

The Owl



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Writing Contests By Saima Hannan

There are a lot of talented writers at Hudson High, and three writing contests for students to show off their skills. The submissions for the Holocaust Writing Contest were due on April 19. For this contest, writers had to use the answer: What lessons can we learn from the rise of Fascism in Germany and the Holocaust in Europe? Can a similar abuse of power occur today and, if so, how might you contribute toward preventing it? The winner will be given \$250. Another writing contest, whose deadline was on April 25, was the HHS Young Writers' Competition, which consisted of three categories. Students were allowed to enter all three. The third writing contest, whose deadline is fast approaching, is the Spencertown Academy's Young Writer's Contest. Students were asked to submit an original, fictional short story or a nonfictional essay / personal memoir, no more than 4,000 words long. Work must be submitted in standard size 8.5 x 11" page format, double-spaced with 1" margins, and emailed as an attachment, to: story@SpencertownAcademy.org. Students must include his/her name, address, grade and name of school. **Entries are due by midnight on Tuesday, May 1.** Entries must not have been previously accepted for publication nor have won a prize. Contestants' work will be read and judged by published writers, book editors, and other publishing professionals. There will be a prize for first, second and third places (\$200, \$150, and \$100) in each of two categories, Fiction/Short Story and Nonfiction/Essay or Memoir. This contest is held in conjunction with the annual Spencertown Academy Festival of Books on Labor Day weekend. First prize winners will be invited to read their work aloud at the Festival on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, or to request a volunteer to read for them. We hope many students entered these contests and we look forward to hearing who the winners are!



Student vs. Staff Reading Contest

By Mashuda Sultana

Did you know that the library and English Department held an annual Student vs. Staff Reading Contest? The reading contest was from March 1st to April 30th. Students who were interested, filled out a Google reading competition form as soon as they finished a book. Students had the eligibility to read books either in or out of school, and the books could be in any genre they chose. Any books that they read since March 1st were acceptable. There were also prizes! The top team got bragging rights. There were also individual prizes for the top three readers. The teachers read 40 books and students read 35 books. In addition, if a student sent a picture of themselves reading, they got extra points. All they had to do was take a picture and share it with Ms. Roehr. It was open to everyone. What a fun way to enjoy reading!

Dollars for Scholars

By Saima Hannan

In last month's edition, a list of scholarships, along with their requirements and deadlines, was included. A scholarship that was accidentally left out is the Dollars for Scholars scholarship. In order to be eligible for Dollars for Scholars scholarships, students need to have a Dollars for Scholars affiliate serving their area, so the seniors at Hudson High are very lucky. This is something that every senior should take advantage of, so don't let it slide by. The application is online and it allows students to apply for multiple scholarships at once. Be sure to stop by the Writing Center for help and for more information, contact Mrs. Wheeler. The deadline is May 11th.

Columbia County Art Workshop

By Hasan Mufti

English 11 students were a paid a visit by the Art School of Columbia County. The presenters gave a background story of their lives and what inspired them to enter the art field. The presenters, Kathryn Costo and Nancy Kohler, said that art was a way for them to get away from their everyday problems and that it kept them in a better state of mind. The class read a poem called "One Art" by Elizabeth Bishop where she talks about the feeling of loss and how it is not always bad to have loss. With that we created assemblages to describe our feelings with an attached object symbolic to us and created a work of art with it. Students cut out pieces from magazines and created patterns on their assemblages. Creating these assemblages allowed students to convey their sense of feelings into art.



Poetry and Potluck By Sharmin Akther

Everyone is welcomed to come join members of *The Owl* and students of Hudson High for the Poetry and Potluck event at the Hudson Area Library! It will be on May 11th, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Flyers will be put up closer to the date of the event so make sure to keep a close eye out for them. Poets Dave Johnson and Nadia Ahmad will be there! All our welcomed to come, bring a home-made dish to share, and some wonderful poetry. The event is sponsored by Millay Colony and funded by Hudson River Trust. Hope to see you there!

Poetry and Potluck



Friday, May 11th from 4:00pm-6:00pm
Hudson Area Library in the Community Room

All are welcomed to join us in our Poetry and Potluck event at the local Hudson Area Library. Come and bring a homemade dish of your own and share some poetry! Poets Dave Johnson and Nadia Ahmad will be there!

The event is sponsored by Millay Colony and funded by Hudson River Trust.



Interview with a Student-Teacher

By Abida Begum

I had the chance to interview a student-teacher who has been teaching my English class for the past month. Her name is Jennifer Boyd, from Bard College, and I asked her a few questions about student-teaching.

1. *What inspired you to teach?*

I have always been interested in expanding my mind and getting to know different perspectives. However, my main inspiration was my tenth grade English teacher. Not only was it great for school, but I also found a voice.

2. *What kind of teacher do you want to be in the future?*

I want to become an English, ESL, or Literature teacher.

3. *What has your experience at Hudson High been like so far?*

I have fun with the diversity, and the different kinds of thinking styles students have. I also enjoy how students express themselves.

4. *What was your best moment here?*

I loved teaching the English honors class *The Raven*. I loved helping the students and getting to say what they want to say. Some students might want to express themselves through words, but can't seem to find the right words, so I love helping them say what they are trying to say.

5. *Did you ever feel pressured while teaching a class?*

Yes, there always pressure from wondering if the teachings will help the students in any way. Also, I will be honest about this, there is pressure from the State. The State requires different teaching methods and requirements for a teacher, so that can be a little pressuring.

6. *What's your favorite thing about teaching?*

I really enjoy getting to know my students. I like knowing them in order to understand them better.

7. *What's your least favorite thing?*

Again, the pressure that comes from the State, the standards can be strain. Besides that, I enjoy teaching.

8. *What do you think of the students here at Hudson High?*

In all honesty, I think you guys are funny. I had a lot of laughs with students. Of course, we had a few rough patches here and there, but overall, I think Hudson students are smart and extremely creative.

9. *If you were a teacher here at Hudson High, what advice would you give a student who is struggling?*

My best advice would be to always trust yourself. Many people hold back an idea, thinking that the person that they are talking to might not like it. If it's your idea, and that person does not like it, well that's their fault. You can not satisfy everyone. Maybe the person you were talking didn't like your idea, but you did, and at the end of the day, that's all that matters.

Columbia Greene Community College Events

By Hemel Debnath

Do you have nothing to do after school or out of school? Are you bored because April rains are making it hard to have fun? Do you just want to do something fun out of school? Well, if you answered yes to any of these questions, then you are in luck. The Columbia Greene Community College is hosting a variety of events that are fun, fantastic, and---best of all---free! These events are awesome, action-filled, and require you to do no work to enter besides driving to the college.

Events:

Hudson High School Art Show (April 10-April 29)

Location: Library

Time: April 10-April 29*

The Hudson High School Art Show is an exhibit of artwork from our very own Hudson High School students. It is an excellent opportunity to get artistic inspiration for those who are artistic. What's more is that this event is not only good artistic inspiration for artists, but it also gives recognition to the artistic talents of some of our students. The opening ceremony of the exhibit was on April 10th, and it was open until the end of April.

*The hours and minutes the event will last is not a set hour and minute. It will take place until the end of April for as long as the college is open.

20th Annual Twin County Science Fair

Date: April 21

Location: Gymnasium

Time: 10:00 am-12:30 am

The 20th Annual Twin County Science Fair was a science contest between groups of students from grades 7-8 in schools throughout the Columbia and Greene Counties. Beginning at around 10 a.m., the fair exhibited different science experiments that were made based on the likings of its creators. Then, a panel of judges went around and looked at each exhibit to see which three were the best. After the judging of the show, students and observers alike were treated to a scrumptious lunch of pizza! Finally, both students and observers headed back to the exhibit after lunch and waited to hear the top three winners, as well as the winner of a raffle. The Twin County Science Fair was an excellent place where experimenting, learning, and friend-making occurred. It was a lot of fun, as it provides awesome scientific knowledge, lunch, and a couple of prizes along the way. In fact, I myself can guarantee the benefits of the fair because I have been in it in 7th grade. The fair was a lot of fun, with a scientific experiment on how magnetic levitation works made by me and my group, even though we couldn't reach the top three

Relay for Life

Date: June 15-16

Location: Courtyard

Time: 6 pm- 8 am

The Relay for Life is a celebration of the progress that has been made to end cancer and can be attended by anyone who wants to see the terrible disease exterminated. The event starts with a gathering of those who want to end cancer and continues with an extravagant relay race. Participants are separated into teams and compete to achieve the title of the relay winner. According to its organizers, the event's relay race is meant to symbolize the ongoing journey to end cancer. The Relay for Life is an extraordinarily awesome event that not only promotes good health and exercise but also promotes how the world can be so much better without cancer.

Bronx Zoo Experience

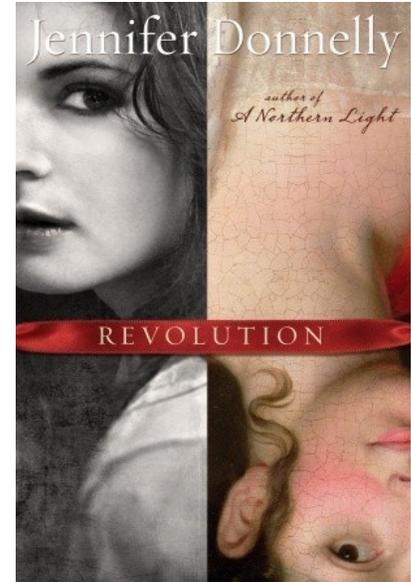
By Noshin Tasnim

On Monday April 16th, fifty students from select science classes and staff ventured on a field trip to the Bronx Zoo. They left the school at eight am and arrived at about noon. Once at the park, students dispersed into different groups. Taking in the fact that the weather was still cold, many animal exhibits were not open because the animals were not there. However, there were still a handful of cool animals to gander at. There were: rhinos, giraffes, sea lions, aardvarks, flamingoes, crocodiles and a few more. Soon, it was time to leave the zoo. On the way back, the bus stopped Woodbury Commons, a mall outlet, so that the students and staff could have dinner and do some shopping if they wanted. Overall, the students enjoyed their day spending time with friends, adventuring at the zoo.



Revolution By Autumn Kudlack

As many already know, the Hudson Children's Book Festival will be hosted at Hudson High School May 5, 2018. One author that will be attending the festival is Jennifer Donnelly who has written many books, one of which is *Revolution*. *Revolution* follows Andi Alpers as she travels to Paris in order to escape the death of her younger brother, Truman. Andi is devastated by events that have occurred, but she finds a glimmer of joy in music. While trying to fix a guitar case, she finds a diary by a woman who was a servant to Charles-Louis, an eight year old who wasn't king for long, during the time of the French Revolution. Through learning about this woman, and experiencing what she has experienced, Andi finds new meaning in life. *Revolution* can show that, while life may have its hardships, there is always a way to overcome. Come to the Hudson Children's Book Festival and meet the New York Times Bestselling Author and other authors who write a variety of books.



Ready Player One Review-A Modern Marvel By Thomas Polito

Steven Spielberg's new film *Ready Player One*, based on the book by Ernest Cline, is a wonderful surprise coming from someone who's been working in Hollywood for over three decades. Not many people who have worked that long continue to bring as much as energy and pave new paths for cinema going forward. The movie takes place in the year 2040 in a future where everyone is always plugged into a virtual universe known as the Oasis. After the CEO and designer of the Oasis, James Halliday, dies, he leaves behind a contest to win control of the Oasis, and all of the money he had. To win the contest, people have to solve 3 puzzles based on 1980's trivia. It's a race against the clock for standout stars Tye Sheridan (*X-Men: Apocalypse*, *Mud*) and Olivia Cooke (*Bates Motel*), playing Parzival and Art3mis, respectively, as they attempt foil The film combines live action with animation to make the film take place in both the real world and inside the Oasis. Tye Sheridan's (Parzival) performance in the film is exceptional, especially when they use motion capture to show his movements

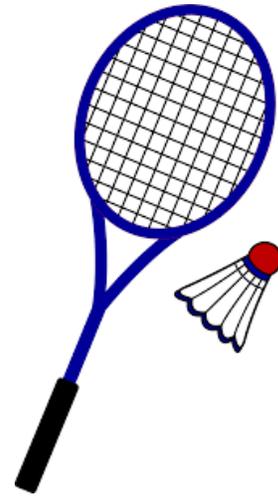


in the Oasis, where he really shines as a bright young actor. Olivia Cooke's riveting performance as Art3mis is a role that will easily push her career to new heights (not that she needed it, just look at some of her previous work). *Ready Player One* is an intense, action packed nostalgia trip that everyone can enjoy.

Humanities & Art Club Visit Mass MoCA



Student & Staff Badminton Tournament



**KEEP
CALM
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BADMINTON**

Spring Sports By Ashraful Shamrat

Once again, the sports teams of spring have impressed. Time and time again, these student-athletes have proven their caliber in physical alongside mental competition. Only a few weeks in, and teams have been taking off. Starting with baseball, the team, as usual, is crushing the competition. Their most recent victory came against Cocksackie-Athens in a 11-9 demolition. This game was chock full of highlights: Jeremy Ramirez 3-4 HR , Triple 4 RBI; Chuck Goodermote 3 hits; Nick Bernockie 2 HR; Matt Sweet 2 RBI double. This win puts the boys baseball team up to a very respectable 9-1. The girls' softball team has been putting in the work as well. Unfortunately, the team lost their 4/26 match against Cocksackie-Athens, 2-4. The softball team aims to improve their record of 1-5. However, there's still a whole season left and surely both teams have no intentions of giving up. Next, there's the track team. Both girls' and boys' team have been bossing their league. The girls' team is in the middle of their season with a 1-2 record, while the boys team have impressed with a 3-0 record. Both teams even competed in the invitationals, where the boys 4x4 relay team took the first place spot. The girls ended up overall 9th place, while boys ended up in 6th. Last, but not least, the boys varsity team has been working very hard this season. The strong team strives to better their 0-3 record and definitely intend on giving their best regarding future games. Weather permitting, their tennis matches should be both fun and competitive.



Columbia-Greene Art Show



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 The poster for the Hudson Children's Book Festival features a vibrant illustration of various insects, including a large yellow grasshopper, a red ant, a green butterfly, and several smaller beetles and ants. The insects are depicted in a whimsical, cartoonish style. At the bottom of the poster, a large blue book is open, with the insects appearing to be reading from it. The text on the poster includes the festival's name, date, location, and a list of sponsors.

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