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Teachers Talk Tough on Student v. Teacher Ball Game

by Taylor Tarone and Jayleen Machado*

The time has come for the 2nd Annual Teacher versus Student Basketball Game. Last year's event proved to be a lot of fun and quite intense, as the teachers beat the students by 30 points and earned bragging rights for the last year. This year the students are back to earn the title and their dignity.

Most of the teachers playing this year are feeling VERY confident about their abilities and feel another teacher victory is right around the corner.

Are you nervous to play against these young kids?

Williams: Absolutely not! After last year's student performance it won't even be a challenge.

Shafer: No, I love it. I love competition no matter who it's against.

O'Donnell: No, we are going to destroy them.

Planutis: Not at all. I beat them all at practice on a regular basis. I am SURE I will have no trouble beating them on the court, as well.

Hudock & Silva: No.



Rossi tries to steal the ball from Mr. Williams

Molosky: No, but I am not looking forward to it. I taught a lot of the girls on the team.

Are you a good player? Do you have experience? Did you play ball in high school?

Williams: I'll let the fans be the judge of that. And yes, I played in high school.

Shafer: Yes, yes and yes!

O'Donnell: I played basketball since I was five years old.

Planutis: I did play in high school.

Hudock: I am OK, yes.

Silva: I didn't play in high school, but I have experience. I am an average player.

Molosky: I played in jr. high and for PAL.

Finally, do you think the students will take the game this year, since the teachers won last year?

Williams: ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Shafer: Absolutely not. We foul hard. The students have no chance.

O'Donnell: We only won by 30 points last year. We plan to win by many more this year.

Planutis: They don't have a chance.

Hudock: It's not even close. It will be the same results as last year.

Silva: Maybe. It's anybody's game.

Molosky: I hope the teachers will take the title, but I heard the girls are really good players so it will be a good competition.

Girl's basketball play-

ers Lindsey Hetler and Justine Rossi weren't worried about taking on the teachers.

Hetler: (The teachers) may be tall, but I don't care. I don't know if I'm a good player, but I have experience.

Do you think the teachers will win again this year?

Hetler: No, because I got skillz."

Rossi: No, the bigger they are, the harder they fall.

Students need to make sure they sign up with Mrs. Force in order to be eligible to play.

This year the students have their work cut out for them since there are a lot of overconfident teachers ready to take them on.

The game will be held on Thursday, April 16th at 6 pm in the HEMS gym. There will be a half-time foul shot contest, tricky trays, food and the middle school cheerleaders will be performing. Come early because last year was standing room only.

Other teachers signed up to play include: Force, Hearne, Matulevich, Schifano, Hutchison, Greco, Whitley and Cruikshank.

Spring Into Sports

by Taylor Tarone and Maria Scatton

Spring sports are underway. The sports activities available to students at HEMS are girl's softball, baseball and girl's and boy's track.

Most students are not aware of the sporting opportunities available at HEMS and miss out on a chance to participate in these exciting activities.

We interviewed a few students who participate in spring sports, to give the HEMS student a personal view of who these athletes are and why they love these sports.

Girl's Softball



Rossi and Gordineer

Justine Rossi and Amanda Gordineer are members of the girl's softball team.

How long have you been playing this sport?

Rossi: I have been playing for eight years.

Gordineer: I have also been playing for 8 eight years.

How do you have so much experience at such a young age?

Rossi & Gordineer: We have been playing in Little League since the age of six.

Do you find softball fun? Why?

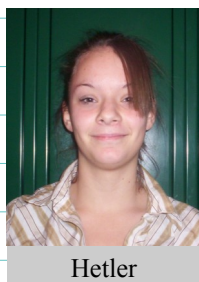
Rossi: It is really fun. It becomes second nature after playing for so long. I absolutely love it!

Gordineer: Yeah, when you play for so long it becomes part of you.

Do you think you will have a good season this year?

Rossi: I think we are going to have a great season. The team is going to be really strong because there is only one middle school team this year.

Gordineer: I think this season will be great because of there being only one junior high team. I think everyone on the team will do a great job!



Hetler

Lindsay Hetler, Maria Scatton, Paula Rodriguez and Deivon Barlow are all members of the girl's and boy's track and field team.

How long have you been participating in this sport?

Hetler: I have been doing it for three years.

Scatton: This is my first year.

Rodriguez: This is my first year, but I run a lot.

Barlow: This is my first year.

Do you enjoying participating in track and field?

Hetler: Yes, because I like to run.

Scatton: Yes, because I just started.

Rodriguez: Yes, I love to run, but it's painful.

Barlow: Yes.

Do you have a special event that you perform very well in?

Hetler: The 300 hurdles.

Scatton: No!

Rodrigues: 100 meter hurdles.

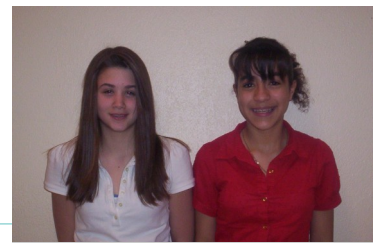
Barlow: The 100 meter dash.

Track and Field

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Barlow



Scatton and Rodriguez

Do you think you will have a good season?

Hetler: I am feeling lucky. I want to make districts and maybe championships.

Scatton: Yes, we have some fast girls on the team.

Rodriguez: Definitely....I hope.

Barlow: Yeah, cause we got fast kids!

When this article went to print, the boy's baseball team had not yet been selected and therefore we were unable to interview any members of the team.

The following students were chosen to represent HMS on one team with other middle school students from the district.

Girl's Softball:

Amanda Gordineer

Justine Rossi

Barbara Robinson

Boy's Baseball:

Mikel Cammisia

Paul Petrill

Track and Field:

Jeffrey Bridges Diana Vargas

Damian Feschuk Kim Rosario

Deivon Barlow Christina Yurek

Charles Bene Emily Brozzoskie

Luke DeAndrea Serecia Durson

Darby Fajardo Paula Rodriguez

Andrew Gasser Lizzie Longo

David Hernandez Ana Castillo

Wil Mathis Alondra Fernandez

Felipe Mendoza Lindsey Hetler

Ryan Paisley Wendy Holguin

Julius Ward Jillian Houser

Hamlet Ventura Maria Scatton

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Daniella Morales

Easter Day Traditions

by Alaina Kokinda*

There are many ways people celebrate Easter. Some traditions are the same; some are different. They all depend on people's customs and traditions. I asked various teachers and students about their Easter holiday customs.

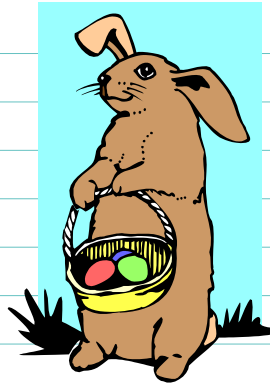
Eighth grade gym teacher, Mr. Kepp said his traditions include making Easter pie, dying Easter eggs, going on Easter egg hunts and exchanging Easter baskets. After all that, he has a big dinner with his family.

Mr. Rentschler, the elementary gym teacher, said he dyes Easter eggs with his family, goes to church and eats a big Easter dinner at his grandmother's house.

Eighth grade science teacher, Mr. Hudock said his wife's family comes over to his house to eat, but then also goes to his side of the family's house and eats a tradi-

tional Easter feast.

Mr. Sedon, the eighth grade geography teacher, also dyes Easter eggs, goes out shooting and goes to



church. For dinner he has ham, kielbasa, and hrutka. For dessert, chocolate cake.

After asking the teachers, I decided to see what some students traditions were too. Aimee Latella

goes to her grandmother's house and eats dinner. Then she opens her Easter baskets and spends time with her family.

Josh Mussoline goes to his family's house and has Easter pie. They also have an Easter egg hunt for the little kids.

Paul Petrill says he simply eats chocolate and eggs.

Lizzy Longo gets up early to eat chocolate and then dyes her Easter eggs.

Michael Gallagher dyes Easter eggs Easter morning as well. For lunch he eats chocolate. Then he goes to his grandparent's house.

As you can see, everyone has their own traditions. Some of them are similar and some are a little different. Most traditions include food, family, eggs and chocolate! We hope everyone has a fun Easter break.

What Will You Do With a Few Days Off?

by Aimee Latella*

Easter break is around the corner. Students and teachers will get to enjoy a nice mini-vacation. Remember we will be off school from April 9th until the 14th. I interviewed a few classmates and teachers to see what they plan to do over their Easter break.

Mr. Kepp - "I plan to spend time with my family, do some work



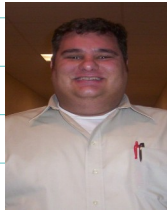
Hudock

on the house, go to church and go on a trip with my girlfriend."

Mr. Hudock - "I am going golfing, eating dinner with my family and father, resting, spending time with my family and eating chocolate."

Mr. Rentschler - "I plan to golf."

Mr. Sedon - "I'm going to



Sedon

watch my brother play baseball. He's starting second baseman for the Pittsburgh Panthers. He's playing in Kentucky and I always wanted to visit the Bluegrass State."

Miss Leonard - "Hopefully spending time outside if the weather is nice and having fun with my family and friends."

Mrs. Cain - "Going to church and then out to dinner instead of cooking. Also making Italian Easter pie and cookies, dying eggs and relaxing with friends and family."

Maria Moran - "I plan to sleep and eat candy."

Lizzy Longo - "I will hang out

with my friends and eat candy."

Alaina Kokinda - "I'm going to spend time with my family, go to church and hang out with my friends."

Eidrit Delesantos - "I'm going to New York and going shopping."

Lindsay Hetler - "I'm going to New York with my family."

Chris Puhawk - "Hang out

with my friends, family and eat dinner."

Taylor Tarone - "I am going to New York City to go shopping with my mom."

Chyra Sestoso - "Hang out with my cousin from Chicago and relax."

Justine Rossi - "I'm spending time with my family and making dinner with my sister."



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The 2008-2009 Eighth Grade Class Will

With the school year coming to a close and eighth grade students leaving HMS for their new home at the Ninth Grade Center, *The Castle Caller* will be publishing a **Class Will** for all eighth grade students.

The Class Will is an opportunity for eighth graders to verbally leave behind, or “will,” an ability they have or skill they perform well to an incoming seventh or eighth grade student for the next school year. Examples of this can be seen below.

The staff at *The Castle Caller* would like to give all eighth graders an opportunity to “will” something to a friend or classmate who will be entering seventh or eighth grade next year.

Over the next few weeks, reporters will be assembling every-

one’s “will wish” to be published in this year’s final *Caller* edition in May.

In order for you to be included in the Class Will, you will have to see Miss Leonard or any of the following reporters: **Taylor Tarone, Jayleen Machado, Aimee Latella, Maria Scatton or Alaina Kokinda.**

Nothing will be published in the **Class Will** that is tasteless or inappropriate, therefore do not waste the reporters’ time and your own by providing a statement that will not make the paper.

This is the first **Class Will** being published for HMS students. We all want it to be positive, successful and fun. With the cooperation of everyone involved, it can be a very memorable, enjoyable experience.

Examples of The Class Will

Benji Green wills his ability to make three point baskets to Joe Smith.

Stacey Smith wills her ability to always be late for 4th period to Kelly Shane.

Ashley Brown wills her cheerleading ability to her sister Mackenzie Brown.

Arnie Gold wills his ability to eat two lunches to Kevin Guy.

Jennifer Walsh wills her ability to say “heey-aay” to all her seventh grade girls.

Angel Moran wills her ability to walk home from school in the rain while getting her homework soaked to Billy Kender.

Timmy Clooney wills his track and field skills to Steven Stiggs.

Jeffrey Klein wills his 99.9 average in Mr. Hudock’s class to his cousin Jimmy Klein.

Leslie Hernandez wills her black suede skirt and matching purse to Heather Seliga.

Kate Strohl wills her “totally awesome straight hair” to Brianna Lutz.

Joe Dundee wills his ability to be the class clown and get thrown out of geography daily to Keith Quinn.