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Hello students from HMS!

We hope you are all doing well on your RISE and ASPIRE tests.

School is almost over! We'll make it!

We hope you all will have an awesome Easter Break!

Good Luck to the Student Council Candidates!



Ukraine Suffers Oppression By Gavin Pahnke

After Russia spent weeks building up a huge military force on its border with Ukraine at the beginning of this year, Russia launched a full-scale invasion on the smaller European country on February 24. For about a month, Ukrainians, with assistance from other countries, are fighting to fend off the Russian attackers. This is not the first time Russia has invaded Ukraine however. In 2014, Russia invaded part of Ukraine and annexed the Crimea Peninsula, which has been controlled by Russia ever since. As the war rages on, the question on everybody's mind is "Why is Russia invading Ukraine anyway?"

The answer is not so simple. When Russia first started its invasion, its goal was to overrun Ukraine and take control of its government. This would end talks about Ukraine joining NATO, a defensive alliance of 30 north-hemispherical countries that was formed after World War 2. Putin doesn't want the border of its rival NATO to reach any further east. As of now, Russia already has a small border with NATO, but if Ukrainians got their wish and were accepted into NATO, that would effectively give Russia a much larger border with their enemy. Russian President Vladimir Putin told Russian citizens that the purpose of the war was to "demilitarize and de-Nazify Ukraine", and liberate Ukrainians who have supposedly been the subject of genocide and bullying by Ukraine's government. President Putin also claims that Russia and Ukraine are one people, saying "Ukraine never had a tradition of genuine statehood," denving



Ukraine of its history and essentially calling the country a part of Russia.

Negotiations are in the works on both sides, with Russia demanding to annex two more Ukrainian areas and a promise that Ukraine will never join NATO or the European Union. Ukraine is demanding a ceasefire and complete removal of Russian troops from the country, as well as a guarantee that gives Ukraine protection from a group of allied countries. As the war rages on, President Biden, as well as the leadership of many other countries, are imposing economic sanctions on Russia. These sanctions are put in place to damage Russia's economy and give the nation more motivation to end the invasion. Many countries are also sending aid in the form of weapons, food, clothing, medicine, and more to the war torn country. All in all, I agree with H.G. Wells, who said "If we don't end war, war will end us".

We'll miss you! By Izabella Hoover

Mr. Homer will be missed by us all but he is moving on to a new chapter in his life at a CTE program. His place will be taken by Mr. Jaggi, and Mr. Tate from Crimson High School will be taking Mr. Jaggi's place as vice principal. Mr. Tate was the vice principal at Crimson and their football coach. Although it is a great honor to be moving up to the principal position, Mr. Jaggi will miss his job as vice principal because he loved interacting with all the students. As the principal he won't be able to interact with them as

much however he will still be able to interact with the students not just when they get into trouble he can interact with them as a person they can talk to when times get tough and for many other



things such as just saying good morning.

As things are changing at Hurricane Middle School all changes will be for the better. Mr. Jaggi will make positive changes towards the students and environment at Hurricane Middle School. Things at the school will remain the same but still change and may people will be affected by these changes but for the most part the learning environment will be moving forward for the best.

April Fools!

By Maddie Card



April Fools is the one day of the year that you get a freebie to prank anyone you want! April first can get a little crazy especially when the students here at HMS are busy pulling their best pranks. One student, Marshall Stratton, pulled a great prank. He said that one year he, "Told everyone [he] was moving, then came back from vacation on April 1st." Imagine how surprised people were when he showed up to school that day! Tylee Davis told us how on April Fools she loves to prank her family by "dying the milk blue and putting April Fools and pull pranks on saran wrap on the toilet." Her

household is probably full of pranks each April Fools!

Sometimes we're pranked by others before we get the chance to prank. Instead of being the prankster Madison Peck was the one who got pranked, saying, "I fell asleep on the couch and my brother put a bunch of whipped cream on my hand, and I woke up looking like a yeti because I wiped it all over my face!" Be careful not to fall asleep on April Fools or else that could be you! Megan Hall told the story of the best prank that has ever been played on her by saying, "My mom put a HUGE cut-out of a bug inside a lampshade. Me and my family are dead scared of bugs and this was terrifying. She said that if we looked down the lampshade she would pay us \$1, but we were too scared and fled upstairs, crying." This year makes sure that you take advantage of others before they do it to you.

What Are Some Of The Best Movies From This Year?

By Aspen Higgins



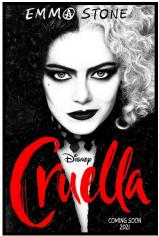


Some of you students might want to remember what movies you saw back in 2022. So, we created a survey to help vote for the most popular movies that kids at HMS have seen and loved. We had 95 replies from our survey and the results were all over the board. We have Spider-Man: No Way Home with 26 votes in first place. The Batman (2022) with 14 votes in second place. Encanto with 8 votes in third place. Our Honorable Mention

is Free Guy with 7 votes.

Other movies that were in the competition are: Uncharted:6, Dog:3, Red Notice:3, Turning Red:3, Luca:2, Jungle Cruise:2, Death on the Nile:1, Ghostbusters Afterlife:1, Squid Games:1, Halloween:1, Cruella:1. We thank all those students who participated in our survey and shoutout to you guys. Like I said, the results were all over the board, but we enjoyed all of these movies. Who knows? Maybe one of our students will make a movie as great as these ones someday.





What Are Your Thoughts On Softball and Baseball?

By Berkli Jones





When we took people's opinions on said, softball and baseball, we got some pretty than mixed responses. Alicen Arnold said that the ground have to agree with her because it takes a lot of time and effort, and when you get to see all of the players' talents mix together, it's truly a great sight to see.

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Another response that we got was from Aiden Smith, and he said, "I don't really like to watch it." Some people might agree, and others might disagree.

Garret Banks mentioned that he doesn't play it on a normal day, but it's still very fun. Ksandra Moore satiated, "It's harder than baseball." And I'm not going to lie, sometimes I think that too, but to each their own.

A completely different response was from Bella Kovacs, and she said, "It's a dumb sport, and everything about it is boring." Well let me just say, ouch, and that took a huge turn.

For peoples opinion on baseball, we got a response from Marshall Stratton, and he

said, "There is nothing I would rather do than play baseball on a sunny afternoon, it's the greatest feeling on Earth to make that perfect throw, and absolutely crush that fastball down the middle. I don't have words to describe it. Baseball boys are the hottest too."

Well, we can see that Marshall had a load to say, but what he said really shows that he has a true love for the game. I got another response that was from Ksandra Moore, and she stated, "It's worse, and easier than softball." This girl sounds very confident in her response to baseball.

But, in the end, we all have to realize that softball and baseball are both two completely different sports, but yet, so similar at the same time. Here are some quotes from former college softball player Ashley DeBuhr, and former MLB player, Babe Ruth. "Go hard in every play. You don't want to leave anything behind and regret it years down the road that you didn't give your all when you could have." -Ashley DeBuhr.

Freshmen tell why they do track

By Elizabeth Horsley

Track is now in full swing and there are many freshmen members of the Hurricane High School team.

Freshman Kate Carter said: "I choose track because my siblings did it and because we get a lot of freedom because the practices are put together very good so we get to just mess around and have fun but still work hard. I do high jump, jousting, shot put, and discus. The bus rides to the track meets and setting up the equipment and just having free time."

Freshman team member Payton Scott: "I like track because I like to run and I also do cross country. I like track and I also like cross country I like it

because I love to run. I choose to do most of the long distance events and the mile is a big one I do because like I said I love to run. My favorite part about track is probably you get to meet a

lot of people and build relationships with people that you don't really know and you get to experience what you are good at in track."







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- 4. You might do this to eggs for Easter
- 7. A hen makes this
- 8. Used to color eggs
- 9. The hen's baby
- 10. Colorful candy you might find in an Easter basket
- 11. Peter Cottontail is one

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- 1. Eggs might be made from this
- 2. Look for eggs
- 3. Easter Day event
- 4. Yellow or white spring flower that grows from a bulb
- 5. What the Easter Bunny brings
- 6. A pretty hat worn on Easter
- 9. Don't eat too much of this or you might get a belly ache











