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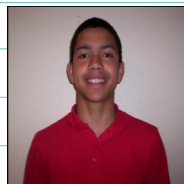
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The End is Finally Here!

By Christley Mena and Vianny Rojas*

It's finally here! The end of the year has arrived. This year was certainly filled with a lot of memorable events. We interviewed some eighth graders to find out their cheers (likes) and jeers (dislikes) of the past school year.



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Jose Cabrera and **Josiel Delgafillo** gave cheers to meeting

new people and being with friends all year, while both boys gave jeers to having gym class with seventh

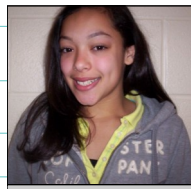
graders.

Chelsea Marte gave cheers to being able to

use the auditorium this year. She had no jeers.

Aidalis Simet gave cheers to all of her teachers. She gave jeers to the fact that she "didn't get along with some students this year."

Alexandra Cabrera gave cheers to the school play directed by Mrs. Dudeck and Mrs. Rimshaw. She said, "It was



Marte

pretty cool."

Audrey Castillo and **Mineylie Ramos** gave cheers to the students at HEMS and jeers to the PSSA's.

Marcos Chagallo gave cheers to having fun with his friends but he had no jeers to report!

Mariaelena Martinez gave cheers to meeting new buddies and she gave many jeers to all the homework and the "study island thingy."

Carlos Hernandez gave cheers to his class and meeting his new buddy Maria. He gave jeers to art. Some teachers also had



Flaherty

cheers and jeers to report. **Mr. Flaherty** gave both cheers

and jeers to no snow days, so now we get out of school early!

Mrs. O'Donnell gave cheers to her new name and jeers to *Castle Caller* reporters that can't get their articles in on time!

Mrs. Karlick gave cheers to her fundraise winning homeroom and jeers to PSSA stress!

What are your cheers and jeers this school year?

Summer Fun

By Kendra Snyder and Audrey Castillo

School is almost over and summer is just around the corner. That means it is coming to that time for vacations and hanging out with friends. We were curious about how some students and teachers would be spending their summer break.

Seventh grader **Destiny Nika** said, "I'm going to Myrtle Beach, Florida, and Jersey."

Isaiah Santiago, eighth grade, said he is going to California.

Aidalis Simet, eighth grade, said, "I'm going to try to stay fit and stay in contact with my homies

Audrey Castillo and **Mineylie Ramos**."

Seventh grader **Joelle Marchase** said, "I'm going to Jersey and New York to go shopping."

Vanessa Mateo, eighth grade, is going to Puerto Rico this summer.

Seventh grader **Selena Sanchez** said she is going to Myrtle Beach with Jordan Moose.

Diana Colon, eighth grade, said, "She is going to go to McDonald's every day and chill at her house."

Finally **Dominique DeSpirito**, seventh grade, said, "I'm going to New York."

Many teachers are excited for their summer plans too.

Mr. Flaherty, seventh and eighth grade teacher, said, "I have a few weddings I'm going to and I'm going to the Bonnaroo Music Festival in Tennessee."

Seventh grade teacher **Mrs. Shebelock** said, "I'm going to spend time outdoors with my family and vacation at the beach."

Finally, **Mr. Whitley**, language arts teacher, said, "I'm going to spend one week at the beach."

We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer! See you in August!



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Sixth Graders Make the Move to Middle School

By Vivian Ruiz and Tori Vache

After months of testing, homework, studying, preparing, and classwork, sixth graders are ready to move to middle school. It is time to move on and move up to a harder and tougher grade.

Even though most sixth graders are ready for the move, they will miss some things from sixth grade and elementary school. There are also a few things they aren't looking forward too.

Nicole Gutierrez, though nervous about middle school and homework, is looking forward to PSSAs. She will mostly miss Mrs. Karlick, her reading teacher.

Ana Rodriguez is also nervous. She said she is least looking forward to "sports thingys" and will miss her best friends the most.

Someone who is looking forward to learning next year, **Jostin Rivera** will miss good teachers and easy homework.

When **Alvin Cabrera** was asked how he feels about going to middle school, he said, "Bad,



Sixth graders are getting ready to "pack up" and move on to middle school, and most are not happy about it.

but I feel smarter." He not homework. She said he is looking forward to sports next year.

Cindy Jimenez is scared and not looking forward to new teachers, but she is looking forward to joining clubs. She said she is going to miss Nathaly Morales.

Morales however is happy about going to middle school. She is looking forward to playing basketball, but

some about middle school. She is looking forward to cheerleading, but no homework. She will miss her best friends and Mr. Poluka the most.

Marvin Friez is happy and excited to go to middle school. He doesn't look forward to math next year, but he can't wait for art class.

Gabby Burke said since her brother is in eighth grade she knows some of the middle school teachers and looks forward to getting them. She will miss her 6th grade teachers.

Lenny Crute thinks he will have a lot of good friends and get good grades.

Both **Cassidy Lugo** and **Anthony Colon** think middle school will be cool. Neither are looking forward to math.

Last, but not least, **Naomi Calderon** feels excited about not being in elementary school anymore. She will miss the fun she had and all the memories she made.

Though most sixth graders are excited, they can't deny they will miss elementary.

Nikolas Rodriguez feels "sort of weird" because he will not know anyone. He said, "I have a new bus next year and everything will be earlier." He is looking forward to sports and he will miss his teachers and some of his classmates and friends.

Jasmine Villareal said she feels awe-

Reviewing *The Hysterical History of the Trojan War* By Jennifer Alberto

Lights, camera, action! You recently saw the first play performed by our fellow drama club members in April. The play was called *The Hysterical History of the Trojan War*. For the people who don't know, the Trojan War was fought against the Trojans and the Spartans. The whole war started because Paris, the Prince of Troy, stole Agamemnon's, the King of Sparta, wife Helen.

Now that the play is over, the reviews and cast feedback are in. I asked some of the lead actors, advisors, and fellow students to give their opinion about the play.

Q: Did you enjoy performing in the play?

Cast members Sarah Gordineer, Angie Zoquier, Christley Mena, and Johnny Pepin all agreed that performing in the play was a lot of fun.

Andrea Rubilotti, who played Helen, said she had fun but she "was nervous at first."

Q: How did you think the play went?

Gordineer said, "It went awesome."



The cast celebrates with a dance at the end of the play.

Mena said, "I think it went great because everyone really got into it and remembered their lines."

Pepin said, "I think it went perfect"

Zoquier said, "I think it went pretty awesome."

Q: What was your favorite part of the play? Why?

"When I died because it was fun and I think everybody really enjoyed it," said Gordineer.

Zoquier answered saying, "Me, running into a wall and dancing."

Mena said, "When Hector tried to die, but I kept interrupting...it was pretty funny."

Pepin said, "When Theanny's pants fell down!"

Rubilotti said, "When they brought



The cast looks on during a silly scene in the play.

out my horse, and I got to act like a kid."

Q: Were you nervous to perform in front of your friends and family?

Gordineer said, "With my family no, but with my friends yes."



Gabby Smith takes center stage.

Zoquier said, "Yes. I even messed up my lines."

Mena said, "No, because I knew they would joke around, but show support also."



The Homerettes do a few dance routines during the play.

Rubliotti said, "For my family no, but my friends yes."

Everyone interviewed said they had plans of signing up for drama club next year.

Club advisors Mrs. Dudeck and Mrs. Rimshaw also weighed in on the outcome of the play.

Q: What was your favorite part?

Rimshaw said, "I think I would say all the death scenes, including Homer's death."

"When Randy was cutting the brush - it was funny," said Dudeck.

Some audience members had a few reviews of their own, as well. Kelsy Cruz, Isaiah Rivera, Charles Dunkle, Nathalie Cordero, Vanessa Mateo and Elvin Berroa all said they enjoyed the play.

Q: What was your favorite part of the play?

Cruz said, "When Homer started rapping."

Rivera said, "When death took all the dead bodies away and when the dancers came out."

Dunkle agreed and said his favorite part was when the dancers came out, while Cordero and Matteo both said their favorite part was when Angie was rapping.

So let's hear it for all the students who were in the school play. Plus a special thank you to Mrs. Dudeck and Ms. Rimshaw for all their time.

Best in Show

By Pricilla Rodriguez & Elyssa Pizarro*

The HEMS PTA held a best dressed dog contest for the homerooms who sold the most during the snack sale fundraiser and were awarded Chihuahua dogs. All homerooms did an outstanding job, but the winning homeroom was Mrs. Bott's third grade. Their dog was pretty in pink and dressed ready for beach fun.

Judges for the event were all student council members whose homeroom was not participating in the contest.

Second place went to Mrs. O'Donnell's fifth grade, who dressed their dog up like the lead singer of LMFAO with an afro, head band, and strobe light. Their dog's name was LMDOG.

Finally third place went to Mrs. Karlick's sixth grade. Their dog, Lady Doga, looked fly, dressed to resemble one of the many crazy outfits worn by Lady Gaga.

Everyone participating in the contest enjoyed the process. The other dog contestants included:



Top: Beach dog, first place winner. Left: LMDOG, second place winner. Bottom: Lady Doga, third place winner.

Paco the Walking Taco (7F), Clover the Irish Dog (3H), Pepe La Pooch (MH), Teacher's Pet (4P), and Rosita the dog (C).

Student council members commented it was very hard to pick a winner because all dogs were fabulous. Congratulations to all dogs. They were all winners in our book!

Get Involved

By Yasmina Dzairi
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It's never too early to start thinking about what clubs and/or sports activities you may want to get involved in next year.

There are a lot of opportunities at HEMS. The important thing, especially for 6th graders, is to get involved early. Most club and sports sign-ups occur in September. Cheerleading even begins in May.

We asked some 6th graders what they think they'd like to get involved in next year. **Erick Martinez** wants to join drama club because he's a good actor. **Omar Diaz** picked drama, as well. He said his family tells him he is a good at it.

Jessica Bric wants to join cheerleading because she likes jumping around and dancing.

Finally, **Kevin Coyle** wants to join SADD. He said, "I hate drugs and stuff like that."

It's time to get involved. All clubs and activities are listed on the HEMS website. Take this opportunity and sign up!

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