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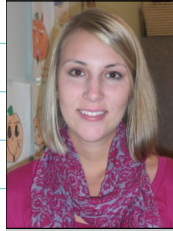


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HEMS Welcomes New Middle School Teachers

By Elizabeth Grego and Maria Magabo

Every year we all are welcomed with new faces, whether they are staff members, teachers, or students. This year we have 3 new middle school teachers, Miss Maylath, Mrs. Dudeck, and Mr. Latoff.



Ms. Maylath

Miss Maylath teaches Intro to Foreign Languages, and is very well liked by the eighth graders. She was very excited about coming to our school and loves how positive all of her experiences have been so far. Her only criticism is she wishes students would try to look at situations from each other's point of

view before fighting, but she cant wait to come back next year, because she gets along great with the students and all the staff members, including the principals.

Mrs. Dudeck is a seventh grade Reading teacher who is very kind and friendly. She was very excited about coming to our school for many reasons, including the fact

that she gets to teach her favorite subject, reading. She said the students have been friendly and very welcoming to her. Her only criticism is that her room is chilly in the mornings, but other than that she loves our school. She loves how energetic the students are and the friendly staff.

Mr. Latoff is both the seventh and eighth grade gym teacher. He stated that he couldn't wait to come to our school. He said that his experiences with the students have been very positive. Mr. Latoff then men-

tioned that he would definitely be happy about coming back next year because he loves how the students care about gym. When asked for a quote, all Mr. Latoff said was, "Go Mounts!"

This shows that HEMS has a great reputation and is very good to teachers. Hopefully we will continue to keep all of our teachers and staff happy and encourage others to want to be part of our school. Good luck to all new teachers and students this year.

2009-2010 Student Council is in Session

By Jeffrey Bridges

This year the student council is going to be very busy. Fundraisers will be held throughout the year so the student council can make this school year enjoyable. The club is currently selling Victoria's Candy.

The student council will be organizing all of the dances, selling tickets, putting up decorations and booking the DJs. They will also be helping Ms. Molinaro and the elementary teachers with the Halloween party and November's open house night. A food

drive will be held around Thanksgiving along with a clothing drive for Christmas. The Student Council will also be decorating a Christmas tree in the school's lobby for everyone's enjoyment.

This year's student council's members are: 7th grade- Kevin Harry, Peter Lombardo,



Student Council Officers

Elizabeth Michalochick, Eric Mussoline, Kim Perez, Lucely Rojas and Jaicha Valerio.

8th grade- President, A.J. Gasser; Vice President, Rebecca Marchetti; Fundraising Chairperson, Brandon Kotansky;

Emanuel Secretary, Cory Cas-serella, Chris Aquino, Madeline Jeff Bridges, Angela Aurisano, Marchetti, Paula Rodriguez, Maria Scatton, Nick Franchesca Rodriguez, Cibulish, Carina Melanie Suarez and Medina, Shantal Pelaez.

The *Castle Caller* wishes a great year to all student council members, as well as HEMS students and staff.

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Falling Into Sports

Field Hockey By Jessica Turitto

Field hockey is one of the sports played by 7th and 8th grade students in the Hazleton Area School District. Practices are Monday through Friday and home games tend to differ.

Amber Gunn, former field hockey player at the Castle says, "Field hockey is a game of



determination. You have to be focused to play a good game." She recently sprained her ankle. Amber commented, "I was sad that I made a foolish move. Twisting my ankle meant I wouldn't be able to go to my practices."

Fortunately, now she is walking and still playing the

sport she loves.

Another field hockey player at the Castle is Zandrea Deritis. She says, "Field hockey is a great exercise and is a blast to play."

Field hockey is a great sport, fun to play, good exercise, and a passion for most players. Although the season is almost over, games are still going on. Let's all try our best to make it to one of the games.

Go Cougars!

Cheerleading By Kevin Harry*

The 2009-2010 HMS cheerleading squad is coached by 5th grade reading teacher, Miss Leonard. Miss Leonard has lots of experience with cheerleading because she was once a Cougar cheerleader.

The squad cheers for the 2009-2010 girl's and boy's basketball teams. They may only cheer at basketball games,



2009-2010 Mounts Cheerleaders

but cheerleading is a year round sport. The squad tries out in May and practices two times a week during the summer and once a

week throughout the school year. The girls also participate in special events at school.

Members are: Captain, Elizabeth Michalochick, 7th grade; Co-Captain, Kyla Osadche, 7th grade; Alondra Fernandez, Paula Rodriguez, and Sericia Durson, all 8th grade.

Five new cheerleaders were added in October. Seventh graders Jaicha Valerio, Brittany Slin-Almanzar, and Samantha Veet. Eighth graders Cindy Rodriguez and Samantha Suarez.

Middle School Co-ed Soccer By Hernan Aquiano*

The co-ed middle school soccer team's season started on the first day of school. The team's coaches, Michelle and Jim, have helped the team with running, defensive skills, offensive skills and more. They have helped us improve our skills.



Sadly, the team has lost all their games this year, except one. That game was on Monday,

October 12, 2009 against Wyoming Seminary. The Cougars showed aggressiveness, skill, and passion. They won the game with a score of 3-0.

After the game the team got to dunk water on the coaches and eat pizza.

Although they didn't have the best record, the scores in the second half of the season are better than the first half of the season. The team is improving and will be back next year ready to play.

Halloween Costumes

By Ashley Oster, Kelsey Whittaker and Lesley Munoz

Halloween is a very well known holiday in our town and even in our school. On October 31st, Halloween night, everyone gets dressed up in costumes to go trick or treating, and sometimes there are even dances and parties.

Mostly everyone got to know and like Halloween because of the fun we have during the parade at HEMS. We march around the school in the costumes we chose.

Before the big night, we interviewed kids at HEMS on what they were going to be for Halloween and what they were going to do on Halloween night.

The following fourth graders had this to say:

Jasmin Villarreal was a



witch. She went trick-or-treating on Halloween night. Ariel Soroiano wore the *Scream* costume and also went trick-or-treating.

The sixth graders had a lot of great costume ideas. Jesse Caso was a baby and handed out candy on Halloween night. Juan Urena was a dead football player and went trick-or-treating. Brandon Kalenck was a psychopathic clown. He walked around scaring people on Halloween night.

Elyssa Pizarro was a vampire and hosted a haunted house and went trick-or-treating. Keyla Perez went trick-or-treating as a baby.

Susie Leapore also went trick

-or-treating

on Halloween night.

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Patrick Piloti, a 7th grader, was Jason from the horror movies *Friday the 13th*.

Other seventh graders included Kandace Roman, who went as Mickey Mouse and Rafeal Arias, who was a hobo. All were attending Halloween parties.

Finally, eighth grader Brianna Fisher went trick or treating as a wicked bat.

This is a very popular holiday for little kids and even older kids because they can be scary, silly or anything they what to be.

Harvest Dance

By Melanie Sanchez and Javiera Rodriguez



Every year, around Halloween, the Castle holds an annual dance called the Harvest Dance for the 7th and 8th grade students.

We interviewed some HMS students before the dance to ask what their expectations were. We even got

a couple comments from Mr. Jadush.

Mallori Peralta, seventh grade, said "I think the dance is going to be fun. I'm going with a date." We hope you had fun dancing with your date.

Angel Lopez, seventh grade, said "I think it's it going to be awesome. I even might be going with an 8th grade girl!"

Mr. Jadush said "I think the dance is going to be very fun. All I expect is that you behave, dress and dance appropriately."

After the dance we interviewed the same stu-

dents and Mr. Jadush again to see if the dance had been as good as they had hoped it would be.

Peralta said, "The dance was 'bangin'! I'm going to the next dance. This time I went with Angel Reyes."

Lopez said "It was good. I'm definitely going to the next dance. I went with my friends this time."

Finally, this is what Mr. Jadush had to say "The dance went well. Everyone seemed to follow the rules."

The dance was successful. Everyone is looking forward to the next one.

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Beauty or Brains? by Jeridany Munoz and Erika Ramirez

Beauty and brains are two big things in this world, even at HEMS. My partner, Erika Ramirez and I went around school asking students if they would prefer to have beauty or brains and why.

Most of the students, and an adult, chose brains instead of beauty. Here are their reasons why:

Jordan Pacelli, 3rd grade, and Jerry Gasper, 5th grade, say brains because they could get better jobs.

David Morales, Elizabeth Majerk, both in 4th grade, along with Letty Medina and Dani Sabel, both in 8th grade, say brains because they would get a better education and become a successful person.

Mariluz Rodriguez, 3rd grade, said, "Brains, because everything I would do well in, I'd get a reward for."

Rebecca Schell, 5th grade, and Bethany Moose, 8th grade, said brains because they would have a better life and it would get them into college.

Ana Henriquez, 6th grade, said, "Brains because I don't want to be stupid".



Steven Anziani, 8th grade, said, "Brains, because one day when we're at work I can say, 'Remember, I sign your pay-checks'."

Lastly, Mrs. William, the security officer, said, "Most likely brains, because it will get you further in life, plus I think brains are what makes the beauty. It's better to accept yourself for who you are."

Not everyone chose brains, though, some felt beauty was more important. Security officers, Mr. Jadush and Mr. Silva, both said they prefer beauty, because you get to enjoy it. Enjoy the beauty of nature, people, animals, and all of God's creations, they said.

Elvin Berroa, 6th grade, and Matthew Galarza, 7th, said they prefer beauty because they could get more girls.

Lastly, Mallori Peralta, 7th grade, said beauty. She likes being pretty.

