



The Buzz



HARVARD HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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No School Dates

Sept 7- No School

Oct 12 - No School

Nov 3, 26, 27-No School

Sports registration is open for all sports online at 8 to 18. Registration for sports is free this 2020-2021 school year. Please drop off sport physicals at the high school athletic office. If you have any questions, please call Sarai Juarez 815-943-6461 ext. 2281.

The Cross Country Season

By Bryce Fiegel

Most fall sports have been postponed this year. Cross Country is up and running; however, there are some challenges to maintaining a healthy team due to the pandemic. When asked how the season is different, Captain Steven Austin said, "We have to implement a lot of safety measures, but we are still able to have a season by splitting up the meets and staggering starts which helps to keep distance from each other." To add even more difficulty to the situation, the team has the most runners out of the past four years. But the Hornet runners are determined to have one of the best seasons, yet.



Photo by Zach Isonhart

Black Lives Matter

By Samantha Romo

A lot has happened over the past few months. One major change across the country has been the Black Lives Matter movement. Police brutality has been happening for decades. The first riot over police brutality was in 1991 in Los Angeles, California. Rodney King was beaten by four police officers long after he was capable of resistance. Fast forward 29 years, and police brutality is still an issue. On May 25, 2020, a 46-year old black American was killed by a police officer kneeling on his neck. His name was George Floyd. People all over the United States were outraged. Protests and riots started happening all over the country; other countries have also participated.

Even Harvard took part in the protest. The people of Harvard came together on June 4th, 2020. There were over 150 people present. The two people that helped organize the protest were HHS graduates, Fernando Pichardo and Lili Garcia. Harvard police were supportive of this event.

All lives can't matter until Black Lives Matter. Say their names. George Floyd, Alton Sherling, Eric Garner, Philando Castile, Michael Brown, Breonna Taylor, Trayvon Martin, Ahmaud Arbery, Tamir Rice, Walter Scott, Natasha McKenna, Kendrec McDade, Sandra Bland, Botham Jean, Oscar Grant, Atatiana Jefferson, Kenneth Chamberlain, and so many more.



Photo by Summer Voss

Sports Update

By Chase Bischke

There are a lot of differences about sports this year. Some sports are shorter and some are moved to February. We have boys and girls golf and boys and girls cross country that will all be in the fall from August 10th to October 24th. Then Basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading will all be in the winter from November 16th to February 13th. Then it will be football and girls volleyball in the spring from February 15th to May 1st. This then leaves baseball, softball, girls soccer, and track to be played in the summer from May 3rd to June 26th. These are the seasons the IHSA has put in place to help maintain the safety of the students. The IHSA has said they will keep a close eye on students' health to make sure all students are safe.

Women's Golf Season

By: Lizbeth Rivera

As many of us know, most of this fall's sports got canceled. A few of them are going on right now; one is women's golf. The women's golf team has four seniors this year; there are nine girls in total, and all are returning players. Senior Alexis Lehman, when asked how she felt about the season happening during the pandemic, said, "I always feel hesitant when going to golf because the truth is, the pandemic is still going on, but I feel like our school and the IHSA have made it as safe as possible and made it extremely reasonable to continue on and be safe." Another question she got asked was what was the most difficult part about playing golf during the pandemic? Her response was, "So far, the most difficult part has been not being able to high five teammates or shake people's hands." Let's hope everything works out for HHS Women's Golf. Good luck, ladies.

MMJ's YouTube Channel

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Boys Golf in Strange Times

By Jacob Pedersen

Most sports and clubs are stuck and home this season; boys golf is among the few still playing. I talked to Myles Brincks about how the season has changed because of Covid-19. A few obvious changes are wearing masks and stay 6 feet apart at all times. Since other sports changed the time of their season to winter/spring, many athletes trying to stay in shape have joined the limited sports offered right now. Golf is no exception. With a full team, HHS men's golf got their first win of the season last Thursday. "The meets are just the same except we have to wear a mask while hitting the ball and a few other IHSA regulations," stated Brincks when asked how the meets are different. The Hornets have the numbers and should have a great season ahead.



Picture from Harvard High School Facebook

Pros & Cons of Learning from Home

By: Jannette Herrera

Pros

- Learning in your own environment
- Having all of your notebooks, folders, pencils, etc. in one place.
- Waking up 5 minutes before class and still being on time
- Working at your own pace
- Less money spending, due to not wasting as much gas on those coffee runs in the morning.

Cons

- Spending more time with siblings who may not be your favorite.
- Not being able to socialize with people.
- Not being able to get in-person help.
- Lack of motivation.
- Procrastinating more than usual.
- Lack of focus.
- Lack of materials that are required for hands-on activities.

Semester 1 08/19/2020 - 12/22/2020		
Q1 1st 9 Weeks 08/24/2020 - 10/23/2020	Q2 2nd 9 Weeks 10/26/2020 - 12/22/2020	
Term 1 1st 6 Weeks Sem 1 08/24/2020 - 10/02/2020	Term 2 2nd 6 Week Sem 1 10/05/2020 - 11/13/2020	Term 3 3rd 6 Weeks Sem 1 11/16/2020 - 12/22/2020

SENIORS

We are making some changes this year to help improve some issues that came up last year while trying to finish the slide show from a distance.

1. All photos need to be electronic. For old printed photos, take a pic and send it via email. Email: mmjhhs@cusd50.org
2. We will be collecting all transition photos to be added to the show during 1st semester. Please send a baby pic and a senior pic in before Dec. 15th. If you want to take professional seniors photos, still send us a pic to hold that spot in the show. We can swap it out later.
3. The deadline for professional senior photos is Spring Break.
4. You may also send in group photos and/or videos of you and your classmates growing up. Please send those in by Dec. 15th.
5. Remember that this is the senior slideshow, not a family photo album. Please limit photos to you and your classmates.

Remote vs. In Person Learning

By Nereli Salgado Esquivel

Covid-19 has been a big factor in how schools have been starting. Many schools have started online. However, not all schools are doing everything online. Marengo has a system for students to go to school. Starting by last names A-K go to school Monday and Tuesday, and then on Thursday and Friday they do classes online. L-Z go to classes Thursday and Friday. On Monday and Tuesday they work online. Wednesday is a disinfecting day, so no one has school that day. Woodstock, Harvard, North Boone and many more schools are doing everything online.



Challenge Courses - a personal reflection

By Kristin Zinda

Registering for courses may be one of the most challenging things to do before the start of a new school year. One student said that their challenge course is Honors Incubator. Their challenge course is Honors Incubator because it's a very fast paced class; they're usually the only person to take their time, and the workload is crazy.

My challenge course during freshman year was Three Dimensional Design, but it should have been Drafting because it was more of a challenge. I decided to take Drafting this school year because it's my last year of high school to face those challenging courses. I'm ready to learn about what Drafting is for real. Now that I'm taking Drafting, I'll be able to ask myself why I was so scared and hesitant to take Drafting.

Taking challenging courses help us know that we have the potential to face any challenge that comes our way.

Editorial

Should the school's give the option to the students/parents to do online learning or go in person?

By: Estrella Castillo

The schools shouldn't give students or parents the option to go to school in person. Although we teenagers say that we are "mature," there are so many of us that think the Corona virus is a joke and won't take it seriously. For example, let's say we went to school: there are always those kids that will take off their masks and pretend to sneeze on people and laugh about it.

But, at the same time I kinda do believe that the school's should at least give us an option because we all grew up going to public schools and that's what we registered for. Online school isn't for everyone. So I say this would be a 50/50.

2020 at a glance

By Gwendolyn Uppleger

2020 has been a wild ride, and it feels far longer than it really has been.

We started our year off with the Australian bush fires- destroying habitats across said continent; it was one of the largest in years. During roughly the same time, Jan 8th to be exact, the royal family lost a few members- Meghan and Harry left the royal family officially. The following day, something showed up that led us to where we are now: COVID-19 made its first appearance in China. Then we were shocked by the death of Kobe, his daughter Gigi, and seven other people; we lost them on the 26th.

February came in strong with the impeachment of Trump followed by his acquittal the 5th. We watched as COVID-19 caused parts of Europe to shutdown.

March and the economy was swept with the largest single day stock market crash 9 days in. This was about the time the the biggest catalysts of the BLM movement were the deaths of Breonna Taylor (March 13th), Ahmaud Arbery (February 23rd), and George Floyd (may 25th).

We were sheltering at home as we entered April and heard of the speculated death of Kim Jong Un; these rumors were quickly debunked April 15th. Biden was named the democratic candidate. COVID-19, though, was the big news. We came together as a country, supported each other, and held our breath.

May continued the changes, this is the month where George Floyd died and the movement took to the streets as protests picked up. Everything went virtual alongside the pick up of the movement, kids finished their school years online. Events like graduation and prom got moved.

June brought a shake up to celebrations in our small town; Milk days was moved. On a better note, restaurants opened with outdoor seating,

Remember Epstein? On July 2nd, Maxwell was arrested as the case carried on. Many 4th of July celebrations were canceled. During July the ecosystems of the U.S. were introduced to "murder hornets," who generally just want to make it harder to save the bees. Americans were getting tired of staying home; more young people were catching the virus.

We've made it to August. Biden has chosen a VP, school is back in session, but now that school is all online, most are using Zoom for classes which made it crash and have many other issues as well. This year has been one crazy wild ride, It's been so fast paced that it feels like it's been forever. Now, go make a tik tok of whatever random dance you learned over quarantine.

Harvard Teacher Victim of a Hit and Run

By: Michaela Froehlich

Last week as many of you have heard, a dear heart to Harvard High School was injured in a hit and run accident. One of Harvard High School's own English teachers, Alexis Malinowski, was taking her dog for a walk one evening on Streit Rd. when a mid-sized white sedan passed her on the road. She didn't think anything of it because it was just another passing car. Ms. Malinowski reached the halfway point of her walk and turned around. When she saw the same car coming back down the road, she thought he must have forgotten something. As the car approached from the front, the car accelerated and swerved into Ms. M. causing Ms. M to be struck and thrown several feet back into a neighbor's lawn. From what I have been told, she is holding up very well and is recovering from her injuries. As for her dog Mika, she is also alright as she was not hit by the passing vehicle.

If anyone has any information about who might have hit Ms. Malinowski, please contact the police.

The world mourns Chadwick Boseman.

November 29, 1976 - August 28, 2020



photo from Vulture

Joke of the Week

Provided by Michaela Froehlich

What kind of music is scary for balloons?

- Pop Music

from Kari Peterson/Pinterest

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Comments? Questions? Suggestions?

Please contact Mrs. MacKenzie, room 215.