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Hey HMS, it's your Tiger Times

We hope that everyone is enjoying the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year! Be aware that the first quarter ends on October 13th so be sure to turn everything in and get your grades up!

**Everyone have a great week and remember:
Be the Change!**

**Dr. Christy Kane @ Hurricane High School
Oct 9th @ 6 p.m.**—Dr. Kane will present research on the link between excessive Social Media and Depression in Youth.



Pine Creek Canyon: A Canyoneering Adventure

By Lillian Welsh

Zion National Park is truly a sacred place. It's salmon pink halls are tear-streaked with minerals of bygone ages, and beautiful green desert jungles carpet the base of stunning white-capped peaks. Not many are aware of the hidden trail just beneath the Zion tunnel that is able to harness the majesty of southern Utah in one stunning length of slot canyons, pristine pools, and breathtaking views.

Pine Creek Canyon is a canyoneering trail to rival all others. It's subterranean conditions and steep rappels make it a stunning and unique experience, perfect for groups or lone adventurers. It's conditions are constantly changing, but there is usually water flowing, either from melting snow or summer monsoons.

Pine Creek is not a beginner trail, and each canyoneer should have at least moderate experience. There are seven repels, ranging from fifteen to a hundred foot free rapel. Bring a wetsuit, and be prepared for cold water! Each person should have their own gloves, wetsuit, and helmet. The climb can take 2-8 hours, so bring lots of water and snacks!

This canyoneering trail does require a permit, and two cars or a short hitchhike. There is usually water, and many steep repels.

Some can be down climbed, but at the climbers risk, as several ankles have been injured! The views are amazing, and the slot canyon is colored in bright shades of red and pink. The first four rappels are relatively close together, but there is a long hike/swim through a slot canyon between rap 4 and 5. The walls are gorgeous, and be sure to look up!

At the end of the slot canyon, there is a gorgeous free repel. As you are suspended a hundred feet above the ground, a section of the Zion Tunnel drifts into view, cut into a hall of layered sandstone like an angel's window. Once you reach the bottom, hike out of a pothole into a fanatical turquoise lagoon, fed by cool water leaking from the walls into a painting of black minerals on a burgundy canvas. After that there is a strenuous climb out of the canyon and lots of swimming holes to cool down in!

Pine Creek is truly an "epic adventure through a subterranean paradise," said Stephen Welsh, who has traversed it. This cathedral of nature will have you thinking you have been transported to a pristine alternate universe of vivid colors, haunting rock formations, and adrenaline rushes!



The Appeal Video Games

By Ethan Metzger

Video games are one of the most popular inventions that everyone seems to know about. Video games are amazing pieces of technology allowing people to explore different worlds, compete in different activities, and even become different characters. For your home you can find a video game for almost everything that you want. Allowing people to find many game types such as action, puzzle, first person, exploration, and many others. “Online video games can help you meet new people and play with friends far away,” said one HMS student. which is an amazing point. Video games also give experiences such as fighting a dragon, meeting characters in game, and exploring old caves.

Beating a hard video game can give a sense of accomplishment and makes people really happy. Although it's not unique to video games, the accomplishment is really an amazing experience, and the thrill of success drives the addiction. Video games have gotten really popular the past few years. One of my parents says “video games have gotten really popular over the years ever since I was little”. Video games have been rising in popularity since they first got released over 40 years ago taking the world by storm. And making its way into birthday’s and holidays for presents for kids. Often during the holiday season adults wait in



long lines, spend incredible amounts of money, and sometimes fight for the latest and greatest video games of the year.

Video games also have a purpose. They can be for entertainment, brain enhancing, educational, simulations, or art. Educational games help kids learn. Often online learning includes a game. Last year I had a science class and the lab was a game that we could play and learn at the same time. Simulation games can help people explore design or landscapes as they build the world around them. And art games can create masterpieces.

The culture around video games often includes the name “gamer” as a description for someone who loves video games. Social networks are built through video games and people can play games with other people who are all around the world. Or you can pay with family and friends. During the COVID-19 year, it has brought people together while keeping them apart. Everyone seems to know about video games. They are amazing and enjoyable.



Stirland Dance Studio Showcases Talent

By: Briallen Hare

Though Stirland Dance Studio is a pretty big organization, it didn't start out that way. Stirland Dance Studio used to just be a small little studio with only a few students. With a lot of hard work and help from her daughters, Bea stirland, founder and director of Stirland Dance Studio has created a very successful business that's continually growing.

Classes

In the Stirland Dance Studio they teach tap, ballet, jazz, lyrical, hip hop, and a lot more. In each class they learn two dances, a Christmas one and a spring one. Each class is usually 45 minutes once a week.

Performing

The studio performs twice a year, in December and March. They usually perform at the Fine arts center. The dancers love performing. Hannah Stout, an 8th grade student at HMS who has been dancing at Stirland Dance Studio for about 8 years says that she loves performing because "it's fun and it really shows how hard everyone worked to get there."

Company

Recently they have added a dance company. The dance company is a lot harder than normal classes and you have

to try out to get in. They hold auditions, you do a dance you learned before auditions, and a solo you made up. There is senior, junior, and a mini company, it depends on your skills and age for which one you get into. Company classes are usually 1 hour and 15 minutes long, you

learn a lot more dances and perform a lot more. Braxten Curtis, another 8th grade student at HMS, who has danced at Stirland Dance Studio for two years said that his favorite thing about

the company is that "it gives me more opportunity and practice" Curtis says "I would love to perform at Tuacahn in their shows one day."

More about SDS

Hannah Hare, my mom who has supported SDS since about 2004 says that she likes it because "it helps with social/dance skills, we make really good friends, and there are no negative people there." Everyone there is super friendly and every class becomes like a second family to the dancers. Stirland dance studio is a great place, many students and kids love dancing there. They learn a lot and have so much fun performing and dancing with their friends. Students at SDS always look forward to learning new dances and steps that they can use over the years.



HMS students take “Respect, Responsibility, and Kindness to the next level

HMS teachers are watching what we are doing. Not for bad things but for what we are doing right! They are watching if we are keeping the school motto. If teachers see a student being kind, respectful, or responsible, then they put it into the system. These are the students they have seen keeping up the school motto so far:

Aaron Malone, Ashton Harris, Codera Krogh, Jackson Smith, Janson Pace and Lincoln Iverson! Congratulations to those six students, keep it up!

So, students at HMS, if you want to be like any of these six students, follow the HMS motto and you might be able to make here in the newspaper. Listen to Principal Homer’s words and be Respectful, Responsible, and Kind!

Aaron Malone, Ashton Harris, and Janson Pace were being great kids when they decided to put other kids’ Chromebooks away so that they could catch the bus on time.

Codera Krogh is always helping kids in her class with the assignments they don’t understand.

Jackson Smith is always in his classroom after school to put the absent kids’ chairs away, pick up all the garbage, and is kind to everyone he meets.

Lincoln Iverson shows RRK by helping another student when they fell and reported it to an adult.



Advice to 8th Graders

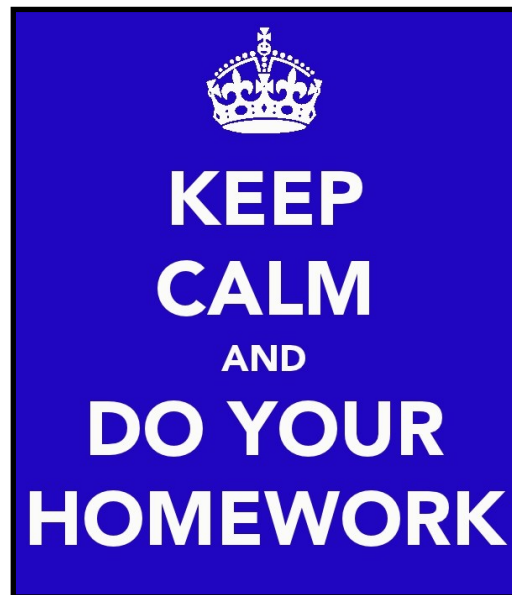
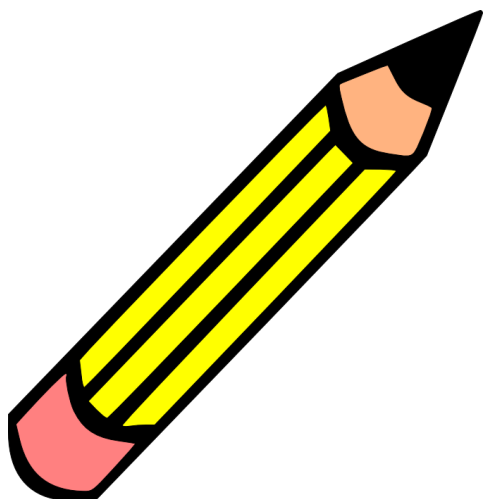
By: Gavin Pahnke

Starting a new school year is a big change, especially for kids our age. Navigating through school is a lot like rafting through the rough waters of a river, and we can often use a “guide” to lead us through. I asked some 9th grade “guides” for advice that they would give to 8th graders new to HMS. Here is what they said:

“I think it’s a really big jump from intermediate to middle school at least for me it was”, said Gracie Yates, a 9th grade HMS student. “My biggest advice would (be) to start heading in the direction you want things to go for the rest of your years in school”.

This applies to grades, friends, sports, and more.

Yates also said: “And make sure you are happy because it’s a fresh start and you can go in whatever direction you want.” This is a new year, and a new year means a fresh start. Try not to waste it.



“Stay up on your schoolwork, but live your life and have fun, while still being responsible.”, said Berkli Jones.

A good balance is important to be successful in school. Make sure to leave enough time for your friends and other activities. Also, don’t procrastinate.

Abraham Lincoln said: “You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today”.

In other words, just because you put something off doesn’t mean you don’t have to do it. **DON’T PROCRASTINATE!**

I hope this amazing advice from fellow students will help you find your groove



**What does a nos-
ey pepper do?**

**It gets jalapeño
business.**

**What did the
duck say when
it bought some
lipstick?**

**“Put it on my
bill.”**

**You: What cartoon
mouse walks on two
feet?**

Them: Mickey Mouse

**You: What duck walks
on two feet?**

Them: Donald Duck

You: No, all ducks do!

I know... we all hate the
“really funny dad jokes”
but sometimes, people
need a laugh every so
often. Laughing is a
great way to relive
stress.

**How do you
measure a
snake?**

**In inches—they
don’t have feet.**

Would you like to travel to Spain, Italy or Boston?

Come to an information meeting on **Wed. October 27 @ 6 p.m.** at the
Hurricane Community Center Room 107 to find out more!

You’ll find out about each trip’s itinerary,
measures to keep travelers safe, fundraising
opportunities and more!

**Please scan the QR code to RSVP
for the meeting:**



**Information Portal
with trip info**

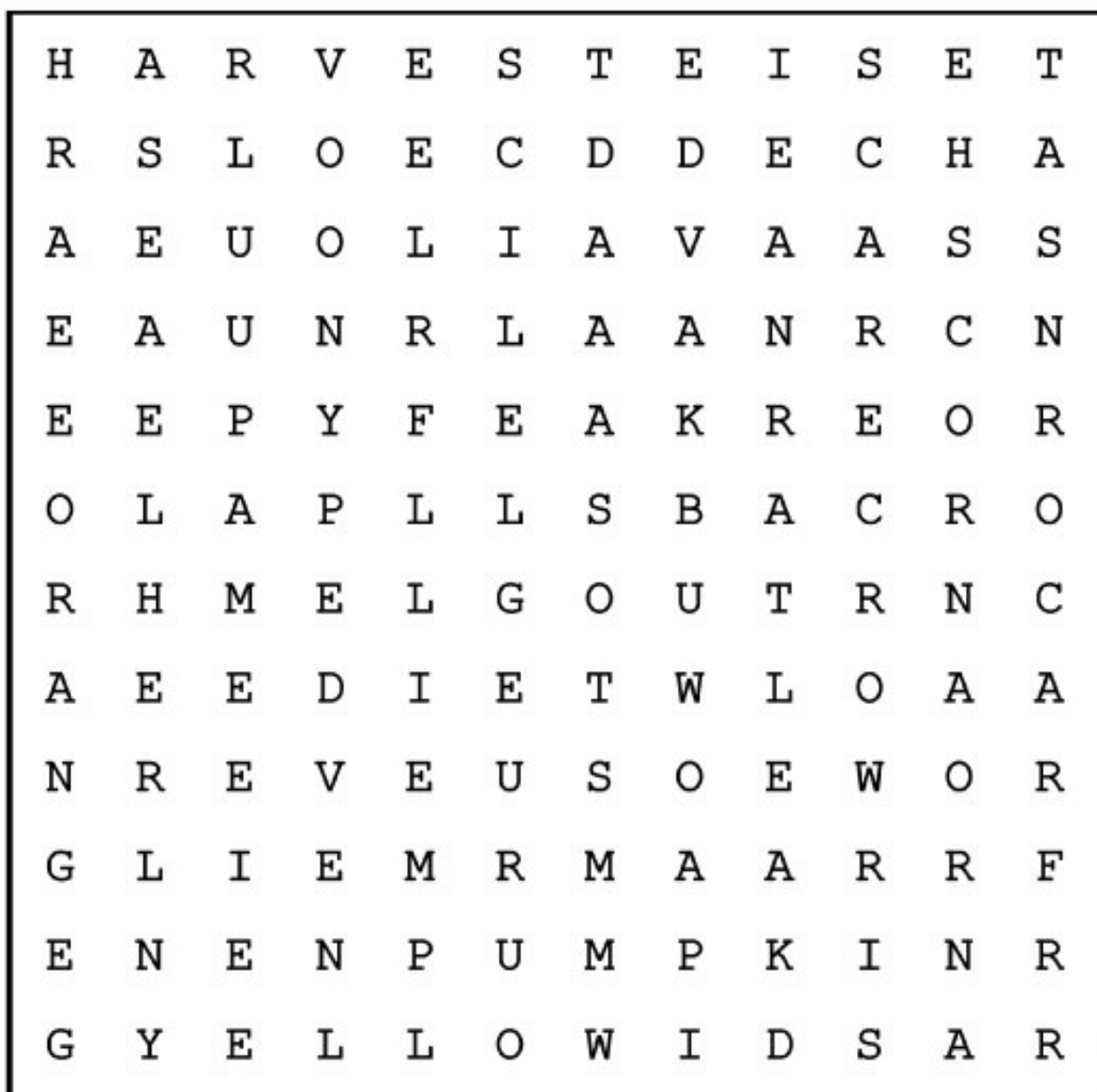


Questions? Contact Mr. Wadsworth, reubenwadsworth@gmail.com

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Find each of the fall words hidden below.



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yellow	apples
scarecrow	hayride
autumn	red
leaves	Thanksgiving
sunflower	football
acorns	orange
corn	

