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## Welcome New Teachers

by Amy Latella, Kelsey Whittaker & Maria Scatton

Mr. Neil Forte is a new instrumental teacher at our school. His inspiration for becoming a music teacher was his private saxophone teacher, William Gasbarro. Mr. Forte loves teaching music and finds it very rewarding to hear what students can accomplish.



Forte

His favorite instrument is the soprano saxophone. He says what inspired him to play an instrument was when he first heard a saxophone solo in a tune by the group, Foreigner, called "Urgent." His favorite type of music is Jazz.

His advice for students who are involved with music is, "Absorb everything you can! Read, listen, study and practice-practice-practice. Whether you're just playing for enjoyment or with

the intent to perform or teach music, don't sell yourself short. Like everything, you must work hard to enjoy the musical experience and have fun doing it!!"

Mrs. Judy Sallemi is the new Math 7 and Algebra II teacher. Mrs. Sallemi says she became a math teacher because she loved it for a long time. When she was little, she and her cousin pretended to be teachers. She didn't always want to be a teacher, though; she actually wanted to be a fashion designer because she loves clothes and accessories. Mrs. Sallemi's favorite subject was always math because it kept her busy

and out of trouble. "When I assign 75 homework problems, I say it is to practice math, but it's really to keep you out of trouble." Her advice to students is, "Students who want to become ANYTHING must love and be passionate about whatever you choose to do. Most of us have to work for a very large portion of our adult lives and loving what you are doing each day helps you attain a successful career."

Mrs. Carrine Karlick is the new sixth grade reading teacher at our school. "I like teaching because I love to be part of enriching the minds of young people," said Mrs. Karlick. She also said, "I have always wanted to be a

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The following reporters did not make the editorial deadline:

✓ Cody Friendly, Landon Leshko & Brandon Kotansky for their interview with Beanie Maddon, mother of the Tampa Bay Rays head coach and Hazleton native, Joe Maddon.

## New Year, New Fears by Diana Vargas & Yayleen Machado

We interviewed 8th grade teachers, Ms. Rimshaw and Mr. Hudock about their feelings at the beginning of the school year.

**Q:** "How are you enjoying the beginning of the school year?"

**Ms. R:** "I always like the beginning of the year, it's a fresh start for everyone."

**Mr. H:** "Nervous, because it is a new year and you don't know what the students are going to be like and excited because I get to meet my students and teach again, which I like."



**Q:** "Do you think this school year is going to be



different?"

**Ms. R:** "I think it will be different because there are different students."

**Mr. H:** "Yes, it will be different, because I have different students. Also fun because of the people I work with."

**Q:** "From what you have

seen, are you still looking forward to the year?"

**Mr. H:** "Yes, I think my classes are pretty good this year."

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## The Lady Mounts Basketball Team by: Barbara Robinson

The girl's basketball team, coached by Mrs. James and Mrs. Robbins, has had a very successful year. This year the team is a machine. Each player has her own special part. Some players are point guards, guards or forwards. At practices we run defense, offense, square up and shooting plays. The main goal is to get as many points as you can and not to foul anyone.

This year we have a new coach in 7th grade, Mrs. Robbins. She is a health and a gym teacher for the school district. At practices she takes the 7<sup>th</sup> graders to learn their plays because there is no press in the JV games. Mrs. James takes the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to learn the press breakers, because in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade game there is press. Press is when the opposing team tries to get our ball.

Our coaches do everything to make our team a good team. They are the ones who make the up our plays. During the game they strategize together because if they need to send someone in for another person, or if someone gets hurt and can't play, they make the decisions.

Mostly everyone who is in middle school comes to the games, even the parents of the players! If you want to see the Lady Mounts at their best, come to the games and cheer. Go Lady Mounts! The 7<sup>th</sup> graders that play for the Lady

Mounts are Rebecca Marchetti, #23; Angela Marchetti, #15; Krysta Decker, #12; Maria Scatton, #10; Shantal Palaez, #20; Paula Rodriguez, #22; Alondra Fernandez, #21; Gabby Vito, #54; Briannie Silva, #35; Megan Jones, #13 and Katlyn Berry, #40. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders that play on the Mounts are Justine Rossi, #41; Wendy Hullon #30; Lizzy Longo, #44; Cheyenne Tuggle, #32; Jillian Houser, #11; Amanda Gordineer, #45; Barbara Robinson, #25 and Lindsey Hettler, #24. Come out and see a game and cheer on your team!



***Eighth grader Cheyenne Tuggle makes a basket in a 52-0 Heights win.***

## Mountaineer Cheerleaders Soar by: Ashley Oster & Serecia Durson

The 2008-2009 HMS cheerleading squad, coached by Miss Leonard, has already won trophies and ribbons this year. The squad cheers for girl's and boy's basketball games. Since this is the first year cheering for all the members on the squad, they will not be doing competitions, but plan to compete next year.

During the summer, the squad goes to a 3-day UCA cheerleading camp, instructed by actual college cheerleaders. It's mandatory to attend and a lot of fun. The squad won a trophy for Most Improved at camp and also the Top Banana award. The banana sits in Miss Leonard's room.

Cheerleading is a year round sport. The squad practices all summer long and during the school year. Practices are two hours long each.



*The HMS Cheerleading squad poses at UCA camp in July with their trophy, ribbons, spirit stick & Top Banana award. Camp was held at the 9th grade center.*

The squad will only be losing one 8th grader in May, so there will be a few spots open. Miss Leonard welcomes anyone to try out. Gymnastics is not a requirement but it is helpful. She also suggests taking dance classes in order to prepare for tryouts.

This year's HEMS cheerleaders are as follows: **8th grade**, Taylor Tarone; **7th grade**, Leah Bermudez,

Ashley Oster, Kelly Starrick and Serecia Durson. For the first time ever there are **6th grade** mascots. They include Kyla Osadche, Kayla Craver and Elizabeth Michalochick. The captain of the squad is Leah Bermudez and the co-captain is Elizabeth Michalochick.

Come to a basketball game to see our squad in action!

## Student Council is in Session by A.J. Gasser & Christian Rosario

Want to make a difference?

Want to help others?

Think about getting involved in student council. Student council is a service organization that's whole goal is to develop citizenship and better student, faculty and community relations at Hazleton Elementary Middle School.

This year the student council has a variety of charity work planned. They will be sponsoring a canned food drive and will be collecting hats, gloves, and scarves at Christmas time to help the less fortunate. If you have any extra items, please bring them in to help.

A fundraiser with Victoria's candy is also being planned. The money raised will be donated to the cancer

society at their annual Cancer Society Telethon. Student council asks that every student at HEMS participate in their drives to help make a difference in our community.

Student council is hard at work to improve school spirit. Recently they held a Harvest Dance for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The response was so great that they are planning to hold a dance for Valentine's Day.

How can you get involved with student council? Each year, 12 seventh graders and 12 eighth graders are elected by classmates to serve in the worthy club. At this year's first meeting, the newly chosen members elected officers.

The newspaper staff would like to congratulate this year's officers for

student council: President, Amanda Gordineer; Vice President, Justine Rossi; Secretary, Christina Yurek; and Fundraising Chairman, Aimee Latella. The advisor is Mrs. Rosemary Delucca.



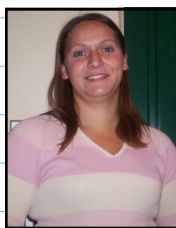
2008-2009 Student Council President, Amanda Gordineer and Vice-President, Justine Rossi

## Summer Vacations by Alaina Kokinda, Josh Mussoline, Taylor Tarone & Freddie Gregory

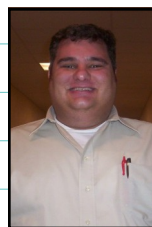
During our summer break many students went on vacation. While some stayed close to home, others went far away. Even our teachers went away! Here is where some of our teachers went.

Our first teacher is 8th grade math teacher, Mrs. Rodgers. Some of the trips she went on were to Canada and Virginia. She visited Niagara Falls in Canada. She even went to Chincoteague Island, an island with wild horses! All together the places cost \$3,000. That's four places for \$3,000. She even got to see all those places by car.

Our next teacher is 8th grade geography teacher, Mr. Sedon. He went to Florida, to a beach, on the Disney Safari for alligators and to a



Rodgers



Sedon



Force

wedding. He went for 10 days. He got there by his brother's aluminum falcon. When we asked the cost he said, "None of our business!"

Mr. Schifano went to Myrtle Beach and to another beach. He went there in his car and stayed for 7 days. Altogether it cost \$1,900.

Finally, Mrs. Force went on vacation camping to Treasure Lake. She didn't travel far because it's in PA.

When she was camping she played volleyball and made smores. She also went paddle boating. Biking was another activity she did.

She liked Treasure Lake so much she went twice over the summer. Once with her in-laws and the other time with her parents. So she really didn't need to pay a lot of money!



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Karlick

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teacher ever since my little sister was born. I spent my life teaching her, so now I decided to make it my career."

In her free time, she spends time with her family, hikes, bikes, and does pretty much anything outdoors. She also likes a good book.

Mrs. Kelly Buck is the new sign language teacher. She enjoys working with middle school kids. She enjoys teaching sign language to students with hearing loss. "In my free time, I like to play with my baby and spend time with family."

Mrs. Sue Ritter is the new seventh grade science teacher. She says, "I like to help people. Education is so important." The reason she likes teaching is that when she was 14 years old, she tutored a tenth grader and helped him improve and it felt good to help someone achieve their goal. She also said, "I like to teach

and make the world better." She enjoys teaching seventh grade and working with the students to help them become better prepared for high school. In her free time she likes to show dogs. She is also working on her PhD.



Schafer

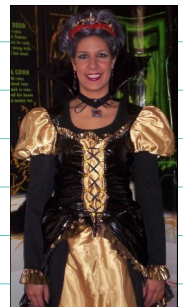
Mr. Dave Schafer is the new sixth grade math teacher at our school. He did not want to teach, originally, because he was too busy coaching wrestling. Later on, however, he became interested in teaching. When the wrestling season ended, he went back to school and earned his teaching degree. He said, "I am glad for getting math as my subject because I always loved math. It was always my favorite subject." He also said how much he loves working at the Castle because of the great faculty. In his free time, he loves golfing and coaching the wrestling team.

## Halloween is Fun For All Ages by Barbara Robinson

The Halloween parade took place on Friday, October 31st. The HAHS band, led by Mr. Forte, led the parade and provided music for grades 3-6 to march around the school grounds too. Student council members were on hand to help.



Favorite costumes this year were zombies for the boys and princesses or Hannah Montana for the girls. Some teachers also got in on the fun. Miss Leonard was Gabriella from High School Musical; Mrs. Bott was an Indian (pic. left); Mrs. Raffalli was an evil queen (pic. left); Mrs. Molosky was a doctor and Mrs. Howey was a 70s girl.



We still aren't sure who was hiding in that frog costume though....