



Kindness Club Update By Sharmin Akther

Hudson Senior High School's Kindness Club is taking part in an amazing adoption program this festive time of the year! Partnered with Ms. Lupoli and John L. Edwards Elementary School, the Kindness Club has taken part in buying gifts for children in need this Christmas. Ms. Lupoli, of John L. Edwards, helps families with children by giving them three wishes each to choose what gifts they would like to receive for Christmas. Then, staff and anyone who wants to help, take the wishes and donate what they can for the children. This is known as "adopting" these children.

The Kindness Club has taken part in this program for three years now. They promote their Bottle Can Drive of recycling reusable bottles and cans to help raise funds for the adoptions. They are teamed up with COARC, who take the bottles and cans and recycle them and give the profit to the Kindness Club. Almost \$200 in gifts were bought for the adopted families, thanks to the funds from the Bottle Drive.

Also anyone who wants to "adopt" a family can! Anyone can pick up a card in the Central Office of the High School and receive information about a specific family that they can help. The card itself is anonymous. It will say, for example, "Girl-wants Barbie Playhouse." The Kindness Club is also helping out by personally wrapping the donated gifts for the children and families. Ms. Lupoli will be personally delivering the gifts. Anyone who can donate should to help out this Christmas season.



Creative Pathways Power Luncheon

By Ahsraful Shamrat

Hudson High School just held its very own Creative Pathways Power Luncheon on December 9th. The origins of this luncheon date back to the summer of last year. A local Hudson alderman realized that several individuals have non-traditional occupations that they make a living from. He thought that students in the community would be interested to learn about classes that typically wouldn't be taught in college. He reached out to John Friedman, a local city councilman, and organized an event where students could come and learn about uncommon and unusual careers. He found people to speak about their occupations and how they got to where they are today. These people shared stories about aspects in high school that influenced them to alter their paths. They explained how people should take risks and follow their true passions as an alternate for conventional methods of career development. He even got Hudson restaurants to donate food for about 30-35 people. There are three luncheons in the spring and three in the fall. It's completely free so be sure to sign up for the next one in the guidance office.



Art Club

By Mashuda Sultana

Art Club is based on painting and drawing. The advisor is Mrs. Albino. Students who go to Art Club get to create mural paintings on the walls throughout Hudson High. Before the students paint on the wall, they have to draw their ideas on a piece of paper and show it to Ms. Albino and Mr. Abitabile. After they approve it, they can begin painting their murals. Art Club members get to go on some fun field trips. They have a chance to visit museums in New York City and go to mansions in Hyde Park. Students can also work on their art portfolios for college in Art Club. They have yearly competitions at Columbia Greene Community College. Winners get a cash prize. Members can earn art credits towards high school graduation. They get to work on community art and volunteer at Greenport Town Park. All students are welcome to join. Meetings are held every Tuesday at lunch and after school. Art Club is a fun club, and it makes people relaxed. People can draw whatever they want. They can also come in during their study halls to paint and draw.



An Interview with Mrs. Manchuck

By Osman Gofran

Mrs. Manchuck is a 9th grade English teacher at the Hudson High who instructs during period 9. She used to teach English at the Junior High and we are fortunate to have her back with us. She lives in Ghent, New York and grew up in Green County. Mrs. Manchuck has three children and a dog. On her spare time, she enjoys basketball, running, photography, and writing. She has four years of experience, teaching 7th and 8th grade English. Currently, she works here at Hudson High and has been working at Columbia Greene Community College for the past three years. At Columbia Greene Community College, she is a professor of writing. Mrs. Manchuck has also worked at a private school for one year.

During her time in high school she played soccer, basketball, and track. She was involved in Drama Club and Photography Club. Mrs. Manchuck was also a part of the Interact Club and National Honor Society. In the past, Mrs. Manchuck has worked at Catskill as a substitute teacher, and she says that it is not like Hudson High. According to her, Hudson is like no other school district because its diversity makes it unique and she wouldn't want to teach anywhere else.

To students, she gives the advice to work hard and to achieve goals. Never give up on dreams. The best thing about her job is “getting to know students and making relationships with the students.” The worst part of her job is grading papers. Mrs. Manchuck always knew that teaching was her job. She says that her excellent 5th and 6th grade teachers showed her what a good teacher is and inspired her. Being approachable, willing to work with students, and being non-judgemental are the most important characteristics for someone with her job. A fun fact about Mrs. Manchuck is that she spent a delightful summer in Vietnam and is a pro with chop sticks.



National Honor Society

By Tahrima Siha

The National Honor Society Club consists of hard-working members who have persevered through long nights of homework and studying to maintain the average grade required to even be considered for a spot in the “society.” Not only does it require high grades, but it also requires exceptional qualities when it comes to personality. A few of these qualities include kindness (community service) and leadership skills. The Honor Society advisors and members participate in a handful of events each year to raise money and food for charity works. In fact, one of their largest fundraising event is in the making, as we speak.

Each year, the National Honor Society sells platters of assorted cookies for the holiday season- three dozens of assorted cookies for only \$13! The cookies are all homemade; each member is required to make a certain number and type of cookie. I bet you they're delicious, so buy some!

Another fundraising events is the food drive. Students bring in food items to their homeroom classes, and the food is collected just before the break. The food is then donated to a family in need, who is struggling to make ends meet during the holidays, so the food drive makes their Christmas special. What a great way to spread joy, love and care. You can also take part in this if you wish to. Just bring in food to Hudson High School and we'll take it from there. Help us spread warm smiles through the gray and cold winter. Coming up in January, the NHS will be participating in “Cameron's Story.” I'll keep you posted so stay warm!

End Distracted Driving By Saima Hannan

On Wednesday, December 14th, Hudson High had an assembly that triggered awareness within each and every student and staff member who attended. The assembly was solely about distracted driving and was one hour long. The audience had the privilege to hear from a lawyer named Kelly. She talked about visual, manual, and cognitive distractions that drivers experience while driving. Videos of fatal incidents and heart-wrenching accidents were shown to raise awareness. The assembly was a good way to reach out to all of the drivers- the new and experienced- and help them avoid crucial acts of carelessness that could save lives. For more information on distracted driving, visit EndDD.org or email Kelly at kmikullitz@oalaw.com. Thank you Kelly.



2016-1017 Mock Trial Case By Annaliese Tampasis and Brianna Tsitsera

What is Mock Trial: The program was created to help students acquire a working knowledge of our judicial system, develop analytical abilities and communication skills, and gain an understanding of their obligations and responsibilities as participating members of our society. This tournament is now entering its 35th year. Thanks to the continued financial and logistical support from the New York Bar Foundation and the New York State Bar Association, New York State continues to have one of the largest and longest running high school mock trial programs in the nation.

The Case: Each year, CRF creates and produces a new set of Mock Trial materials based on an important issue facing America's youth. The materials include a hypothetical criminal case (including summaries of case law, witness statements, official exhibits, and simplified rules of evidence), lesson plans on the central issues in the case, and competition rules and guidelines. This year the case is **Robin Berkman V. County of Dover**. In this civil case, a convenience store was robbed and the store clerk was shot. Witnesses identified the suspect by only the name "Robin." The Detective who investigated the crime focused on Robin Berkman as the prime suspect. Robin was eventually arrested and charged with robbery and the murder of the store clerk. After a trial by jury, Robin was found guilty and sent to State prison. Robin, who always denied committing the crime, contacted the Actual Innocence Association (AIA) while in prison. The AIA reviewed the case and, convinced that Robin was innocent, asked the District Attorney to reopen Robin's case. The DA's office did so and found that another person who was confined to another State prison had confessed to committing the robbery and murder. Robin was exonerated and released from prison. Robin subsequently filed a lawsuit for malicious prosecution against the County and its agents, stating that Detective Smith, who had originally investigated the robbery/murder, did not pursue any other suspects and focused solely on Robin as the perpetrator of the crime. Robin is seeking monetary damages for the malicious prosecution.

Roles: In this club, there are two teams that vary on the type of case. Since this is a civil case, the two sides are plaintiff: those who are bringing up the trial and defense, and those who are defending the accused. Each side has three students who play the role of the lawyers, and three who play the role as witnesses.

The Winter Walk By Most Islam

The 20th anniversary of Hudson's annual Winter Walk was held December 3rd. My first year attending the Winter Walk was an amazing experience! There were many clubs from our school that took the opportunity to raise money for the school. The Mock Trial sold chocolate covered pretzels in Musica, where the Hudson Choir performed. The Robotics Club sold baked goods and hot chocolate in front of Spotty Dog Books & Ale. There were many performances on Warren Street. The streets were filled with a cheerful buzz and the trees looked magical, lit up with Christmas lights. At the Boys and Girls' Club, Roz's Dance and Operation Unite performed. They really got involved with the children, who all left with big smiles on their faces. There were also dance performances on the streets and a pony petting zoo. The night was chilly but totally worth it. The Winter Walk ended at 8 p.m. with a beautiful fireworks display.

Opportunities at the Hudson Area Library By Sharmin Akther

The Hudson Area Library is a place where there are many opportunities for not only adults and children, but for youth like Hudson High School students. Many programs are held there to benefit a student's health, academics, and even interest in a new hobby. If one is really motivated, you can even start your own program to be held at the Hudson Area Library. The library has so much to offer, from free wifi, access to computers, books, children's area, teen room and more!

One program that might interest Hudson High School students is the Bengali Class. Hudson High offers Spanish and Italian as a second language, but why not learn Bengali at the library? You are taught to read, write and speak Bengali. Even if you already know the language, you can join the meetings and brush up on the language. There is also Dance Club on Fridays. Operation Unite, a local non-profit organization, offers a dance program for all ages and encourages people to get up and be active. There is also Kwanzaa Club. Kwanzaa Club introduces the basic meaning, symbols, and principles behind the African American holiday. Academic help is provided with the new Parent Child Academy Program. Newborns to five year olds will be able to participate with parents, for kindergarten preparation. Lunch and breakfast will be provided. If a high schooler has a younger family member, s/he can encourage his/her parents to take part.

The endless variety of programs available at the Hudson Area Library will keep a person busy for days, especially high schoolers who need access to computers, certain websites, printers, etc. The library has it all! With the use of your own library card, which you can apply for at the library, you get to use whatever you need, whether it's for a school project or just for fun.



Hudson Senior High School Goes Virtual with Virtual Autopsies

By Sharmin Akther

Hudson Senior High School students took part in a field trip to see an actual autopsy without even leaving the classroom! Hudson High reaches out to its more futuristic side and has a Virtual Autopsy of an actual human body. Hudson High Forensics, Living Environment classes, and Scrub Club members took part in two sessions of this autopsy. A pathologist of Saint Louis, Missouri was kind enough to show us the body up close and talk about their Virtual Autopsy program.

The body itself was donated to the institute of Saint Louis, Missouri. The face was concealed for privacy issues. Topics that were familiar to Living Environment and Forensic classes were talked about. These include: Livor Mortis (color of death), Algor Mortis (stiffness of death), ways to classify time of death, and ways to classify the cause of a death, like manner and mechanism. Students got to ask and answer questions through the big screen that displayed the autopsy. Different parts of the body were examined such as the kidney, lungs, and even the heart. Hudson High students have said that this was a great experience and helped answer questions about autopsies and pathology.



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