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Welcome Back!

It's a new school year, and there have been some important changes that affect everyone. Homeroom is now CCR and focuses on Rachel's Challenge, college and career choices, and a subject-specific curriculum. There are unique classes being offered at each grade level.





**HMS 7th Grade Experiences
Rachel's Challenge**

Credit Requirement Raised

By Emilie Arias 6th grade



Dr. Buffington & Mrs. Warren

As you know, grades are counted into credits. This means students need a certain amount of credits throughout the year in order to pass their grade. If a student does not earn enough credits, then he has to repeat the entire year.

Some students might not know this, but the credits needed to pass each used to be five out of a total of seven credits. This school year it has been raised. You need to earn six out of seven credits. This means you need to drop that video game and try to raise your grades to pass each quarter.

Mrs. Warren stated, "I am happy with the decision. The decision was made because we noticed students' credits were dropping. Increasing the credits needed to pass encourages them to try harder in school and challenges them."

"It was Dr. Buffington's idea. She also noticed the need for more credits. So we agreed to change the rule," Mrs. Warren shared. "Some may not know this, but Dr. Buffington has a network on the School City of Hobart website called "Superintendent's Brickie Network." This website provides tips, homework help, parent guidance, and so much more."

A Journey to Remember

Forty-three students and adults traveled to the East Coast in June to explore Washington, D.C., New York City, and Philadelphia. It was a whirlwind trip that included sightseeing, educational tours, and fun.



In Washington, they visited the White House, the Smithsonian, the Capitol, Ford's Theater, Mount Vernon, and the National Archives.



In Philadelphia, they ran up Rocky's stairs, toured the historical city where the Declaration of Independence was born, and saw the original Liberty Bell.



In Independence Hall, they viewed the small room where our forefathers sat and debated separation from England saw Betsy Ross's house, and Ben Franklin's print shop.

The final destination was New York City. The group was dropped off in Little Italy and didn't stop until almost midnight. Their guide Sean led them through the streets, showed them where to shop, and escorted them to an authentic Italian restaurant to eat dinner. The evening ended with a subway ride to the Empire State Building for a night time view of the city from the observation deck at the top. In the next couple of days, the group saw the Statue of Liberty,



explored Ellis Island and learned about the joys and tears of those who traveled to a new world to live. They gathered outside the NBC towers and were able to watch the Today Show being aired live. Some even were seen by their families at home in Hobart. Central Park, the World Trade Center Memorial, Times Square, Wall Street, and so much more filled their days.





The group's last stop took them from the United States to neutral soil - the United Nations. This international organization's land is not a part of the United States. The group toured the building and discovered the importance of this important global governing body.

NATURAL HELPERS

By Emilie Arias



Natural Helpers is a group of trusted 7th and 8th graders. How do you get in? You cannot sign up. You earn an opportunity to be in this group. How you earn it is it starts in the 7th grade when



students take an optional survey. The survey asks you to write down the two people you think you can trust in the school. When the results are in, they take a certain amount of people who students think

are the most trusted. These students become Natural Helpers.

Mr. Stoelb, the leader of this helpful gang, is also known as Mr. Stoelb, the 8th grade science teacher. Mr. Stoelb says about this group, "They are a good group of students I am proud to lead."

This year's Star Staff (returning Natural Helpers) include Abigail Leonard, Elena Polizotto, Antonio Irizarry, Lily Kollross, and Dylan Lawson.

New 8th grade Natural Helpers are Ian Kelly, Sal Valle, Sam Valdez, Jacob Vode, Austin Feterick, Logan Reid, Zachary Guthrie, Christina Shaginaw, Amaya Shinkle, Olivia Budzielek, Jenna Uhles, Samantha Vode, Erika Udoltz, Angelina Besone, Faith Spencer, Alaiya Melton, Bridget Cockrell, and Amanda Cicillian.

Seventh graders joining the group are Hayden Homoky, Coltin Gresser, Matt Benton, Nathan Schammert, Brandon Marciniak, Abigale Haluska, Liesl Martin, Grace Nestich, Emily Sutton, Rebecca Lewis, Zoey Belk, Abigail Clemmons, Audree Vann, and Kaylee Isek.

Adult chaperones included Mr. Stoelb, Mr. Swanson, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Halstead, and Mrs. Lams.

Team Lead

By Sydney Butterfield

Team Lead is a great group of kids! On Friday, (last week) Team Lead was supposed to go to a Beyond Boundaries field trip! Well, that day was rainy and so it was cancelled! The field trip includes fun and intriguing courses that can only be completed with a team! In this field trip personal space doesn't exist! The field trip is now rescheduled for Friday October 18! This field trip will be so exciting and fun and also help Team Lead accomplish its goal of being kind and compassionate!

Wolfkins Auditions Held

By Rebekkah Hunter

Wolfkins auditions were held Monday, September 29. This choir club will be for 7th and 8th graders who really enjoy choir and singing. Some students are very excited and very nervous.

Here's what some of the 7th grade choir students had to say! Cassie said that she was nervous about her skills in sight singing. (Sight singing is when you sing the letter name of the note you see, along with singing the correct pitch.)

Katy said, "I want to be in Wolfkins because I like singing and now I get to sing with people who deserve it."

Christiana said, "I'm most excited about the ensemble contest, and I'm most nervous about singing in front of people."

Anonymous said, "There are more 8th grade spots than 7th grade and I don't want to fight everybody for it."

So... there were some pretty mixed feelings about this. What would you do if you were auditioning?



Meet Our Newest Grandbaby

Congratulations to Mrs. Warren on the birth of her beautiful granddaughter.

Sports Report

Tough Break for 8th Grade

Sorry, but eighth graders weren't celebrating too hard. TJ beat the Brickies 13-7. You guys were just about at the 20 yard line when the game ended. Close, but no cigar, Bricks. Don't get me wrong, this game was not too bad and full of suspense. In my opinion, it was a good game full of excitement. It would have been better if we won but hey, great job! That was really close. Come on Brickies, stay Brick Solid. Step up defense guys. Besides that, you guys are good. By the way, next home game is on the twentieth.

From your football reporter/critic
Armando Bernal

Great Night for 7th Grade

Man, that was a heck of a game! Brickies beat Thomas Jefferson 38-14. D.J Lipke #32 scored most of those points from hand-offs by the quarterback. In addition, Trevor Underdahl #34 ran most yards in this head-to-head thanks to the quarterback Nicky Flesher #3. In my opinion, this was an awesome match. Keep it up coach Swafford and Bialata. Otherwise, you guys are doing great! By the way, next home game is on the twentieth.

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The HMS Girls Cross Country Teams Competed Against a Strong Union Township Team

Eighth grader Christina Shaginaw was the overall winner in the 8th grade race for the second time this season! Christina's race broke 12:00 finishing in 11:56 to

take the overall first place finish! Our 8th grade girls finishing the top 5 were Holly Shaginaw-2nd, Elena Polizzoto-3rd, Abby Leonard-4th, and Kayla Wright-5th for a perfect score of 15 points!

The 7th grade girls raced to their second consecutive perfect team score of 15 points with Avianna Rossetti taking 1st place, Jenna Lis-2nd, Jordan Rongstad-3rd, Makayla Mehok-4th and Trinity Collins-5th. Our top 5 runners finished 55 seconds apart!

The top five sixth grade runners were Claire Bordowitz-4th, Lilly Butler-5th, Delaney O'Brien-6th, Brittany Burger-8th, and Miracle Ramos-12th. Our top five 6th grade girls finished 50 seconds apart!

Congratulations to all of our team members racing to new PR's!

Coaches Funkhouser, Wolfe,
Barker



The shirts the girls are wearing are earned for consistently working hard, doing well at races, showing great sportsmanship, helping pick up, and being a great team member. They are all very excited to earn these!

