

## JAMMIN' TO THE TUNES OF SUMMER

By ALEXA PEDUZZI

With summer just a few weeks away, more and more songs are being released in hopes of becoming this summer's smash hit. When making a summer playlist, however, these songs are a must!

"Sunshine" by The Clarks – This Pittsburgh-born band has many hits, ranging from the ever-so-popular "Better Off Without You" to the slow groove "Penny on the Floor." Their new album, *Restless Days*, is due out June 9. Look out for this new single, along with a whole new set of songs. Don't forget about the official CD release concert on June 13 at the Chevrolet Amphitheatre at Station Square.

"Summer Breeze" by Jason Mraz – This "I'm Yours" artist recorded this song for a television show called *Everwood*. Sophomore Jordan Miller thinks this song is exceptional! "It's groovy, baby!" he exclaimed. "But it wasn't on Nick and Norah's [playlist]."

"Look Out Sunshine!" by The Fratellis – Although having nothing to do with sunshine, this song has a great beat that will leave anyone dancing. The Fratellis are an alternative band from the UK made of three brothers, Jon, Barry, and Mince Fratelli. Also, check out

their most popular song "Flathead," which is best known for its appearance on an iTunes



Get those playlists ready for the pool or beach, like

Hannah Baldwin-May and Erica Glynn.

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commercial.

"Ants Marching" by The Dave Matthews Band – The Dave Matthews Band has many great hits that would be perfect additions to any summer playlist. "Ants Marching" is a must-have. Sophomore Isaiah Yohn agrees. "This song is one of the best summer-time songs. Every time I hear it, I just want to party. It reminds me of a picnic or something..." he states.

"Centerfield" by John Fogerty – This jam is an oldie but a goodie. It's perfect for those scorching days at the field. It has a great beat that any baseball fan should have on his or her playlist.

"Summertime Blues" by Eddie Cochran – Sophomores Justin Lorenz and Dan Willard both enjoy this song, but they like the remake by The Who even better. "It's an epic song," Lorenz states. "With smooth melodies, and a familiar rhythm that takes me to a place where I would hide from a thunderous thunderstorm." Willard agrees saying, "The Who's cover of 'Summertime Blues' is excellently done, and it is a classic rock blues. The *Live at Leeds* version is particularly good."

"Here Comes the Sun" by The Beatles – This "Fab Four" song is one off of their 1969 album, *Abbey Road*. Written by George Harrison, it's a very simple song with a great tune. A remake can also be heard in the movie *The Parent Trap*.

"Beautiful Day" by U2 – This song is great for any day of summer. On any "Beautiful Day", it's sure to be a hit. Don't forget to check out U2's newly-released album, titled *No Line on the Horizon*.

## READY FOR ROLLERCOASTERS

By KELLY STREIT

The majority of Seneca students mainly have one thing on their minds by this time of the year, and that's summer vacation. Summer vacation often means having fun; the only dilemma is choosing how.

Amusement and water parks are huge attractions during the summer. Many amusement parks, located not far from Butler County, bring in hundreds of customers everyday during summer. Almost all of these fun-filled parks cost under a \$50 all-day entry fee.

One of the highest priced amusement parks around is Hershey Park, costing about \$52 to get in. Hershey Park is open everyday in June, July, and August, most days from 10 AM to 10 PM. Driving to Hershey Park takes around four hours. At Hershey Park, customers enjoy an amusement park as well as a water park, Zoo America, and Chocolate World. However, these cost extra.

Another popular amusement park is the famous Kennywood that many students look forward to attending. Tickets cost

about \$40 unless bought at a discounted price or through the school. Kennywood's gates open at 10:30 AM and rides begin at 11 AM. Closing time depends on the weather, number of people and the day of the week, but is usually around 10 PM. For more information about Kennywood visit [www.kennywood.com](http://www.kennywood.com).

Idlewild and Soak Zone is located about two hours away and costs about \$30 to enter. Idlewild focuses on amusement park rides only, while Soak Zone consists of water rides. Idlewild opens May 23 and remains open nearly everyday until the end of August. For more information visit [www.idlewild.com](http://www.idlewild.com).

Located in Pittsburgh, Sandcastle costs around \$28 and focuses on water rides. It is open the majority of summer between 11 AM and 6 PM. Visit [www.sandcastlewaterpark.com](http://www.sandcastlewaterpark.com) to learn more.

Students must wait only a little longer to experience these popular attractions. Have a safe, happy summer!

## SUMMER ON THE BIG SCREEN

By ZACK "NO LONGER BIFF" MCQUILLAN

Summer is a time to sit back and relax, and a way to do so is to watch movies, so here's what coming out this summer.

June has two blockbuster movies to look forward to, *The Taking of Pelham 123* and *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*. *The Taking of Pelham 123* stars John Travolta and Denzel Washington and is a remake of a film from 1974 (using the same name). The premise is a group of hijackers (Travolta included) getting control of a train and demanding a million dollars for each hostage.

*Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* is the sequel to the huge hit *Transformers* and continues from where the first film left off. The release dates are June 12 and June 24, respectively.

July isn't lacking in movies either with *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs* and *Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince*. Ray Romano, Dennis Leary, Seann William Scott, and John Leguizamo return to reprise the roles from the first two *Ice Age* films. The movie depicts their characters finding a tropical paradise and learning to adapt with the new creatures. *Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince* is the sixth film installment in the *Harry Potter* series based on the book of the same name. The films are to be released on July 3 and July 17, in that order.

Finally, August rounds out the summer with action and horror in the movies *GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra* and *Final Destination 4: Death Trip 3D*. Channing Tatum plays Duke in the *GI Joe* movie. The movie focuses on the origins of the Cobra Organization and Duke introduction the *GI Joe* Team. *The Final Destination* series continues as its characters cheat death. Death comes back to find them, and this time it will find them in 3D. The release dates for the movies are August 7 and August 28.

### New movies for June 5-12

**Up now playing**  
**-The Hangover out June 5**  
**-Imagine That out June 12**  
**-Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 out June 12**

## DIVE INTO A GREAT BOOK THIS SUMMER

By MALLORY WALMSLEY

The book *That Summer* by Sarah Dessen is a fresh, fun, love story about a typical teenager who falls for a guy she barely knows.

The plot starts out with a girl named Haven. Fifteen-year-old tall, lanky, and yet beautiful in her own way, she feels so insecure about herself. Everything about her life stinks. Her parents have recently gotten divorced and her father is re-marrying the weather woman, also referred to as "the weather pet". Haven

will be forced to move into a new beach home with her mother and 22-year-old sister.

When things can't seem to get any worse, Haven's sister, Ashley, has a wedding on her hands. Ashley is engaged to a serious boyfriend. Haven doesn't seem to be a big fan of him, considering she thinks her sister has gotten way more serious since she's been engaged. In the mean time, Haven runs into her sister Ashley's ex-boyfriend, Sumner Lee.

Sumner Lee is a fun, outgoing boy. He has always been original in his own way. When Haven re-unites with Sumner, it reminds her of the previous summer when things were absolutely perfect. Her parents were together and happy, Ashley was a carefree, loving sister and not some serious grouch, and Sumner was always around bringing happiness to the family. Will Haven be able to have the perfect summer once again, or will it be nothing but dread from now on?