

Colts Newsletter



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African American Heritage Month

Michael L.

Black History Month celebrates the achievements of the African-American community. The celebration began in 1926 as a week-long observance. It was observed on the second week of February to coincide with the birthday of Frederick Douglass on the 14th, and the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on the 12th. In 1976, under the order of Gerald Ford, the government officially recognized February as Black History Month.

When Black History Month was first established, there was a plethora of controversy around the observance. Many people still didn't believe in equal rights for African Americans as slavery hadn't been abolished for that long. There was also significant opposition from people who believed that Black History is American History, and shouldn't be designated to just one month to be recognized. Morgan Freeman, an actor and activist, once said, relating to Black History Month, "I don't want a black history month. Black history is American history."

The American education system has improved its teaching of African-American History over time. Black History Month has also been integrated into people's everyday life. Major corporations such as Coca-Cola, Target, Macy's, Under Armour, and many more, recognize and celebrate Black History Month. The national recognition of February as Black History Month is yet another progression for racial equality.

Holidays and Important Dates

- 2nd- Groundhog Day
- 2nd- Washington D.C. 4th Payment Due
- 10th- 8th Grade NAEP Testing
- 7th-11th - School Counselors Week
- 8th-11th- Valentine's Candy Grams for Sale!
- 13th- Superbowl Sunday
- 14th- Valentine's Day (Candy Grams Delivered)
- 21st- President's Day
- 25th- Karaoke Friday (in Chorus Room)
- Feb. 26th-Mar. 6th- February Break
- 28th- National Tooth Fairy Day

Yearbook Cover Contest!

All students are invited to enter in artwork to be used on the cover of the HMS Yearbook! Submissions will be voted on by staff and the winner will be on the cover! Runner-up submissions may still be used as well! See Mrs. O'Brien with any questions.

Requirements:

- Vertical orientation
- On 8.5 x 11 paper
- Include "HMS" or "Hudson Memoriall"
- Include "2021-2022"

Due by 2/17/22



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What's Up at HMS?

HMS Sports, Clubs, & Unified Arts Updates

Backstage crew for Drama Club are working on tracing canvases for the backdrops of the Seussical Jr. coming up in April. The soloists have also been working on their numbers! All the Drama Club members have been working very hard after school multiple days a week till 5pm to get ready! Come see the show in a few months!

The Leadership students are working hard planning an HMS Wellness day for the Spring! Stay tuned for more news to come out in the future!

Students who are candidates for membership in the Sociedad Hispánica de Amistad will be formally inducted into the honor society on March 29th! The name of the HMS chapter is Quintana Roo. The students have worked hard in class and on the Society's projects.

Book Club is Back! Join Mrs. Phaneuf & Ms. Glaude to discuss *The Rangers Apprentice Book 1: The Ruins of Gorlan* by John Flanagan. Our 1st meeting will be Thursday 3/10 in Room 215 to discuss Chapters 1-17, and then we will meet on Thursday, 2/10 to discuss the remainder of the book! See Ms.Glaude, Mrs.Phaneuf or the Library for a copy!

HMS Monthly FOCUS

Allison V.

Academic Integrity -

This does NOT mean having perfect grades it means that on all your work you try your best. It also means not plagiarizing or cheating and that the work is yours!

Social Awareness-

It means be aware of how you act and what you say and how your words/actions affect others.

Health Science-

Health science is a lot of different careers, including nurses, doctors, physical therapists, and mental health counselors.

Spelling Bee Update

Cora M.

The spelling bee was an intense race. It was split into 2 parts, spelling, and vocab. Twenty-five students started in the competition and it took ten rounds to get down to two. The contestants of the bee were challenged to spell and identify many challenging words like invigorating and orientation.

The winner of the spelling bee is seventh grader Thomas Papageorgiou with the two winning words of coronation and pallid. The runner up was sixth grader Lena Normandin. Congrats and good luck at the state bee!



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SPECIAL FEATURE

C.T.E. Center Field Trip

Sam H.

In January, eighth grade went on a field trip to the CTE Center. Most of the programs we saw can be grouped into five categories, business, construction, healthcare, STEM, and culinary. Remember that as you get ready for high school, good grades is what can help get you into these programs! **You can read about all of the programs here <https://cte.sau81.org/programs>.**



The business programs include Accounting, Digital Media, and Marketing and are not just for people who enjoy math or think they are “good at math”. “Anyone can do accounting!” the teacher told us when we visited.

The construction programs include Welding & Fabrication, Building Trades, and Heavy Duty Mechanics. Building Trades, Welding & Fabrication, and Heavy Duty Mechanics.

Health Science & Technology as well as Veterinary Science make up the healthcare programs. The Vet Science program takes care of many animals that are actually kept at the CTE Center!

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and math. At Alvirne, you can take Pre-Engineering (PLTW), Drafting & Design, and Computer Science classes.



There are four levels of Culinary Arts and students will be running a restaurant, called the Barnyard Café, in the CTE Center beginning next year. There are also many others like Junior ROTC, Careers in Education, Natural Resources, and more!

The field trip could only scratch the surface of all that is offered at the CTE Center. There is a program for everyone! You can go see more of the CTE center, and show your family all the amazing things at the **CTE Open House on Weds, Feb. 9th from 5:30-7:30!**



Cheerleading Interview

Derrick D.

This is an interview with Coach McGivern about the cheerleading team. Thank you for your time Mrs. McGivern!

Q: What do you like about the team?

A: They show a lot of talent! They're a group of very hard workers who are committed to doing their best.

Q: What's the best part about competing?

A: Showing others how hard the team has worked, how proud they are of their hard work, and how great they are as people.

Q: How does the team act individually?

A: All cheerleaders are expected to be good ambassadors of HMS and the team by themselves, but when they are in a group their strengths increase.

Q: What do they do after a competition routine?

A: They watch the other teams perform, and cheer them on to be good sports.

Q: What are the cheerleading goals?

A: To uphold the values of the school: Respect, Responsibility, & Hardwork!

This Year's 8th Graders:

Veterans: Ava M., Alanna T., Ella S., Julia A., and Saniya F. are excellent leaders helping prepare the 6th/7th grade members and our 8th grade newcomers to compete!

Newcomers: Shayla D., Mayah D., and Katie C. are all amazing new team members this year! It's not easy to join a team

Coach McGivern is proud of the whole team. Go HMS Cheer! Go Colts!

Boys Basketball Interview

Michael L.

This is an interview with Mr. Schmidt, the coach for the HMS boys basketball team, about the upcoming playoffs. Thank you for your time Mr. Schmidt!

Q: What do you think will be the biggest challenge for the upcoming playoffs?

A: "Maintaining consistent intensity throughout each game."

Q: What teams do you think will be the hardest to face in the upcoming playoffs?

A: "Bedford, of course. We open the playoffs with Elm Street and that is always a rivalry matchup. When we win we will face a 2nd round matchup with Merrimack who beat us once this year."

Q: Are you expecting 6th and 7th graders to return to the team next year?

A: "Yes, it's one of the things that I think about with the team to try to not only make this year's team as good as it can be but to help our younger people get experience so when they become 8th graders they're not new. I would expect all of them to return"

Q: Do you think the HMS team will win?

A: "We have a very good shot at going deep into the playoffs, which would mean a championship rematch against Bedford who beat us twice this year and have no losses. They are a formidable opponent. We will have to be playing our best ball. So it's tough to meet the expectation to win, but we're gonna take it one game at a time."

Q: What are some improvements you and your team could make when it comes to cooperation?

A: "More on-court communication. It has been a focus of our team the entire year so we gotta work on that. Not just verbally, but where we are gonna be, particularly on offense, where we have two guys in one spot and we get out of sync."

Quote Of the Month

“I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.”
- Thomas Edison

Student & Staff Shout Outs

A big shout out to Mr. Curtis for his amazing preparation and organization of the 7th Grade trip to see *A Christmas Carol*. It was awesome to see the kids encouraged to look their best and appreciate going to the theater. Thank you for giving the kids an unforgettable life experience!

A great shout out to Mrs. Curtis too! She is a great help to her students and really cares for them. She has been a great help with explaining different parts about the high school for her 8th graders. Thank you for being an awesome teacher and helping out with preparation for next year!

Shout out to Mrs.O'Brian and the CTE Center for running the 8th grade field trip to the CTE Center! It was so cool to see all of the amazing CTE classes at Alvirne and we're excited to participate in those when we get to high school! Thank you!

Shout out to Cora M. in 7th grade who every Thursday at Ski Club buys candy for her homeroom! We appreciate her kindness!!

Shout out to Thomas P., Alexis B., Ben & JJ G., Ben P., and Cam V. from Team 6 and Noah Kaczynski who are moving on to Challenge 2 of “The Hardest Math Problem” Scholastic competition!! If they win the next challenge they'll receive a laptop and \$5,000 towards college! Great work and good luck!



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HELPFUL TIP OF THE MONTH

Sam H.

Do you need to find another source for your latest informative essay? Infobase is a great place to look for your next source. You can access it by going to your clever backpack and clicking on the Infobase icon.

Happy researching!

RECOMMENDATION OF THE MONTH:

Allison V.

Back to the Future-

Back to the future follows Marty Mcfly and Doc Brown in their adventure through time. In the first movie, they go back to when Marty's parents were teens, but he changed the way his parents met and had to figure out how to change it back otherwise he erased himself from existing!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Want to submit something to the Newsletter? Have a comment or concern?

Email to the Advisors:

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Or put submissions into the Colts Council Box on the stage in the Cafeteria!



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