson stayed with me for hours on end at school to make sure I finished. Mr. Jackson's generosity embodies the spirit of the Pelham community that I've come to appreciate. Over the course of high school, I've realized that it is most important to put happiness first. I have also enjoyed playing on the sports fields with my friends as I have grown up. Playing soccer and lacrosse have made some great memories throughout the years, especially winning the section championship. With all of the resources provided to me, I am excited for what the future holds!"

**Meghan Stevens**  
Clubs Editor



"I think I'm going to miss the people and the teachers from Pelham the most. Going to a small school like this is really nice, because you have an individualized learning experience, so it's definitely going to be a transition going to college where it's very big and you're kind of on your own time. Pelham has definitely provided me with a lot of support, both emotionally and academically. I think my favorite memory of my time here would probably be the week leading up to the Senior Talent Show, because we all stayed at the school really late and everyone came together to make this the best thing that we could. With Olympics soon after, this was one of the best moments, because I felt so united with the class of 2019."

**Julia Kaplansky**  
Associate Features Editor



"I would say the PMHS library is one of the best things that defines PMHS because I feel like a lot of things take place there, everything from conversations with your friends freshman year and studying for that hard test that was going to end you. It makes me think of how much I've changed since my first day here. High school has made me realize that it's hard, in the moment, to realize that everything you're doing has a purpose. Even if things get hard or you feel like you're failing, everything you do is a success. The fact that what I'm doing now and when I'm in the midst of my life, high school is a speck in space and it's okay to mess up."

**Lena Massaregli**  
Staff Reporter



"Growing up in Pelham has taught me a lot. Obviously it has its ups and downs, as people can feel closed in sometimes, but there are a ton of opportunities here. The whole town works together and everyone truly wants us to succeed. Like Mrs. Archer, who's been helping me from the moment she became my guidance counselor, especially throughout the college process. I've also really enjoyed playing softball these past four years, which gave me the social skills to put myself out there and gave me new friends that I normally wouldn't have met. Pelham has also taught me the important life lesson to give myself more credit and be more confident in myself. Enjoy your time here as much as you can because one day, this won't be your home anymore."

**Stephan Akichy**  
Associate Sports Editor



"I'm going to miss my friends and the people I'm surrounded by, though I won't mind leaving behind having to study for and take the S.A.T. Beating Byram Hills in soccer for the first time in five years was a "career highlight." I have never felt that much joy, and I teared up when I realized what we had achieved. My mom has definitely had the greatest impact on me while I was at PMHS. She kept me on the right path and always made sure that I was knowledgeable about all the things happening around me, so I could make the right decisions. Here at school Ms. Jacobs, Mrs. Livaditis, and Mr. Dibello shaped who I became. They all made me push myself and strive to exceed my limits. As I get ready to leave, I'd offer this advice: remember there are some people that you will never see again, so you just have to live in the moment and appreciate what you have right now."

**Ryan Gregware**  
Sports Editor



"Throughout my time at PMHS, there have been many different characters and experiences that have shaped me as a person. One teacher in particular who has impacted me a lot was my math teacher, Mr. Stellaboite. In both my freshman and senior years, he helped me go down the right path. I wouldn't be the student I am today without his help. When I was first in his class I was not prepared for high school, but he helped me get focused. Some classes that had an influence on me were broadcast production and print journalism. I took broadcast production in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, then print journalism in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade and fell in love with it. It helped me realize what I career path I wanted to pursue. I'll always remember how the Pelham community is so tight-knit. We are a very close community, and I love that. While it is sad to have to leave this community behind, I'm excited for what the future will hold for me at Fordham University."

**Charlie Kuster**  
Video Editor



"My favorite memory from high school was football Senior Night. I hadn't played in three years due to injury, and really had to work my way up to that night. I had told Anthony Senerchia Jr. at homecoming the year before that I was going to play next season, and he encouraged me. So to be there in his honor was really amazing; standing there made me feel like I had earned something. I have to thank the B.R.I.D.G.E teachers for really shaping my high school experience. Freshman and sophomore year, I was really disorganized academically. When I started with the B.R.I.D.G.E. program, Mrs. Connolly, Mr. Pitruille, and Mr. Beck helped me find my way, allowing me to grow as a student and a person. If I could give some advice to future seniors, I'd urge them to get involved. High school is all about the relationships you make, and you want to look back on it as a place where you influenced many people, and made a difference."

**Luca Rivera**  
Graphics Editor



"I've been in the Print Journalism class for two years now, and before that I submitted cartoons and graphics as part of the club for *The Pel Mel*. Being a part of the Sock 'n' Buskin set crew also defined my experience here. I loved how it was hands-on and it opened up opportunities for me in the future. It made me realize that I want to do more than just work at a desk. As I move on, I'm going to miss a lot of people from Pelham, but most importantly Mrs. Archer. She is an awesome person! One of the most memorable moments of high school was finding out I'd be attending the University of Edinburgh. I can't wait and I'm so excited to see the rest of the world after high school."

**Katy Hart**  
Graphics Editor



"Any time I think about high school, the first thing that comes to mind is Olympics. I use it to categorize every year, like colors and themes. I remember snippets of sitting in stands from every angle in the gym and watching different events. I remember certain people and thoughts I'd have during Olympics, in addition to working on decorations after school. I'll definitely miss it, as well as the routine I got into with my family and friends, because when you go to college, everything changes. Since elementary school, it's been the same thing and same people, but now everything's changing, and it can be jarring. I remember how in freshman year, I'd think how old the seniors were, but now, as a senior myself, I don't feel that old. Yet if you took me and freshman year me and compared us back to back, I think you would find a difference only four years made."

**Maddie Mullany**  
Clubs Editor



"After four formative, exciting, and fun years at Pelham Memorial High School, and two great years on *The Pel Mel* staff, I'm off to Chapman University in Orange County, California. Although I'm sad to be leaving my friends and family, I'm excited to carry fond memories of PMHS as I start this new chapter of my life. I loved classes like Physics with Mr. Dibello, and AP English with Mr. Sans, and books like J.D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye* helped make school interesting and fun. Print Journalism has taught me so much and has been a great experience, and I hope to continue working on a newspaper in college. I am thankful for all the memories PMHS has given me and will miss my friends and teachers very much."