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‘Changing of the Guard’ in HMS Sports

By Nayeli Rodriguez
Senior Reporter*

This year at the Castle we have some new coaches in the sports department, specifically in boys basketball and cheerleading.

Unfortunately, Mr. Plesh will not be returning as the boys basketball coach. Last year, Plesh took his Mounts team to the Anthracite League Championships. The Mounts came in second place and had a tremendous season.

Cheerleading coach Mrs. O’Donnell will also not be returning after 10 years as the HMS cheerleading coach. When asked how she felt about leaving, O’Donnell said, “I am very sad to leave the program I built here at the Castle. I had a lot of great teams and many wonderful girls that I still keep in touch with today. I will miss it very much, but I am so happy the program is in good hands with our new coaches.”

HMS guidance counselor Mrs. Planutis and Title I teacher Mrs. Platek are very excited to begin the new season. Mrs. Platek said she was

very happy to help coach the new team. It wasn’t something she had in mind to do, but when she found out the team needed a coach she was up for the job!



PLANUTIS

Both she and Mrs. Planutis want their cheerleaders to not only motivate the players during the games, but also the students at HEMS. The girls are school role models who need to have good behavior and grades.

Boys basketball will be running under the direction of Mr. Silva, HEMS community liaison. Mr. Silva has served as an assistant coach for the boys basketball team at HMS for the past 6 years. He said the head coach job is a great opportunity for him and he wants to continue coaching.

As far as how the team looks for the upcoming season, Silva said there is

is a lot of potential and hope.

In conclusion, *The Castle Caller* would like to wish all new coaches

and athletes good luck in the winter sports season!



SILVA

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Giving Thanks

By Loreanny Mendez
Junior Reporter*

It’s that time of year again when we give thanks for the things in life that we are appreciative of. Below are some of the things the students of HEMS are thankful for.

Aaron Laureano, fifth grade, said he is grateful for his family because they love him and take care of him.

Dariel Laureano, third grade, said he is thankful for the food he has to eat so he doesn’t suffer from starvation.

Paige Onder, seventh grade, said she is thankful for all her friends because they are supportive.

Seventh grader **Lauren Wakefield** said she is thankful for her family because they buy her things like iPhones and food. They also provide her with shelter. Wakefield is also thankful for Litsy Nunez and Liliana Valerio, and HEMS because she learns reading and math.

Jayce Sanchez, seventh grade, said he is thankful for his friends and family because they are always there for him.

Tatiana Fernandez-Ventura, seventh grade, said she is thankful for her family and friends because they help her, give her support, and

SPORTS

Good Luck to the 2017-2018 HSM Mountaineer Athletic Teams

Girls Basketball

Lisbeth Cappelán
Tianna Contreras
Yocilia Leon
Gianna Miller
Nayeli Rodriguez
Genesis Borrero
Jade Cahalane
Yamileisy Calderon
Ashley Fabian
Emely Hernandez
Tatianna Hernandez
Laniyah Peguero
Fremely Paredes
Coach: Miss Touch

Cheerleading

Milagro Acosta
Danna Camacho
Bianca Colon
Perla Cuesta
Rocio Difo
Caly Gales
Anabel Lantigua
Ashley Luciano
Ana Madera
Nora Minyety
Yamairis Ortiz
Jelali Pichardo
Kiara Pizarro
Mia Rodriguez
Sary Santiago
Coaches: Mrs. Planutis
and Mrs. Platek

Boys Basketball

Jancarlos Lopez
Joshua Aquino
Jonanthony Sencion
Jayden Johnson
Gabriel Morel
Maxwell Castillo
Miguel Garcia
Travis Clay
Angel Arias
Timothy Deutsch
Hunter Nye
Louis Scalise
Alvin Hernandez
Yonni Leon
George Gad
Coach: Mr. Silva

GO MOUNTS!

Halloween at the Castle



A Letter from the Editor

Editor’s Note: The following reporters did not make their editorial deadline: **Stephanie Ruiz** and **Enver Omeragic**.

Dear Students of HMS,
The Castle Caller has been publishing student newspapers for 10 years. We have always had students interested in working as reporters or photographers to report the school news.

Without your participation, there cannot be a student newspaper. Meetings are short and reporting is done on your time. With a school as great as ours, we should have a full staff and a terrific paper.

Remember, this is your newspaper. Visit our website and read the past editions from past Castle students. I know they’d be sad to see this paper end, but sadly that’s where it’s headed.

Mrs. O’Donnell, Club Advisor

The Castle Caller
needs
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REPORTERS**

Listen to announcements for the December meeting.

“Giving Thanks” cont.

they are always there for her.

Emely Hernandez, seventh grade, said she is grateful for her family because they help her with everything.

Liliana Valerio, seventh grade, said she is thankful for life because it gives her wonderful adventures.

Seventh grader **Justin Ceballos** said he is thankful for his family because they are always there for him and they love him.

Dakota Fiumefredo, seventh grade, said he is grateful

for his friends and family.



Samira Jose Rodriguez, seventh grade, said she is thankful for her friends and

rough times.

At this special time of year, take some time to think about all that you have to be thankful for. Then let the people in your life know how much they mean to you. It’s the best present you can give someone. I am #Thankful.

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