

Colts Newsletter

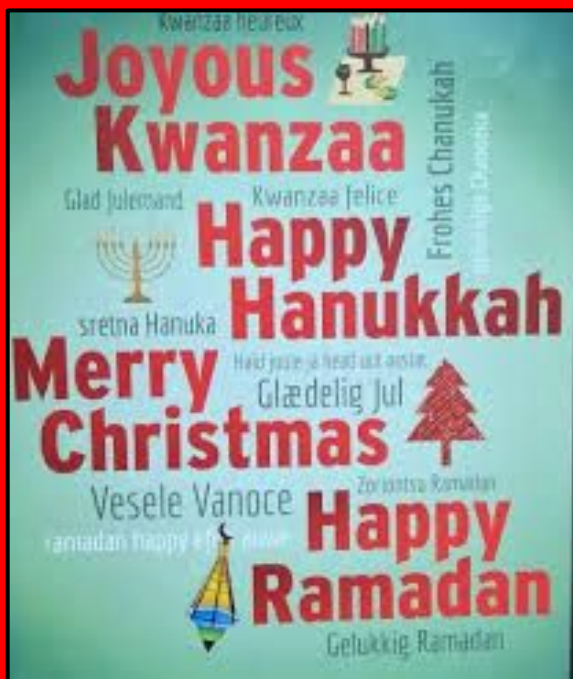
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December Theme: Cultural Awareness & Celebrations

Liana Gray & Kenzie Pooler

Not everyone celebrates holidays in December but for those that do, they each have their own unique way of celebrating. Most know of Christmas but that isn't the only holiday that happens in December. There's also a ton of other holidays such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Lucia Day, Fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Ramadan, and more. Not everyone may celebrate a holiday this month, but we should recognize all the different cultures and celebrations there are throughout our society in December and all year round.



Holidays and Important Dates

- Nov. 28th-Dec. 6th- Hanukkah
- 2nd- 8th Grade D.C. Trip 2nd payment due
- 3rd- National Apple Pie Day
- 7th- National Pearl Harbor Remembrance
- 14th- Winter Chorus Concert
- 15th- Winter Band Concert
- 17th- Karaoke Friday
- 21st- 7th Grade Christmas Carol Field Trip
- 23rd- Start of Holiday Break
- 24th/25th- Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
- 26th-Jan 1st- Kwanzaa
- 31st- New Year's Eve

School News

Leah Sturk

We are excited to announce that field trips are up and running again this year!

Washington D.C. Trip - 8th Graders

DC Payment #2 due Thursday, Dec. 2nd
DC Payment #3 due Sunday, Jan. 2nd

Christmas Carol Play - 7th Graders

Last day for the Permission Slips to be returned is Dec. 14th. We will be going to the Christmas Carol Play on Dec. 21st!



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What's Up at HMS?

HMS Sports & Clubs Updates

The HMS Lady Colts Basketball team opened their season on Nov. 29th with a strong 54-14 win over Concord Middle School ("Rundlett")! Great job Lady Colts!

Thank you to ALL for the smashing success of the book fair this year surpassed all previous fairs! The library space continues it's renovation. If you haven't figured out what is new since Thanksgiving stop in and see if you can figure it out. The furniture will hopefully be here after the new year!

Some people may wonder what we do in Computer Club. Each person gets to decide what they want to do; most of the time we play Minecraft or use Makey Makey, but we also take apart computers! Watch out though, we are getting some new toys to take over the school with soon!

Drama Club rehearsals have begun for *Seussical Jr. which will be performed on April 1st & 2nd!* *Seussical JR.* takes us into the world of the author, Dr. Seuss, and his many beloved characters such as Cat in the Hat amongst others. The powers of friendship, loyalty and family will emerge triumphant.

The Swing Choir performed "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" for Hudson Community Television (HCTV) in November and enjoyed recording! In the spring, they will also have a *Coffee House* where they'll be singing their favorite tunes in a smaller setting as well as the Spring chorus concert!

The talented musicians of HMS are so excited to share their music with you. There will be performances by the chorus, band, swing choir, jazz band, and woodwind choir. Selections include *The Grinch*, *Jingle Bell Rock*, *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, and much more. Admission is free and all are welcome!

December's "Focus"

Derrick Dike

Academic - Perseverance and Gratitude

Social-Emotional - Self Management

CTE - Computer Science

It's that time of month to talk about Computer Science brought you by the CTE. Both the 6th graders and 8th graders get to watch a video and do a Q&A with the CTE student ambassadors at Alvirne. The lucky 7th graders get to do in person activities and get to meet people related to the monthly CTE focus. This month's focus is computer science! The previous months have been manufacturing and construction so far this year. Stay tuned for what's up next in January!

Fall Food Drive Results are In!

Cora Moreau

In this years non-perishable food drive HMS raised over 4500 items!! This year was more than we have raised in the past four years. It was a fierce competition as always!

1st Place - Team 6 - 1,185 items

2nd Place - Team 1 - 1,090 items

3rd Place - Team 2 - 815 items

Many children under 18 struggle with being below the poverty line or being food insecure, meaning that they don't always have access to food to eat. We are glad to know that our donations to the Hudson Food Pantry definitely made a difference! Great job HMS community!



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Courtesy of Mrs. Sloat



Attention 6th Graders!

The New Hampshire Great Stone Face Book Award starts NOW! Read 4 of the books on the list and you can vote on your favorite in the spring! Read all 20 books and see Mrs. Sloat for a special prize!

Attention 7th & 8th Graders!

The Isinglass Award reads start NOW! Read the books and you can vote on your favorite; there are 11 titles this year on the list but there is no minimum read to be able to vote!

The Cheer Season Has Started!

Courtesy of Mrs. McGivern

The HMS cheerleading season is off to a great start! The 2021-22 team has 9 veteran players who have taken leadership positions to catch the rookies up to speed, but it won't take long for this talented team to learn their new routine and own the mat.

Mr. Bowen invited the 7 members of the 2020-21 cheerleading team to the gym to see last year's championship banner raised. Did you know that the our cheerleading team has earned championship or runner-up status at TCA every year since 2015? That's the best record of all the sports teams at HMS!



Please come to a basketball game this season to see the cheerleaders perform at halftime. Our first competition will be in February, and we're also looking forward to the TCA tournament on Feb 24th at Nashua High School South. Go Colts!

Want to submit a drawing, comic, poem, short story or some other piece of art or literature to the newsletter?

Put your art or literature in the Colts Council Box on the stage in the cafeteria or email it to Ms. Blais or Mrs. Freemantle. It will be included in the next monthly newsletter!

Art or Literature can be signed by the creator or left anonymous! All artwork or literature should be school appropriate!

Stay tuned for next month's amazing student work!

Quote of the Month

“Believe that you can, and you’re halfway there.”
-Theodore Roosevelt

Student & Staff Shout-Outs!

Shout out to the Colts Council newsletter group for getting their first Newsletter of the year up and running!
-Ms. Blais & Mrs. Freemantle

Shout out to our new assistant principal Mrs. Lafreniere who jumped right in to HMS!
Welcome!
-The HMS Community

Shout out to the PTO for the snacks and dinner for staff during Parent-Teacher Conferences! It was much appreciated!
-HMS Teachers :)

Shout out to HMS students & staff for raising over 4,500 food items to donate to those in need in Hudson!
-The HMS Community



Want to submit a shout out about a friend, teacher, or anyone at HMS?

Write down your shout out and then put it in the Colts Council Box on the stage in the cafeteria or email it to Ms. Blais or Mrs. Freemantle. Shout outs will be included in the next monthly newsletter!

Make sure to include who the shout out is for, a few sentences at most, and your name! All staff and students are welcome to submit shout outs!



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HELPFUL TIP OF THE MONTH

Attend Academic Assistance!

Academic Assistance happens every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school from 2:30-3:30. It is a great place to go if you need help with any school work you may be struggling with, or if you would just like a quiet place to work after school. If you need a ride home, the late bus is available all three days.

6th grade is in room 105
7th & 8th grade is in room 107

RECOMMENDATION OF THE MONTH

Movie: Finding ‘Ohana

This movie is for you if like mystery, adventure, and the beach. It is about a young girl from New York City who moves to Hawaii to help her sick grandfather. Along the way she encounters an adventure about a long-lost treasure. This movie can be found on Netflix and is rated PG which is good for any age.

Recommended by Allison V.

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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