

The Castle Caller

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New Year Promises

By Lyla Hernandez
Junior Reporter



Would you like to write a book with your name on it?

Would you like to meet your idol?

A new year means new accomplishments, right?

In speaking about new accomplishments, what you would like to accomplish in the year 2021?

This reporter would like to help make the world a better place. Let's look at what students and teachers at the Castle want to accomplish in the new year.

Sixth grade math teacher **Mr. Shafer** said, "I would like for everyone to be safe and to find a vaccine."



Mr. Shafer

Mrs. Molosky, sixth grade social studies and science, said, "I want to keep in touch more with relatives out

of state and be more patient with the computer."

Mrs. Ciampi, sixth grade Reading/Language Arts

teacher, would love getting back into fitness and building memories with her family.

Geoffred Roa, 6th grade, said he wants to visit his grandparents in the Dominican Republic



Roa

because he has not seen them in some time. He also wants to teach his dog how to stay inside the house without making a mess.

Sixth grader **Jessica**



Mrs. Ciampi

2021

Tatis would like for the virus to go away and to see her parents while she is staying at her cousins because of the virus. That is what she wants in 2021!

Mercedes Pena,



Pena

6th grade, would like to go see her mother because she has not seen her in 2 years. She also would like to be more relaxed in 2021.

Now that you have an idea of what some at the Castle would like, what would you like to accomplish in the year 2021?



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Classroom Showcase



The students in Ms. Rimshaw's 3rd period ELA class read an article about the celebration of Christmas around the world. Upon completion of the reading, students researched a country of their choice to learn how the holidays are celebrated elsewhere. Some of the countries they researched include: Peru, Iceland, Australia, Malta, Russia, Nigeria, and North Korea. Ms. Rimshaw and The Castle Caller chose to showcase two outstanding writing assignments by Kiarelly Reyes and Christian Craig by publishing them in this edition of The Castle Caller.



Iceland

By Christian Craig
Eighth Grader

Iceland is a country with many different traditions. Unlike many other countries, they do not have Santa. Instead, they have *The Icelandic Yule Lads*. *The Icelandic Yule Lads* is made of 13 trolls. Every night leading up to Christmas, children leave a shoe in their window.

Each night, a troll will leave either candy and small gifts, or rotting potatoes. This depends on how the child behaves the day before. In Iceland, there is another folklore. This one consists of an enormous black cat roams around Iceland on Christmas Eve. It is tradition that you receive at least one new article of clothing on Christmas eve. If you don't receive a new piece of clothing, the cat will eat you.

Of the Icelandic traditions that are not folklore, the most popular are Advent lights. Most families light one of the four candles on an advent wreath on the Sundays leading up to Christmas. They also have a triangle-shaped, seven-candle electric candelabra that is usually set on a windowsill. Icelanders also celebrate by putting up a real Christmas tree traditionally on the day before Christmas Eve that will stay up for the next two weeks.

Christmas in Peru

By Kiarelly Reyes
Eighth Grader

Christmas in Peru was first celebrated around the year 1535. In the days leading up to Christmas events like 'chocolatadas' happen, during this time people meet up to drink hot chocolate and eat some panetón (Panettone- Italian Christmas cake). Chocolatadas was at first a way for people to share some food and gifts with others less fortunate at Christmas. There are still some churches and community groups that have chocolatadas for this reason, but it is mostly a tradition to see family and friends.

Nativity scenes, called pesebre, are important decorations that you will find in almost every home. There are many who also use larger and more detailed decorations as well. They always wait until Christmas day to put the figure of baby Jesus. Retablos are smaller scenes made in a box with two doors up front.

The main Christmas celebrations are held on Noche Buena or as we know it Christmas Eve, Noche Buena is translated to "The good night." Normally people will go to a church service called Misa de Gallo (Rooster Mass) this service starts at 10pm on Christmas Eve. The main meal, Cena de Navidad, is usually eaten after the mass. Presents may be opened around the same time that the food is eaten. After that Christmas day is celebrated by staying home with family, eating leftovers, and in some regions of Peru they host parades on Christmas day.



Club News



SADD Club

The Hazleton Elementary / Middle School SADD Club donated \$1,600.00 to the Hazleton Police Department. Accepting the donation is Chief Brian Schoonmaker. The donation will go to the HPD body camera fund and will be used to purchase three body cameras for the Hazleton police officers. Mrs. Sharon Sharp is the club advisor for the SADD club at Hazleton Elementary / Middle School. Due to COVID 19 and the Hazleton Area School District operating virtually, students were not able to be present for the photo. (Top right: SADD Club, Left: HPD Chief)

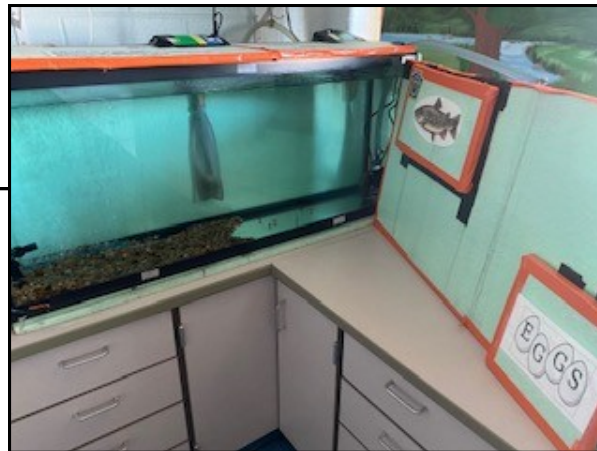


Student Council

A student council meeting was held on Friday, December 4th by club advisor Miss DeLuca and officers were named. **Christian Craig**, eighth grade, will serve as President. Eighth grader **Dominic Salvador** will serve as Vice-President. The secretary will be **Julianis Vera**, eighth grade. There is a total of 15 student council members. Students discussed plans for the new year and club challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ecology Club

The Ecology Club's Trout in the Classroom fish tank is ready for this year's egg shipment. Eggs normally arrive at the end of October, but have been delayed until late January or early February. Additionally, the ecology club was part of the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Litter Free School Zone program last year and will be participating in it again this year when students return to school. Mr. Wilner is the club advisor. (Immediate right: Tank, Bottom right: Award)



Hazleton Elementary Middle School Ecology Club

This certificate recognizes your sustained efforts and valuable contributions for helping to keep your school grounds clean and beautiful.

Donna R. Wilner
Donna R. Wilner, Principal

John A. Bonner
John A. Bonner, Board Chair

One Year Ago....



One year ago, *The Castle Caller* showcased the winners of the annual door decorating contest. In middle school, Mrs. Provost's class won first place. Mrs. Mooney's class was second while Mrs. Force's class was awarded third.

In elementary, first place went to Mr. O'Donnell's fourth grade and second place went to Mr. Campbell's sixth grade. Miss Corrado's third grade took third place.

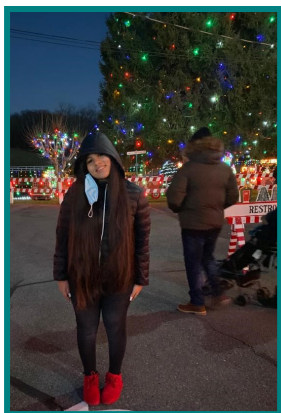
An honorable mention was given to the cafeteria for their Polar Express Train display.

Editor's Note: The 2020-2021 Christmas Door Decorating contest was not held due to the Covid-19 pandemic.





Photography



Please enjoy these photos by HEMS amateur photographers. Center photo: Celebration of 2021 by **Lyla Hernandez**. Top left: HEMS student **Isleny Difo** at Koziar's Christmas Village in Bernville, PA taken by **Jancy Arce Colon**. Bottom right: Photo by **Jancy Arce Colon** taken of a family friend at Koziar's Christmas Village. Photos represent students' abilities to tell a story through the camera lens.

A Message from the Editor - *We Need You*

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

I would like to extend many thanks to the students and faculty members who made this edition of *The Castle Caller* possible. Without the help of HEMS teachers, this edition of the newspaper would not have been possible. The newspaper club needs your help to save *The Castle Caller*. We need the HEMS students to join to save your school paper.

If you want to write about your friends, fun things happening in and out of school, and things that interest you, **JOIN THE CASTLE CALLER!!** Being a *Castle Caller* reporter or photographer is not a huge commitment. We have 1 meeting a month and you do the writing and photography on your own. I am asking anyone who has any interest in writing and photography to come to our meeting in January. Start the new year off doing something NEW!

Mrs. O'Donnell
Advisor, HEMS Newspaper Club

Classroom Kudos

Dr. Yourechko's Career Applications Class Award

Overall Typing Club Winner: Brian Quijandria (8thPeriod)

Typing Club Period Winners:

1stPeriod – Luciana Aponte (3rdOverall)

2ndPeriod – Kelvin Ramos (9thOverall)

3rdPeriod – Yadier Mateo (4thOverall)

6thPeriod – Maria Hernandez (10thOverall)

7thPeriod – Rhianna Heinzl (16thOverall)

8thPeriod – Jhendrick Perez (2ndPlace behind Brian and 2ndPlace Overall)

Highest Typing Test Score: Jhendrick Perez – 57 Words Per Minute (Week 7)



Career Applications 1st Quarter Perfect Attendance

1stPeriod

- Cameron Clay
- Yeremy Munoz Fernandez
- Luizaila Sanchez Rodriguez

3rdPeriod

- Maria Almonte Pena
- Crismer Mateo Soto

7thPeriod

- Jeremiah Clay
- Fredery Duran
- Rhianna Heinzl

8thPeriod

- Jeilyn Abreu
- Christian Craig
- Aaron Laureano
- Leonardo Perez



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