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## Harrington 2018 Talent Show

By Abby M.

Harrington Middle School's Annual Talent Show will be held this year on February 22nd. This year's acts are exciting and sure to please the crowd. There are a lot of vocal performances, instrumental acts, and dance routines. Students from both 7th and 8th grade are represented in the show. This year's show is directed by Ms. Adragna, Mr. Chirip, and Ms. Connover. HMS stage crew is working very hard to make sure that the show will go on without any glitches. Harrington students will view the show during the school day and there will be a show again that evening. Good luck to all who are displaying their talents at the show. Break a leg!

## Teacher Spotlight

By Danalli B., Jason G. , and Bailey B.

This month we decided to sit down with 7th grade Everest teacher, Ms. Martin. Ms. Martin is not new to Harrington this year, but she is new to 7th grade science. Before coming to Harrington last year, she taught fifth grade in Cinnaminson for a year. Ms. Martin loves teaching science and says that it is a new adventure everyday. She loves assigning hands on projects because that's what science is...hands on. She also loves seeing students make sense of the world around them and explore nature.

Her favorite thing about Harrington is the family dynamic. Ms. Martin appreciates the fact that the school can ban together and solve problems and try to make things better. Before becoming a teacher, Ms. Martin was a lifeguard for seven years and babysat since she was 12.. She always knew that she wanted to be a teacher. She loves children and helping, and teaching allows her the opportunity to serve as a mentor for her students.

Ms. Martin's favorite place to travel is Breckenridge, Colorado. She loves to ski, and they have a big resort out there that is so nice.. She's been skiing since she was four, and after she got her masters, she went out west to Colorado to ski. She loves it so much. If she could travel anywhere, she would go to Europe. She said, "Anywhere in Europe would be great."

## Fun Facts, with ya boi Sweet & Spicy Oatmeal!

Est-ce que tu parles français? Probably not, but oh well. We all know people do lots of things in pursuit of a soul mate, whether it be buy flowers, send letters, or everything else in that category. But, as we all know, love does a lot of crazy things to your mind, like remove a dead body from a grave and make it your beloved. I'm not even kidding. Carl Tanzler, AKA Count Carl von Cosel, was a radiologist who had developed a strange obsession for a young Cuban-American tuberculosis patient named Elena "Helen" Milagro de Hoyos which remained even after she had died. It became so bad that he ended up taking Elena's corpse and taking it to his home, which he showered with his affection before his eventual arrest in 1940. So much for "Till death do us part."



### Young and Broken

By Brooke K.

*The memories flood in before I can stop them.*

*Please don't do this.*

*Exactly a year before this,*

*I slid down the ice,*

*Letting myself be carried by the moonlight,*

*The jewels that line the sky,*

*Coming down to blanket my heart.*

*Now, whenever I try to mine them out,*

*My fingers bleed.*

*A wave carries my porcelain heart,*

*The one that used to be painted with bright, soft  
memories,*

*And slams it against my ribcage.*

*It breaks.*

*I'm told that a boy could fix this.*

*That if I just throw the broken pieces of my heart out  
to someone,*

*Maybe he'll be able to put it back together.*

*But he can't find memories.*

*That's an ocean too rough to swim in.*

*But I'm willing to try.*

*I'm willing to let my lungs fold like origami swans,*

*That will float across the water.*

*Maybe they'll be baptised in bliss with the sacred  
essence of starlight.*

*As they find the hue of joy to gloss over my heart,*

*Stud crystals to line together the broken pieces.*

*Maybe then,*

*I won't be so young and broken.*

## ???Bailey Asks???



By Bailey B.

*With romance in the air this month, I decided to find out how  
the members of the Harrington family feel about middle  
schoolers and dating.*

*85% of Harrington students feel strongly that middle schoolers  
should be allowed to date.*

*15% of Harrington students feel that we are way too young to  
date.*

*Individual comments:*

*~No, We shouldn't be allowed to date because I can't get a  
girlfriend. **Ryan B.***

*~I don't have a problem with middle schoolers dating, but I  
think that most relationships don't last. **Erica S.***

*~I don't mind kids dating. I think middle school is a good age to  
start dating. **Abby M.***

*~There is too much drama in middle school already. Middle  
schoolers should definitely not date. **Mrs. Poulton***

*~Romance is so sweet...even when you are stupid and awkward.  
**Audrey B.***

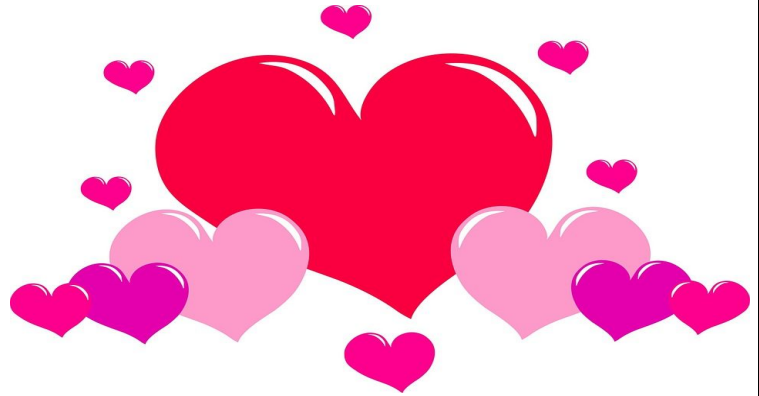
# Cringe Worthy Pick Up Lines

By Micah and Ian

Want to approach that girl you've been crushing on all year? Looking for just the right words to say?

Well, here are some lines that you may want to consider NOT using when you finally get up the nerve to say "hello".

- Do you have a map because I'm lost in your eyes.
- You look fabulous... [Pause] For YOUR age.
- Are you Swedish? Because you're the sweetish girl I've met.
- Do you work at Starbucks? Because I like you a latte.
- Do you have a pencil? Because I want to erase our past and write our future.
- If you were a vegetable, you'd be a cute-cumber.
- I'm not a photographer, but I can picture me and you together.
- Are you an interior decorator? Because when I saw you, the entire room became beautiful.
- Do you play soccer? Because you'r a keeper.
- Even if they're wasn't gravity on earth, I'd still fall for you.
- Are you a magician? Because whenever I look at you, everyone else disappears.
- You look like my future ex-wife.



## Valentine Word Scramble

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By Ryan B.

Well, it's the month of February which means it's the start of yet another *Survivor* season once again. On February 28, we will get season 36 of *Survivor*, *Ghost Island*. Compared to other seasons this is one of the most gimmicky.

This season's "twist" is, as the title suggests, the spooky ghost island. Ghost island will be a remote island that one player will be sent to after a challenge. The island will act as a sort of limbo in order to exclude members of a tribe, however, the island will be riddled with idols and advantages. These advantages are inspired off of misused idols and

advantages that have been used in the past giving the players a chance to redeem the players who failed in the past.  
Due

to the nature of the show in order to use the advantages you will need a strong understanding of the show's lore. So, unlike any season before, all the players will be super fans. This could result in one of the most technical and strategic season's ever as there won't be any dummies on the island and the players have all studied and made a plan for the show of Survivor.

As for the rest of the show, most of it will function normally with 20 players and two tribes between them to round out this show. In my opinion this season will either be one of the best or one on the worst depending on how Ghost Island is used.



## 2018 Winter Olympic Spotlight

By Paw Prints Staff

One highlight of 2018 that people are sure to remember is the Winter Olympics being held in PyeongChang. Fabulous athletes from across the World gather together to display their talents and go for gold. This year Team USA includes members that are sure to make us proud. Here is a list of 9 athletes you don't want to miss at this year's competition:

1. Snowboarder Jamie Anderson~ She won the USA a gold in the 2014 Sochi Olympics and is hoping for a repeat this year
2. Figure skater Nathan Chen~In January, he became the first male figure skater ever to land five quadruple jumps in a single performance
3. Snowboarder Kelly Clark~She's the first woman to land a 1080 in competition
4. Skier Gus Kenworthy~This 26-year-old broke barriers when he announced he was gay. He won silver medal in 2014.
5. Snowboarder Chloe Kim~This 17 year old won three gold medals at the X Games.
6. Ice dancers Alex and Maia Shibutani~This brother/sister duo has earned gold at two international competitions this year.
7. Skier Mikaela Shiffrin~ She's been the No. 1-ranked woman in the world both this season and last, is well positioned to increase her gold medal count after a first-place finish at the Sochi Games.
8. Skier Lindsey Vonn~Although she's struggled with recent injuries, she still remains the sport's winningest female racer
9. Snowboarder Shaun White~He just missed the podium at the 2014 Winter Games, after back-to-back gold medals at the halfpipe event in 2006 and 2010.

## Top 10 Love Songs:

By: Jason G.

1. *Perfect* - Ed Sheeran
2. *Love You Like A Love Song* - Selena Gomez
3. *Say You Won't Let Go* - James Arthur
4. *Just The Way You Are* - Bruno Mars
5. *All of Me* - John Legend
6. *I Will Always Love You* - Whitney Houston
7. *Love Story* - Taylor Swift
8. *Stay* - Rihanna
9. *Crazy In Love* - Beyonce
10. *We Found Love* - Calvin Harris/Rihanna

## Valentine's Day? Who's Valentine?

By Zaria H.

Valentine's Day as we know it today is about love and celebrating your special someone. But did you know, that according to one legend, Saint Valentine was imprisoned for helping Christians escape from harsh Roman prisons? He allegedly sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love

with a young girl. Before he died, he signed a letter with "From Your Valentine", which is a phrase still in use today.



♥ HAPPY ♥  
V-DAY! ♥

## WHY LOVE IS STUPID

By Jacob K.

Ah yes, February, the month of love. Well February is stupid and I hate it, because love is stupid, and I hate that too. Love is for losers who are unsatisfied with loneliness, and mind you, loneliness is AWESOME. Table for two? HAH! Have fun paying the bill when your "one and only" orders the most expensive item on the menu PLUS DESSERT. Gentlemen, I'm looking at you. Here's a hint, folks; love is a lifelong investment with zero benefits and ends with a big gaping hole in your wallet. How do you even plan on this kind of thing? Sure, you've gone through all the beginning steps of "wooing that special someone," but now what? Kneal on one knee and propose? Good luck! And what about dates and when you go out to eat? Think of this scenario, you want something, and he/she wants something else. Then, in order to please him/her, you agree to go with his/her idea, only to realize that HE/SHE'S going with YOUR idea in order to please YOU. Then you both get into an hour long argument trying to convince the "love of your life" to go to a restaurant that YOU don't even want to go to. By the time you finally come to a compromise, it's the middle of the night and everywhere's closed. Nobody wins in this situation. Now, take this terrible situation and replace it with you, nice and alone with your own meal to stuff in your mouth without a date there to leech off your own self-expansions. See where I'm getting at here? Love is just a cheap marketing ploy for romance themed industries to suck your wallet dry. Heart shaped chocolates? Profit! The overpriced tickets to the Tunnel of Love at an amusement park? Profit! Flower shops? Profit! Pre-made love letters? Profit! Corny mediocre romantic comedies? Profit! Listen closely, ladies and gentlemen. Love does not pay the bills, love does not buy cars, and love did not buy the paper you're reading. You know how they say money doesn't buy happiness? That's fake. Money buys \$5 footlongs at Subway, and \$5 footlongs at Subway is happiness.

