

Colts Newsletter

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March is...

Women's History Month

Avery W.

Women's History Month is a celebration held during the month of March to recognize the groundbreaking achievements and contributions women have made to the United States and its history. The month of March features all historical women and their milestones, to help reflect on women who are often overlooked for their roles in U.S. history.

Women's History Month was originally Women's History Day in February 1909, when New York City held a commemoration for the one year anniversary of the Garment Workers Strike. This strike was a march in 1909 where 15,000+ women protested through Manhattan about their working conditions in factories (essentially sweatshops). Young, mostly teenage, women worked in packed conditions at sewing machines for 12+ hours. The factories weren't held to any standards and one burned down in 1911, killing 145 people.

The anniversary of this protest was only the first taste in representing the achievements of women as a national holiday. The Sonoma County California Education Task Force started Women's History Week in 1978, to push the fact that women's history was breezed over in the curriculum of K-12 schools at the time. President Jimmy Carter formally declared the week as Women's History Week in 1980. Then, by 1987 (when about 15 states already recognized Women's History Month) activists persuaded Congress to have the U.S. officially recognize March as Women's History Month.

Each year Women's History Month has a theme, showcasing different women. This year's theme will be "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope". The National Women's History Alliance says "It is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history."

(Santa Rosa NWAH).

Holidays and Important Dates

- Feb. 28th-Mar. 4th - February Break
- 1st - 8th Grade DC Trip Final Payment Due
- 8th - Hudson Town Voting Day
- 13th - Daylight Savings ("Spring Forward" 1hr)
- 17th - St. Patrick's Day
- 18th - Karaoke Friday (Chorus Room)
- 20th - 1st Day of Spring
- 23rd - National Chips and Dip Day
- 25th - Teacher Workshop Day (No School)
- 27th - National Joe Day
- March 28th - April 1st - Spirit Week!
- 31st - National Crayon Day

Seussical Jr. Cover Winner

Submitted by Ms. Crivello

The Drama Club recently held a logo design contest for their musical, Seussical JR., This logo will be used on t-shirts and be used on the cover of the program. About a half dozen entries were made and The staff voted anonymously. The design below was chosen as the winner! Congratulations to the artist Dani Wimmer!



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What's Up at HMS?

HMS Sports & Club Updates

Congratulations to the HMS cheerleading team! They secured another win at Capital City the weekend of Feb. 19th. The team outscored 7 other teams with a score of 80.6. The girls then moved on to compete at the Tri-County Championship at Nashua South on Feb. 24th and clinched the win over Salem and 9 other teams by one tenth (0.1) of a point to secure the 2022 Tri-County Championship Banner with a score of 86.3! They then went to Astroblast after Tri-County and unfortunately did not win first place, but showed great sportsmanship and teamwork! Great work HMS Cheer team! The team would like to thank their coaches and all HMS staff for their support this season! Go Colts!



Monthly FOCUS

Alex H.

This month's Social & Emotional Goal is "Relationship Skills". This means the ability to maintain a healthy and positive friendship or other relationship with people.

This month's Academic Goal is "Planning and Managing Your Time". This relates to making sure you have enough time to complete one activity and have time for other activities as well. You want scheduling time in your day to be more efficient.

This month's Career & College Readiness Goal is Career Exploration. In general, this means focusing on exploring different careers and what you might want to do later in life. The 8th grade participated in "Career Cruising" which is a test that helps identify possible careers students may be most interested in. They will also have a Career Day on Thursday, March 24th!

Candy Gram Results

Cora Moreau

The Valentine's Day candy gram fundraiser was a huge success! The candy grams consisted of a handwritten note and a chosen candy to go with it (Hersheys, Skittles, or a lolly pop).

Many students, as well as teachers, participated and about 250 candy grams were delivered on Valentine's Day! This was more than the winter candy grams! This means that about 500 dollars was raised. All money raised will be used to benefit students in the future.

Since both candy gram fundraisers were a huge success, Colts Council plans on continuing to do this fundraiser in following years! Thanks to everyone!



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SPECIAL FEATURE

HMS Library Renovations

Michael L. & Sam H.

Interview with Mrs. Sloat!



Q: How much was the cost of the renovations?

A: We had about \$65,000 in ESSER grant funds for this project by the district and school board.

Q: How long did the project take?

A: The process started in June of 2021, with me starting to shop for furniture and redesign the space. We still aren't finished with some things, which are still backordered, but it will probably be finished this summer. I have some things I would like to add from my own furniture budget as well over the next couple of months.

Q: Did the construction interrupt any work?

A: Yes and no. It allowed me to get a lot of "book weeding" done, meaning removing old and outdated books to make room for new ones. Overall, though it wasn't so much that it interrupted my work, just that a lot of work is needed to put everything back. It did somewhat interrupt Library usage for students, but not much.

Q: What are some of the best features?

A: I think that the new lounge seating and the sofas with the charging ports. Also the new sightlines with the shorter shelving for books is great because I can now see the whole library at once.

Q: How do you think this will benefit students?

A: I think the teachers will be able to bring their students into a space where they will be able to work better. This setup creates a space where the students can collaborate better. They are also more comfortable reading in new furniture!

Our school's Library Media Center was recently renovated, and it feels like a whole new place. With new couches and charging stations for computers, the library is a much nicer place to be. Ms. Sloat put lots of effort into the design and plan for the renovations. With a brand new place to read and work, everyone at HMS will benefit from the new library.



SPIRIT WEEK 2022 IS ALMOST HERE!



Lily F. - 6th



Zoe H-S. - 7th



Colette I. - 8th

This year all homerooms will take a tally of participating students for each theme day during Spirit Week. At the end of the week the tallies will be counted and the top 3 homerooms will win a prize! The top homeroom will win their choice of a pizza or ice cream party AND the brand new Colts Spirit Week Trophy! The 2nd & 3rd place winners will an award ribbon and candy for their homeroom.

Monday, March 28th

Sports Day

Wear any sports related gear!

Tuesday, March 29th

Plaid & Flannel Day

Wear anything flannel or plaid!

Wednesday, March 30th

Twin Day

Dress as a twin (or more!) with others!

Thursday, March 31st

"Dress to Impress" Day

Dress in your nicest outfit! Be fancy!

Friday, April 1st

"Anything but a Backpack Day"

We're not fooling you! Use anything but a backpack to carry your supplies!

Stay tuned for next month's
amazing student work!

Have fun and participate in HMS
Spirit Week!

Quote Of the Month

“Science may set limits to knowledge, but it should never set limits to imagination” - Bertrand Russell

Student & Staff Shout Outs

Shout out to Ms. Bourassa & Mrs. Freemantle, for running the D.C. Trip! Those of us attending are super excited to go and it's almost here!

Shout out to Mrs. McGivern and the Cheer Team! Coach McGivern and the team have been putting in a lot of hard work!

Shout out to Ms. Joncas, for providing the Newsletter some amazing student artwork! :)

Shout out to Mrs. LeLievre, for being a nice, amazing teacher who makes learning fun!

Shout out to Mrs. Cochran, for being a fun, kind science teacher. She always plays the best videos in class too!

Shout out to Mrs. Bucknam, for taking over Mrs. Dolley's science classes for the rest of the year. Team 7 is excited to have you! Best of luck to Mrs. Dolley in her new career!

Shout out to Ms. Leary, for making learning engaging and making learning feel easier!
Thank you!

Shoutout to Avery W. on Team 8, for being an amazing student and a wonderful secretary for the Colts Council!



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HELPFUL TIP OF THE MONTH

Liana G.

Use Your Resources to Prepare!

Teachers provide you with helpful resources to prepare for Formatives and Summatives.

Ways to prepare can include, doing study guides, booking focus to classes you need extra help in, and going to academic assistance.

You can also try setting a timer and making yourself study for a certain amount of time using your notes and other resources.

MONTHLY RECOMMENDATION

Alex F.

Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief

It's a great movie for 10-16 year olds and has a good amount of action, drama, and friendships. A couple of friends help find Zeus' lightning bolt for Percy's dad, Poseidon. All of the friends are sons/daughters of mythological Greek gods/goddesses (demigods). They go on lots of exciting missions together!

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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