

## Basketball Tip-Off

By: Kain Greenfield

This basketball season is gonna be a slam dunk season. With Mr. Chapman as the coach we hope this will be winning season. We have 15 kids playing on this team so that means we will have an A and B team this year. I feel like we will have a very good team this year with Mr. Chapman he is a very good coach and has a lot of experience in coaching. He's brought a bunch of new opportunities as a coach to the 8th grade boys team.



## Groundhogs day

By: Jaden Smythe

The tradition of Groundhogs day goes back to 1887, though the origins are unclear. They say it was originated from ancient European weather lore in whether a badger or sacred bear predicts the weather, instead of a groundhog. Groundhogs day also has religious origins. The United States and Canada celebrate Groundhogs day every year. On February second, thousands of spectators attend Groundhog's Day events in Punxsutawney, a borough that's home to some 6,000 people.



## Hallway Tales

By: Grace Taylor

One dark and stormy night, long, long ago a janitor was slowly walking to the closet to gather her mop. As she approached the door she saw a black shadow quickly float in front of her as she turned her head to get a glimpse of the shadow it suddenly disappeared. She decided to face her fears and carry on as she kicked the door open, she hesitated and backed up slowly not knowing what would be behind the door. The janitor grabbed the mop and ran back to the cafeteria as fast as she could. As soon as she reached the cafeteria, she realized she had forgotten the bucket for the mop in the closet. So she decided to go retrieve it as she neared the door the same shadow crept across the wall. "Oh my God!" She screamed then she lost her grip on the mop handle and vamoosed back to the cafeteria. As she stood there trembling in the dead silence the loud wind outside started to whistle and thunder started to rumble. As she tried to determine rather she should do her job or just go home she heard a quiet knock on the cafeteria door she slowly turned the handle and as the door cracked open there was nothing there. As she pondered over what had happened she finally realized that the shadow was just the other janitor.



## Were looking for Outstanding 7th Graders!

By: Max Coulson

In this new and upcoming semester, Hall Monitors will be keeping an eye out for magnificent 7th graders who show leadership qualities, follows the HMS policies, and works well with others as a group. The reason she is looking for 7th graders in particular is because they are the soon 8th grade generation to lead HMS as well as showing the rest of the school what good leadership is like, but to do this the 8th grade hall monitors will have to do their part too, by teaching them how to be a expectational HMS ambassador. When choosing a potential hall monitor, Mrs. Vanantwerp looks at grades so you are not missing out on class time you need, good work ethic, and if you follow the HMS policies well. Starting next semester the HMS phone policy will be strictly enforced for hall monitors as well as all HMS students, you may only have them at lunch and if it's not lunch then they should be placed in your locker.



# Groundhog's Day Word Search:

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GROUNDHOG  
BURROW  
SLEEP  
WEATHER  
TRADITION  
FEBRUARY  
UNDERGROUND  
WOODCHUCK  
HEDGEHOG  
SHADOW  
PREDICTION  
CANDLEMAS  
SPRING  
HOLES  
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# Mystery Students

By: Lucy Minor

February's eighth-grade mystery student has brown eyes, dark brown hair with ombre tips, and is five foot one. She says her favorite movie is "The Breakfast Club." Her closest friends include Kain Greenfield, Kasey Keenan, Zoey Sanderson, and Michael Pomerville. Her favorite things to do on her free time are reading and hanging out with friends.

The seventh-grade mystery student has dirty blonde hair and green eyes. She is five foot one and enjoys activities like hanging out with friends, skiing, and playing volleyball. Her best friend is Grace Taylor. She says her favorite movie is "The Kissing Booth" and one of her favorite foods are quesadillas.

Our sixth-grade mystery student has brown hair, brown eyes, and on her free time enjoys playing sports. She says her favorite book she's ever read is "A Night Divided." She also said that her favorite food is tacos and you would probably find her hanging out with her close friends Madison Seeny and Ava Snyder.

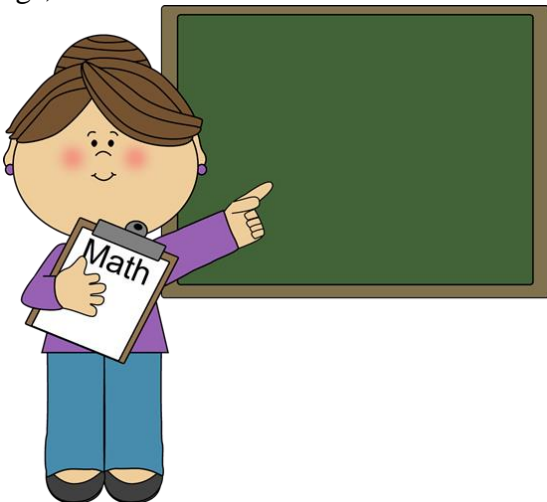
Did you guess right?



## Staff Highlight: Mrs. Haines

By: Luighseach Lewis

On December 11th, I interviewed Mrs. Haines. She said that she has been working in the school district for an extensive twenty two years, but has only taught math for seven. Even though she has only taught it for a small fraction of her career in the district, math is still her favorite subject. She has 3 kids; Conner, Ashley, Parker, and and 1 grandkid, she enjoys watching her son Conner's basketball games in her free time. She has ducks, chickens, 2 dogs, and one cat.



## Jokes

By: Ashlynn Gamble

Q: Why couldn't the pirate play cards? A: Because he was always on the deck.



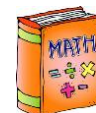
Q: Why couldn't the bicycle stand up? A: Because it was two-tired



Q: What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back? A: A stick



Q: Why was the math book always worried? A: Because it had so many problems



Q: Which school supply is king of the classroom? A: A ruler



Q: What do you get if you cross a pine tree with an apple? A: A pine-apple





# A Day For Love



By: Sarah Barnard

The shiny vibrant red glistening heart shaped boxes are passed on from person to person, containing a hazel, beige, brindle brown coca powdered perfection, waiting to be devoured and slowly melt and fall apart in your mouth, the sweet and luxurious taste stains and tingles your taste buds before being tempted to eat another. Flowers dance from hand to hand and lover to lover, the sweet, meadow-dew, heavenly, earthy fragrance fills the air, their petals sway and move carrying a strong nice, calming, aroma. Hearts pound, butterflies flutter in the deep pits of stomachs, and people just can't seem to get that one person out of their mind as the heat on their cheeks burn hot. February 14 is the time where young hearts throb and flutter with love and romance and sums up all its passion in words to create that magical thing called a "Valentine." Across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France. I hope that all of you enjoy Valentines day, spend it with someone important to you, and if you don't have anybody special to celebrate with it, enjoy yourself and have a great day, because it's perfectly fine to be single on Valentine's day and your never alone!



# The Buzz

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## Understanding Peer-to-Peer

By: Max Coulson

Peer-to-Peer is a program for students who represent an approach providing a source of informational support for other students. Each student is equally privileged and is therefore encouraged to participate in all group activities. In Peer to Peer everyone is equal, no one is better than anyone and no one is worse than anyone. This creates a very calm and timid environment for proposing questions that will not be judged by others. One of Peer-to-Peer's goals is to boost students' appropriate social skills and daily living skills to be valuable members of a community. When deciding who was going to be asked to join peer-to-peer Mrs. Vanantwerp tried to side away from HMS hall monitors so other students could get involved with one of the many HMS groups and organizations. In the next newspaper there might be more information about peer-to-peer; thank you.



## The High Schools Exchange Students

By: Jayme Hoskey

On the 14th of January for both first and second lunch, we had some special visitors, the high schools exchange students! For first lunch there were Johannah and Nicole, both, from Germany. They talked about what they missed from back home, and what they like about Harrison. They were obviously very ecstatic to be there and talk to everyone that was willing to listen. Then, during second lunch we had Georgia and Lina. Georgia is from Australia, and Lina is from Germany. They talked about their native languages, what they're best experience over here was, and how hard it was to learn English. Georgia and Lina both had a different point of view on everything but it made it interesting to see what different cultures are like. I am very sure that both groups were more than happy to give up their own lunches to spend with us. If you see them walking the halls, make sure to thank them for what they did on the 14th. We are also hoping for another visit from them soon. So you can look forward to that as well. We will keep you guys updated!



## Perks Trip

By: Mikayla Dennis

In December, the staff and eligible student body took a perks field trip and went to the movies in Mt. Pleasant. These students did not have any detentions or write ups. The students got to vote whether they wanted to see Bumble Bee (the new transformers movie) or Mary Poppins Returns. There they enjoyed pop and popcorn while they watched their choice of movie. This was a great way to start our Christmas break and make sure to be good so you can attend the next perks trip.

