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## 8th Graders Reflect on Favorite Memories

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Junior Reporters

We are finally in the fourth quarter, which means it's almost time for the summer! The school year has been a great one and lots of memories were made. This year was like the other years, with lots of crazy times and cool adventures. It's sad to be leaving the Castle.

Since the eighth graders will be going off to high school next year, we thought it would be a cool idea to ask some eighth grade students what their favorite memory from this school year was!

**Louis Scalise** said he enjoyed 8th grade because he made lots of good memories. One of his favorite memories was being able to win the dodgeball tournament, after being the runner up last year. It was nice to be first place this time. He also said he is excited to go on the field trip.

**Anderson Duran** said, "This school year was fun but my favorite memory was probably

making the basketball team and getting to play basketball with my friends."

**Jade Cahalane** said, "I liked the stem field trip because it's when I decided I, for sure, wanted to go there." Jade was accepted into stem and will be going there for high school!

**Jayce Sanchez** said that he enjoyed going to the dances with his friends because he got to see them outside of school.

**Tommy Areche** also said he enjoyed the dances because he got to dance with his friends.

**Felix Read** wasn't at our school last year, so he has only been at the Castle for 8th grade. When we asked him about his favorite memory, he said "I liked getting to meet some new people."

**Travis Clay** said that even though he was at our school last year, his favorite memory to date was getting to make some more new friends this

year!

**Fraylin Tejada** said, "I liked the 3rd and 4th quarter most because that's when we started doing real projects instead of just reading."

**Luis Abreu** said he enjoyed the school play because he was stage crew and had a good time preparing for it.

**Lauren Wakefield** said her favorite moment was watching "A Hard Days Night" in music class because it's when she started liking the Beatles. Since then, Lauren has been obsessed with them!

**Ms. Rimshaw**, our reading and English teacher, said she enjoyed the play.

Personally speaking, Litsy and I also had lots of great memories this school year. Litsy's favorite memory was visiting visiting the different high schools, and finding out she was accepted into stem!

This reporter's favorite memory was finding

out I got accepted into the Arts and Humanities program at the high school. I also enjoyed being on the basketball team and getting to know the girls on the team better.

As you can tell, eighth grade was a fun year for all. It has been so much fun to write for the newspaper. If you're in sixth or seventh grade right now, I would recommend joining the newspaper club next year! Good luck, and have a good summer!

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# Club News

## The Pennsylvania Cleanup

By Hayleigh Correll

Junior Reporter

On Saturday, April 27th, 2019 members of the HEMS Community Service Club and the Ecology Club participated in the PA Cleanup.

The cleanup occurred between the hours of 11 and 1. Students met at the front of HEMS. Garbage bags and gloves were provided and members cleaned up around the school and down to the

Altmiller Play-ground. Both Mr. Wilner and Mrs. Rimshaw attended to supervise.

There are about 7.53 billion people on Earth, and the average person produces about 4.4 pounds of garbage each



day. This means that a total of 33,132,000,000 lbs. of trash is produced.

Every year, the United States generates approximately 230 million tons of trash, but less than one quarter of it is recycled.

With all the trash that we are producing, about 1.4 billion lbs. of that

liter ends up in the oceans each year. This is unacceptable but we can prevent it.

Around the world, an estimated one million birds and 100,000 marine mammals and sea turtles die each year because they become trapped in plastic or eat it.

If these facts are disturbing to you, please make an effort to keep our planet clean.

## SADD/TRU Group Visits the Capital

By Evan Tobias

Junior Reporter

Recently, I interviewed Mrs. Sharp about the importance of the SADD/TRU GROUP's trip to the state capitol in Harrisburg. She explained they are trying to raise the smoking age from 18 to 21. The group hopes this will prevent younger people from ever starting to smoke.

When asked why she wants to raise the awareness of people smoking, she responded "This may help people to never try smoking. It can reduce deaths and disease from smoking."

I asked Mrs. Sharp for details about the smoking program. She said



SADD/TRU Group met with State Senator John Yudichak about raising the smoking age to 21 on May 7, 2019 in Harrisburg, PA.

displays will be brought in showing how harmful smoking can be. They will show the effects smoking has on your body. We are trying to discourage younger students from ever starting to smoke. They

don't want kids to ever pick up a cigarette. The hope is that when students know what happens when they smoke, they won't try smoking. They can also discourage other people from smoking when

they know the dangers.

On May 7, 2019 the SADD/TRU GROUP traveled to our state capitol to join other groups from across the state in the "Up the Age" event. The group met with State Senator John Yudichak to explain the importance of changing the age to 21. Now we wait to see if the law will be passed in June.



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*The Castle Caller* needs new reporters for this student paper and *The Standard Speaker* column next year! Each year our staff gets smaller. If you have enjoyed reading *The Castle Caller* please JOIN this important club in September. There is one meeting a month and most of the articles are written during school hours. We need you to keep this student newspaper alive.



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