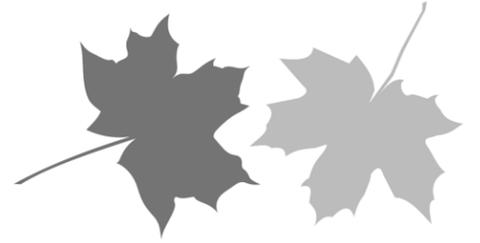


Fall Edition

Welcome P!



/By Destiney Heffern/

We are glad to receive a new exchange student from Thailand, an 11th grader. His name is Chatrapee Uthairat (“P” for short), and he is staying with Cary and Rob Gipple and their son Ryan. We have had the pleasure to get to know him better, and learn a little about Thailand. There, for instance, Mother’s Day is in August, unlike ours, which is in May. According to P, The food in Thailand is quite spicy, sour, sweet and salty compare to food here. P wants to try out and learn how to play basketball this year. In his spare time, he likes to watch funny movies, such as Marvel movies. He enjoys the movies *Spiderman*, *Iron Man*, and *Captain America*. P’s goals for this year are to improve his English skills and learn expand his horizons.

On behalf of Hamilton Community Schools we would like to welcome P 2021-2022 school year.

Is the school like how you imagined it to be? How did you imagine school to be? Where did you get your idea of an American school from?

“School is the way I imagined it because I like to practice my language skills. And I think this school is more technologically advanced than Thailand. I’ve heard of Indiana University education being the model for many Thai universities.”



“P” (Photo by Destiney Heffern)

Q and A with Ryusuke

/By Destiney Heffern/

Where are you from? What grade are you in? Who are you staying with?
My name is Ryusuke. I’m from Nagoya, Japan. I’m in 11th grade. My Host mother is Karen Grime, host father Mark Grime, and host brother Craig Grime.

How is our school different from your old school?
I thought that the land area of the school and length of classes would be different.

What are some hobbies you have outside of school?
I like to play guitar because both of my parents play. My inspiration is Ed Sheeran.

What are some sports you would be interested in playing this year?
Basketball and track (distance). I like to stay active, and I played basketball in Japan—on my school team—for 3 years.

What is different about the culture here compared to your other school?
In Japanese schools, we have to wear a uniform, have a certain style hair cut, can't use phones, and can't eat snacks in class. We do have special days at school such as Culture Day, Sports Day, Tug of War Day, etc....

Is the school how you imagined it to be? How did you imagine school to be? Where did you get your idea of American School from?
School is just as I imagined. I got the idea from “High School Musical”; it looked very free and fun.

Why did you decide to be in the foreign exchange program?
Because of my future: I want to be a Flight Attendant, so I need to learn English.

What are your favorite books/comics and movies/tv shows?
My favorite comic is *One Piece* and my favorite movie is *Spiderman*. The story is very moving, and the artwork is unique and creative. My favorite character in *One Piece* is Luffy D. Monkey, the main character.

Were you in any clubs at your old school? What clubs? What did you do?
English Speaking Society (ESS Club). It is a club where we study and play games in English.

How is the food different?
In Japan we eat rice every day, often along with miso (bean) soup. We use chopsticks, and eat a lot more seafood.



Ryusuke (Photo by Destiney Heffern)



Japan (Image: Google Maps)

Marine Beat

/By Meghyn McMullen/

DAR Scholarship

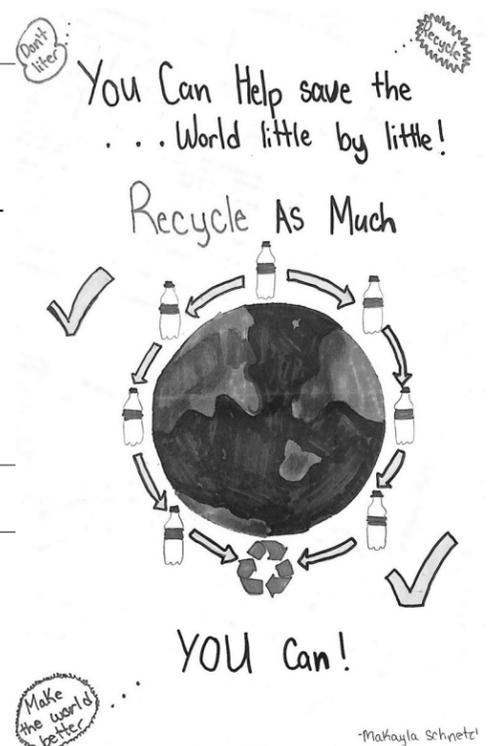
Applications for the DAR Good Citizens Program and Scholarship Contest are due September 30 and the timed essay portion will be done September 27. Eligible students have already been notified of additional details. This contest will select one winner from Hamilton, who will move on to regionals, and then advance to state, or even nationals.

From the Science Room

Mr. Iddings’s middle school class has been working hard learning about the environment. As part of their curriculum a poster contest was held where students designed posters of how we can help the environment. Congratulations to Makayla Schnetzl for winning! >>>

Basketball

High school basketball conditioning has started for players not in Fall sports. Please talk to your coach if interested.



-Makayla Schnetzl

Marine Murder Mystery

/By Isabelle Sims/

Disclaimer: This case is fiction and is for the educational purposes of Hamilton’s forensics class.

Hamilton’s forensics class has spent the last few weeks investigating a possible hit-and-run, and, although they are still unsure if the scene was an accident, they are making swift progress towards a conclusion. They have recently learned how to perform a fingerprint and hair analysis and are using their new skills to examine and investigate crime scenes. Commenting on the students’ progress, Lead Detective Iddings said, “I am always impressed with them. They are making fast progress, and are always ready when they need to be.” Mr. Iddings believes the students are properly prepared for any challenges they may face in the class, and thinks they are making some great steps in discovering the stories behind their current investigations.

Keep a close eye on these pages as the Marine Monitor follows the unfolding hit-and-run case.



< Meghyn McMullen examines a strand of hair under a microscope



^ (from left to right) Meghyn McMullen, Layla Szeman, and Shelby Brames do a fingerprinting lab

The Case Facts

- There was a note on the body that read, “I’m so sorry.”
- While the crash may have been an accident, there were several odd items found around the crime scene. Those of which include an umbrella with blood on the end, a possible murder weapon.
- The victim’s shoes were still in the car, and not on him, something that the forensics class found unusual.

Media Monitor Steam Deck: A rival for the Switch?

/By Aiden McMullen/

For over 30 years the video game industry has been divided into 4 general categories: arcade, console, pc, and handheld console. The Nintendo Switch bridged the gap between console and handheld, bringing full console experi-



ences on the go.

In recent years, more efficient APU’s have allowed for handheld gaming PCs to become a viable option. The problem with these new devices is that they are developed by small Chinese companies making for high price points upwards of 800 to 1000 dollars. However, later this year, Valve is coming out with a new pc known as the Steam Deck. For \$400 this promises to be cheaper, more efficient and more user friendly.

The introduction of a cheap alternative

to the Nintendo Switch, with more games and the ability to run 3rd party applications, could upset Nintendo's figures, and may draw out competition from other companies such as Microsoft. Unfortunately, orders might not be shipping until well into 2022.

If you are in the market for a portable gaming device, keep your eye on the Steam Deck, but the Nintendo Switch is still a compelling offer, with Nintendo exclusives and better battery life.

Hall Pass

/By Genesis Gordon and Meghyn McMullen/

What are the best and worst things about Fall?



According to **Mr. Buss**, the best things are “cool nights, campfires, warm apple cider, cookouts with friends and family, football games, and Halloween.”



“The worst thing is mosquitos. They bite me a lot.” - **Shane Anika Gutierrez**

“The worst is raking leaves. The best is you get to jump in the leaves and there’s pretty leaves. They all change colors” -**Marissa Mercer**

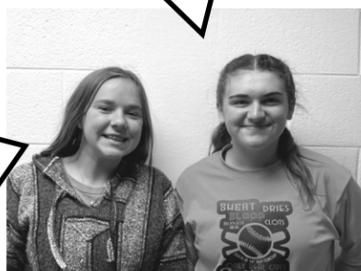


Safia Oulbouche says the best thing about Fall is that “You can wear more clothes. I think summer is too stressful. It’s always hot, even if you wear a t-shirt it doesn’t help. The worst part is rain because it rains a lot in Germany where I’m from.”

If pumpkin spice were a person what kind of person would they be?

Tristen Creager says, “Pumpkin spice would be sassy and mean.”

“Pumpkin spice would look like former teacher Mr. McKnight without a beard. He would also love pumpkin spice lattes.” -**Xander Williams**



“Sassy, red hair, blue eyes, has something to say about anything and everything” -**Mrs. Karas**

Farewell KP!

/By Desirae Fraiser/

It's sad to say that our awesome P.E./health teacher, Mr. Kirkpatrick, known to most of us as "KP," has retired. Mr. Kirkpatrick will miss "the kindness the people bring" and is happy he got to be part of it. He will always remember the many schools he worked in, "The exciting new students and good hearted people I was lucky to meet, because you don't find many good hearted people anymore." Mr. Kirkpatrick is looking forward to creating something, and to trying new things during his retirement. Hamilton's staff and students will miss him, and wish him good luck in whatever retirement may bring. Thank you KP!



"Being from central Indiana myself, I knew immediately something was not quite right with the man they call 'KP.' Then I found out he's from New Castle---or so he claims-- which absolutely confirmed all my worst fears. It's been a lot of extra work keeping an eye on him every day, holding in check all his dastardly schemes. It'll be good to get that time back." --- **Sean Wagner**

"KP, you were the BEST health and Gym teacher!" ---**Zach Renfrow**

"Thank you for your great sense of humor and all the awesome stories!"
---**Desirae Frasier**

"I miss you already. Come back and be my gym teacher!" --- **Wyatt Hamman**

"I miss saying 'Hi' to each other and chatting in the hallway, even when I'm not in your class"
---**Lexi Myers**

"To KP... we will miss our morning office talks over coffee. No one tells a story quite like you!!! Enjoy Retirement!!!" --- **Lori Zimmerman and Colleen Karas**



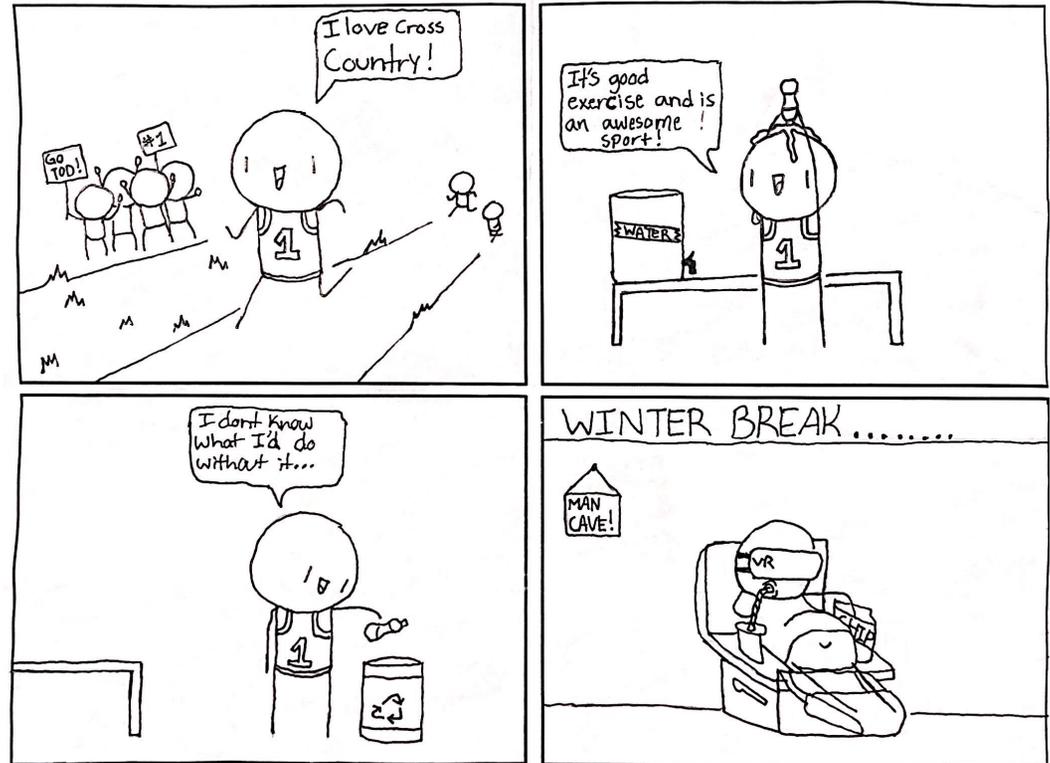
Jackson Stuckey (left), a former student in Mr. Idding's forensics class, "arresting" KP during a pep rally last year as part of the murder case the forensics class investigated. (Photo by Desirae Frasier)

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By Desirae Fraiser

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Comic by Brian Farver

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Upcoming Events

- September 27:** JH V'ball vs Garrett– home @5:00 pm
 6th grade V'ball vs Garrett– home @5:00 pm
- September 28:** HS V'ball vs Garrett– home @ 6:00 pm
- September 30:** 6th grade V'ball vs Fremont– home @5:00 pm
- October 1:** Fair Day– No School
- October 2:** HS X-Country NECC– away @ West Noble @ 10:00 am
- October 4:** HS V'ball vs Central Noble– away @ 6:00 pm
- October 5:** HS V'ball vs Prairie Heights– home @6:00 pm
 6th grade Vball vs Prairie Heights– away @5:00 pm

- October 6:** JH V'ball vs Prairie Heights– away @ 5:00 pm
- October 9:** HS V'ball NECC Tourney
 HS X-Country IHSAA Sectional– away @ W. Noble @ 11:00 am
 JH V'ball Prairie Heights Invitational– away @ 9:00 am
- 6th grade V'ball** West Noble Invitational– away @9:00 am
- October 11:** JH V'ball vs Westview– home @5:00 pm
- October 12:** HS V'ball IHSAA Sectional– away @6:00
- October 13:** JH V'ball NECC– away @ 5:00
- October 15:** End of first quarter
- October 16:** JH V'ball NECC Championship– away @9:00