

# The Castle Caller



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## ‘Changing of the Guard’ in HMS Sports

By Nayeli Rodriguez  
Senior Reporter\*

This year at the Castle we have some new coaches in the sports department, specifically in boys basketball and cheerleading.

Unfortunately, Mr. Plesh will not be returning as the boys basketball coach. Last year, Plesh took his Mounts team to the Anthracite League Championships. The Mounts came in second place and had a tremendous season.

Cheerleading coach Mrs. O'Donnell will also not be returning after 10 years as the HMS cheerleading coach. When asked how she felt about leaving, O'Donnell said, "I am very sad to leave the program I built here at the Castle. I had a lot of great teams and many wonderful girls that I still keep in touch with today. I will miss it very much, but I am so happy the program is in good hands with our new coaches."

HEMS guidance counselor Mrs. Planutis and Title I teacher Mrs. Platek are very excited to begin the new season. Mrs. Platek said she was

very happy to help coach the new team. It wasn't something she had in mind to do, but when she found out the team needed a coach she was up for the job!



PLANUTIS

Both she and Mrs. Planutis want their cheerleaders to not only motivate the players during the games, but also the students at HEMS. The girls are school role models who need to have good behavior and grades.

Boys basketball will be running under the direction of Mr. Silva, HEMS community liaison. Mr. Silva has served as an assistant coach for the boys basketball team at HMS for the past 6 years. He said the head coach job is a great opportunity for him and he wants to continue coaching.

As far as how the team looks for the upcoming season, Silva said there is

is a lot of potential and hope.

In conclusion, *The Castle Caller* would like to wish all new coaches and athletes good luck in the winter sports season!



SILVA

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## Giving Thanks

By Loreanny Mendez  
Junior Reporter\*

It's that time of year again when we give thanks for the things in life that we are appreciative of. Below are some of the things the students of HEMS are thankful for.

**Aaron Laureano**, fifth grade, said he is grateful for his family because they love him and take care of him.

**Dariel Laureano**, third grade, said he is thankful for the food he has to eat so he doesn't suffer from starvation.

**Paige Onder**, seventh grade, said she is thankful for all her friends because they are supportive.

Seventh grader **Lauren Wakefield** said she is thankful for her family because they buy her things like iPhones and food. They also provide her with shelter. Wakefield is also thankful for Litsy Nunez and Liliana Valerio, and HEMS because she learns reading and math.

**Jayce Sanchez**, seventh grade, said he is thankful for his friends and family because they are always there for him.

**Tatiana Fernandez-Ventura**, seventh grade, said she is thankful for her family and friends because they help her, give her support, and

# SPORTS

**Good Luck to the 2017-2018  
HSM Mountaineer Athletic Teams**

## Girls Basketball

Lisbeth Cappelan  
Tianna Contreras  
Yocilia Leon  
Gianna Miller  
Nayeli Rodriguez  
Genesis Borrero  
Jade Cahalane  
Yamileisy Calderon  
Ashley Fabian  
Emely Hernandez  
Tatianna Hernandez  
Laniyah Peguero  
Fremely Paredes  
Coach: Miss Touch

## Cheerleading

Milagro Acosta  
Danna Camacho  
Bianca Colon  
Perla Cuesta  
Rocio Difo  
Caly Gales  
Anabel Lantigua  
Ashley Luciano  
Ana Madera  
Nora Minyety  
Yamairis Ortiz  
Jelali Pichardo  
Kiara Pizarro  
Mia Rodriguez  
Sary Santiago  
Coaches: Mrs. Planutis  
and Mrs. Platek

## Boys Basketball

Jancarlos Lopez  
Joshua Aquino  
Jonanthony Sencion  
Jayden Johnson  
Gabriel Morel  
Maxwell Castillo  
Miguel Garcia  
Travis Clay  
Angel Arias  
Timothy Deutsch  
Hunter Nye  
Louis Scalise  
Alvin Hernandez  
Yonni Leon  
George Gad  
Coach: Mr. Silva

# GO MOUNTS!



# Halloween at the Castle





## A Letter from the Editor

Dear Students of HMS,

*The Castle Caller* has been publishing student newspapers for 10 years. We have always had students interested in working as reporters or photographers to report the school news.

Without your participation, there cannot be a student newspaper. Meetings are short and reporting is done on your time. With a school as great as ours, we should have a full staff and a terrific paper.

Remember, this is your newspaper. Visit our website and read the past editions from past Castle students. I know they'd be sad to see this paper end, but sadly that's where it's headed.

Mrs. O'Donnell, Club Advisor

**Editor's Note:** The following reporters did not make their editorial deadline: **Stephanie Ruiz** and **Enver Omeragic**.

*The Castle Caller*  
needs

**STUDENT  
REPORTERS**

*Listen to announcements for  
the December meeting.*

## "Giving Thanks" cont.

they are always there for her.

**Emely Hernandez**, seventh grade, said she is grateful for her family because they help her with everything.

**Liliana Valerio**, seventh grade, said she is thankful for life because it gives her wonderful adventures.

Seventh grader **Justin Ceballos** said he is

thankful for his family because they are always there for him and they love him.

**Dakota Fiumefredo**, seventh grade, said he is grateful

for his friends and family.



Samira Jose Rodriguez, seventh grade, said she is thankful for her friends and family because they are

rough times.

At this special time of year, take some time to think about all that you have to be thankful for. Then let the people in your life know how much they mean to you. It's the best present you can give someone. I am #Thankful.

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