

The OWL



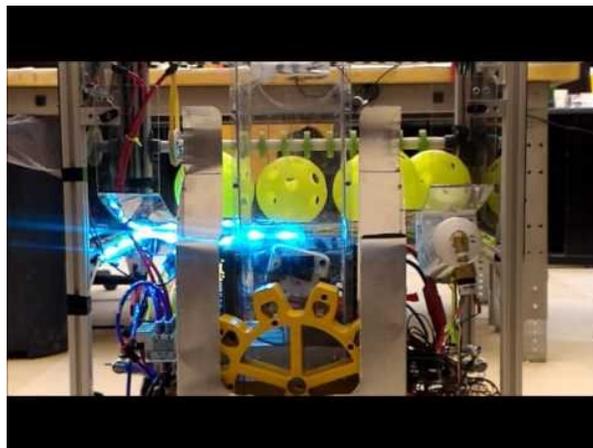
March 2017

Robotics By Ahsraful Shamrat

The Hudson High School Robotics' Team, Weapons of Mass Construction (WoMC), have officially competed in two regional tournaments. Team 1665 has competed in the Tech Valley regional tournament along with the first ever Hudson Valley regional tournament. This was the thirteenth year in which the WoMC have competed. Team 1665, led by Mr. Buhler and Mr. Beyer, have played wonderfully throughout all of the matches. The robot, dubbed Alex, has taken Team 1665 to at least the quarterfinals in both tournaments. The relatively inexperienced team played vigorously and won several matches in both fixtures. These competitions included diverse teams from all around the world including: Turkey, Great Britain, Canada, India, Brazil, and Ecuador.

This years theme was FIRST Steamworks and was based around the Steampunk or Victorian Era. The goal of the game was to fill boilers with fuel in order to increase pressure. The more balls in the boiler, the more points. Along with this, getting gears to spin rotors also was rewarded with points. In the last thirty seconds, robots could climb the airship for even more points! The team with the most points won and earned ranking points which allowed to teams to move up in the rankings. The top eight teams were able to pick alliances of three robot and advance to the next round.

At the Tech Valley Regional hosted at RPI, WoMC moved onto the quarterfinals, but unfortunately lost. Team 1665 fought hard alongside Team 145 and Team 3117. Things were better at the Hudson Valley Regional, though, where Team 1665 reached the semi-finals with Team 353 and Team 1156. The team also placed 5th out of 48 teams, the best the team has ever done. Although the matches might be over, the team is already looking forward to next year.



Boys' Volleyball Team Wins Class B Title

The Hudson High School boys' won the Section II Class B title on March 4th! The boys beat Maple Hill 3-0. Coach Chuck Peters was excited about the win, especially since he was able to coach his son, Ethan. Even though they didn't progress past this, we are very proud of the boys and how well they did. They were recognized at the Winter Sports' Recognition along with all of the other Hudson winter athletes. We have a promising team for next year and hope that they succeed as well as they did this year.



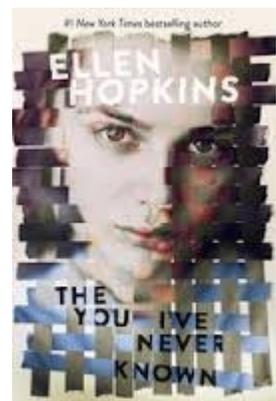
Pajama Jam By Saima Hannan

On Wednesday, March 8th, from 6 to 7 pm, the Hudson's music department held the Pajama Jam at the Intermediate School's cafeteria. Each of the school's music departments were present. The Little Hawks from John L. Edwards sang two songs, the Intermediate School's students sang too, and the band played. The junior high's band students were also present. The high school choir sang *Seasons of Love*, and some members of the band played a few songs. Pancakes were served, alongside sausage, eggs, orange and/ or apple juice, and of course, syrup. Students and even some parents were dressed in their pajamas. Overall, the event was successful and everyone seemed to be happy. Let's see what happens next year!

Book Club By Mushuda Sultana

Book Club is an opportunity for students to read and share adolescent novels. It is held every Blue day, during sixth period, with Ms. Cipollari in room 41A. It's a great opportunity for people who love to read! Students who attend

Book Club will get a chance to meet these authors on May 5th and at the Hudson Children's Book Festival. Currently, they are reading *The You I've Never Known* (Ellen Hopkins) and in April they will read *Look Past* (Eric Devine).



Interview with Ms. Smith By Osman Gofran

Ms. Sam Smith is a student teacher who is from Germantown and works with Ms. Cipollari. She is from Bard College and has been working at Hudson High for a couple of months now. Ms. Smith has a BA in Philosophy, which she acquired from Bard, and is in the process of receiving a Master's Degree in English for teaching later this year. Ms. Smith went to Germantown High School where she graduated. During high school, she was in Drama Club, was part of the National Honor Society, did journalism, and wrote horoscopes for the school newspaper. Ms. Smith also played many sports including basketball, volleyball, and softball throughout her high school years. After student teaching in both Germantown and Hudson High, Ms. Smith is getting the feel of being a teacher. She describes how the most important characteristic of a teacher is being able to communicate with students. She is looking forward to helping students in their lives but isn't looking forward to always applying discipline to students because of their resentment sometimes. Ms. Smith came to some conclusions after working at Hudson High. She found that Hudson is very diverse and is a lot bigger than Germantown. Ms. Smith also says that everyone at Hudson High is friendly. One thing she likes about where she works is the way the classroom is set up in groups and not in rows. Previously, before working with Mrs. Cipollari, Ms. Smith was a tutor in Hudson for the Dream To Achieve program and subbed at Germantown. Her advice to students is to have fun with school by making the social part of your life fit in with education. Being a student herself, she understands how much that means. In her spare time, Ms. Smith likes to read and sing. Her favorite food is pizza, and she has two cats, whom she loves. A fun fact about her is that up until 2 years ago, Ms. Smith wanted to be a famous singer. After talking with her parents and concluding that being a famous singer wasn't possible because Sam Smith was already a singer, she went into teaching. Ms. Smith has been really helpful and we hope that she might be a teacher at Hudson High one day.



Footloose By Autumn Kudlack

With this year's musical, many students that go to Hudson have "cut loose" in Footloose.

Many things are different this year in relation to the musical. Since Mrs. Mastrianni has retired, there have been two new choir/music teachers, both of which are involved in the musical. Mr. Moon, someone who was hired as the new choir and music teacher and has since taken another job in order to have less driving time, has worked hard with Hudson kids that he doesn't even teach anymore. He has stepped out to take the role of director for this year's musical.

Instead of having synthesized music, this year there is live music. Everything the audience hears is taking place in the moment, on real instruments. Mr. Cordato, the choir/music teacher who has stepped in since Mr. Moon, is part of this band, playing piano.

Many of the people who have gotten prominent roles in this musical and past ones are now seniors and it is their last show, so make sure to see them while they still are here (the seniors include Kristen Ward, Emily Spateholts, Owen Berth, and Michael Green). There will also be a senior involved in the band: Jake Ebel.

The musical relates to today while being from a different time period. Come see *Footloose*, but remember to bring your dancing shoes! For this musical, you'll be sure to need them. A flyer with everything you need to know is to your right.



Volleyball Tournament Jahid Hasan

Hudson High School is getting prepared for the annual Volleyball Tournament. The Varsity Club is sponsoring this fundraising event. All the money that they'll make will be going to the Kindness Club Special Olympics Team. The tournament will be held at the High School on April 27th, from 5 to 7 pm. Participants are expected to pick their own teammates. Each team must have a minimum of 6 players. Teams will play a series of games and make their way to the final. Spectators are welcome to watch the series of games from the stands and encourage their friends on to the next rounds. The admission for this fundraising event is only \$1 for students and \$5 for adults.

One kid. One town. One chance.

Footloose

the musical

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| MARCH 31 st 7:30PM | APRIL 1 st 7:30PM | APRIL 2 nd 2:00PM |

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Stage Adaptation by DEAN PITCHFORD and WALTER BOBBIE
Based on the Original Screenplay by DEAN PITCHFORD
Music by TOM SNOW Lyrics by DEAN PITCHFORD
Additional Music by ERIC CARMEN, SAMMY HAGAR,
KENNY LOGGINS and JIM STEINMAN

FOOTLOOSE is presented through special arrangements with
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The First Mock Trial Competition

By Tahrira Siha

Mrs. Naramore's Mock Trial team participated in the first tournament of the year, with Cairo Durham as their opponent on Thursday, March 16th. I have good news for you all, the HHS team won! The first tournament of the year, and they won! Make sure to congratulate the members when you see them! Our defense went head to head with Cairo Durham's plaintiff. The lawyers include: Gillian Perry, Annaliese Tampasis, and Kristen O'Connell. Our witnesses for the day were Sabrina Johnson, Gabriella Cozzolino, and Osman Gofran. Daniela Rivera also attended the tournament as the defense's researcher. The case being executed was the civil case regarding Robin Berkman being wrongly accused of a robbery that I wrote about in the last issue of *The Owl*. The first tournament was supposed to be held during the preceding Tuesday, but due to all the snow and Cairo Durham's location, it was rescheduled.

Although Mrs. Naramore appreciates the easy win, she hopes to face some more challenging competitions in the near future so the team could actually learn something and benefit from it instead of just walking away with an easy win and not gaining much else from it. Spoken like a true leader! She wants her followers to pick up on some skills along the way and not just win or lose. More competitions are coming up soon and the team members are extremely busy preparing for it. I must say, these students, and Mrs. Naramore, are absolutely mind blowing. Personally speaking, I don't think I would be able to put so much time and effort into a club like this and still excel at school. If you look around, a good handful of the most intelligent students from the HHS are participants of this competition, and Mrs. Naramore is amongst the most oriented staff members you will find. This time of the school year is such a busy time for everyone when students are preparing for upcoming exams and standard testing, while teachers are rushing to finish up their lesson plans and prepare their students for the testing rooms. At this point when everyone is just ready for a break, Mrs. Naramore and the participants are practicing for and attending these competitions after school.

I am not sure whether it is allowed for anyone outside the participating teams to attend these competitions and cheer on the team, but it doesn't take much time to wish them some luck. Also, a little extra help is always appreciated! I think the club may be doing fundraising for the school year, but generous donations are always welcome, as they still do need to arrange transportation to and from the competitions. That is all for this issue of *The Owl* regarding Mock Trial. Keep your eyes open for the next issue to receive more updates regarding this topic. Hang tight in there, the beautiful weather is almost here. Whether you are a student or an adult, don't forget to give yourself a break from the work load. Happy reading!



Student on the Run Recipe

By Sharmin Akther

Students of all ages at all schools seem to always be in a rush and sometimes cannot grab food for lunch or breakfast. 'Students on the Run Recipes' are quick recipes that help students make a quick meal to munch on for the days they're in a rush and need a boost in protein! The recipe below is Buzzfeed's rendition of a Veggie Breakfast Burrito! It has hearty nutrients and avocados which seem to be a big trend in most teenagers looking for healthy alternatives!

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 8 minutes

Total Time: 13 minutes

Serving size: 4 people

Ingredients:

1 zucchini

1 squash

12 cherry tomatoes

4 eggs

1 cup shredded cheese

2 avocados

4 tortillas

Salsa

Olive oil

Salt

Pepper

Directions:

1. Slice zucchini and squash into half-circles and cut cherry tomatoes in half.
2. Sauté zucchini and squash in olive oil until soft, then add cherry tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Beat eggs in a separate small bowl and add into pan once tomatoes are wilted. Stir ingredients together in pan.
4. Once eggs are almost set, add cheese and salsa and stir until eggs are just cooked.
5. Spoon into tortilla, add avocado and wrap.



Rashad Barksdale 7th Annual Run This Town Event By Saima Hannan

On Friday March 10th, in the Hudson High School gym, the Seventh Annual Run this Town charity event was held. Former football player Terrell Owens attended and took the time to take pictures and sign autographs for fans. Owens played on the San Francisco 49ers, Buffalo Bills, Philadelphia Eagles, Dallas Cowboys and Cincinnati Bengals. Luckily, he was available to play in this event. Two teams played each other, Team Barksdale versus Team Celeb. The Barksdale Team won 143 to 133. There was also a youth game and Hudson defeated Pittsfield 52-46.

Rashad Barksdale believes that it is good to give back to the community. He was a former Hudson High School graduate who played on the New York Giants and other professional football teams. All proceeds will benefit the *It's OK to Dream Foundation*. We thank Rashad for his efforts in helping the students of the Hudson City School District.



Scrub Club Visits CMH

On March 16th, members of Hudson High School's Scrub Club visited Columbia Memorial Hospital. While there, students dressed in scrubs and caps and toured various parts of the hospital. They visited the Emergency Room and Operating Rooms but didn't get to see any real life operations being done. They got a feel for what it is like to work in a real life hospital. Many students were inspired and hope to study medicine in college. Students will return to Columbia Memorial Hospital on April 27th to tour some other floors and see new things. Stay tuned to the OWL for more information. If you wish to join Scrub Club next year, see Ms. Zincio.



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