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Harvard Community Highlights



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FROM THE EDITOR

Mrs. Veronese

I promise to make this one short and sweet!

As we approach the holidays, we are reminded of the things we are thankful for. Most of all, I am thankful for the wonderful people I have the chance to work with, and the students I am blessed to know.

I thank the E-Team for welcoming me last year as a new member of the team. I thank every staff member at HHS for being so supportive and helpful. It isn't always that people love coming to work every day, but I can say wholeheartedly that I do. Lastly, I am thankful for the wonderful students that I have gotten the chance to get to know over the last two years at HHS. We have some of the kindest and most responsible students, and I am blessed to work with them every day.

Thank you all for everything that you do.

Happy holidays from MMJ!!!



Harvard Girls' Basketball

By: Justin D. Grivna, MMJII Student

The girls' basketball season started and has shown some improvement from last season. This is the final season for a few dedicated seniors (Class of 2018), but this program will be taken over by the preceding classes. I recently sat down with Team Captain, Elizabeth Davies and sophomore, Haily Hill and talked to

them about their improving season.

Elizabeth Davies has been playing basketball since she was in 6th grade. She said the past seasons have been "disheartening and motivating at the same time."

Davies has two years of captain experience, including one year as JV

Captain. One thing has remained constant throughout her career, though - her role on the team. "I help encourage the younger girls and be a leader."

The girls' varsity basketball team has gone two whole seasons without a win. This season was their first win since freshman year for Davies. Davies said, "It

felt good. It felt like we were a team out there and we worked well together."

This was a big moment for Davies and her basketball career. She was excited about this win. "It meant putting in effort and the team cared."

Haily Hill is a sophomore, yet she is

the starting point guard on the varsity team. She had to make a transition from the freshmen team to starting varsity. "I was on the freshman team, and it's been a big transition from freshmen to varsity, but I absolutely love playing with my team. This and last year's season were both pretty great."

The first win in three years was a cherished moment for Haily. "Being able to experience the win with the players who haven't won in such a long time felt really good. I made a step with them in the right direction, and I intend on moving forward as the season progresses." This first win for varsity also marks Hill's first

win as a starter on varsity. "The win meant a lot to me, but in all reality it wasn't the win that mattered, it was all the hard work we had put in as a team and it was the chemistry that really mattered on the court."

As a sophomore, Hill knows that she will still be continuing with the team in the following years. She may have to take over as

captain in the near future. When asked about her role on the team, Hill said, "The first thing people might think is that my roles are to run the offense and handle the ball like a point guard should, and yes, those are some of my roles, but my main roles on this team are to listen, learn, help, and hustle."

Both of these girls are pushing this team in the right direction. They are two of the few girls that are taking this program to higher levels. Everyone should come out and support the girls' basketball team. Their next home game will be Dec. 14 against Burlington Central at 7:00 P.M.



Elizabeth Davies attempts a free throw against Johnsburg on Dec. 1, 2017.

HHS New ACES Program

By: Giovanni Castaneda, MMJII Student

Harvard High School has started a new tutoring program called the Academic Center for Educational Support or ACES, which is meant to be a peer to peer program where students tutor students. As of right now, teachers are tutoring students, but as the program develops, the hope is that it will be students helping students. The program first kicked off Nov. 28 in the library from 2:55-4:00 p.m.

It will now be every Tuesday from 2:55-4:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 7:00-7:55 a.m. in the library. The program offers help in English, math, and science.

As of the first session, 27 students showed up to receive help and maintain current success in subject areas.

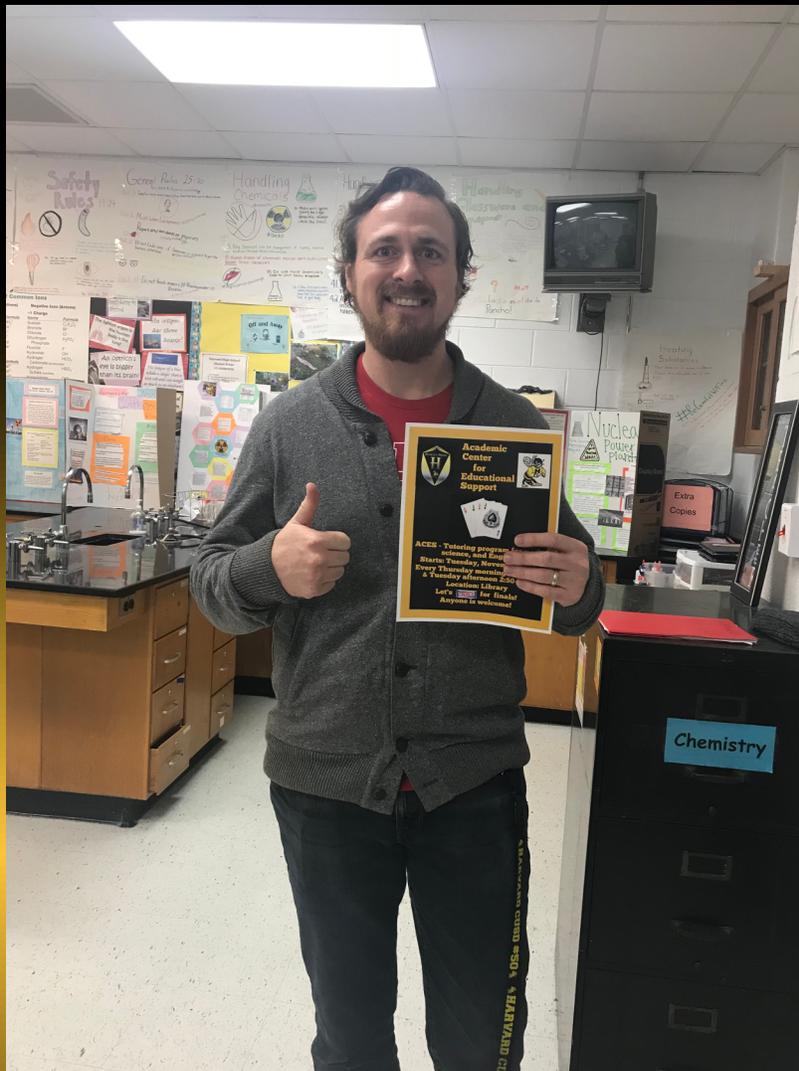
Shannon Ryan, a science teacher helping in ACES, gave his idea of what ACES is. He said the goal of ACES is, "to get students help, the help they truly need. It's also an opportunity for students that have the information that other students don't, to go and help the students better understand what they are not yet understanding." Ryan also thinks that based on the people that show up on Tuesdays, the program will grow. Ryan said "Tuesdays after school have been really busy."

The program really does help those who go. According to Ryan, the students that went to see him are understanding what they didn't before, and it helps out in the classroom during class, too.

ACES is soon to be phasing to a process where the students will be the ones helping students, instead of teachers helping out the students. Ryan said, "I've already started seeing it a little, but it's going to be a phasing in process."

He also thinks that the way to get the word about it spread so that more students show up is to talk it up and get a few signs up to hype up the program so that students go. The idea of having students who have detention minutes go to ACES and get work done instead of serving the detention was brought up. Ryan isn't sure if that's a direction they would want to go because the detention minutes are a punishment for something the students have already done. However, one direction Ryan thought ACES would go in is using ACES to go get test retakes done.

Overall, ACES has just started, and from the looks of it, the program seems to be a success so far. This is only the beginning of the program, too. ACES has a long way to go.



Shannon Ryan, a science teacher and ACES tutor, holds up an ACES advertisement flyer.

High School Wrestling: Harvard Goes 1-1 at Home Meet

By: Cristian Escobar, MMJII Student

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, Harvard beat Belvidere North by a score of 36-31, but lost to Byron by a score of 30-39. Harvard is missing weight classes that need to be filled, and that resulted in forfeit in favor of the other team.

Against Byron, the Hornets gave up four forfeits that resulted in losing 24 points. The Hornets fought hard to come out with a win. Marty Krasinski (182) started the dual with a 7-2 win over his opponent to earn his team 3 points. Blake Bischke (113) came out with a pin to earn 6 points. Chase Bischke (126) won with a score of 5-3 over his opponent. Zach Bokowy (138) beat his opponent 7-1. Also, Keenan Brummet (145) came out with 3-0 win over his opponent. Uriel Herrera (120) and Bryce Fiegel (106) both had a forfeit in their favor for the dual.

Against Belvidere North, Fiegel (106) had a forfeit for the Hornets. Krasinski (182) ended with a 6-4 win over his second opponent of the day. Francisco Quinones (220), Herrera (120), and Brummet (145) came out with a pin for their second match of the meet against Belvidere North. "I think my match went well," said Uriel Herrera (12-1). "There are still things that I could improve on, like finishing my shot. I have also been improving, being more explosive on bottom." Lastly, Bokowy (138) beat his second opponent with a score of 5-3 to help the Hornets with a win over Belvidere North.

"My first match, I felt I should have pinned him. It was a tough match for me. I thought I wrestled really badly," said Keenan Brummet (13-0). "The second match I got out there and wrestled a lot better and ended up getting the pin. I don't know if I improved as much as I should have. I ended up hurting my elbow, so I'm kind of recovering from that. I'm going to advance as much as I can." The Hornets will host the Sciacca-Holtfreter on Friday, Dec. 15 at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 16 at 10:00 a.m.



Keenan Brummet has the advantage over his opponent from Belvidere North.

COCO

By: Jennifer Mercado, MMJII Student

Coco is a fantasy and mystery movie., directed by Lee Unkrich. Anthony Gonzalez is the voice behind one of main the characters, Miguel. Jaime Camil is a famously known Hispanic actor who plays the voice of Miguel's dad. Gael Garcia Bernal plays the voice of Hector, another main character. Miguel as a little boy who loves music. He grew up in a family where music was banned, and he struggled a lot to hide it. He ran away to follow his dream, but he found a better answer in order to do what he loved to do by accidentally traveling to the afterlife.

The movie is a heartwarming movie made to enjoy with the family. "It truly does show the Hispanic culture, and it makes me feel warm inside to see how much the Hispanic community has expanded," said Sara Prado as she was walking out of the movie theater in Woodstock. It teaches people to appreciate their family and to value what they have. It shows the Mexican culture because it demonstrates how the people celebrate The Day of the Dead. The movie did a great job in making sure people knew what the decorations meant and explaining why it's so important to the Mexican culture to have the decorations on the Day of the Dead

The actors did a great job in portraying emotions in their voices, especially when Papa, Miguel's dad, was yelling at Miguel for having a guitar and playing music with it. The graphics of the movie were well designed; they were very colorful and very unique. There were over 7 million light sources used for the movie.

The movie has been rated 96% on Rotten Tomatoes. I rate this movie a 10/10. Everyone should definitely go enjoy this movie with their family.



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Harvard High School Drama Club

By: Jesse Oros, MMJ II student

Harvard High School offers many clubs. The Drama Club is focused on teaching students to act in different ways, such as using emotions (like anger or sadness) to sway an audience. The members of the group will use the skills they learned for the musical coming up, *the Sound of Music*.

The drama club gets together and holds meetings for about a half an hour to about an hour, depending on the topic that day. They practice their skills with scripts that they read and learn from their mistakes. "The club has about 25 students, and a big number of them are lower classmen," says Angelina Strauss, a current member. The number of students joining is amazing, and it is a wonderful to see new members. "Everyone gets along," says another current club member, Gaby Crone. "We get so close that we are free to act weird around each other and have a great time."

Auditions for the play *The Sound of Music* are coming up this week on Tuesday, Dec. 12 and Wednesday, Dec. 13, and call backs are Thursday, Dec. 14. "Everyone is super excited for them," says Gaby Crone.

The play *The Sound of Music* is about a young woman named Maria, who all her life dreamed of becoming a nun when she grew older. As she was becoming what she always dreamed of being, the Navy's captain, Georg Von Trapp, asks if someone can take great care of his seven mischievous children while he is on duty. The problem was that every person that was hired in the past was scared away by the kids because they are unhappy with who their father hired. Maria is hired to be their nanny, and the kids start accepting Maria because of how kind she is, how fun she is, and that she will sit and listen to anything they want to say. Maria helps them find happiness again since they have been sad after their mom's death. Eventually, Maria and the captain start falling in love, but there are big problems with that.

The Drama Club is a great place to be if you are looking forward to auditioning for the school play. It's full of great, cooperative students that are willing to push each other for success. The play will be held on March 13, 14, and 15, 2018. The group is hoping everyone will go to see a wonderful musical.



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