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What's Brewing at The Castle?

By Paige Onder
Junior Reporter

What adult doesn't love a good cup of coffee? I don't know about you, but almost every morning, everyone in my family is sitting down with a nice hot cup of coffee. So what better way to raise money and help kids get work experience then to start a coffee cart here at HEMS.

I sat down with learning support teachers, Mrs. Tarone and Mrs. Balay, to ask them some questions about the new coffee cart to find out how it was started, the future plans for the cart, and what else they sell besides coffee! I also wanted to find out why getting coffee from the cart is better than getting it from a coffee shop in town or making coffee at home. Let's see what they had to say.

Q: Who came up with the idea to start a coffee cart?

A: It was Mr. Yourechko's idea to start up a coffee cart here at school.

Q: What do the funds raised by the coffee cart support?

A: All the money goes towards helping the kids with special needs.

Q: What type of drinks and food do you sell?

A: Some items include coffee, decaf coffee, hot



Above: HEMS students and teacher Mrs. Balay pose while working the coffee car in the HEMS lobby.

chocolate, water, as well as snacks like donuts, breakfast bars, and more.

Q: Who is allowed to purchase things from the coffee cart?

A: At the moment, only adults are allowed to buy from the coffee cart.

Q: What do the kids do to help at the cart?

A: They do all kinds of things! They check inventory, help with the money, and, most importantly, get taught things that they may one day need in the future.

Q: What do the adults do at the cart?

A: Our main job is to help guide the kids working.

Q: What is the best seller at the cart?

A: The most sold refreshments from the coffee cart are the regular and decaf coffees. There is no specific snack that sells faster than the others, but we are almost always out!

Q: Where is the coffee cart located and what are the hours of operation?

A: The cart is open from 8am to 2pm and it is located in the front hall.

Q: Does everyone enjoy running the coffee cart?

A: The kids have a lot of fun and get excited when it's their turn to work. We enjoy getting to see them learn lots of new things.

Q: What are the plans for the future?

A: We are hoping to sell bagels, iced tea, lemonade, and a few other snacks.

Q: Were you expecting this much support?

A: We got a lot more support than we expected.

Q: Any final thoughts?

A: We are very thankful for everyone's support and hope you like what we sell.

The cart is unique because it supports our students with disabilities in so many ways. If you haven't visited the Castle coffee cart, why not stop by today!

Note: Faculty and staff are welcome to make food and supply donations to the coffee cart. A special thank you to those

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What's Happening?



Left photo: HEMS spelling bee winners from left: Middle school winner **Leanna Carcassas** and runner-up **Hayleigh Correll**. Sixth grade winner **Nicholas Carballo** and runner-up **Ismeldy Cappellan**.



Right photo: **Hayleigh Correll** poses moments after winning the HASD spelling bee on February 4, 2019 at Hazleton Area High School. Correll will move on to the regional spelling bee held at the Woodlands Inn and Resort in March. This is Correll's second district spelling bee championship win. She previously won in 2018.

No Phone - No Dance or No Problem

By **Hayleigh Correll**
Junior Reporter*

The Valentine's Dance was held on Friday, February 8. Usually the buzz in the air is about who is going with whom to the dance, but this year most HEMS students were buzzing about the new no cell phone rule. Many students were upset about this new rule to the point that they did not attend the dance. Others did not let the new restriction spoil their Valentine fun. We caught up with a few students to get their opinions on the no phone zone Valentine dance.

Samantha Reimold, seventh grade, attended the dance. Reimold said she was fine not bringing her phone. She said the dance was a good time.

"I would have had fun with or without my

phone," said Reimold.

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Potence,

seventh grade, also attended the Valentine's

dance. When asked how she enjoyed the night she said, "It was great! I had a good time."

Potence said she was divided on the cell phone rule and said, "Part of me thought it was a good idea because we could socialize more, but the other half of me thought it was a stupid rule."

Not everyone felt the same way, though. Many students chose to not attend the dance because they felt their cell phones should be allowed inside on the dance floor.

Yaleryn Familia,



"I would have had fun with or without my phone."

-**Samantha Reimold**, 7th grade

"I thought (the rule) was unnecessary."

-**Yaleryn Familia**, 7th grade

seventh grade, chose not to attend the Valentine's Dance. When asked why she did not attend Familia said, "I did not feel like it and also because of the no cell phones." She said she felt the rule was unnecessary.

This writer also attended the dance even though I was feeling 50/50 with the situation about no cell phones. For me, the dance was great and I had a great time.

School principal Mr. Yourechko and assistant principal Ms. Kupsho

said the no cell phone rule is to ensure the safety and privacy of all students attending the school dance. This "new rule" is only new to HEMS. Other schools in the district have been enforcing this rule at their school dances for a few years now. It also encourages students to interact with one another and not be glued to their phones. Regardless of the no cell phone rule, all the students attending the Valentine's dance had a great time!

Clubs

Members Glad to be in S.A.D.D.

By Evan Tobias
Junior Reporter

I recently interviewed Mrs. Sharp, the SADD club advisor, about the club's events. There was a cyberbullying program presented by Tammy Rodgers. Students, faculty, and staff were encouraged to wear black. This was to make students aware of bad decisions and "black them out." Ms. Rodgers, who is an education coordinator for the Domestic Violence Service Center, presented the program about social media bullying and online abuse. The program showed the dangers of sharing your personal information and how to protect it, as well as, protecting your reputation.

In February, donations will be collected from the SADD Club members for the Domestic Violence Service Center. Also, prisoners from Youth Forestry Camp will be presenting a program valuable to students to show consequences some youth have faced that put them in jail.

In May, the TRU Group part of SADD will go to Harrisburg to help raise the smoking age to twenty-one. The club



Members of the S.A.D.D. club proudly pose in their new club sweatshirts at HEMS.

received a \$2,000 grant to fund their trip to Harrisburg. The TRU Group along with all SADD members will have a presentation in the spring for students to educate them on the dangers of smoking and vaping. SADD Club meetings will be held monthly to discuss other upcoming plans and events.

I was able to talk with a few SADD Club members about the club. When asked what inspired her to join SADD, seventh grader **Anadelys Ramirez** said, "Another member from last year

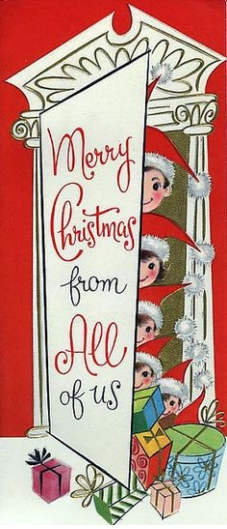
good for other people and helped me with communication decisions."

Eighth grader **Dakota Fiumefreddo** talked about the message of SADD saying, "The message is to stop people from making dangerous decisions in their life."

Seventh grader, **Marbella Guadrado** added, "We can dissuade destructive decisions from happening, and help people think of the consequences," when discussing some things that SADD members can do to help people not make destructive decisions.

Eighth grader **Samira Rodriguez** talked about adding more events and programs, "We should do more programs, because from past experiences I made some destructive decisions, and all the presentations made me think and act better. The club changed my life."

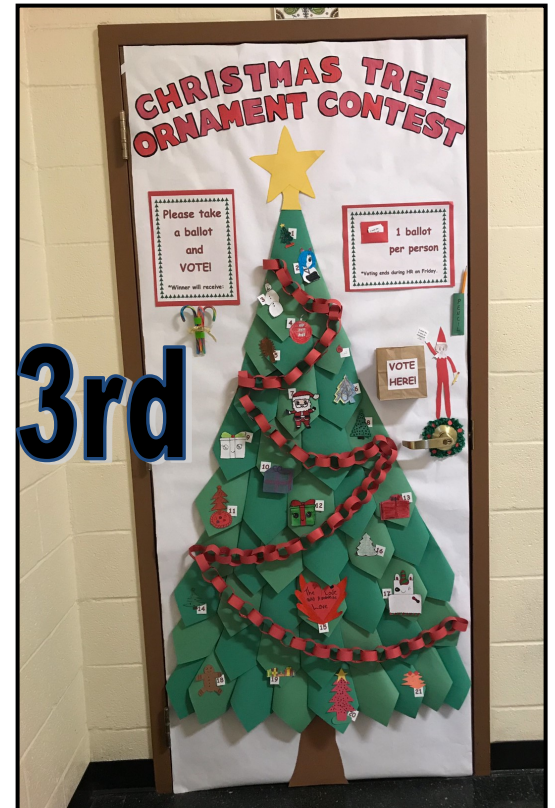
Any student who is interested in learning more about the S.A.D.D. (Students Against Dangerous Decisions) Club can speak to club advisor Mrs. Sharp or any club member. You can also visit the S.A.D.D. website on the HEMS page.



Castle Christmas



Middle School Doors



1st Place - Ms. McCuen

2nd Place - Mrs. Mooney

3rd Place - Mrs. Force

*The Castle Caller's Honorable Mention -
Mr. Wilner and Dr. Attick*

Door Decorating

1st



Elementary Doors

2nd



3rd



1st Place - Mr. O'Donnell
2nd Place- Mrs. O'Donnell
3rd Place - Mrs. Bott

Sports

Boys' Basketball Season

By Lauren Wakefield

Junior Reporter

With basketball season almost ending, everyone is nervous and excited about which schools are going to the playoffs. The following is an interview with head coach Mr. Silva.

Q: What did you enjoy about the season?

Silva: I enjoy when the team does what I taught them. For example, when they practice a drill and they use it in a game.

Q: What are your hopes and wishes for the future?

Silva: I hope to make the playoffs and wish to win the championship.

Q: How did the season go?

Silva: It's been difficult but the boys are getting the hang of it.

Q: Do you have any words of wisdom for the boys on the team?

Silva: Play together. Help one another. It's all about having a strong friendship.

The players had a few things to add to Coach Silva's thoughts about the season, as well. This

reporter had the opportunity to speak with player T.J. Deutsch.

Q: What did you guys enjoy most about the season?

T.J.: I enjoyed playing with Travis and Jim and our brother-like bond with the team.

Q: What do you dislike about the season?

T.J.: Making turnovers.

Louis: That we only won 4 games.

Q: What are your hopes for the season?

T.J.: To make the playoffs and to put more than 20 points up in a game.



2018-2019 Hazleton Mountaineer basketball team with Head Coach Mr. Silva

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