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Happy New Year

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SNOWBALL 2018

by Alexa and Vivi

On Friday, January 19th, the 7th and 8th graders at Harrington danced the night away at the annual Snowball dance. The girls glowed in their sparkly dresses while the boys looked handsome in their collared shirts and khakis. The student council spent time creating the winter wonderland decor and custodians hung the twinkling lights that helped enhance the ambiance of the evening. Everyone had a blast either dancing with the DJ or simply hanging with their peeps. The student council sold socks for all of the girls who wore heels that were too high and had to be ditched for the evening (You know who you are). The music was "litty city" and everyone had a fantastic time:) Special thanks to the HMS Student Council and all who were involved for making this a night we won't forget.



New Teacher Spotlight

By Zaria H. and Anthony M.

Our first new teacher spotlight of the new year is on the 8th grade computer coding teacher, Mr. Lambersky. Before coming to Harrington, Mr. Lambersky had worked in the area and heard good things about our school system, so when he got the opportunity, he applied and got the job here at HMS. Before he came here he taught technology at a middle school and then elementary, but he wanted to teach to middle school again. Mr. Lambersky didn't always want to be a teacher. He originally went to college for a business major and substituted for professors on campus. Later he went back to college to get a proper teaching certificate. He really appreciates the independence of 8th graders and the fact that we have the opportunity to try coding.

Good Luck Mr. Lambersky! We wish you the best in your years of teaching to come!

Fun Facts, with ya boi Sweet & Spicy Oatmeal!

Granada is a city in Spain named after something that comes this time of year. No, it's not grenades; it's pomegranates. Yeah. It's pomegranate season. Did you know the Egyptian Pharaoh Hatshepsut was buried with a pomegranate? I mean, can you blame her? Those things are delicious. You know how religiously valuable pomegranates are? Well, most scholars believe that it wasn't an apple that tempted Adam and Eve. It was a pomegranate. To be fair, if I was to be doomed for all eternity for a fruit, it better be a good one. In Armenian weddings, the bride throws a pomegranate against a wall, breaking it into several parts. Scattered pomegranate seeds promise children in the future. Oh, and let's not forget the nutritional value! A half a cup of pomegranate seeds rakes in about 72 calories, 16.3 grams of carbohydrates, 1.5 grams of protein, 1 gram of fat, 3.5 grams of fiber, 11.9 grams of sugar, and plenty of vitamins. It is quite literally the fruit from heaven!

Yoga Club at HMS By Bailey B.

Yoga Club is now here! Yoga Club is for all students who want to become flexible and practice and master your yoga skills. The club will meet one wednesday out of every month, and you will need a permission slip and updated physical to come. Yoga instruction will be provided by a A certified Yoga instructor from the YMCA. Yoga Club will meet for 10 weeks in the Auditorium Lobby. Still have questions?? See Mrs. McClafferty.

Everyone is welcome, but join quickly because space is limited.

Expect the Unexpected

Big Brother is Back

By Jason G.



On February 7th a new season of *Big Brother* is returning to CBS. However this season of *Big Brother* will be different from the one in the summer, because the house guests are all “celebrities.” The list of competitors has yet to be released, and currently rumours are flying about who is going to be in the house this season. Some speculation has people believing that the cast is going to be announced at the Grammy’s on January 28th. No doubt this season will be jam-packed with crazy comps, showmances, drama ,and MAJOR backstabs. Unlike previous *Big Brother* seasons, *Celebrity Big Brother* is scheduled to be a much shorter game. Not the normal three month season, but more like 3 weeks. So get ready for some crazy shenanigans on this seasons, *Big Brother!*



Ultra Boost

By Jack P.

Looking for a new pair of kicks for the new year? Well, the adidas Ultra Boost is a top of the line running shoe that offers maximum comfort.

The Ultra Boost features adidas boost cushion technology. In my opinion the ultra boost is the most comfortable shoe out there. Theultra boost has a solid rubber outsole that is pretty durable. The cushion in adidas boost is my favorite kind of cushion. The upper is made of a prime knit material which is very stretchy and fits to your foot very well. This shoe has a price range of \$180 to \$200. This shoe is very comfortable for walking around, and I think it looks good on the foot. However I would not recommend this shoe for basketball as it has very bad ankle support. If you are interested in buying these shoes they are available for purchase at Foot Locker, Champs, Finish Line, or adidas stores. For comfort and quality this shoe will not disappoint!

Taped Crystal Mirror

By Brooke K.

The night is adorned with a coruscate wrapping paper,
excited screeches
And tied with ribbons of frosted wind thrashing over the
woven tapestry of excited onlookers
What are we here for?
We come here to watch the ball drop on New Year's,
but why?
Each year passes by,
We think the same
Look the same
Are the same
Except for the man in the moon.
He always changes.
But I suppose that's the great thing about the man in the
moon.
He can be whoever you want him to be.
A corset fit just right to keep your heart from breaking
just enough to spark a flame.
I know I'm thinking too much about this.
But I can never learn to swim in cheer.
I can only swim in my own doubts.
They drown me, but without them,
I'd just fall to the ground.
The New Year's ball is descending.
It's a taped crystal mirror
Just a scrapbook of our disappointed selves
Taped up with our forced smiles.
From the last 365 days.
365 more broken pieces.
That we'll just keep trying to keep together the best we can.
But it never works.
The demon of time makes a necklace for all of us
with his hands before bringing us down.
Is that what we wait for?
For our necklace?
The one that we wear the last time we look in the mirror?
Three...
My eyes are smoky quartz
Plain, easy to find
Two...
My lips are perpetually straight,
Except when they are weighed down by the force of my
own heart,
And struggling for air.
One...
Years are nothing.
We are what are hearts know how to swim in.
Where they'll know how to find the necklace.
Every year, of every eon, of every infinity,
We just tape another broken piece to the mirror
And look at what we've lost.
But sometimes we find something.

New Year's Resolutions:

What NOT to do!

By Anthony D.

A New Year's resolution is a tradition that dates back to the ancient Babylonians. People all over the world set out to change an undesired trait or behavior, to accomplish a personal goal or otherwise improve their life. However there are some who choose *bad* new year's resolutions. When making yours this year, consider the ones below:

1. Join a band-If you are tired you make bad decisions you might end up how most famous singers end up.
2. Find fame and fortune.....By skipping school and making youtube videos.
3. Clear clutter in your house by selling your siblings stuff.
4. Drive BY the gym at least once a week.
5. Start your new year's resolution from last year which was to do the things from 2016 ect.
6. Eat your soda, stay in vegetables,don't drink school
7. Learn a new language; Emoji to be exact and give up on English entirely.
8. Tell more people to shut up. This will surely help you make friends.
9. Eat one healthy food with your 4 course meal of fast food.
10. Do what 90% of Americans do, resolve to never make resolutions again.



Bye-Bye Trends of 2017

By Viviana B.

It's 2018!! We finally made it, and now that we're here there needs to be some changes. The trends of 2017 were fun and great while they lasted, but they need to stay in 2017. So don't continue these trends in 2018 for everyones sake and sanity.

1. Chokers
2. Manbuns
3. Fidget spinners
4. Slime
5. Paul brothers
6. People singing along to songs and not knowing the lyrics
7. Bottle flipping
8. Despacito
9. Making your eyebrows as large and fake as possible
10. Wearing glasses that aren't real glasses
11. Weird frappuccinos
12. Goth ice-cream
13. Dabbing
14. *IT* (Movie)
15. People wearing bands shirts who never listened to the band



**Come on peeps. Do you really think she listens to Metallica?*



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Do you make new year's resolutions?

By Bailey B.

Everytime a new year rolls around, people set out to better themselves. So what are some of the promises that the students and staff at Harrington have set out to accomplish in 2018.

"My new year's resolution is to watch as much tv as possible and break the most rules as possible. You could say I am a rebel now. But low key, not really." -Vivi

"To eat more food". - Gabby

"To get Delaney to dab." -Savage Shepherd

"This year I would like to try to let things go and not take life too seriously all the time" - Mrs.Poulton

"To stop blaberring nonsense"- Ananya

"To not be a procrastinator"-Likitha

"To increase my axe throwing skills for the league I am in."
Señorita Ashman

"To make better memes" -Alec

"My new resolution is to not have a new resolution." -Boyang

"To not suck at life." - Aayush

"To take my dogs for longer walks"- Mrs.Patrick

"To be awesome"- Shreya

"My resolution is to wake up in the morning"- Mr.Hoover

"To not get my phone taken away." -Jason

Have a question that you would like for Bailey to ask in one of our future editions? Want to know something about your fellow students or teachers? We here at Paw Prints would love your feedback. Email us with ideas at hmspawprints@mtlaurel.org.

