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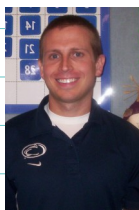
Many New Faces Behind The Castle Walls

By Emanuel Amancio & Brock Barcasky*

I went around the school interviewing a few of the new teachers to find out where they were before they came to our school and if they like it here so far. We have many new teachers in our school this year. The following are just some of the new faces in the halls at HEMS:

Mr. Juka

Question: "Where did you teach before you came to HEMS?"



Mr. Juka: "I was at West Hazleton. I taught fourth and fifth grade emotional support."

Question: "What do you teach now?"

Mr. Juka: "I teach fifth through eighth grade multiple disability support."

Mr. Juka said he really enjoys being here and everyone has been very friendly and welcoming.

Mrs. Provost

Question: "How do

you like the Castle?" **Mrs. Provost** "I like it here. Everyone is friendly and polite."

Question: "What did you teach before you came to The Castle?" **Mrs. Provost:** "I taught life skills at the valley."

Mrs. Stanley

Question: "How do you like HEMS?" **Mrs. Stanley:** "The kids are nice and the building is beautiful."

Question: "Where did you teach before?"

Mrs. Stanley: "I taught at a juvenile detention center."

Question: "How is The Castle different than where you taught before?"

Mrs. Stanley: "There are larger classes, lots of students, and administrators who care and support me!"

Mrs. Stanley teaches science in the old art room.

Ms. Ferguson

Question: "How do you like this school?"

Mrs. Ferguson: "I like it here."

Question: "Where did you teach before?"

Mrs. Ferguson: "Southern Columbia."

Question: "Is there anything you would like to add?"

Mrs. Ferguson: "I look forward to finishing the quarter."

Mrs. Ferguson teaches French, German, Spanish and Italian. Her hometown is in New Jersey and she is a hockey fan.

Mr. Flaherty

Question: "Where did you teach before you came to The Castle?"

Mr. Flaherty: "I taught at Pocono Mountain Charter School."

Question: "What subjects do you teach now?"

Mr. Flaherty: "I teach seventh grade civics and eighth grade geography. I am excited to be here."

Mr. Flaherty

has made many friends here and is a big basketball fan.

Mr. Rohland

Question: "How do you like it here?"

Mr. Rohland: "So far I'm liking the school."

Question: "Where did you teach before?"

Mr. Rohland: "I taught at Central Dauphin School District."

Also, Mr. Rohland would like to add that he looks forward to the rest of the school year.

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Lady Mounts Don't Disappoint in Opener

By Joanny Jimenez and Pricilla Rodriguez



This year the girl's basketball team is really good. There are several girls that have returned from last year's 7th grade team.

To begin the season, the 7th graders start was a little rough and, sadly, they lost their first home game, but the 8th graders showed them how it's done! The 8th grade team won their first home game against Holy Family Academy. Though it was a very close game, Lucely Rojas saved the day by making 2 foul shots with only a few seconds left. That's what we're talking about, Lady Mounts school SPIRIT !!

The girls have a couple of big games coming up so go cheer for the Lady Mounts. The game schedule is posted or you can go to the school website at www.hasdk12.org and look under the athletics heading. The Lady Mounts have their own website.

The girls are really excited for their upcoming games. They only have a few



Lucely Rojas

home games this year so don't miss them. Coach Touch and Coach Metz support the team at every game telling them what to do and switching the girls out so they can each have a break. Recently one of our players got injured during a game. You could see how worried the girls got, but they had to keep on playing. That's what you call teamwork!

The following are our 7th grade Lady Mounts: Jennifer Alberto #11, Jessie Caso #13, Julissa Herrera #25, Kendra Snyder #30, Natalie Cordero #24 and Sarah Gordiner #43. Our 8th grade Lady Mounts are Allison Haggerty #10, Amber Veras #33, Heidi Gogel #33, Julian Mejia #15, Kalie Kotansky #51, Kimberly

Perez #51, Lucely Rojas #32, Mikaela Browdy #35, Penelope Guerrero #22 and Samantha Varela #23. Go Cheer for the Lady Mounts at our home games.

Lady Mounts Schedule

September 7 - W. Hazleton (postponed to the 30th)
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 September 13 - Holy Family
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 September 16 - at Heights Terrace
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 September 20 - at Freeland
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 September 23 - MMI
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 September 27 - at Valley
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 September 30 - W. Hazleton
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 October 4 - Drums
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 October 7 - at Holy Family
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 October 12 - Heights Terrace
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 October 14 - at W. Hazleton
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 October 18 - Valley
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 October 20 - Freeland
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 October 25 - at Drums
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 October 27 - at MMI
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 November 1 - at Heights Terrace
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 November 4 - W. Hazleton
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 November 8 - Holy Family

Halloween Costume Plans

By Christley Mena and Jennifer Alberto

Halloween is the time for goblins and witches to appear in the night of horrors. Everyone needs a grand costume and here are some ideas of what the students and the teachers are going to be.

Mrs. Molosky, 6th grade teacher, is going to dress up as a witch for the parade. "But I might change if I find something better to wear," she said. So look out for Mrs. Molosky to see what she ends up being!

Sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Karlick, said "I'm really into *The Vampire Diaries* and I am going to be a Renaissance



vampire."

Fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Rafalli, who absolutely loves Halloween, said she doesn't know what to be this year. She is going to have a party for her class. She might also go to a Halloween party, so you never know!

Miss Leonard, 5th grade, said she is going to stick with

the Twilight theme and dress as a blood-sucker.

Mrs. Leib, 4th grade teacher, said "I want to be a cowgirl". I'm going to Lansdale with my 8-month-old granddaughter and hopefully take her trick- or -treating.

Miss Stauffer, 5th and 6th grade Reading, said she thinks she is going to be a pirate, but she isn't sure yet.

Aidalis Simet, 7th grade, said "I want to be a goth girl with a long wig, but I'm not sure yet. I'm helping kids from third through sixth grade put on their costumes for Halloween." (Cont. to p. 4)

It's Not to Late to Join a Club

By Moriah Graaf *

Hazleton Elementary Middle School has many different clubs for students to join. One club many students don't know much about is the ecology club. Mr. Schifano is the advisor. When interviewed, he said, "The **ecology club** will help the environment and the school. The club will be cleaning around the school and in the park...we'll spruce up the school." He held a meeting at the end of September.

The **community service clubs** at HEMS are dedicated to helping others in both our school community, as well as those in the Hazleton Area. They complete various

projects throughout the year, which are all service oriented. If you feel you would enjoy helping others, then The Community Service Club is for you!

Middle school community service is advised by Ms. Rimshaw. The sixth grade community service club is advised by Mrs. Cain.

The **National Junior Honor Society** is advised by Mrs. Dudeck. She reported, "The National Honor Junior Society is a national program that provides recognition for students who demonstrate achievement in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership, service and citizen-

ship. This club offers students the opportunity to become actively involved in service projects geared toward making a positive impact on their classrooms, schools, and community. Members will participate in significant learning experiences that provide a foundation for problem solving, decision making, and goal setting." Mrs. Dudeck will have a meeting in early October.

Other clubs available to join are SADD, PJAS and newspaper, of course. Check the school website to find out more information. It's not to late to get involved and join a club today!

Many New Faces *cont.*

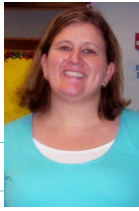
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Mooney

Question:

"What do you think of the school?"



Mrs. Mooney: "This school is cool and a lot of fun."

Question: "Where did you teach before?"

Mrs. Mooney: "East Stroudsburg school district. I taught seventh and eighth grade."

Mrs. Mooney also said she is excited to be here and wants to thank everyone and tell all the new teachers to have a great first year!

The following teachers were unavailable for an interview, but we would love to mention them.

Miss Stauffer

Miss Stauffer is a 5th and 6th grade language arts teacher and is new to this district.

Her classroom is outside in the new trailers, but she likes to call it an "educational cottage."

Mr. Sorber

Mr. Sorber is the middle school and elementary physical teacher. He is new to the school district too.

He originally came from Northwest Area.

His favorite sports are football, baseball, basketball and hockey. He has been a teacher

for four years.

Mr. Havrilla

Mr. Havrilla is a 5th and 6th grade teacher. He teaches math, science and social studies. Like Miss Stauffer, you won't see him much because he is teaching in the new trailers. He likes them because they are air conditioned, which came in handy those super hot days in September!

Halloween Costume Plans *cont.*

By Christley Mena and Jennifer Alberto

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Sixth grader, Lexus Rivera said "I want to be Freddy Kruger for Halloween. I guess I want to scare and scratch people with my costume."

Adrian Rodriguez commented, "I'm going to be Chucky because I want to be scary. I'm going to get candy and scare people." So, little kids, watch out for Adrian Rodriguez.

Theresa Schreffler, sixth grade, is going to be a fallen angel for the parade and when she goes trick-or-treating. Destiny Nika, is going to be a devil.

Seventh grader, Sarah Gordineer, said "I might go as something random." She



said she is going trick or treating with her mom, dad, uncle, and her friends. When asked if she likes Halloween she said, "Yes, because FREE CANDY IS AWESOME!"

Penelope Guerrero, 8th grade, is going to be a baby for Halloween. She is going trick or treating, but no parties for her.

Sisters Lucely Rojas, 8th grade, and Vianny Rojas, 7th

grade, are going with a Jersey Shore theme this year. Lucely plans to be JWOWW, while Vianny is going as Snooki.

They are going to go trick or treating with their friends and cousins.

Stay tuned to see Halloween pictures in the next edition of *The Castle Caller*.

Anyone who has Halloween costume pictures they want to post in *The Castle Caller*, please submit them to Miss Leonard in room 262 or to a *Caller* staff reporter.



Mounts Corner Chat

By Jaicha Valerio, Leandris Reyes, Elyssa Pizarro & Joanny Jimenez

Welcome back to school fellow teachers and students. *The Castle Caller* has added a new feature to the paper this year that is called Mounts Corner Chat.

Mounts Corner Chat is going to be a section of the paper with the results of a quarterly poll question asked to HMS middle school students.

Questions will be on hot topics affecting students today. Students will get to see how the majority of HMS teens feel about a certain topic.

This week's question is an easy one: *Do HMS students like or dislike coming back to school after the long summer vacation?*

By looking at the poll results, you can

see that votes were fairly close with 53% liking returning to school and 47% disliking the return. We decided to ask the students we polled why they felt the way they did. Here are some of the students' opinions on this topic.

Eighth grader, Melina Romualda Arias said, "Yes, I do like coming back to school because some parts of school are fun and because I get to walk more to lose weight!"

Eighth grader, Naomi Barreto said, "Yes, because I was looking forward to meeting the new people that were coming to our school and I knew it was going to be my last year...Woo Hoo!"

Tony Tyler, 7th grade, also said yes. He feels, "...it's cool because basketball rules!" He is excited to come back to start playing sports.



Natalie Cordero

Seventh grader, Natalie Cordero said she likes school because she likes seeing all her friends and getting a good education. Diana Colon, 7th grade, likes meeting new people. Not all students feel the same though. Many students that dislike coming back.

Kevin Lantigua, 8th, said he dislikes coming back because "school is boring."

Marlluri Peralta, 8th grade, said, "No," because back to school means "Drama, drama, drama!!"

Olivia Kokinda, 7th grade, dislikes coming to school because summer isn't long enough.

Seventh grader Chelsea Marte, does not like school because of all the books.

In conclusion, students' opinions vary greatly for different reasons. It just depends on what you do with your summer and what activities you take part in when you come back to school!

MOUNTS CORNER CHAT

By: Jaicha Valerio, Leandris Reyes, Elyssa Pizarro & Joanny Jimenez

Do HMS students LIKE or DISLIKE returning to school after summer vacation?

53% **LIKE**

47% **DISLIKE**

*Based on a poll taken of 100 HMS seventh and eighth grade students.

Summer Vacation

By Kevin Harry and Jessica Turitto

Everyone should have fun during the summer break, whether we go on vacation or sleep in everyday. Here are what some of the teachers and students at HEMS did over their summer vacation.

Sixth grade science and social studies teacher, Mrs. Molosky wasn't able to do much this summer because her husband pulled his Achilles tendon so she was taking care of him. We just wanted to say that we hope he has a full recovery.

Seventh grade English teacher, Mr. Hearne went to Dewey Beach in Delaware and painted his house.

He also built a fence, put up tents, and reseeded soccer games. Seventh and eighth grade language arts and pre-algebra teacher, Mr. Whitley vacationed in Maine and went surfing in Atlantic City with his daughter for two days. Unfortunately, he hurt his back surfing, so had to sit back for a week.

Seventh and eighth grade algebra teacher, Mrs. Sallemi vacationed in Avalon, New Jersey for most of her summer. She saw Lady Gaga in concert and remodeled her home. Also, she shopped and ate a lot, of course.

Mr. Schifano, 8th grade geology teacher, took his yacht out to Miami for two weeks. Then he went to Las Vegas and had a blast, until he ran into Mr. Sedon, which ruined his whole vacation.

Michael Pollock, eighth grade, stayed at four basketball camps, vacationed in Ocean City Maryland for one week, and went to Dorney Park and Knoebel's Grove.

Everyone said they had lots of fun during their summer. As for us, we had fun in our own ways. We hope you had fun too. Now, you can have a whole other fun experience this school year!

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