

The Owl



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Veterans' Day Kindness Club Brunch By Abida Begum & Hemel Debnath

Throughout times in history, it has been demonstrated that sometimes the best way to understand people's stories and backgrounds is to simply ask them. This Veterans' Day, the above statement couldn't have been more true. Former veterans were acknowledged and honored in our very own school. Through a significant amount of planning and organization, the Kindness Club, on behalf of Hudson Senior High School, hosted a party for the former veterans that toiled selflessly against enemies in the name of this magnificent nation. Though the task of planning and organizing the event was by no means easy, through brilliant usage of synchronized teamwork, a welcoming and worthwhile event was ultimately produced.

Led by special education teacher Lisa Schmitt and her staff, consisting of Tracy Simmons, Kaniz Fatema and Nurul Bhuiyan, they organized their class of six towards accomplishing what seemed like a labor of love. In particular, this event was not only to prepare a nice place for the former veterans to eat but to honor them for their outstanding contributions. Both teachers and staff worked with students to bake various foods and decorate tables. At the end, everyone's hard work paid off as veterans were treated to various scrumptious treats while interacting with students. Such delightful learning experiences, of course, came through real firsthand accounts of war experiences from the veterans themselves. We thank those who organized this event and we thank our veterans for protecting our country!



Costa Rica Trip

By Osman Gofran

For those who are interested in going outdoors to different countries and would like to enjoy some time off of school, the Costa Rica trip is the perfect opportunity to do so. The Costa Rica trip is prospected to occur from April 8th - April 18th, 2020 and the chaperones who will be going along on this trip are Ms. Rodriguez, Mrs. Talma, Mrs. Brust, and Mr. Roberts.

The trip is coordinated through the Company EF Tours and students are eligible for college credit through them. Some planned activities that will occur at the trip include: visiting the La Fortuna Waterfall, one of the most famous waterfalls in Costa Rica, visiting a coffee plantation and visiting some famous hot springs to enjoy. In addition, there are plans to go on a canopy adventure which include zip lining over a mountainous landscape, kayaking, going on a crocodile safari and lastly a cruise of some great tourist attractions.

In all the total cost of this trip is \$2,600 per student and \$2,900 per adult. Included in the price are: round-trip airfare, safe quality hotel rooms, a 24/7 bilingual tour director, on-tour transportation, educational itinerary, guided tours, and activities. Furthermore, breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served daily, 24/7 on tour assistance will be available, a traveler support team and a tours' donations page will also be all included in the price.

Payments are to be made by parents and/or students online to the Company EF tours and can be scheduled weekly, biweekly or in a lump sum. For any further questions or if any student or parent would like to go on the trip, please contact Ms.Rodriguez or Mrs.Talma.



Swimming Club

By Autumn Kudlack

Swimming Club has pretty much floated off now that the winter season has arrived, and with it official practices for swimming have started, but reflections can be made in the early morning laps that several students decided to take this year in preparation for the season. Kyle Ublack-er is one of the students who decided to wake up early in the mornings and go swimming. He, and other students like him, spend an hour and a half from 6 to 7:30 AM swimming laps, hoping to improve stamina and speed. Swimming Club is coached by Mrs. Blakeman and early morning swimming is not a new thing and continues. The pool is open from Monday to Friday from 6 to 7:30 AM and Saturday 7 to 9 AM. For more information related to using the pool, including activities and times, see the school website.

S.A.D.D. Thanksgiving Challenge: Text Less, Live More

By Halima Chowdhury

S.A.D.D. stands for Students Against Destructive Decisions. It is a national organization that promotes awareness and student safety. S.A.D.D. promotes no texting and driving and wants to lessen the amount of people who are on their phones, in the hallways or at the dinner table.

During the holiday season, S.A.D.D. has made a challenge for everyone to take part in. It is to “Text Less, and Live More.” It has been publicized on social media platforms, like Twitter, and the word of this challenge has spread far and wide.

The goal of this challenge is to “Text Less, and Live More” and to start communication between families during Thanksgiving without the use of a device~ a time to be grateful for all the experience between each other and to be appreciative of the surrounding family and friends. This is a way to demonstrate that people don’t need phones to be close to family and don’t need phones to interact with the people that surround them.

This challenge is also a kickoff to bring awareness to prevent texting while driving and to make

Cornucopia Fundraiser

By Halima Chowdhury

This is the first year that the Tri-M National Music Honor Society has hosted the first Cornucopia Fundraiser. Inspired by the Wreath Raffle in the Middle School, it was an opportunity for the Tri-M to bring the clubs together during the season to join and do a fundraiser together. The clubs that were interested all received a cornucopia that they each decorated and filled with items that were related to their club. For example, for the Tri-M cornucopia had a kazoo and bluetooth speaker since it is a musical club. The same can be said for all the other clubs that participated in the fundraiser such as the Art Club, S.A.D.D., P.B.I.S., Model UN, etc. Raffle tickets were \$1.00 each and the proceeds from the raffle tickets went to the individual club that the tickets were brought from. The drawing for the winners occurred on November 20th, 2018. They were: Jason Schlimgen (PBIS), Chuck Parmentier (Mock Trial & Tri-M), Jessica Nayowith (Counselor’s Wrap), Mr. Carr (Math Club), Ms. Albino (SADD), Mrs. Schmitt (Model UN), Tara McSherry (Art Club) and J. Porreca (Kindness Club).



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My Brother's Keeper

By Ahsraful Shamrat

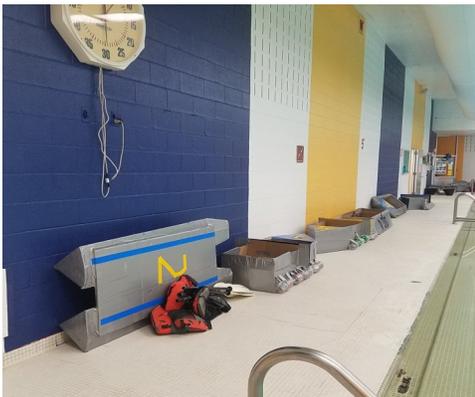
You may be surprised to learn that a new initiative named *My Brother's Keeper* has entered into Hudson High. Although this program benefits thousands of kids across the nation, not many people know about it. Founded in 2014, *My Brother's Keeper* is a program started by former President Barack Obama and the U.S. Department of Education. This initiative was started in order to bridge educational gaps that boys and young men of color face each day in America. Through *My Brother's Keeper*, hundreds of foundations, businesses, and high schools have engaged teenage mentors of color with children of color. Not only do these underprivileged youth gain invaluable educational experience, they develop social interactions skills and acquire role models that pave the road to higher education. *My Brother's Keeper* has six main goals concerning progress with youth: Getting a healthy start and entering school ready to learn, reading at grade level by third grade, graduating from high school ready for college and career, completing postsecondary education or training, successfully entering the workforce, and keeping kids on track and giving them second chances. Hudson Senior High School is proud to say that they participate in this initiative. Seniors Quintayvious Strickland and Michael Zhang work alongside guidance counselor Mr. Vernon Payne. They meet each week in order to ensure that they meet these goals. They sure are doing a great service to the students in Hudson!



The Great Cardboard Boat Race

By Fahim Ahmed

The Great Cardboard Boat Race was on November 9th, when students from different school districts, including Ichabod Crane, Germantown and Hudson, competed with boats they made in their technology classes. This event started about two years ago. Hudson has won the race twice in a row for two years, as did Germantown. This was the first year Ichabod Crane won. There were 21 boats (9 for Ichabod Crane, 6 for Germantown and 6 for Hudson). Mr. Beyer invited students from the school to come and watch. The boats for Hudson were constructed using cardboard, duct tape, and recycled drinking bottles. Assembling the boats took about four weeks. The names of this year's vessels were 1,2,3,4,5, and 6. For boat number 2, the two sides were not even. Mr. Beyer and his class had to change the distance between the two angles so the people who sat on it did not fall. Mr. Beyer's favorite boat was number 4 which eventually went to the final round. Ichabod Crane went on to win the Great Cardboard Boat Race but Hudson is hoping to learn ways to improve for the next race!



GSA Halloween Party By Mashuda Sultana

The Gay-Straight Alliance Club, aka GSA, is a club at Hudson High School. The GSA Club Advisers are Ms. Roehr, Ms. Pare, and Ms. Engle. The GSA Club held its first Annual Halloween Party on October 25th, after school. A total of 30 students attended the party where they held a costume contest for being the funniest, cutest, and the scariest person. There was also a Mummy Wrapping Contest and in addition, everyone who participated in the Halloween Party received gift bags. The GSA Club is planning another Halloween Party next year. If anyone is interested in joining the GSA, the club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in Room 139 during lunch.



Virtopsy

By Rida Farzana

A virtual autopsy, aka “Virtopsy”, is a virtual alternative to the traditional autopsy many know of; it is conducted with scanning and imaging technology. The definition of a virtual autopsy is a non-invasive autopsy performed on a human body. There are several benefits to this type of autopsy over the traditional autopsy, mainly of how it produces clearer graphics so that organs and injuries can be viewed without obstruction from blood and other internal matter. Hudson High School recently hosted a virtual autopsy for Living Environment, General Science, and Forensic Science students from Mrs. Flint, Mrs. Nowak, Ms. Lockman and Mr. Kinney’s classes. The virtopsy took place over the course of three days: October 25th, 26th and 29th. After the autopsy, many students thought the experience was very interesting due to the things they saw at the virtopsy. The most interesting part many said was in the forensic science segment when the autopsist, a forensic scientist, was looking for the cause of death in the body from its signs. In regards of what the teachers thought about the virtopsy, Mrs. Flint shared her thoughts on it by saying, “The autopsy is an amazing thing for kids who want to go into medical science. Also, it benefits anyone who wants to be a doctor or even a nurse. Honestly, I think it’s good for anybody to know. Ray Vollmer (the person who did the “virtopsy”) explained the human body and how anything could go wrong and how to keep it healthy in very good detail.” We hope to have more virtopsies for students in the future!





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