

Colts Newsletter

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African American History Month

By Leah S.

African American History Month celebrates the goals achieved by the African-American community. It was originally celebrated on the second week of February as it coincides with the birthdays of Frederick Douglas (14th), and Abraham Lincoln (12th).

When Black History Month was first proposed, it faced a lot of controversy. Many people didn't believe that African-Americans should be celebrated throughout a whole entire month because terminating slavery had just occurred not long before. Many citizens also opposed the idea because they believed that African American History is a part of American history, and so it shouldn't be designated just one month for recognition.

Throughout the years, the our education system has changed and it often includes teaching African-American History Month among other celebrated months. Celebrating diversity has also made its way into our everyday lives, being seen in ads like Macy's, Under Armour, Nike, and Target, just to name a few. African American History Month became one of the stepping stones to racial equality.

Holidays and Events!

- Alvirne CTE Open House - Feb. 1st
 - Tom White Presentations 6th/7th - Feb. 1st
 - National Tater-Tot Day - Feb. 2nd
 - Alvirne Incoming Freshman Night - Feb. 8th
 - Candy Grams Sold at Lunch - Feb. 6th-10th
 - Valentine's Day - Feb. 14th
 - National Annoy Squidward Day - Feb. 15th
 - Internet Safety Presentation - Feb. 15/16th
 - Karaoke Friday & School Dance - Feb. 17th
 - Pajama Friday! - Feb. 24th
 - February Vacation - Feb. 27th-March 3rd
- *School Store is every Wednesday at Lunch!*

HMS Monthly FOCUS

By Liana G.

Academic - Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity is the expectation that students and teachers follow. Such as honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility.

Social Emotional - Social Awareness

Social awareness is the ability to emphasize others no matter their culture or background.

CTE - Health Sciences

Health Sciences careers include nurses, doctors, and more! Alvirne has a large health sciences program and competes in HOSA!



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What's Up at HMS?

HMS Sports & Club Updates

Drama Club is looking for ensemble members and stage crew to be involved with the production of Annie JR! If you are interested in performing on stage in a large group (6-8th grade) or want to help out with set design, props, or stage crew (7-8th) grade, please see Ms. Crivello in room 125!

Ski Club went to Pat's Peak for the past 5 Thursdays during January and the beginning of February. It was a rainy and snowy ski season this year, but everyone had a lot of fun. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Curtis for running the trip and to all the chaperones!

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!

HMS Spelling Bee!

By Leah S.

The annual HMS Spelling Bee took place on the 24th of January. With 15 kids participating, the first round of the bee was intense. The first round was all spelling words.

The second round was vocabulary. Participants had a 50/50 chance as the teachers would give them a word, and then they would choose 1 of the 2 answers. Another tense round!

Round 3 went back to spelling. There were 7 students still left at this time. At the end of this round there were 4 students left in the bee.

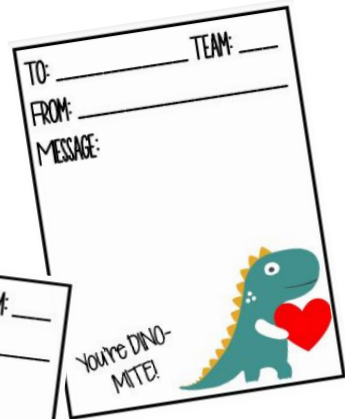
Rounds 4 through 8 were the last few rounds. Those rounds were shorter and became only the last 2 students. Each time they both got their answer correct, that was the end of a round.

After correctly spelling the word "roulette", 7th grader Yasmina S. from Team 4 became the HMS 2023 Spelling Bee winner! 6th grader Anna I. from Team 1 was the runner up in the spelling bee. Congratulations to both and to all the students involved! Good luck to Yasmina at the New Hampshire Union Leader State Spelling Bee coming up in March!

Valentine's Day Candy Grams

By Henry H.

Love is in the air and so are the Candy Grams! Make sure to buy them on February 6-10th during Lunch. You will have them delivered on February 13th in Homeroom. Types of candy are full-sized Hershey's Bars, full-sized Skittles packets, and Jolly Rancher lollipops. Make sure to include the Homeroom number or teacher name, team number, and the first and last name of the person you're sending it to. Send one to a friend or staff member! Happy Valentine's Day!



Student Artwork!



Help
Wanted

*Do you create drawings
or comics?*

*Do you write poems or
short stories?*

Then we want
YOU
to submit to the
Newsletter!

All submissions can be emailed to ablais@sau81.org or put in the Colts Council Box on the stage in the Cafeteria! Works can be signed or anonymous and must be school appropriate!

Swing Choir at Alvirne's "Pasta Palooza"

By Clare G.

On Friday, February 17th, from 6:15-7pm, Swing Choir will be singing at Alvirne's "Pasta Palooza" event put on by the Tri-M Music Honors Society students. The Swing Choir will be performing songs of their choice in duos, trios, or solos.

It will take place at Alvirne's Barnyard Cafe and is open to all students, parents, and staff! Registration is free, but you can pay \$10 for a pasta meal as well!

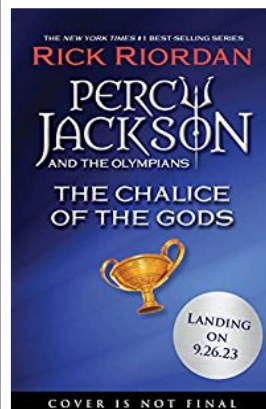
The Swing Choir students have been practicing for weeks in their groups, so come by and enjoy a night of awesome music by talented HMS Swing Choir students and other Alvirne music students!



Literature Recommendation

By Claire M.

**Percy Jackson & The Olympians:
The Chalice of the Gods by Rick Riordan**



A new Percy Jackson Novel almost 10 years after the release of *The Blood of Olympus*! Percy Jackson, Annabeth Chase, and Grover Underwood will star in a brand new adventure by Rick Riordan! The newest book, *The Chalice of the Gods* will go on sale September 26, 2023! So make sure to catch up on all the previous books in the series to enjoy the new one in September!

Quote Of the Month

“The two most important days in your life are the day you’re born and the day you find out why.” - Mark Twain

Student & Staff Shout Outs

Shout out to Ms. Blais and Mrs. Freemantle for running Colt’s Council!

Shout out to Mr. Pooler for always posting the Colts Council Newsletter to the HMS Website for us!

Shout out to Mrs. Sloat. She helps with the many computer problems students have and runs the library with hundreds of students visiting!

Shout out to the COLTS Leadership group and Counseling for running Kindness Week!

Shout out to the PTO for giving all the students lollipops during Kindness Week!

Shout out to Ms. Crivello for running Karaoke Fridays! We love them!



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Monthly Tip!

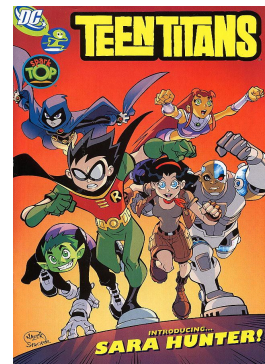
By Max I.

Talk to your parents/guardians about what goes on in your middle school life! Share the good things that happened during your day with them and what friends you make! Friends should always make you feel good about yourself and cheer you up! Come to school, learn, make friends, and have fun!

RECOMMENDATION OF THE MONTH

By Maddie L.

It's the 2nd Month of the year, let's continue this year with a super TV show, Teen Titans. This TV show has the descendants of your former DC Superheroes. The characters are: Nightwing, Starfire, Raven, Beastboy, Batman, Robin, etc. If your interested in superheroes, I think you'll definitely like this show. Check it out!



CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Email the Advisors:

Ms. Blais (ablais@sau81.org) and
Mrs. Freemantle (lfreemantle@sau81.org)

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



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