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The latest in Harrison Middle School information.

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## Harrison Hornet Middle School Girl's Volleyball



By Coach Tori Blystone

The 8th Grade Lady Hornets finished their 2015 Volleyball season with a 9-4 conference record and had only SEVEN fabulous young ladies to dress the court. They worked exceptionally hard and represented their school with outstanding character. Final awards at the end of the season that were distributed based on team recognition votes were: **Most Valuable Player** - Alexys Carlstrom, **Most Improved Player** - Kerstin Sant, **Best Character Player** - Kaitlyn Pell.



8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE PLAY-ER'S	NO.
Julia Jackson	1
Alexandrea Warren	9
Kaitlyn Pell	10
Kerstin Sant	16
Alexys Carlstrom	22
Emily Lipovsky	30
Taylor Smith	33
Haley Cooper	Manager
Jessica Wiseman	Manager
Nicole Carlstrom	Assistant Coach
Tori Blystone	Coach



By Coach Amanda Cooper

The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Lady Hornets completed their regular season with a record of 6-4. In the tournament, we played two matches and won both with a 2-0 record. So with the tournament added into the regular season, we finished with a combined record of 8-4. Way to go HORNETS!!! The following awards to given: **Most Value Players:** Erin Coughlin, Kayla Mogg; **Most Improved Players:** Macy Bristol, Alexis Mann, Jaidyn Juhas; **Best Attitude Award:** Taylor Price-Hamm, Taelor McVicar.

7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE PLAYERS	NO.
Macy Bristol	28
Tatum Capen	25
Erin Coughlin	24
Emma Curns	12
Caitlin Jensen	26
Jaidyn Juhas	2
Alexis Mann	38
Taelor McVicar	3
Molly Minor	7
Kayla Mogg	11
Taylor Price	5
Amanda Cooper	Coach



## *VFW's Patriot's Pen*

By Christina Linton

All eighth grade students wrote an essay for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Patriot's Pen essay contest on the topic: What Does Freedom Mean to You? The following eighth grade students had Patriot's Pen papers selected for submission into the VFW contest:

Cameron Ashcroft

Kacee Boyke

Taylor Budd

Alexys Carlstrom

Hannah Cesal

Luke Cooper

Rose Duggan

Macy Ecklin

Alyssa Greenman

Julia Gwisdalla

Conner Haines

Alexis Head

Julia Jackson

Brandi Kish

Elizabeth Lockhart

Alyssa Shinevar

The winners will be announced at a luncheon in December sponsored by the local Harrison VFW. A big thank you to our veterans for supporting education.

## *Parent Meeting this Week*

There will be a Parent Meeting on Thursday, November 23, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 312.

Come meet Mrs. Pieprzyk, the new principal, and Mrs. Reinke, the Behavior Interventionist and Parent Liaison.

The meetings will be once a trimester, and we are needing parent input into ways that Harrison Middle School can meet the needs of your child.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with dances, games, Friday popcorn sales, and other school-related activities.

All are welcome.

## *November Dates to Remember*

November 24<sup>th</sup>: Afternoon Exams

November 25<sup>th</sup>: Morning Exams

November 25<sup>th</sup>: End of first trimester

November 25<sup>th</sup>: Half day of school, students released at 12:00

November 26<sup>th</sup>: No school

November 27<sup>th</sup>: No school

November 30<sup>th</sup>: First day of second trimester

## *Websites to Know*

Check out these educational websites:

Khan Academy [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

This website will help with your child's math homework. You can also look for Khan Academy videos on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). These are less than 10 minutes long. Just put in Khan Academy and the math topic in the search.

## *Bragging Board*

Mrs. Blystone has a hunting and fishing bragging board on her door for ANY student who would like to share their harvests! The only stipulation is that they must be legally taken under DNR laws and you must indicate on the back of the photo/image the date, time and season with FULL name.

Please submit them to Mrs. Blystone for display.

## *Girl's Basketball Schedule*

November 16<sup>th</sup>: Girls basketball 7<sup>th</sup> grade home 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Houghton Lake

November 18<sup>th</sup>: Girls basketball 7<sup>th</sup> grade & 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Beaverton

November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Girls basketball 7<sup>th</sup> grade & 8<sup>th</sup> grade home against Meridian

November 30<sup>th</sup>: Girls basketball 7<sup>th</sup> grade home 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Farwell

## *Christmas Card Project for the Troops*

By Janet Singleton, 8th grade Social Studies

Hey Gang,

It's that time of year again.

Last year HMS sent over 900 Christmas cards to soldiers in Afghanistan. We feel this project is so very important because these soldiers give up so much, especially during the holidays.

- they can't be with their families & friends
- they don't even get their favorite holiday treats
- they do this for our freedoms

Starting Monday, November 16, 2015, students will be able to participate in this project.

Go red, white, and blue!



***DRAWING COUPON:** Turn in this coupon to your first hour teacher on Monday or Tuesday signed by your parent or guardian, and receive a chance at a weekly drawing. Coupons must be turned in by Tuesday during first hour. Drawing winners will be announced at the end of the day.*

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*Student's Name*

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*Parent or Guardian Signature*

## *Harrison Rocket Football Season*

By Coach Bryan Dunn

Congratulations to the 2015 Harrison Rocket Football teams for another great season!

Beginning with the 5/6th grade team, they had a great season with an undefeated record of 7-0! Every game they seemed to work harder and get a little better. It certainly paid off with all the wins. We are very proud of the team and look forward to what these little Hornets will accomplish next year.

The 7th grade team's record was 2-4-1. This team was small to begin with and had a lot of injury challenges. The team came together as a team and did a great job with what they had. The players voted for 3 special accomplishment awards. They were as follows: **Spirit and Desire Award** was presented to Jace Russell; **Most Improved Player** was a tie between Johnny Dumlao and Kenny Wilcox; and **Most Valuable Player** was awarded to Ethan VanAntwerp. We are very proud of this team and can't wait to see what they do in 8th grade next year.

Our 8th grade had a record of 4-3. The team seemed to struggle in the first few games, and by the middle of the season had it all figured out. They ended with more wins than losses. The 8th grader players also voted for the same three awards and the winners were as follows: **Spirit and Desire Award** was given to Austin Stammer; **Most Improved Player** was Damon Smith; and **Most Valuable Player** Colin Dunn. This team has had a great foundation set between the youth program and the rocket program and we can't wait to see what they bring to the High school program!

Thanks for a great season teams!



## *Harrison Middle School Chapter of NJHS*

The National Honor Society (NHS) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) are the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding high school and middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NHS and NJHS serve to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character (and Citizenship for NJHS). These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since their beginnings in 1921 and 1929. Four main purposes have guided chapters of NHS from the beginning: "To create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools." (from the NHS Constitution) These purposes also translate into the criteria used for membership selection in each local chapter.

Last year our HMS chapter participated in many great service projects. For example, we raised over \$1,200 for Pennies for Patients, adopted a family for Christmas, held a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness, and students also participated in individual service projects throughout the year.

### **Pledge**

I pledge to uphold the high purposes of the National Junior Honor Society to which I have been selected; I will be true to the principles for which it stands; I will be loyal to my school; and will maintain and encourage the high standards of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.

### **NJHS Members**

\* 2nd Year Member

President - Julia Jackson\*

Vice President - Alexandra Warren\*

Secretary - Sarah Kokko\*

Treasurer - Lucas Cooper\*

Public Relations - Taylor Smith\*

Cameron Ashcroft\*

Macy Bristol

Sarah Buxton\*

Hannah Cesal\*

Mason Clark\*

Erin Coughlin

Andrew Erskine

Lucas Gillespie

Conner Haines

Blake Hillier

Jessica Jacobs\*

Josh Jones

Joseph Kardatzke

Michael Kirby

Brandi Kish\*

Libby Lockhart

Alexis Mann

Taelor McVicar

Kailey Osorio

Rebecca Umphrey\*



**Faculty Advisors:** Erika Freds  
Christina Linton

## *A Note from Mrs. Pieprzyk*

Harrison Middle School is focused on GRIT. We define GRIT as a firmness of mind or spirit or an unyielding courage in the face of hardship.

This year we hope to highlight stories of individuals who demonstrate this trait and persevere. Some students believe that things are just too hard for them to be successful and that things come easy to others. We'd like to instill that with hard work and the motivation to stick with it, even when it is hard, it is possible to accomplish the task.

Please join us in promoting these ideas with your child and encouraging them to be resilient.

One opportunity to have GRIT is to focus on the upcoming exams by studying and preparing themselves to do their best. Both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the first exams of the year on Nov 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.