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Hello students from HMS!

We hope you are all doing well on your Aspire and Rise tests and wish you the best of luck!

Don't forget to cheer on our spring sports competitors! Although this time might seem stressful it'll be all worth it in the end. You got this!



April Fun Facts!

1. The Birthstone for April is the diamond

2. The Zodiac signs are:

Aries (March 21– April 19)

Taurus (April 20– May 20)



3. In the Southern Hemisphere,

April is the same as October in the Northern Hemisphere

4. The sweet pea and the daisy are the birth flowers for the month of April

5. April used to be the second month of the year in the early Roman calendar.

6. The name for the month of April was originally *Aprilis* which means to open.





when you find out your friend did as bad as you did on a test



me : "so what did you get on the test"
friend : "it's so bad, like i only got 95%"
me : "oh, i got 38%"
friend : "omg thats so good!"
me :

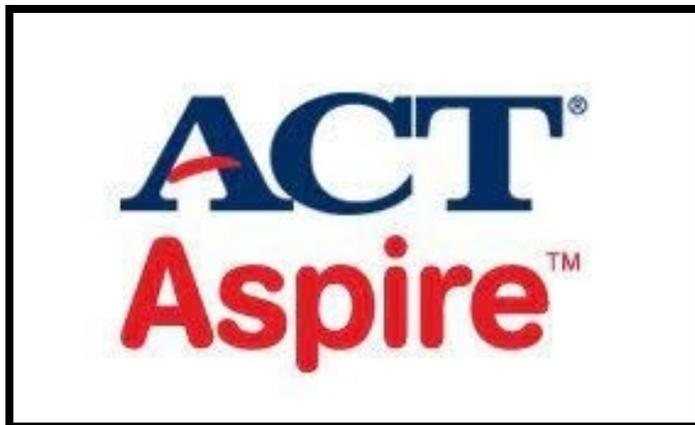


The Aspire Testing

By: Leighna Allred

Currently, the ninth graders at Hurricane Middle School are taking the end-of-year Aspire test. The Aspire tests are practice tests to prepare freshman and sophomores for the ACT testing in their Junior year. This test, however, is not as hard as the actual ACT. The Aspire test is to help us be familiar with how the questions are asked and the format of the testing. The test scores grades you from one through four, one being the lowest four being the highest, but the Aspire also estimates what you could potentially get on the ACT, the highest being 36. Students also have the option to drop out of the Aspire testing by having their parents sign a paper at the office.

While the freshmen are taking the Aspire, the eighth graders are taking the Rise test. The Rise tests are also end-of-year tests. These tests show how much students have learned throughout the year. Like the Aspire, the Rise test scores you one through four, but it does not give you an estimated ACT score. These tests are for students in grades three through eight .



.Fiiz or Pick Me Up?

By: Austin Terry

Fiiz or Pick Me Up? That is the question when you live in Hurricane Valley. Which one is better? Which one is more popular and favorable? Which one has better drink or food options?

First, we'll start with Fiiz. "It's more than love. It's an obsession! We want EVERY-ONE to 'do' Fiiz their way! That's why we have hundreds of signature menu items as well as TENS of THOUSANDS different drink combinations. We're mad scientists of Soda... or maybe we just love caffeine!" (fiizdrinks.com).

Fiiz has 110 soda options, not even counting their frozen drinks as well as kid drinks and Italian sodas. Fiiz drinks start at \$1.25 but increase as you choose your size and flavors.

Pick Me Up's philosophy is, "Anyone can pour drinks into a cup... and sure, our drinks and cookies are amazing, but really, we just use that as an excuse to meet people, make friends, and hopefully add a little more brightness to the day. We're about lifting people up and spreading cheer, and if we haven't done that by the time you've left our window... we've failed" (pickmeupdrinks.com).

Pick Me Up has about 46 soda options. This includes energy drinks or hot chocolate options. When creating your own drink, the price starts at \$1.09 but increases as you choose your sizes and syrups.

After looking at the data, both drink places have their pros and cons. Fiiz has more drink options and even a menu for children. However, Pick Me Up starts at a lower price when creating your own drink option. Fiiz has fruit waters for those H2O fans while Pick Me Up doesn't. Both have excellent customer service.

So now, one question remains, Fiiz or Pick Me Up?

End of the school year

By: Maleia Kopf

School is almost out. Yay!!

But we shouldn't forget about grades before then yes, it can get hard but we can do this! Here are some ways that can help motivate you while in school and outside of school.

You can set some goals for yourself and when you hit that goal for yourself, reward yourself after all that hard work. Don't wait for someone to tell you what to do.

If you have a goal or an idea, don't be afraid to chase it yourself. And the last thing is to don't question your abilities you have for yourself, you can do this and you can get through this.



Boys Soccer

By: Trinity Sanchez

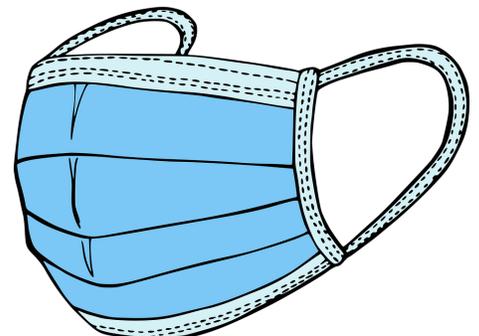
Hurricane Middle School boys soccer is an amazing team. This team hasn't won many games but are sure they were going to win some games until four of them tested positive for COVID-19. They were worried that if one more got tested positive for COVID they wouldn't be able to play because when you get five positive the team has to go into quarantine for two weeks. Lucky for the Hurricane Middle School boys soccer they didn't have anymore kids test positive and now they can play against that team and win!



Are masks going to be required next year?

By: Jencie Porter

The mask mandate for the state was lifted on April 10th. However, the school district is still requiring masks. There has been a lot of debating if masks should be required next school year or not. Mask mandates for schools are supposed to come down on June 15th. Some places might have the option to wear masks or not and it's your decision. In other places they will most likely remain required. Depending on the conditions in different places the decision will be made for each place. The majority of students don't like wearing masks and can't wait until they're not required anymore.



What will people do during the summer?

By: Abigail Elmore

We all know that summer is the highlight of the year. Most people look forward and practically live off the hope that summer is coming, while others dread the summer. Some have no plans for what to do, loving the sheer enjoyment of being spontaneous and keeping it open for friends. Then there are the people who plan every day for maximum enjoyment or productivity. So, what are the plans for this summer? What will make this summer special? Taija Campbell said “I don’t really plan specific stuff but I’ll probably end up hanging out with my friends. And I think we’re going to Lagoon at some point haha.”

Another student, Baylee Melessa, says “I will probably be going to the lake often.” What will you be doing this summer? How will you make the best of the best time of year?

The Benefits of Taking the AP exam

By: McKagun Crane

As many students hear at HMS know during the first two weeks of May there will be the AP Spanish or Chinese exams. What is the AP exam you might ask? For these freshmen, it is a test to see how well you can speak, read, and write using another language. The AP exam puts you into five categories: one being the worst and five being the best. When the test is done it will open up the opportunity to participate in concurrent enrollment while in High School. What is concurrent enrollment? Concurrent enrollment is where you take a college course while in High School. With the credits that you get from Concurrent enrollment you can transfer them to almost any college and won't be required to take the class when you are in college. This will open up many job opportunities if you can pass the AP exam, so study hard and try your best.

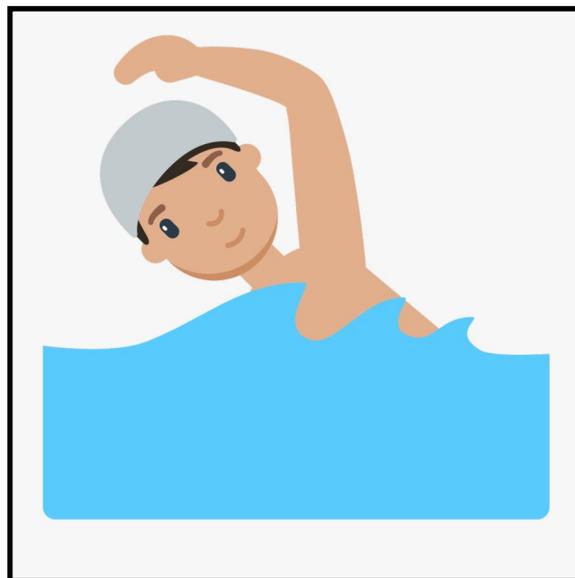
Summer Activity Ideas

By: Kaylee King

There comes a point in the summer where there is just nothing else to do. It's too hot outside to do anything in the afternoon and the activities inside have already been done. Going to do fun things that are indoors or going to hangout by the water may be just the solution. For example, going to Quail Lake is one such activity. Besides being able to sit by the water and chill, kayaking in the water can be enjoyable. Many people find that kayaking can be an opportunity to explore the water and can be a good source of exercise.

Also, going to the local city pool is a great way to both support local businesses and to cool off in the summer heat. If our local activities aren't your style, try going to St. George and having some fun. The Washington City Pool is a very popular place to go during the hot summer months. It features a waterslide and a lazy river that can be quite enjoyable.

In addition, going to Fiesta Fun or Laser Mania can be a fun thing to do with your friends to escape the heat. If you are interested in art and painting heading over to The Tilted Kiln in St. George might be your best bet! While there you can choose a ceramic creation and paint it however you like. They also offer private classes where you can make your own ceramics from scratch. Overall, there are many fun ways to escape the heat this summer.



Finale

A Debate Story

By: Allie Miller

Sadly, with the end of the state competition so comes the end of debate. This year was a blast with many extraordinary memories. Hurricane destroyed the reigning champion (also known as Dixie). The team started out small but slowly grew. Even though it was the tiniest, they made their way to victory. Every moment bounded the members of debate, until it became a family. Debate is a place where anyone can fit in. There are so many different types of people who join. It's a place to come together. Students can share their thoughts and feelings without being judged.

Debate isn't just about arguing and winning, but coming together. It is a wonderful experience that can benefit all those who join. So, sign up next year and join the fun. 9th graders and up can come and join. Don't miss the chance to make new friends, earn varsity letters, argue, make inside jokes, and enjoy the moment of a lifetime. Why not become the next great speakers.

Even if somebody doesn't enjoy writing essays, there are many events they can enjoy. Impromptu is all made up on the spot. The topic is given during the round and a speech is created based on it. All debaters create speeches differently. Finding a unique style is part of the fun. Spar is another event that is fun. Basically, a topic is presented during a round and two people debate different sides of it. These topics can be silly or political. Anything can happen during a spar round. If somebody isn't into making things up on the spot, other events can come into play.

LD is an event based on morals and ethics. Statistics aren't usually used here. This is an individual event that allows students to express more feelings than facts. PF is a partnered event based on statistics. Like LD, a new topic is presented each month. This is a fun event that uses lots of facts and evidence. Policy is another partnered event that contains attacking opponents' cases more. Many people will say that it is the most intense event, but it's a blast.

Congress is another event where students present bills and speeches backing them up. This is circled around politics and statistics. If none of these spark interest or you wish to know more, come on down to debate and learn more about events. There are many other things that can be done instead of the ones listed above. So, why not try it out and see if it works for you.



How to Gain a Following on Instagram?

By: Cheyanne Kay



Many teenagers who are in middle school as well as high school have an Instagram or any other kind of social media account. Some parents won't let kids get these social media accounts until they are in middle school or high school, however. This could be hard as these teens would like followers of many people in the school they go to. As Hurricane Middle School has 850 kids, it could be hard to get your account out there in the public. There are many different ways for students to gain a following, however. As there is a "shout out for a shout out" as well as Like, comment, and share.

Shout out for a Shout out

One way for teens to get more followers on their social media is asking people on their Instagram story for a shout out, and in the end they will give one back. Having your followers shout you out means to have them tag your username on their Instagram story and ask people to follow you. This is a great way to get followers as it can be a win for both participants as they are tagging each other on their Instagram story.

Like, Comment, & Share

Many teens post photos on Instagram, as they would like to save and show off their adventures with friends and family. Many people post their posts on their Instagram story and ask people to like, comment and share. As many people share the post of their friends, many people get to see your post. When people see that your friend reposts your post on their story they often like that photo and sometimes even follow you. This is a great way to get likes on your post as well as followers.

In conclusion, having a lot of followers is not very important as some people make it seem. As the amount of followers does not control who you are, as well as your wellbeing. Being a better person does not mean that you have a higher follower count than another person. This article is more of a fun way to get followers and it should not be used as a competition towards each other. As many people get upset that they do not have as many followers as their friends and other peers. Although, gaining followers can be used as a great way to make new friends.



Spring



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BUNNY	FLOWERS	INSECTS	RABBIT	TULIP
BUTTERFLY	FROG	LADYBUG	ROBIN	WORM

