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Student Body: Positive Predictions for New Year

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As the students and teachers prepare for the new school year, some students of the Castle had some predictions for themselves for the upcoming school year. Most of the students predict it is going to be a great year! That's the spirit!

Genesis Soto, sixth grade, predicts that this school year is going to be good because she will get to learn new things.

Aime Mirarchi, seventh grade, predicts that she will work hard to get good grades and achieve her goals for this year because she wants a better future.

Emmanuel Morante, sixth grade, predicts that this school year will be good because he has funny teachers and they tell funny jokes.

Adrian Nivar, seventh grade, predicts that there will be harder work, but he will have good grades because he is confident in himself.

Yariel Minyetty, sixth grade, predicts that this year is going to be awesome because they do fun and nice things in class.



Stay positive HEMS!

John Arzola, seventh grade, predicts that this year is going to be fun and interesting because the teachers and students are nice to him.

Juan Carlos Torrez, sixth grade, predicts that this school year is going to be awesome because they get fun projects.

Alba Cruz, eighth grade, predicts that eighth grade might be easier than she thought because the math is easier.

Mindy Tejada, seventh grade, predicts just the opposite. She thinks the year will be hard because she is bad at math.

Edwin Portorreal, sixth grade, predicts that this year is going to be

amazing because they do fun projects, a lot of great things will happen, and the teachers treat us nice.

Amberly Ventura, seventh grade, predicts that this year is going to be great because she will get to be with her friends and her teachers are nice.

Angela Lara, seventh grade, predicts that it is going to be a fun year because middle school gets better field trips.

Clarissa Nunez, seventh grade, predicts that this school year is going to be better than ever in her opinion.

Emily Gomez, seventh grade, predicts that she will get good grades, and so will her brother.

Michael Gomez, eighth grade, predicts there might just be flying buses because scientists are smart enough to make them. He also predicts that he will get good grades because he studies for his tests.

As for this seventh grade reporter, I predict that I, too, will get good grades and have a great year because I work hard and all my teachers are great!

What are your predictions for yourself for this school year? Think about what you would like to happen and take the steps needed to make it happen.

Have a great year!

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SPORTS

Cheerleaders Off to a Winning Start

By Sabrina Elghoulaymi*
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This year the Mounts cheerleaders are off to a good start, having won their first trophy of the year at Hazleton's annual Funfest Parade.

We'd also like to wish congratulations to the new captains of the 2014-2015 school year—Shaylin Panco, captain; Darlene Antonio, co-captain; and Kimberly Holguin, co-captain.

Mrs. O'Donnell is back as coach of the Mounts, after working with the high school Cougar game squad last year. The Mounts also have an assistant coach this year, Miss Tarone. Miss Tarone is an alumnus of the Castle and of the Mounts cheerleading squad. She was a member of Mrs. O'Donnell's first cheerleading squad.

This year there are 17 cheerleaders on the team, with 9 cheerleaders returning from last year. Only 4 cheerleaders are seventh graders, so we really need to



Mounts cheerleaders proudly display their Funfest trophy for Best Marching Unit moments after they win on Sunday, September 7, 2014.

recruit some members interested for next year, as almost everyone will be graduating and going to the high school.

I had the opportunity to interview two returning cheerleaders, Lorraine Vasquez and Jessica Luna. Both girls said

they are happy to be returning this year and are working towards next year when they try out for the high school team. Luna plans to cheer for the game squad, while Vasquez hopes to make the competition team.

She said, "I want to

cheer for the competition team because we get challenged more."

Speaking of competitions, when I had the opportunity to speak with the captains about their plans for this year, all were in agreement that they couldn't wait to go to competition in January and, hopefully, win!

Kimberly Holguin had this to say about being co-captain, "It feels good knowing I can take part of the lead."

Darlene Antonio said, "It feels amazing!"

Captain Shaylin Panco said she wants to "have a fun year with a new team."

We'd like to wish all the girls a great, safe year! Come out and support your cheerleaders at the games.



FEATURES

Good-Bye Castle - Hello Maple Manor

By Kyle Gerhart and Sabrina Elghoulaymi*
Senior Reporter and Junior Reporter

With the opening of Maple Manor Elementary School and the changing of the school boundaries, many students at HEMS had to leave their home here at the Castle and move on to a new home at a new school. We asked a few 6th grade students here at the Castle, who were not affected, if this new change caused them to lose many friends.

Steven Santana said



he lost 2 good friends - Andrew A. and Kevin H. He did say it was better for them because they live closer to Maple Manor.

Cordell Talford said he lost 4 good friends to the school change. "I feel sad about my friends

leaving, but I'm happy for them because they get to learn new things. I hope they have fun at the new school."

Julianna Bric lost two of her good friends. She said, "I miss them..."

Marcus Knecht said he lost a few good

friends. He said "I wish they were here."

Matthew Arias lost five friends to Maple Manor. He said, "Well, two of them were my best friends...(It makes me feel) ...a little sad."

Kaleigh Frederick, Diana Hernandez, and Kaitlyn Roskos also lost good friends.

It's a hard thing losing a friend, but at least you will get to see them again at the high school.

Halloween Costume Ideas

By Kyle Gerhart and Brianna Mandak
Senior and Junior Reporters

This time of year everyone starts talking about what they are going to dress up as for Halloween. Also known as Halloween's Eve, it's the only day of the year where you can dress up in your favorite costume and get a treat.

Some of the Castle's students' costume ideas this year are pretty interesting. Seventh grader Kamryn Knittle wants to be Honey Boo-Boo because her family wants to be the Honey Boo-Boo family.

Daffry Mercedes seventh grade, wants to be

Batman.

Seventh grader Stephanie Rojas wants to dress as a nerd.

Yosmeiry Santana, seventh grade, wants to be a cat because she likes the whiskers and ears.

Eighth grader Jessica Murman wants to be a witch because it's scary.

Sixth grader Luis Rojas wants to be Jason because he is scary.

Esmeralda Lucca, sixth grade, wants to be a nerd because it is funny.

Alexis Kulish, eighth grade, wants to dress as a hippie.

Brandon Perez, eighth



grade, also wants to be Batman because it is his favorite super hero.

John Stan and Xavier Rodriguez, eighth grade, would like to dress as each other because they

think it would be funny.

There's plenty of time to find that perfect costume, whether it's scary, pretty or funny. Enjoy this time of year because it is meant for fun!

Letter from the Editor

It has been my pleasure working on *The Castle Caller* for the past 6 years. I think it is a great resource for you, the students, to showcase your accomplishments, state your opinions, and utilize for experience for those interested in journalism.

Unfortunately this year we do not have a very big reporting staff. Our seventh graders are not taking advantage of the extra-curricular opportunities that are available to them. I know many of you are great writers and *The Castle Caller* is a great club for you.

There are only four meetings a year. The meetings take place after school and last about 30 minutes long.

At the meetings, student reporters will select an article from a list of choices provided. Student reporters can also suggest ideas.

I will help you get started if you don't know how to begin. Student reporters get approximately two weeks to write their articles. Articles are then published for all your peers and teachers to read. It is very prestigious to see your name in the newspaper, especially as a journalist.

Unfortunately this newspaper edition is only 4 pages long, due to the lack of interest from our study body. I am asking students and teachers to encourage others to take part in this club. It has always been a success



and I would hate to see the newspaper go downhill this year.

Remember this is a "student" newspaper. It is for your enjoyment, but it can not succeed without your participation.

The next meeting will be after Christmas for the winter edition. I hope to see new faces, especially seventh graders. Together we can make a great school newspaper, but I can't do it without the help of you the students. Join *The Castle Caller*.

Gifted Happenings

Middle school students will be part of the Greater Hazleton Area's Watershed Project, held at Nescopeck State Park. They will participate in Project PLE (Partners in Education) and Project SAGE (Securing a Greener Environment).

Eighth grade gifted students will attend

"The PA Renaissance Fair" in Manheim, PA. Mrs. S. Sharp is the HEMS gifted teacher.



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