

# The Castle Caller

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## Achievements Made By Maximillyano Almanzar

Junior Reporter\*

With the school year coming to an end and a new one approaching, we can look back on 2021 and say we have made great achievements this year, even though we spent most of the year learning from home.

Some students also have new goals ready for next year, like learning a new subject or finishing a book. Virtual or not, we can make achievements. Let's begin.



De La Rosa

"I have gotten good grades the entire year and next year I hope to get even better grades."

**Angel De La Rosa**, a fifth grade in-school student says, "One thing I accomplished this year is getting 90's and 100's in all the classes. Something I want to accomplish the next year is pass 6th grade." We all had our achievements and goals, but it is important to work hard to achieve them and try your best to achieve them. Did you have any achievements or goals throughout the school year?



Greco

**Donna Greco**, a fifth grade virtual student said, "I accomplished

getting good grades all year and I hope next year I could do the same."

**Noah Adams**, an in-school fifth grade student said,



Adams



## One Year Later... By Reilyn Taveras

Junior Reporter\*

Today we have three students from Hazleton Elementary Middle School, also known as The Castle. They will talk about the difficulties of coming back to school. In this reporter's opinion, coming back to school is hard because of how we must stay 3-6 feet away from each other. I can also say the masks can get annoying at times. But we are all in this together.

**Joel Gonzalez**, 4th grade, says, going back to school after 1 year online feels different. He said we must adapt to so many things and the fact that we must stay at least 3 to 6 feet away from each other is just crazy. Gonzalez also commented that it feels like going to school for the first time.

**German Vargas**, fifth grade, said after staying online for 1 year it is very hard for him sometimes. He can't join the classes, which is making his grades suffer, and sometimes the teachers can't hear him, which very frustrating.

But besides of all the bad stuff, he said it is very easy to do assignments, considering that we can get the answers from the files or the class notebook.

**Yasmeli Mejia**, fifth grade, said after staying online for 1 year she's come to realize it is very hard to do assignments and tests while online. Besides all of that, most things are easy. The only bad side is I don't get to see my friends.

We, at *The Castle Caller*, wish all students who returned to in-person learning a safe and successful experience. Just remember, if you wear a mask and stay 3-6 feet away from each other you will be keeping everybody safe. Just a reminder, we are in this together. Don't forget.

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# Features

## A Day In the Life - Virtual vs. In-School Students

By Lyla Hernandez

Junior Reporter\*

We all know that virtual school is hard! But there are some kids that are back at the Castle, even though not everyone has returned! Some kids decided to wait to come back to school until next year for safety reasons, but this reporter wonders what is it like at the Castle right now?

Is it empty?

Is it quiet?

The only people who know first hand are the Castle's staff and current in-school students.

Let's see how a day in the life of a student that has returned to in-school instruction at HEMS compares to this reporter who has remained virtual.

**Kimberly Rey, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**, is a student that has returned to in-school instruction. This 6<sup>th</sup> grade reporter is still online. Let's compare our days and see how things are the same and different.

Rey's morning begins with her waking up at 7:30 AM, while this reporter gets to wake up an hour later at 8:30 AM. One of the benefits of being a virtual student—more sleep! Rey then gets washed up and dressed in school appropriate clothing. This reporter gets up and puts on some sweatpants and a sweater.

**Rey** eats breakfast at home, but in-school students are offered a different grab and go breakfast every day in the classroom. This reporter eats a simple granola bar with a glass of milk.

At school, Rey gets to see and chat with her teachers and classmates, meanwhile this reporter logs onto the computer and waits for the virtual meetings to start. Rey does not have to worry about getting kicked out of her meetings or disconnected, while this reporter has this worry daily.

Lunch is a bit different at school then we are used to. Students have assigned seats and sit only



Rey

2-4 kids to a table.

You must follow all the

signs and arrows in order to keep a social distance from the students in the cafeteria. Rey goes to the cafeteria and eats a yummy meal like corn dogs, nuggets, cheeseburgers, grilled cheeses, and fruits! At lunchtime, this reporter goes downstairs and lays around with her dog, cleans, and watches TV, but doesn't usually feel hungry to eat.

Finally! Time for the end of the day. While Kimberly is finishing her last period of the day, she may get a mask break meanwhile online we have normal five-minute breaks.

At dismissal, Rey goes home and enjoys the rest of her day mask free. This reporter finishes any work, like this article for example, through Microsoft work or email and stays inside of the house.

How do you think your life might differ from kids that have returned back to the Castle?

A big thank you to the *Castle Caller* reporters for keeping our newspaper alive this year, despite the obstacles we had to overcome. That being said, *The Castle Caller* needs new reporters for your student paper, as well as *The Standard Speaker* School Times column next year!

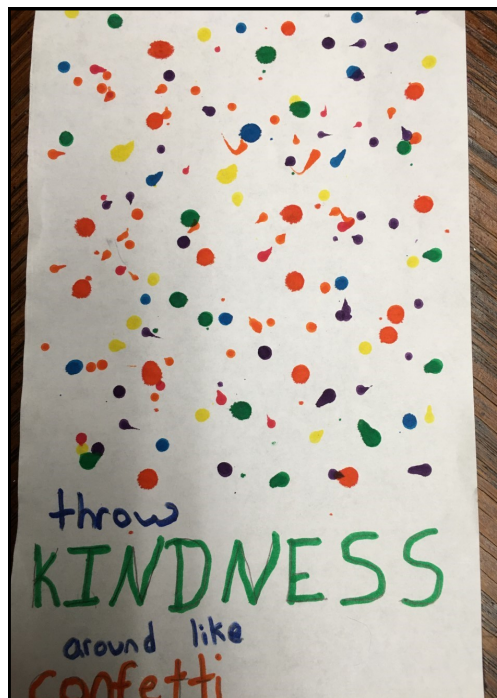
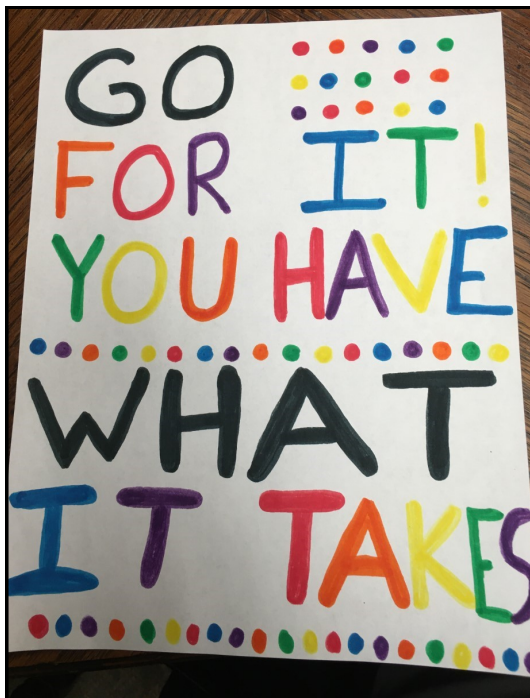
JOIN this important club in September. There is one meeting a month and articles are written during school hours. We need you to keep this student newspaper alive. Join the newspaper club next year!

# What's Happening?

## Club News



**Top:** Positive message posters made by 6th grade Community Service club member Lyla Hernandez. **Below:** Posters made by 6th grade Community Service Club.



### 8th Grade Awards

The eighth grade awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 2 at 6:00pm. This will be an in-person ceremony. **Tickets will be required to attend this event.** Please listen to announcements for more details.

#### PJAS

Congratulations to Mason Tobias and Christian Craig for competing at the state competition.

#### Ecology

The ecology club is working on an outdoor space with picnic tables that teachers and students can use.

#### NJHS

The National Junior Honor Society Induction will be held on Thursday, May 27th at 6:00 in the HEMS auditorium. This will be an in-person ceremony. **Tickets are required to attend.**

#### Yearbooks

Anyone who ordered a 2021 yearbook will be receiving it the last week of school.

#### Student Council

Members sent thank-you cards to doctors, nurses, and staff of Lehigh Valley Hospital Hazleton. Thank you cards were also sent to the Hazleton Police and Fire departments.

**6th Community Service** Members did virtual service projects, sent cards to nursing homes, and created positive message posters to be featured in the yearbook.



# Classroom Kudos

## National Jr. Honor Society Inductees

### Congratulations 2021 NJHS Inductees

Christian Craig  
Yeremy Munoz Fernandez  
Rhianna Heinzl  
Jatna Abreu  
Mayrienys Ramirez  
Mason Tobias  
Carla Tousent

## Good Luck to the Class of 2024!

Enjoy the next 4 years at HAHS!  
Always remember  
***The Castle***  
***“Mountaineers Forever!”***

### Gifted Happenings

**Christian Craig** has been building his computer coding experiences. He has been programming animations, using simple shapes, and building up to more sophisticated games while learning the design process computer scientists use on a daily basis. He will be attending the Hazleton Academy of Sciences in the Fall (STEM). Christian Craig will be receiving the Gifted and Talented award at the HEMS Awards Ceremony.

**Christian Craig** and **Mason Tobias** have been studying the game of chess along with using interactive lessons. This game has been around for 1500 years. There is more to chess than just a game or the sport. Playing chess exercises the brain and stimulates it in unrivaled ways. It is a great way to develop 21st Century Skills like critical and creative thinking. Chess is cool!

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