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Are You Curious About Our Learning Experience?

By Aniyah Kalies Granger



This year, the class of 2020 had the opportunity, to visit Madame Tussauds in New York City, on October 27th not only to have fun, but the chance to learn and discover new things and the people who made a huge impact on society today. The experience was fascinating.

On our way there, we had D.J Jamira play us some tunes. Since we requested the music, we were jamming and having fun, and of course snapchatting. We arrived at the museum, around 9:45, but before we entered, we took a group selfie, which was beautiful.

In the museum we saw many people who inspire us and who we look up to, such as Maya Angelou, Whoopi Goldberg wearing her Sister Act outfit, Billie Holiday, Louis Armstrong, Selena Quintanilla, Muhammad Ali, 2pac Shakur, Jimmy Fallon, Barack and Michelle Obama, Dr.Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Alicia Keys and many more. Looking at these people made us realize they all have something in common, people who never gave up to achieve their dreams.



At one point in their lives they faced many challenges, and they had many obstacles in their way, but they overcame it. It also made us realize, if they can do it so can we, if we just try and set high goals for ourselves. Not all of these people, had the same opportunities that we have now.

At the Marvel exhibit in the museum we experienced a 3D movie. During the movie, it felt like we were on a actual ride, we felt water coming from the screen, and the movement of the chairs. It felt like we were in the movie. The movie was about Superheroes Thor, Hulk, Spiderman, and Ironman trying to defeat the villain, Doctor Doom and his men. Spoiler Alert: the protagonists defeated Doctor Doom and his men.

After the whole attraction, some of the students took pictures at each section of the museum, where they went to the gift shop to retrieve the pictures they took. At 11:30, we went downstairs to leave.

When we arrived at Applebees, we were so ecstatic, because we had a private room.

The booths and tables were set up really nicely, so we could all sit and chat and take pictures next to our friends. The food came very fast, it was also very delicious with excellent customer service.



On the trip we had an amazing time. But at the end of the day it wasn't just about hanging with our friends, or taking pictures with wax figures, buying stuff just to say "we went" and going out to eat. It was about learning new things, such as viewing the people who made things possible for us, and made a huge impact on our lives, and mostly society today, and thinking about their success on how they made it that far and hopefully farther. My colleagues, and I enjoyed ourselves and learned many new things, that we didn't know the day before. We can't wait to see where we go and what new learning experience we'll see next class trip, in 2018. Thank you Mrs. Mejia, Mr. Villacorta and the class of 2020 for making this entire trip possible.



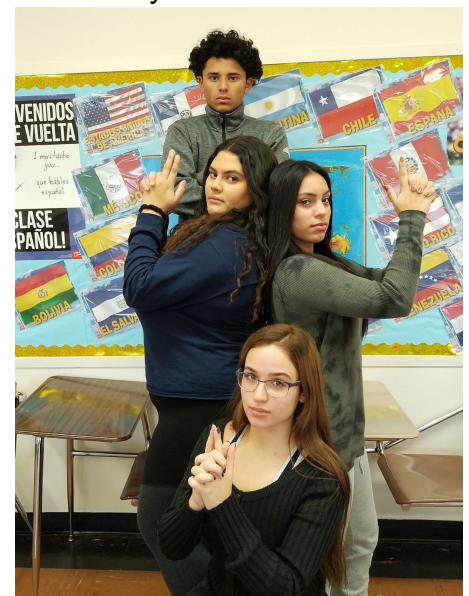
Student Council Starts Fun Fridays

By Harpinder Kaur

Student Council started a new trend of Fun Fridays this year. Various event takes place on Fridays after school for all students to enjoy and have a good time. These Fridays create new memories for students by playing lots of games, singing, dancing and even free snacks.

Student Council not only comes together for good causes and help other communities including ours but also helps students interact more.

Fun Fridays gives all students an opportunity to enjoy time with friends which is hard when we have busy schedules. Fridays are always fun to look forward to after a hectic week of school and with Fun Fridays why not stop by and enjoy after a hectic week? Make new memories and remember to keep fun in Friday! Hope to see you at the next Student Council Fun Friday.



Teachers Get Pied for School Trip

By Sabrina Rodrigues



The Virtual Enterprise class once again sponsored the very amusing pie in the face raffle. The students go around the building asking teachers to volunteer to take a pie in the face. Students then put a chance into the container for the teacher they would most like to hit with the pie. The winning students get the opportunity to hit the teacher of their choice. Even those who did not win the raffle enjoyed watching as their teachers were pied in the face.



Each raffle purchased will help fund the Virginia trip for the Virtual Enterprise students. This fundraiser is especially entertaining because it involves everyone throughout the school.

Being able to participate in the contest was such a fun experience that both teachers and students snapped pictures and videos every lunch period.



Force for Change

A message from the 12th grade advisor Mr. Loizides



The Class of 2018 hosted a massive community service event this month called *Force for Change*. The event, geared towards raising money for families in need within the West Hempstead and Island Park community, took place on Friday, December 15th.

Over 15 companies donated various prizes (Lucas Films, EA Games, JAKKS Pacific, FYE, GameStop, etc.) for the raffles that community members could win. In addition, a giant sign with "Force for Change" written on it was created to have students and staff sign it to commit themselves to being a positive force for change. There was also a fun photo section where participants could pose with a Darth Vader standee and wear some fun Star Wars swag.

In total, Force for Change raised \$1,022 - beating the previous event's amount by over \$200.

Red Ribbon Week Teaches Us About Dangerous Decisions

By Fizza Dar

Red Ribbon Week is a week long event used to spread awareness about the use of drugs, alcohol, and other harmful products. Our high school community and SADD team up for this yearly event to inform students about the dangers associated with destructive decisions.

Mr. McEntee and SADD members handed out new stickers for students and staff to wear in support of this week's events.

During this week a totaled car was placed outside the high school. A speaker was brought in to speak to the senior class about the dangers of distracted driving. These speakers are a very important part of the high school Red Ribbon Week as the first hand experiences are shared with raw emotions and the speaker was able to relate to the students on a more personal level.



Also during the middle of the week, SADD members headed to the middle school to play Bingo and hand out ribbons. The Bingo game allowed for the 6th and 7th graders to learn about the negative effects of drugs with the facts being shared but still enjoy their time

To wrap up the week there were simulations for students to participate in throughout their lunch period which included wearing the drunk goggles and walking in a straight line or putting a puzzle together. These various exercises were to simulate the effect drinking or using drugs can have on your coordination. Finally, students signed a banner, now displayed in the cafeteria, pledging to make safe decisions for themselves.

Stay aware West Hempstead.

Morning Announcements Go Live

By Shyla Burrell

The newest addition to the school and its technology is the videotaped morning announcements. The link for these announcements can be found daily on the high school web page. Mr. Cangemi, the director of STEM started "The Breakfast Club": a group of juniors and seniors who are well rounded and interested in the technology needed

for putting together daily announcements.

The idea behind now recording our morning announcements is to allow the students and teachers to have an interactive experience when listening to the announcements. It also gives the students of the club a chance to learn the inner workings of a broadcast.

A new component to the announcements is the introduction of juniors. In years past only seniors were allowed to participate in the morning announcements. While there is currently the only one 11th grade news anchor, Genesis Holland, another junior, also supports the announcements with technology assistance. Adding juniors to the program this year will ensure smoother operations next year. There is a rotation for the news anchors to allow camera time for all that want to contribute to the program. This all wouldn't be possible without Deanna Mullen behind the camera.

Announcements are filmed around 8 o'clock in the Science office but will be moved into the Video Conference Room to give the group more space. Another component that the group would love to add is a news report that covers sports and even a weather. Anyone who feels that they can contribute should speak to Mr. Cangemi to get more information about joining this new group.



Lets go Rams!

By Vanessa Tribie and
Victoria Akingboye

Boys Junior Varsity

Basketball Team

The junior varsity basketball team coached by Mr. Senia started their season on Tuesday December 5th. The boys played against Valley Stream North. With an almost all new team, this year will require some rebuilding and a lot of practice. Some of the players on the team include: Brian Pierre Louis, Kalobe Threewitts, Marques Valme, Jalen Jean and David Cadet. There are 13 boys on the roster. They practice 4 times a week for about 2 hours in the high school gym. Some positions include point guards, forwards, centers and shooters. There is a maximum of 5 players on the court. Each quarter is about 12 minutes long. The boys have been working very hard and very late, so come out and support the boys basketball team this season. Good luck boys!



SPORTS



Girls Basketball Just Getting Started

Let's Go Girls!!!

By Kai Warner and
Aleyna Zaim

It takes long afternoon practices, tryouts, and hard work to put together a great team. Of the 20 girls that attended the first meeting and tryouts, only 13 girls made the final cut. Although the season has just started for the West Hempstead Girls Basketball Team, they started off strong. On November 28th they had their first win of the season, beating Herricks High School 43-31. When our girls work together they make for a great basketball team. We know they will have a successful season. Check out the schedule and come watch our Lady Rams.



Positions

Point Guards- Haley and
Jenna

Shooting Guards-Tamiya Jean,
Kelly, Mercedes, Jenna

Center-Jaida Gayle, Lauren

Tennis Team Takes It On the Road

By Eilyn Maldonado and
Briana Pierre Louis

Due to construction at the school, we weren't able to practice on our tennis courts, instead we practiced at Hempstead State Lake Park. For incoming freshmen the other girls were so nice and welcoming. Everyone had so much fun playing tennis this season.

This season the team learned how to serve, rally and pass, use forehand and backhand, follow through on shots, smash and also how to keep score. Our singles and doubles teams varied no one had a permanent spot. Our singles players were Laura Eivazi, Alina Czavar, Shanelle Yanqui and Sarah Mojica. Our doubles players included: Rabiya Khan, Unsha Monaj, Paola Cardenas, Cindy Cardona, Sarah Mojica, Kim Lazo, Krista Baumann, Laura Padilla, Abby Isseon, Lauren Sharma Galarza, Eilyn Maldonado, Vanessa Tribie, and Briana Pierre Louis. The tennis team was coached by Coach Hovanec. He helped the beginners as well as the experienced players improve their game.

The last match of the season was in October against Lawrence and everyone played well. The seniors were the backbone of this team and we wish them the best of luck in college.

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Hope you have a happy
holiday Season!

Feliz Navidad y Prospero
Año Nuevo!



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