



# The Castle Caller

FREE

A Student Newspaper

Spring Edition 2018

## 8th Grade Worries About 9th Grade Changes

By **Stephanie Rojano**  
Junior Reporter

As the 8th grade class moves on to their 9th grade year, some HEMS students share their feelings and concerns about moving from middle school to high school.

**Katie Anziani** said, "I'm most worried about how my grades are going to go, but what I'm most excited about is seeing all the 8th graders go into 9th grade together."

**Iliaris Ozuna** stated, "I'm worried about my classes because I chose honors classes. What I am most excited about is all the activities I could join." Ozuna's favorite activity is softball.

**Wilson Cruz** replied, "I'm most worried about my grades and meeting new people, but I'm excited about learning way more things."

**Matthew Mendoza** said, "I'm most worried about getting lost in the school and I'm most excited about meeting my

new teachers!"

**Nick Perez** stated, "...how hard my classes are going to be, though I'm excited to try out for the freshman team as well as going to the Career Center."

**Kiara Pizarro** said, "I'm worried about making it through the school year. I'm excited to dance and act in the arts school."

**Ashley Luciano** stated, "I'm worried about my new teachers, though I'm excited to meet new people and try new things."

**Miguel Garcia** said, "It's a big school so I'm worried about getting lost, but I'm excited to learn new stuff and the new stuff I will be able to do."

**Nayeli Rodriguez** stated, "I'm worried about failing. I'm excited to try new things for my vocal studio."

Our final thought from

"I'm not really worried about anything..."

Ed Kulish, HEMS 8th grader

the eighth grade class comes from **Edward Kulish**. Kulish kept things positive and said, "I'm not really worried about anything because I could make new friends. I am excited to join the different types of clubs."

So you guys heard it here. What are some of your concerns about going to high school?

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Features	1
News	2
Features	3
Acknowledgements	3
Staff	3

**Good Luck to the  
Class of 2022**

**Enjoy your next  
4 years at HAHS**

**Always remember  
"The Castle"**

**Mountaineers Forever**

# News

## Cheerleading Tryout Information

By Bianca Colon

Junior Reporter

The end of the school year is approaching very fast and so is the end of cheerleading. Mrs. Platek and Mrs. Planutis are extremely excited for next year, but first they need to find a new squad.

The coaches will be holding a clinic in late May for any interested 6th or 7th grade students. Former 8th grade cheerleaders will be on

hand to help.

Tryouts are going to be in June before the end of the school year. Information on a summer camp will be announced when the new squad is selected. All students who make the team will need to get a physical. A HASD sports clinic will be held in June for free physicals or students may go to their physicians.

Anyone interested in trying out for the team should work on stiff arm movements, smiling, basic stretches, and confidence before tryouts.

Also, ask any current cheerleaders for advice or tips for cheerleading.

Mrs. Planutis would like to encourage like to encourage students to try out for many other sports, not just cheer.

You can try out for soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, or football.

Mrs. Platek and Mrs. Planutis can't wait for next year and are excited for the new team. They hope to see you then!

## MOUNTS' CORNER CHAT

### A Student Poll

## HOW DO YOU THINK YOU DID ON YOUR MATH PSSA EXAM THIS YEAR?

**7% awesome (Nailed it!)**

**85% Just ok (It was challenging.)**

**7% Not so good (It was hard!)**

**(Taken from a poll of 81 HEMS students conducted by K. Anton)**

# Features

## Summer Plans

By Nayeli Rodriguez  
Senior Reporter

Summer is the time of year when you travel places, go swimming, and do plenty of other fun outdoor things. Some of our fellow HEMS students and teachers already have their summer activities planned out.

**Ed Kulish**, 8th grade, is going to Texas. He also plans on visiting his aunt, going shopping, and eating donuts.

Eighth graders **Constancia Marte** and **Francheza Anziani** plan on traveling to the Dominican Republic to visit family and friends. Anziani states she loves going to the DR not only because of the weather but to see her mom.

Eighth grade teacher **Mrs. Rimshaw** says she is going to South Carolina. She plans on taking

grandson to the beach and going on the boardwalk. She believes it is a great experiment for both of them since it's their first time visiting.

In conclusion, take the time to enjoy your summer and make good decisions.

## Important Message for 6th & 7th Graders

If you have enjoyed reading *The Castle Caller* this year, either online or with the free paper copies passed out in school, please JOIN this important club next year. This year the newspaper functioned with only 3 eighth grade members. In a school as large as ours, we should have a staff of at least 15. Please join this club next year or your school newspaper is finished.

A Special Thank-you to:

*Bianca Colon*

*Nayeli Rodriguez*

*Stephanie Rojano*

Without these 8th grade students, *The Castle Caller* would not have existed this year. Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell and the HEMS faculty thank you for your efforts in keeping this student newspaper going. Great job!

## The Castle Caller Staff

### Student Reporters:

Bianca Colon

Nayeli Rodriguez

Stephanie Rojano

### Staff Reporters:

K. Anton

### Editor-in-Chief/Advisor:

Mr. O'Donnell