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Take the Time to Be Thankful

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It's here! The time of year when people show their gratitude for each other by coming together for a Thanksgiving meal. Whether it is eating turkey or simply saying thank you to someone, it's important we all know there is something in life to be grateful for and people who are thankful for you! Lots of students are thankful for many things in their lives. Here are some of the things that the students of HEMS had to say when I asked them what they were most grateful for!

Many students, including **Liliana Valerio**, 8th grade, said they were grateful for their family and friends because they always had their backs. Valerio said whether she needs help with homework or just someone to talk to she can count on her family and friends.

Lauren Wakefield, 8th grade, said, "I am most thankful for Mr. Bishop because without

him showing us the movie "A Hard Day's Night" I wouldn't have been introduced to the Beatles and fallen in

love with the band!" **Jayla Saldana**, seventh grade, said, "I am most thankful for my friends. Without them I'm lonely."

Eighth graders **Tommy Areche** and **Bryan Taveras** said they are most thankful for electronics because they are fun and entertaining.

Daiancy Aquino, 5th grade, said she's thankful for her family because when she needs them they are

there for her. **Rocco Welch**, seventh grade, said family is important to him also because they

do good things for him. Eighth grader **Cristian Fabian** said, "I am thankful for school and my education because cause it will help me in the future."

Aiden Cruz, 6th grade, explained, "I am thankful to be living and having an average life." His sister **Leliana Cruz**, 3rd grade, said she was thankful for food.

There are many things to be thankful for, just as these students ex-

pressed in this article. Whether you are most thankful for family and friends or thankful for the education you are getting at HEMS, it's important to reflect on what we have this Thanksgiving. Remember it's not all about the turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes. Take the time to be grateful for the loved ones you have in your life and the good things that are happening for you. Even if it is minor to you, some people do not have what you have. Take the time to reflect on all the good things in your life and give thanks!

The Castle Caller wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!



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Sports

Cheerleaders Excited for B-ball Season

By Jade Cahalane

Junior Reporter

When it comes to the upcoming 2018-2019 basketball season, everyone is very excited, including the whole cheer team! Captain **Milagro Acosta**, eighth grade, said, "We are super excited to perform at both the girls' and boys' basketball home games! I'm going to try to go to as many games as possible to support our school."

Rocio Difo, 8th grade, is also a cheer captain. She said, "I'm very excited for this upcoming season! I think we will have a chance to make it to the playoffs this year. I just can't wait until the games start. It's going to be such a fun



season."

As you can see, they are very excited for the upcoming season, just as many other people are. This season is going to be a lot of fun so come out and support the Mounts and Lady Mounts basketball teams. Good luck! Go Mounts!

Members of the 2018-19 HMS Mounts cheerleaders are: *Milagro Acosta, Hayleigh Correll, Rocio Difo, Caly Gales, Cassandra Grullon, Anyelisa Lara, Anastasia Omeragic, Desiree Polanco, Samantha Reimold, Adeline Rodriguez, Julissa Rosario, Aalyah Rosario, Ashanti Rumaldo, Carol Taveras, and Sonia Wakefield.*

Coach Wilner on Lady Mounts Ball

By Lauren Wakefield

Junior Reporter

Basketball season is here and the Lady Mounts have a new head coach, Mr. Wilner, HMS's seventh grade science teacher.

Mr. Wilner was the assistant coach for the Lady Mounts last year. *The Castle Caller* spoke to him about his feelings on the upcoming basketball season and his new head coach position.

Q: What are your goals for this season?

Wilner: I want everyone to have fun, enjoy the season, and everyone learn the fundamentals.

Q: How do you think the season will turn out?

Wilner: I think the sea-

son will turn out very fun and it will be a very exciting experience for me to be head coach."

Q: Who inspired you to become a coach?

Mr. Wilner said his inspiration was the former coach for the Indiana Hoosiers, Texas Tech, and Army basketball Bobby Knight. His favorite player from the Boston Celtics is Larry Bird.

Q: Did you ever play basketball?

Wilner: Yes, I started playing basketball in 3rd grade and still play to this day.

Q: What makes a good player?

Wilner: Well, a good

player is someone who wants to learn

and is willing to take the time out to practice until he or she gets better at it. Also, someone who is a good listener and won't mess around the whole time.

Q: Who is going to be the Castle's biggest rival this year?

Wilner: West Hazleton will be the biggest because we beat them twice last season.

Q: Do you have any advice for people who may



Coach Wilner

be scared to try out?

Wilner: Keep trying and get better.

Q: Finally, what is going to be the best part of the season and the most stressful part of the season?

Wilner: The best part is going to be watching everyone have fun and learn something new. The most stressful part will probably be watching us go against some pretty good teams like Freeland and McAdoo.

Basketball season is very exciting for our school and for the kids playing. Come out and support our Lady Mounts. The season begins in December.

Clubs

Drama Club Gears Up for Christmas Comedy

By Hayleigh Correll

Junior Reporter

Mrs. Rodgers is one of the drama club advisors this year. We caught up with her to see how things were going with the club.

Q: What are your plans for this year's play?

Rodgers: This year the play we are doing is called *The Robbed Reindeer*. It's a comedy about how a reindeer's antlers got stolen.

Q: Why did you decide to advise drama club?

Rodgers: The students

asked me.

Q: How is planning the play going?

Rodgers: 50/50. There are some challenges, but we get over them.

Q: When will the play be performed?

Rodgers: December 14th. It is at 9am for elementary students and 1pm for middle school and parents.

Mrs. Rodgers said she hoped the actors learned their lines and that the play goes smooth.

Drama club member **Samantha Reimold** said she is playing Mrs. Gladstone in the play. She felt the practices were going well. She feels the company will have everything down for the performance and the play will work out just fine.

Aisha Jimenez is playing one of the Janes. She said the practices are going great.

"I think we are making a lot of progress through each one."

When asked how the club advisors run things, Jimenez said they are strict, but at the same time they know how to assist the actors. Yes, I do like them.

Jimenez said the play will turn out the way that it should because all of the actors are interested in their parts.

This writer would like to add that as an actor in the play I think it will be a huge success and get a lot of laughs.

How Do I Get In the Yearbook?

By Evan Tobias

Junior Reporter

I'm sure you have at least heard about our school yearbook, but do you now anything about it? Like how to get in it or how much it costs? Well, I went straight to yearbook club advisor, Mrs. Howey, to get answers.

The cost of each yearbook is \$20. If purchased early, yearbooks will be at a discounted price of \$16. Look for order forms in March.

The yearbook staff is going to design a new cover and layout this year. They may come up with some other new ideas as well.

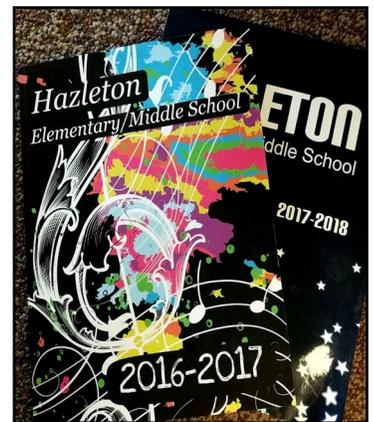
Do you want to be in the yearbook? Be active in your school community and you will be! Join clubs and participate in sports.

The yearbook will contain pictures of clubs and other organizations. Pictures are submitted by teachers and students highlighting events throughout the year. Although you are also allowed to submit photos by emailing them to Mrs. Howey or you can wait until directions are passed out to upload pictures to an app.

If you join yearbook staff you do not

have to fundraise. The yearbook sales from the previous year helps pay for yearbook sales in the current year.

I asked Mrs. Howey what her favorite part of advising the yearbook is and she said, "Working with students and helping make memories in the yearbook to last for years to come."



2018-2019 Yearbooks

Sale begins in March

Cost \$20

Preserve your memories by saving photos and submitting them.

Features

Halloween at the Castle

By Lucheska Perez and Elianny Vazquez*

Junior Reporters

It's that time of the year again. Where everyone dresses up as their favorite character or ghoul and goes out to collect lots of candy. This year some kids are going trick or treating, some are staying in watching scary movies, and some are having parties and much more. We asked some HMS students how they celebrate Halloween and this is what they had to say.

Seventh grader **Samantha Reimold** said when she goes trick or treating she goes in a group. She went as a sumo wrestler this year.

Jayden Baez, seventh grade, said he goes trick or treating in Wilkes-

Barre, Freeland, and West Hazleton. He said in the past three years he was a gorilla, Superman, and the Purge.

Most kids said they like to go out late to collect their candy. Eighth grader **Jade Cahalane** prefers to go at 5pm. Some kids say that it is better to go when it is still light out because it is safer.

Some students do not celebrate Halloween so they don't dress up or collect candy. Others buy candy from the store instead of getting it from strangers. They still have fun doing that.

We hope everyone had a Happy Halloween. Enjoy the pictures from elementary's parade.



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