

The Owl



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Modeling the United Nations By Saima Hannan

Students at Hudson High are modeling the United Nations in Model UN. Model UN is a new addition to the extracurricular activities available at Hudson High. Students learn about how the United Nations is run and delve into researching about different nations around the world. On Wednesday, January 31, they had their first simulation. The scenario was set to a time period where there was a zombie pandemic. The students worked in pairs to come up with a plan to solve the crisis. Some pairs represented first world countries, while others represented third world countries. The first world countries talked what they could provide in terms of resources and security. The third world countries stated their necessities and asked for aid. Some solutions included quarantine, travel bans, and vaccinations. Model UN shows students how the United Nations works, while also teaching them about many different aspects of nations around the world. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Factor.

Swim Team By Hasiter Tonni

There hasn't been a swim team in the Hudson High School for ten years, but this year, we finally have one. The coaches are Mr. Mort and Ms. Blakeman. There are eighteen members on the swim team. The members include: Kyle Ublacker, Noah Taylor, Tahrira Siha, Karissa Garbarini, Suman Humagain, Jeftee Exil, Pierre Jeune, Melina Jeune, Megan Smith, Kristen O'Connell, Dewan Tamika, Noshin Tasnim, Brian Rodriguez, Gillian Perry, Jacob Liebenau, Gabriel Barrientos, Bryant Barrientos, and Hasiter Tonni. The captains of the swim team are Noah Taylor, Kyle Ublacker, Megan Smith, and Gillian Perry. The teams that the swim team competed against were: Taconic Hills, New Lebanon, Waconah, Mt. Anthony, Pittsfield, and Monument Mountain. The team also went to individuals on Saturday, February 3rd. The swim team just started up again after several years, and it's not possible to always win, but it is possible for to try your best. That is exactly what the swim team did. There were times when the swim team did not do too well, but they still didn't give up. Hudson High should cheer them on and look forward to another great season next year! A special thank you should be given to the Kindness Club for donating goggles!

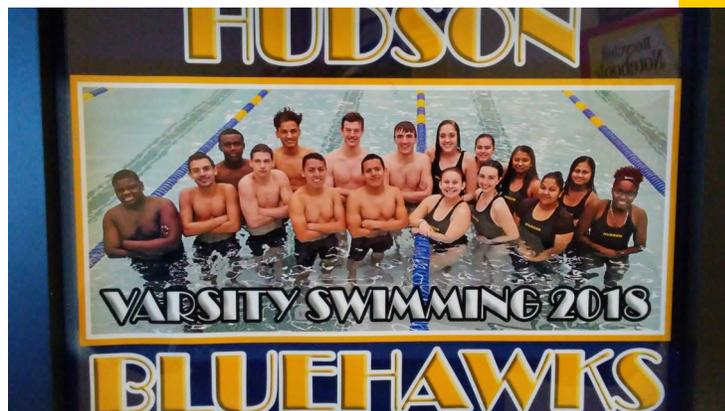


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Staff Appreciation By Osman Gofran

The Student Council will be commemorating the work of our staff that work around the school and help us in all different sorts of ways. They will be writing out cards, thanking them for keeping our school clean, safe and everything in between. There are janitors at school who work day and night shifts, working hard to make everything tidy. The lunch workers work to prepare food for students at breakfast and at lunch. There are also hall aids looking out for trouble. Next time you see one of these staff members, give them a thanks for all their hard work!

Hudson High's 2017-2018 Winter Sports' Season By Ahsraf Shamrat

As the winter sports season is coming to a close, the winter athletes have plenty to be proud of. Again, this year has been outstanding in all sports. Starting with Boys Volleyball, they are fresh off of a great 2017 season. During the 2018 season, they have once again topped their division. With 11 players, they have dominated their opponents. Moving on, the Bowling Team has also shown their might. Under the coaching of Steve Markowitz, the team had another successful year. They are currently tied for the number one position in their division. As the season progresses, let's hope they stay at the top. Boys' Basketball is also on a roll. As usual, they dribble past their opponents with ease. They are tied for the league title and don't show any signs of stopping. The same goes for the Girls' Basketball team. They are soaring through the teams and are currently pushing for the title win. Last, but not least, the Swim Team is doing phenomenally in their first season. They are currently first in Columbia County and are pushing forward. The winter sports season ends in a few weeks, so let's be sure to cheer them on the rest of the way. Stay tuned for more information.



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Robotics Update

By Hasan Mufti

Robotics build season started on January 6th, 2018 and it ends on February 20, 2018. This time frame gives all the teams in the First Robotics Competition six weeks to build their robots to compete in the competition. This year's competition's name is *FIRST Power Up*. The concept of this year's game is that each alliance of three teams will work together against another alliance to collect "power cubes" and place them on a scale. There is also the switch, which is just the ground level version of the scale. Whichever alliance has more power cubes on their side of the scale will gain 1 point per second, as they have possession of the scale. The concept of "Power Up" applies to three power ups that can be used during gameplay. The power ups are obtained through collecting power cubes from the robot through the exchange (alliance wall). The first power up is force. Force gives possession of the switch and the scale based on the number of cubes they have in the vault. Boost is the second power up, which doubles the scoring of the switch or scale, or both for 10 seconds. This is also determined by the number of power cubes in the vault. The final power up is levitate, which is used at the end of the match. Levitate allows one member of the alliance a free climb, which is worth 30 points! In order to use the levitate power up, the 3 power cube slots must be filled in the levitate section of the vault. Each robot that successfully climbs, racks up 30 points for their alliance. This part of the match is very crucial to the game, as it can result in a losing alliance gaining the lead and winning the match. The alliance with the most points at the end of the match wins. We hope to see you all support Team 1665 "The Weapons of Mass Construction" in their two competitions. The first regional competition takes place in Utica at SUNY Polytechnic Institute during the first weekend of March, while the second regional competition will take place at RPI in Troy during the third weekend of March. For more information, check the links down below.

Gameplay Description: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZbdwYiCY74>

FIRST Robotics Website: <https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/frc>

Hudson's Got Talent

By Abida Begum

This year, the Multicultural Club is hosting a talent show on February 16th. The advisors are Mrs. Talma and Mrs. Rodriguez. There will be a total of twenty performers who will be displaying their talents, which include: singing, dancing, musical arts, playing the piano, playing the drums, and even acrobatics. In order to attend the show, adults must pay four dollars at the door (presales are three dollars). For children and students, the presale is two dollars and is three dollars at the door. There will be a concession stand for those who need a snack. We are hoping that many people will be able to attend the talent show. You will have a wonderful time supporting the students performing!

All County Jazz Festival

By Annaliese Tampasis & Brianna Tsitsera

On February 9, Germantown School District hosted the All County Jazz Festival. The musicians and vocalists were all wonderful, making the night one to remember. The room was filled with supportive family members, teachers, and friends. The night started off with each school performing a few of their own concert tunes. The Jazz Band ended up closing the Festival. The atmosphere was vibrant. Each performance was spectacular. The students should all be proud of their hard work.

All County Jazz Band:

Conductor: Mr. Michael Benedict

Instrumental Jazz Ensemble songs: *Cool* (from "*West Side Story*") by L. Bernstein arranged by Taylor

Freddie Freeloader by M. Davis arranged by Hooper

The Jive Samba by C. Adderley arranged Taylor

Channel One Suite by B. Reddie arranged by Lewis

The Vocal Jazz Ensemble was conducted by Mr. Tyler Thomas. He chose a wide variety of blues tunes. *Autumn Leaves*, by P. Rutherford, started the concert and included two scat solos. Almost all of the students' favorite was *Time After Time* by S. Cahn and J. Styne, arranged by Marsh. It had a fast pace and involved some tricky rhythms one couldn't hate! It was followed by a somber song called *My Funny Valentine* (from "*Babes in Arms*") arranged by Emerson. *Your Mind Is On Vacation*, by M. Allison & arranged by Rosana Eckert, ended the vocal performance with several soloists.



(Left to right): Catalina Hart, Annaliese
Above are Seniors
Tampasis, Brianna Tsitsera, Ian Vitellaro,

Brian Rodriguez, Matt Steils, Tazim Khan

Quick and Easy 5 Min Avocado Toast

By Sharmin Akther



The famous avocado toast makes its appearance in Hudson High School's Students on the Run Recipes! This quick and easy 5 minute recipe can be made by a few, simple household ingredients. Take it to work in the morning, or take it to school for a snack. It's a treat that works almost any time of day. It still has its healthy aspects, with 242 Calories per serving (when paired with whole grain bread). It is also a recipe where one might want to change up the flavor and add whatever toppings they feel fit. Add tomatoes, or maybe a citrus spray to get a kick! Many like to add a sunny side egg to the delicious and famous Avocado Toast!

Ingredients:

- 1 avocado peeled and seeded
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- Juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ lime
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 2 slices whole grain bread (or bread of choice)
- 2 eggs (fried, scrambled, or poached; optional)

Directions:

1. Toast 2 slices of whole grain in toaster until golden and crispy
2. In a small bowl combine and mash the avocado, cilantro, lime, and salt + pepper to taste. Spread half of the mixture on each slice of toasted bread.
3. Top with fried, scrambled, or poached egg if desired.

Freshman Class of 2021 Updates By Hemel Debnath

With the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year at Hudson Senior High School came the introduction of new opportunities, classmates, friends, and other entities to students and staff alike. Perhaps one of the most notable changes that emerged during the 2017-2018 school year was the new Freshman Class of 2021. The Class of 2021 is a group of young individuals who are taking challenging courses that will prepare them for graduation. The Class of 2021 is facilitated by the class officers. The freshman class officers are: President Noshin Tasnim, Vice President Katy Waldron, Secretary Marie Box, and a to-be-determined Treasurer, all of whom are headed by the new Spanish teacher and Freshman Class Advisor, Ms. Talma. A primary vision that has been set by the Class of 2021 officers include paying for activities and a possible Senior Class Field Trip during 2021. The class recently had a popcorn fundraiser. In addition, Ms. Talma sent out invitations for all freshman to join and sign a roster in the Google Classroom site for the Freshman Class of 2021. The roster will give information on future Freshman Class events and recruit students to help the class in various ways. In the future, Ms. Talma and the class officers plan on selling bath bombs, conducting a scavenger hunt, and participating in the receiving of funds from a Walk-a-Thon. Keep posted on upcoming events sponsored by The Class of 2021!

Additional Information: *The Sound of Music* By Autumn Kudlack

The Sound of Music is this year's school musical, as many readers already know. It truly will be the sound of music that fills the auditorium both from the pit, filled with Hudson High band members, and the stage. *The Sound of Music* is a dramatic portrayal of what happened in Austria when the Third Reich took control. It follows the (mostly) true story of an almost-nun who comes to be a governess for the Family Von Trapp during this time. In real life, this family went on to become famous singers and even toured in America. Come and enjoy a musical that not only originally won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, but has also been a favorite, and a classic, for decades. Make sure to attend one of the performances on March 23-25!





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