

# Colts Newsletter

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## National Poetry Month

By Leah S.

April is National Poetry Month, which was established in April of 1996 by the American Poets society. This month reminds us that art is one of the pillars holding up our country. Poetry has helped us give speeches at events, and can often be used in events like weddings or funerals.

Poetry is a form of classic literature that we use to show strong emotions and other feelings. It uses strong figures of speech to create a artistic atmosphere through words. Earlier in history, poems were used mostly in religious ways, however, it runs deep through the history of many cultures and nations. One example: Indian cultures have had poetry in it for many years. They have their own types of poetry that they use frequently with their spiritual traditions.

Much of the world has changed over a lot over time, and so has each culture's use of poetry. April is crucial to helping people recognize the history of poetry, respect its importance, and think about how it will continue to influence our future literature and art.

## Holidays and Events!

April Fools Day - 1st

HMS Spirit Week - 3rd-7th

Annie Jr. Dress Rehearsal for 5th Grade - 6th

Annie Jr. Musical Shows (6-9pm) - 7th & 8th

Easter - 9th

Math NH SAS Testing - 11th

Science NH SAS Testing (8th only) - 13th

Karaoke Friday - 14th

Mandatory 8th Grade D.C. Trip Meeting - 20th

Earth Day - 22nd

April Break - 24th-28th

\*School Store During is Every Weds at Lunch\*

## HMS Monthly FOCUS

### Academic - Inquiry

Inquiry means asking questions and wondering why things happen or work the way that they do. Science is a class where inquiry is a lot!

### Social Emotional - Relationship Skills

Relationship skills means working on how to have a positive relationship with those around you. Even if you are not friends with someone, you can still be kind and accepting, versus rude or mean. With friends or family, make sure your relationships are healthy and caring.

### CTE - STEM

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Careers in this field that you may be interested in to try out at Alvirne include Engineering, Accounting, Computer Science, and Vet or Health Science.



*Respect, Responsibility, Hard Work*



# What's Up at HMS?

## HMS Sports & Club Updates

There is a Book Fair coming up in April during the week of the 17<sup>th</sup>!! Also, author Jordan Sonnenblick who wrote the books "The Boy who Failed Show and Tell", "The Boy who Failed Dodgeball", and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading book "Notes From a Midnight Driver" will be here on April 21<sup>st</sup>! Students will be able to purchase his books at the book fair and he will be signing them during his visit.

The winner of the yearbook cover design contest was Hadi Alghoul!! Congratulations! Stay tuned to see the winning Yearbook design in a future issue!!

**Teachers & Coaches! Want to submit a Sport or Club Update? Please email it to Ms. Blais for it to be included in the next Newsletter! We appreciate your contribution!**

## 8th Grade Career Day

By Rylee G.

8th Grade Career Day took place on March 16th at HMS. Career Day allows the 8th graders an opportunity to attend two presentations related to careers they are interested in. It also gets them familiar with various careers like Public Safety, Visual Arts, Accounting, Construction, Engineering, Culinary, and more.

All these careers have similar programs at the CTE Center as well, that students can try out next year. This way they can get an idea of what they might want to do in the future as a job, or what courses they may be interested in taking at Alvirne. Real people in these careers and the CTE Ambassador students led presentations. The 8th graders had a great day and we wish them luck at Alvirne next year!

## Annie Jr. Cover Winner!

By Clare G.

8th grader Delaney F. submitted and won the cover for the Annie Jr. musical over 5 other designs that were submitted! The design will be used for many areas that relate to the musical. Don't forget that the Annie Jr. performances are Friday, April 7th and Saturday, April 8th. You can buy your tickets online now at [www.hmsdramaclub.ludus.com](http://www.hmsdramaclub.ludus.com). Congratulations Delaney!



# What's Up at HMS?

## Winter Sports Awards

By Liana G.

Winter sports Awards were on March, 8th. Congratulations to all the athletes on their seasons and an extra congratulations to those who won awards this season. Great job!

### CHEER

**Sportsmanship Award** - Abigail L. - 8th

**COLT Award** - Indira G. - 8th

**Nicole Jacques Award** - Molly D. - 8th

**HMS Award** - Aliana Giroux - 8th

**Rookie of the Year** - Yevheniia "Jane" M. - 8th

**Grit Award** - Natalie F. - 8th

### GIRL'S BASKETBALL

**Colt Award** – Samantha S. - 8th

**Sportsmanship Award** – Emily W. - 8th

**Grit Award** – Ava T. - 7th

**MVP** – Courtney A. - 8th

### BOY'S BASKETBALL

**Colt Award** - Charlie B. - 8th

**Sportsmanship** - Jeremiah C. - 8th

**Grit Award** - PJ M. - 8th

**MVP** - Camden S. - 7th

### WRESTLING

**Rookie of the Year** - Nick G. - 6th

**Heart Award** - Mason V. - 6th

**Most Improved** - Crue A. - 6th

**Colt Award** - Timmy M. 7th

\*please note, wrestling does not have a sportsmanship award

## Students vs. Staff Basketball Game!

By Rylee G.

The "Hoopsters" vs. the HMS staff annual basketball game is the most exciting game of the year! The "retiring" eighth grade basketball players competed against staff who volunteered to face them.

The Hoopsters got the early lead, while the staff celebrated some early baskets, but the 3rd quarter was completely run by the 8th graders, who gained an 11-point lead, but the teachers didn't give up. Ms. Gannon brought the staff to within five points late in the 4th quarter., but then... Mr. Smith came out of no where making two steals, and scoring 8 points in the last two minutes which secured the win for the HMS staff team!

Congratulations to the HMS Staff Team and good luck to the 8th Graders as they move on to high school next year!





# Special Feature!

## STEAM NIGHT!

By Alex H



The first ever STEAM Night was held on Monday, March 13th at HMS! STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. The event this year was planned by Ms. Blais, Mrs. Fremantle, Mrs. Fillmore, Ms. Kiely, and Mr. Pooler. Many additional staff also helped out, including other teachers, administration, the PTO and the custodians!

During STEAM Night there were numerous activities that HMS students, staff, and other Hudson families participated in and enjoyed! Sub Zero Ice Cream came and did science demonstrations with liquid nitrogen, and gave away ice cream samples. The PTO sold pizza, snacks, and drinks to fundraise. Some of the Team 8 Science Super Star students helped run experiments like Alka Seltzer rockets, as well as activities like CBR Sensor Graphing, astronomy constellations, and art like origami. The Nashua Area Radio Club came with lots of interactive activities, videos, and more! There were different math games, logic puzzles, and activities for students and families to play, and finally the Tech Ed, PLTW, and Computer teachers ran interactive activities or showcased work that they do in their classes. There were even estimation stations where people could win prizes like gift cards and prize baskets!

The group of 12 Team 8 Science Super Star students helped run a large portion of the stations at STEAM Night. They did an excellent job on such a short notice, and many people commented on how well they did working with younger students that attended. STEAM Night this year had almost 400 attendees, about 100 of which were HMS students. All HMS students that came could enter a raffle to possibly win the chance to pie an administrator in the face during each lunch later that week. Celia S. got to "pie" Mr. Bowen in the face in 6th grade, Emelia H. got to "pie" Mrs. Spaulding in 7th grade, and Natalie F. got to "pie" Mr. Bowen again in 8th grade. Mr. Campo managed to escape that day somehow!



Everyone learned something new, made something to take home, and had a great time at this event! Next year the STEAM Night team hopes to expand it even more by inviting the local Aviation Museum to do activities about flight, and getting more STEAM related student work to show off that night! Thank you to everyone who came and we hope to see you next year!





# Student Artwork!



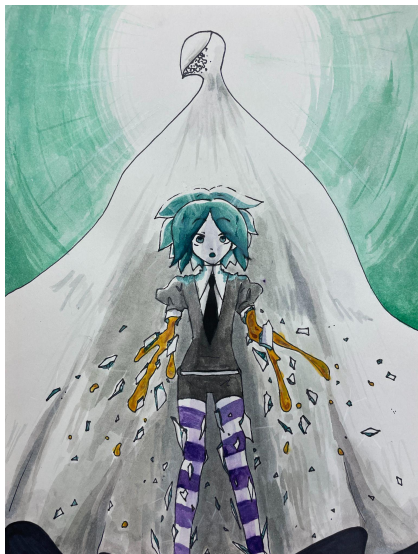
**Delaney F.**  
- 8th



**Alyssa K.**  
- 8th



**Zander V.**  
- 7th



**Kat B. - 7th**

*Shout out to Ms. Joncas for the Artwork!*

# Ask a Senior Who's Been Through It All

By An Alvirne Student

**How do I handle not making it onto a sport team?**

If you don't make it onto a sport team, it's not the end of the world at all. It may bother you at first, and you may be disappointed, but eventually you'll come to terms with it. If you don't make it then look into finding another hobby or playing a different sport. Maybe you'll find something that you like even better! You can always practice and try again next season!

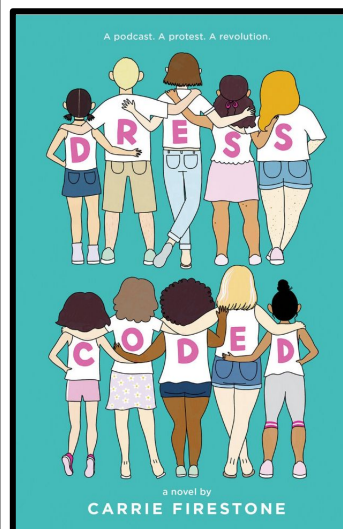
**How can I prepare for high school during my time in middle school?**

I'd say during middle school, try your hardest in all of your classes so you have options for more advanced classes in high school. Even if you don't want to take an honors class, at least you have the option to take one. You can decide later if you want to switch in or out of one, you might change your mind!

# Literature Recommendation

By Olivia T.

**"Dress Coded" by Carrie Firestone**



This book is about students with a really strict dress code at school. Molly, on her podcast, describes unfair situations about students getting in trouble because of the clothes they wear. She states that the dress code is too strict to be able to follow because it is so hard to find clothes that fit the dress code. All students just want to be comfortable at school and not worry about getting in trouble for their choice of clothes. Try this book out!

## Quote Of the Month

“There is nothing impossible to they who will try.”

- Alexander the Great

## Student & Staff Shout Outs

Shout out to Ryleigh D., Aubrie H., Jaida S., Tori A., Avriah E., Mena L., Dani W., Tegan D., Sienna C., Mya C., Alex H., and Ella P. on Team 8 for their awesome job helping to run activities at STEAM Night! We're so proud of you and appreciated your help!

Shout out to all the staff that helped to make STEAM Night a great success! The turn out was amazing and so many fun activities! Looking forward to next year!

Shout out to the PTO! We appreciated the snacks before the NH SAS Testing days in March! It kept us fueled!

Shout out to our cafeteria staff who work hard to make sure we have a great meal every day! We appreciate you all!

Shout out to the PTO for running the Roller Skating night at Roller Kingdom! It was lots of fun and we enjoyed a night out together!

## Monthly Tip!

By Max I.

To prepare for the rest of NH SAS testing and Spring iReady, get good rest the night before because it will help you feel and focus better. Also, make sure to eat breakfast that morning so you don't feel hungry while testing. You could also bring snacks and water! Don't forget to take your time and do your best! You got this!

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE MONTH

By Maddie L.

Did you know that a fish is smarter than a human? Just joking - APRIL FOOLS!

It's the month of wacky, mischievous fun but, it's also the month of Easter! Let's start off this month with a family friendly movie called "Rise of the Guardians", It's got all your favorite holiday figures like Santa, the Tooth Fairy, the Easter Bunny, the Sandman, and many more who protect the world against an evil boogey man! Give "Rise of the Guardians" a try!



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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