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Harrington Has Spirit
By Ilana S.

Clash of the Cougars took place from October 22nd to October 26th. It went absolutely great! Every house's participation was through the roof. Here are the winners:

Overall Spirit Points:

1. Phoenix (85 points)
2. Everest (80 points)

7th Grade Pep Rally:

1. Oasis (190 points)
2. Tie between Everest and Zephyr (130 points)

8th Grade Pep Rally:

1. Everest (183 points)
2. 3 way tie between Zephyr, Oasis, and Phoenix (170 points)

WINNERS OF SPIRIT WEEK:

Everest!

Finally, this October, we also held Socktober. Students donated socks to help local homeless shelters. We are proud to say that in all, the school donated 5,513 pairs of socks. We are now able to donate to various shelters. Here are the houses that donated the most socks:

1. Zephyr: 1,468 pairs
2. Everest: 1,441 pairs

Fall Sports Recap

By Kennedy and Caitlyn

During fall 2018 season. Harrington participated in many interscholastic sports such as soccer, for boys and girls, girls field hockey, and more. Here are the stats, the best players, and much more.

In field hockey, coached by Ms. Halin and Ms. Kleinknecht, the team's record was 5-5. They were even with wins and losses. There were four eighth graders on the team. Their names were Taylor B., Alexa D., Emma O., and Alyssa W. Two players, Brooke H. and Sydney D. played all over the field, and always kept the team heading towards the goal. Sweeper Caroline C. and halfback Maddie R. had their sticks always down low to defend the goal. Team goalie, Madeline D. let in very few goals. The toughest games of the season were against Cinnaminson and Moorestown. The high scorers were Mia N., Sierra V., and Sydney D. Mia was the queen of assists to the assist, but held her own as a top scorer. Sadly, injuries plagued Julia M. and Jules P. There were two sets of wonderful sisters on the team. Ryann and Alyssa W, and Kaylee and Rylee C. Most of the team will return next year for another great season.

In cross country with Dr. Mortimer and Ms. Randall, the top boy participants were Nolan S., Tyler D., and Colin H. The top girl participants were Faareh J. and Kasey T. Cross country club made it to the championships. They were there with 24 schools participating. The students that ran in the 1½ mile lap were Colin H., who ended in 22nd place, Kasey T., who placed 16th, and Faareh J., in 15th place.

Girls soccer had a 500 record. Mr. Wagner loved coaching the team along with Ms. Hutch. We asked Mr. Wagner if he had anything to say about the team. He stated, "The season just ended, and I thought we had a good season. There were more 8th graders than 7th graders. The teammates worked better together at the end of the season than the beginning. Harrington has a long tradition of good soccer teams. I was actually a fill in coach for another teacher. I'm gonna miss the girls, we had fun, and they were fun to work with. I think many of them will go on to high school soccer."

Great job to all of the Harrington players who gave their all this past fall season.



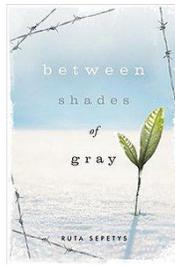
NJHS Food Drive

By Angelina P. and Linda J.

NJHS and Leadership Circle is collecting food for the SJ Food Bank. Any non-perishable food items you think a family in need would enjoy for a Thanksgiving dinner can be donated! Some ideas are canned nuts, vegetables and/or fruits, beans, tuna, and salmon. These items should be canned, but things like applesauce, stuffing mix, mashed potato mix, etc can be boxed or be in plastic cups. Look for signs throughout the houses for more ideas! We are accepting donations starting from November 12th through the 22nd. Whichever team collects the most items will win a mystery award! Good luck!!!

A-Listers

The A-listers will be reading *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys. We are reading this to prepare for the upcoming movie *Ashes of Snow* which is being released in the new year.

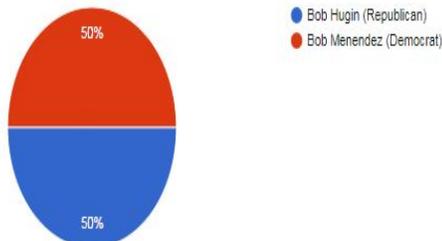


Mock Election Recap

Harrington students participated in a mock election on November 5th in their social studies classes. 7th and 8th graders had the chance to cast their votes for a Senator and a member of the House of Representatives. In the Senate vote Bob Hugin won by one vote over Bob Menendez and Andy Kim beat out Tom MacArthur for the House of Representation seat.

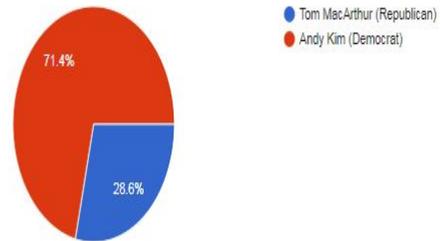
US Senate (New Jersey)

894 responses



US House of Representatives (New Jersey)

894 responses



Transparent-Part II

(An original short story)

By JJ T.

The three friends walked back into the kitchen and just stood there, Harry's blood from the injury caked onto the floor. Harry knew that they had to get out of the house, and fast. Another accident was bound to happen.

"If we make it out of this alive, I'm never talking to you again, Geo," Jenna said while rubbing her arms.

"Yeah, that's fair," Geo responded, teeth chattering. Harry wondered why they were cold, since he felt fine. Then again, he was dressed up as a werewolf, so the fur was probably keeping him warm.

"You know, I'm really scared," Jenna whimpered.

"Me too," Geo agreed.

"Why is this even happening? First Harry, then Haley, and Matt too. Am I next?" Jenna cried out.

"I'm not dead!" Harry burst. All the pressure from the circumstances had finally made him break. He expected some sort of reaction from Geo and Jenna, but there was nothing. Not even a glance.

"I'm sorry," Harry started, "I was just getting so heated..."

"Yeah, I miss them too," Geo said with a blank gaze across his face. Harry was taken aback. If he wasn't going to accept an apology, why would he just ignore him? Surely what he had said couldn't have been that bad. He was just stating the truth. All he had done was smack his head against the floor, one way or another.

"Look, I'm sorry! You don't have to give me the silent treatment!" Harry desperately apologized once more, "Let's just find a way to-"

"When is the ambulance going to get here? Didn't you call for one before?" Jenna asked, breathing deeply in and out. Now Harry was angry. That was the second time he had tried to apologize, only to be interrupted once more. He chucked the ice-pack he was still holding to his head towards the wall. It had been useless for a while now, and he just wanted to make a point. Both Geo and Jenna jumped as it hit the wall. Geo grabbed a knife from the drawer he was leaning on and slowly walked over the the ice-pack.

"Who's there?" Geo inquired, and Harry could see Jenna start hyperventilating again. They were really going all out for just one measly statement. He slowly started to back away.

"Jeez, man. Sorry to give you such a fright," Harry apologized for the third time. "No hard-" Geo turned around and walked back to his original spot in the kitchen. That was it. He would make Geo listen. Harry had always been stronger than Geo since they were kids. An old sibling brawl would surely get him to speak. Harry watched patiently as both Geo and Jenna kept glancing over at the mark in the wall where the ice-pack had struck. After a minute or so, Geo had placed the knife down on the counter. Harry lunged for his brother, back towards him. With a violent shiver, Geo turned back around with the knife back in hand. Harry tried to stop, mind running wild, but it was too late. The momentum propelled him straight towards Geo, with his eyes cold and a knife in hand. Harry's chest met the blade and phased right through it, crashing into the ground shortly after.

"No, no, no," Harry mumbled as the thought reached him. Was he really dead? No, that couldn't be true. That kind of thing only happened in movies, and short stories about Halloween. It was a really overused plot twist, the main character being dead the whole time. But, as much as he hated it, Harry knew it was real. His blood on the floor, the way everyone felt cold around him. They acted like he was invisible, ignored him, **mourned** him. "No, no, no." He was saying this just to comfort himself now, the fact sinking in, eating away at him from the inside out. He sat on the ground and repeated the word over and over again.

"About the ambulance," Geo started. "It's not coming."

"What?! Why?" Jenna screamed at him.

"I never called for one, I'm a good actor, right? I didn't even need my fake pepper spray, but that was because Harry died..." Geo motion to the closet and started talking some more. Harry got up off the floor and walked towards the closet, only for his hand to phase right through the doorknob. At this point, he just phased the rest of himself through the door and there he was, staring at his own dead body. He turned on the spot and ran straight out of there, heart racing.

"Yeah, Harry was never supposed to die. I really thought he had his backflip down," Geo told Jenna, a single tear running down his face. "But you were." Harry watched Geo pounce on Jenna, injecting something into her arm. She fell limp immediately.

"Well, what do you know!" Geo chuckled with a wide grin on his face, "I guess Dracula was out for blood tonight." He whistled and spun a keyring around his fingers on his stroll towards the front door. He swiftly unlocked it and fled the

scene, Harry following after. Harry didn't get very far, as like a man transforms into a werewolf, this werewolf transformed into nothing but some air shimmering in the pale moonlight.

BLACK FRIDAY FRENZY

By Emily F.

Black Friday is all about saving money. Here are some tips to help you with your holiday shopping.

1. Make a game plan. Pick which stores you need to go to and the items that you'll be getting. Know the opening times of the stores you are hitting and get there early.
2. Have a friend help you. Two people can conquer more retail space and save place in line.
3. Scope out the sales early. Compare prices and save a list on your phone. Bring ads to prove you should get the advertised discount.
4. Dress comfortably...good footwear and skip the heavy coat. Don't wear clothes that are similar to an employee's outfit unless you want to get accosted by angry shoppers.
5. Avoid the crowds all together and stay in your cozy jammies while online shopping. However avoid sketchy websites...only buy from reputable sites.
6. Walmart is historically the most crowded on Black Friday...Avoid if possible.
7. Don't like your family. Well, if that's the case, some stores are open on Thanksgiving.
8. Use cash so you won't overspend. Protect your purse and wallet from thieves.
9. Know about return policies.
10. Be aware of reckless driving on Black Friday. People are in a rush and that often leads to major road rage. Driving around for hours looking for a parking spot, definitely doesn't put one in a good mood.
11. Make sure to get lots of sleep before Black Friday.
12. Bring snacks and drinks so you have energy.

If you don't get the best deals on Black Friday remember Cyber Monday. Have fun and don't start fights.



Kylie's Kooking Korner

Hello and welcome back to Kylie's Kooking Korner! Today I have a simple delicious thanksgiving recipe for anyone who wants to make something to put on the table, but is super lazy.

Apple Pie Crescent Bites:

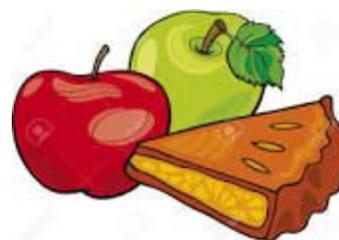
Ingredients:

- 1 red, ripe apple, washed and sliced into 8 slices with the skin still on
- 4 tablespoons brown sugar
- 3 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 can Pillsbury refrigerated crescent rolls

Directions:

- Preheat your oven 350 degrees fahrenheit. Roll out the crescent rolls on a baking sheet.
- Brush the crescent rolls with melted butter, then sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon.
- Place an apple slice at the wide end of the crescent roll and roll up the apple inside of the crescent.
- Repeat until all rolls are rolled then brush with more butter and sprinkle with more cinnamon.
- Bake for 15 minutes or until golden brown.
- Cool and serve!

I hope you enjoy this recipe and have a great thanksgiving!



Word Scramble
By Sophie

1.YKERTU

2.PCNOCRAOIU

3.TASEF

4.BYRCARENE

5.HSETESEGNOTR

6.YMIFA

7.AECPE

8.TAGINHSVKNGI

“On Thanksgiving Night”

By Sophie S.

Darkness comes soon.

Cold comes quickly,

Grab your jackets.

Look for the rising of the moon.

The chill can seem prickly

This is not the time to take out tennis rackets.

Late at night

The family comes

To enjoy the feast, that giant meal

With candle light

Cranberries, turkeys, and maybe even plums!

This comes with thankfulness for all to feel.

The food has been eaten,

Family has left and gone for their homes.

Now we wait for the break of dawn.

Our energy has, by excitement, been beaten

Soon the only ones with open eyes will be the garden gnomes

Resting in the forest is a tiny baby fawn

All the animals are sleeping

Everyone else is too

Then the sun comes up

Another day and everyone has started peeping

Out of their homes and they know what to do

Someone walks their pup.

The dog barks at the sky

People look.

They can all sense that the world is at peace.

Watching birds fly

Opening another chapter of this book

All the troubles can cease.

Zara Ask's

By Zara R.

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays not only for it's delicious plethora of warm mashed potatoes and mouthwatering turkey with sweet, fluffy cornbread, but I love this holiday for the family I am surrounded by and the chance to reflect on what I currently have and what will come in the future. For everyone this holiday is different. So this season I interviewed Nadia, from Teacher Twist, to ask her about Thanksgiving.

Q: What are you the most grateful for?

I am the most grateful for my loving family and all of the luxuries that they provide for me. I recently read a book called *Prisoner b-3087* and knowing just how unlucky some people are has really opened me up to feeling more grateful about my life overall.

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

I, personally, love pumpkin pie, am I'm sure a whole bunch of people agree. I also love the turkey when it's not dry and overbaked. The stuffing is sometimes bad but other times it's creamy enough for me to like it, kind of like butter, so overall, the turkey won't be that dry.

Q: Does your family have any traditions for this holiday?

My mom and I always put up the Christmas tree this day, or on Black Friday, and we always bake while we are watching the parade. Since the past few years, we always make a pie. Two years ago it was apple, and last year it was my favorite treat, pumpkin pie!

Q: What does a typical Thanksgiving look at your house?

In the morning, my mom always bake and sometimes we take a walk outside early, when my mom is up for it. The two of us then eat a big breakfast around 8am as our baking begins, with my dad waking up from a groggy sleep and soon after going back to bed. We make appetizers first and eat those when my dad wakes up again at 12, and, hours later, we finish preparing for this once in a year feast.

Q: Is there anything unusual that you associate with Thanksgiving? If so, what?

Wawa. There is one very close to my house, and when they finished remodeling it this Thanksgiving, I forced my mom to take another one of those chilly fall walks so I could grab some snacks using the coupons I found in the mail.

Did anything Nadia say relate to you or your family? We all have different ways of celebrating this American holiday, bringing our own culture and family history into our celebrations.

Answers to Word Scramble

1.Turkey2.Cornucopia 3.Feast 4.Cranberry5. Togetherness 6. Family 7.Peace 8.Thanksgiving

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!! Welcome to the 2nd Marking Period!!