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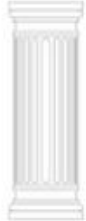
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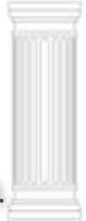
NJHS Inducts New Members




*Pictured: Twenty-seven of
the twenty-eight new
members pose for a picture
after their induction on
December 16, 2024.*




- PEYTON A.
- HARLENE A.
- MAYEDA A.
- COLIN B.
- GIANNA B.
- KATHERINE B.
- MARLEY C.



- GRACE C.
- TYLER C.
- RUDRA D.
- EMMA F.
- DYUTITH G.
- MIRA G.
- MAXWELL H.



- ANJALI I.
- RYAN J.
- DEAN J.
- SANJANA K.
- HASINI K.
- SAMANVI L.
- ETHAN M.



- CHARLOTTE O.
- SWARA P.
- AAYUSH S.
- AADYA S.
- KAI S.
- NISCHAL V.
- RITHIKA V.

Induction Ceremony

By Dhanshika S.

Membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is one of the highest honors that could be awarded to a middle school student. The HMS induction ceremony occurred on Monday, December 16 at 6:00PM in the Thomas E. Harrington Auditorium. The event was attended by NJHS members, parents, and guardians.

The ceremony saw the induction of twenty-eight seventh and eighth graders. HJHS advisors Mrs. Mangla and Mrs. Langford made sure the ceremony ran smoothly. NJHS President Saanvi P. and Vice President William W. did an outstanding job emceeing the event. Mr. Besler, Principal, and Superintendent Dr. Rafferty were there to celebrate the inductees.

During the ceremony, five existing members light candles that represent the five pillars of the society. The five pillars of NJHS are highly valued: *Scholarship, Service, Citizenship, Character and Leadership.*

The event was very successful, and the parents and students enjoyed light refreshments and cake at its conclusion.

Around the Halls

What is happening, Harrington? 'Around the Halls' wants to know! Reach out to one of our reporters with events and happenings.

Pep Rallies Return to HMS!

By Catherine A.

PEP RALLIES ARE BACK! After going years without these school-spirited events, Harrington saw the return of the age-old school tradition thanks to the efforts of Miss Palladino, Miss Blood, and Mr. Besler. Led by Miss Palladino and Miss Blood, the Student Council was also part of planning the pep rally. They made posters for the gym and helped think of the ideas for games and competitions.

The day actually consisted of TWO pep rallies, as the gym could not hold the entire HMS population. Both rallies, however, followed similar schedules and activities.

Kicking off both rallies, HMS students and staff were treated to student-performed renditions of "The Star Spangled Banner." Performing for the seventh graders were Sarah M. and Raegan L. Makayla W. and Noah B. performed for the eighth-graders. Mr. Corrado, seventh-grade science teacher, was our MC for the event. The school mascot made an appearance, working with Mr. Corrado to get the students excited for the rally games.

Between competitions, Mr. Corrado also took time to recognize the different clubs, sports, and activities that are offered here at HMS. He asked students to stand as called out the

names of the organizations.

The games played at the pep rally included:

- Teacher vs Teacher Dodge Ball
- Student vs Student Knockout
- Student vs Student Relay Race
- Teacher vs Student School Trivia
- Teacher vs Student Guess the Song

Excitement leading up to the big day included a themed spirit week and door decorating contest. Participants were tallied, doors were judged, and the results were announced at the pep rally.

Door Decorating Winners:

7th Grade:

- 1st Place: Weiner
- 2nd Place: Corrado
- 3rd Place: Dalesandro

8th Grade:

- 1st Place: Cunningham/Heater
- 2nd Place: Ms. Case's Room
- 3rd Place: Dewey

In the seventh-grade pep rally C-Wing won, and A-Wing won for the eighth-graders. The winning wings' pajama day was on January 17, 2025.

The pep rally was a massive hit with all of the students. Another pep rally is planned for this spring, and we cannot wait to see what it has in store!



Images (clockwise): Images came from the 7th grade rally only.

Miss Palladino and Miss Blood pose with the Harrington Cougar; Sarah M. & Raegan L. kick off the 7th grade pep rally with the National Anthem; Student Santa spotted at rally; Mr. Chirip & Ms. Zimmerman DJ; Mr. Beyer & Ms. Reilly offer some tips before 'Are You Smarter Than a Seventh-Grader?'

Featured News



This Month in History

By Aayush S.

iPhone Launch

Apple Inc. is a leading technology company that greatly impact human lives by making many life-changing electronic products. One of its most widely used products is the iPhone. On January 9th, 2014, the first iPhone was announced by Steve Jobs, the late CEO of Apple Inc. With over 6.1 million of them being sold, it was a huge success. Eleven years later, it's still the leading smartphone with over 1.38 billion being used right now.

The first iPhone was just called iPhone and had two models. They had a 4GB model for \$499 and an 8GB model at \$599. Today's iPhone 16 Pro Max can cost from \$1000 - \$1500 and can have up to 1TB (1000 GB) of storage space! Additionally, the original iPhone had 3.5 inches of display compared to today's versions with at least 6.9 inches of display. It had a 2-megapixel camera compared to 48 megapixels today, and that's not all. Today's iPhone has AI features, faster response time, and a newer sleek look!

First Modern Circus

Philip Astley staged the first modern circus on January 9th, 1768. Philip Astley was an equestrian, or a horse rider, and he wanted to find a new version of court entertainment. So, he started researching other theatres which were already popular to take inspiration.

In 1770, he created his own riding school. He included acrobats, actors,

jugglers, and musicians just like other theaters of the time, but he also included equestrian acts using clowns and other touches from London. After this, he created an area where all these acts would be performed and he called it a circus. It was extremely successful, and, as a result, others tried to copy him. Many tried to steal his fame, but they all failed. The first circus inspired him to create other circuses in France as they increased in popularity.

Tutankhamun's Tomb

On the 3rd of January 1922, an explorer named Howard Carter found Tutankhamun in The Valley of the Kings. In the tomb, there were four chambers containing precious objects such as gold-covered chariots, vessels, Tutankhamun's belongings, and jewelry.

Tutankhamun was a pharaoh who ruled Egypt from 1332 to 1323 B.C. He took the throne at only 8-9 years old. His most important achievements were restoring the cult of Amun-Ra, a popular religion where they would worship the God Ra, and returning Egypt to polytheism - which is the worshipping of more than one god.

Haiti Earthquake

On January 12th, 2010, at around 4:53 p.m., a major earthquake occurred in Haiti. It killed over 200,000 thousand people and over 1,000,000 people lost their homes. On the magnitude scale, it ranked 7.0 which is very severe. Following this, there were two aftershocks of 5.9 and 5.5. Properties and buildings were in ruins.

A New Year: A New Generation

By Cammy L.

As the new year washes over us, a new generation arises. Gen Beta.

As you may know, every fourteen years a new generation is born. This new generation will be unique - it will be the first generation to be fully integrated with technology - including artificial intelligence (AI).

As technology grows, people from earlier generations adjusted to the new developments. However, Gen Beta will have technology and AI "embedded into their everyday lives." In addition to the technology, Gen Beta will be one of the most culturally diverse and, sadly, be the first to be directly impacted by climate change.

Beta will be celebrating the USA'S 300th anniversary, and it might even get to see the first person to land on MARS!

2025 is already going by fast, and I can't wait to see where the new generation leads us!

Fun fact: The first baby born to Gen Beta was Waylon Craig, who weighed in at 6 pounds and one ounce.

Kirby's New Year's Check-In



By Shawn H.

Welcome Back!

Or if you're new, welcome to Kirby's Check-In Corner! It's 2025, a brand-new year! With a new year comes a mountain of new "problems." Let me let you in on a little secret: most of those so-called "problems" are actually minor annoyances that we blow up to look bigger than they really are. If you ever feel like your problems are controlling your life, use the space below to "Check In" with the truth.

How are you feeling right now?

What's causing you to feel that way?

Stop, take a deep breath in. Then take a deep breath out, and read these words:

I am unique.
I am important.
I am a good person.
I can handle anything.
I can do anything.

Once again, you can use this space anytime you're feeling lost, out of touch, broken, or just want to jot down your feelings. You've got this!

SPORTS



Do YOU have HMS team updates?
Let us know! See any member of
the PawPrints staff for more
information.

Sights on the Super Bowl

By Nischal V.

WILD-CARD WEEKEND

The Super Bowl is right in our sights! As of January 13, the playoff picture looks good for us Philadelphia fans. The Eagles beat the Green Bay Packers, 22-10 with four turnovers. One fumble off kickoff and three interceptions made by Jordan Love.

On Saturday January 11, the Los Angeles Chargers and Houston Texans faced off, ending in a Texas win of 32-12. Saturday night: the Pittsburgh Steelers and Baltimore Ravens clashed, with the predicted winner, the Ravens, coming out on top 28-14.

Sunday Morning the Buffalo Bills and Denver Broncos fought and the Bills dominated 31-7. Later in the afternoon, the Eagles won as previously stated. Later in the day the Washington Commanders and Tampa Bay Buccaneers

clashed, resulting in a close game with the Commanders winning with a last-second field goal. Finally, on Monday night the Minnesota Vikings and Los Angeles Rams played, with the Rams beating the Vikings 27-9.

Divisional Round

The weekend of January 19 starts the Divisional Round. The round begins on Saturday afternoon with the Houston Texans clashing against the Kansas City Chiefs. Later that same day the Lions host the Commanders. Sunday afternoon the Eagles host the Rams. Finally, on Sunday night, the Ravens and Bills compete in an exciting game.

Whichever team wins, will move onto their corresponding conference championships and the winner of those two games will battle for the NFL championship in the Super-Bowl.

Philly Sports Update

By Lela C.

Eagles

At the time I am writing this, the Philadelphia Eagles recently had their last game of the season against the New York Giants. The Eagles won the game even after resting most of their starters. The Eagles had 303 total yards while the Giants only had 238. The Philadelphia Eagles won the game 20-13. Even with the Eagles QB1 and QB2 (Jalen Hurts and Kenny Pickett) out our QB3 (Tanner McKee) stepped in and did very well for us.

Next Saturday starts the Wildcard round of the NFL playoffs, however the Eagles play on Sunday January 12th and 4:30 pm in Philadelphia. They are playing the Green Bay Packers who they played in week 1 of the NFL season in Brazil. The only thing that the Eagles are worried about is Jalen Hurts. He has been in concussion protocol since suffering a concussion on December 22, 2024, playing the Washington Commanders. He is still in concussion protocol as of January 7th 2025. Fans are beginning to get scared for next week's playoff game. He should be cleared to play but it is not certain. If Jalen Hurts does not start/play on Sunday then it will either be our QB2 (Kenny Pickett) or our QB3 (Tanner McKee) stepping in for him. The team, however, is hopeful that Hurts will be cleared.

*Update:

- Sunday, January 12 Wildcard: Eagles V Packers Final: 10-22

Eagles

- Sunday, January 19 NFC Divisional Playoff: Eagles V Rams Final: 28-22 Eagles
- NEXT GAME: Sunday, January 26: NFC Championship Game against the Washington Commanders

Sixers

The Philadelphia 76ers current record is 14-20 after a Monday-night loss to the Suns. They currently stand at 11th in the Eastern conference. However, there are around 6 teams in the Eastern conference all separated by 1-2 wins.

At the beginning of the Sixers' season things hit rock bottom. Things are slowly starting to look up again as the team is slowly adjusting to playing without Jared McCain. The Sixers just finished a successful 6 game road trip. Their record on this road trip was 4-2. Joel Embiid is currently day-to-day with foot and nose injuries. On December 13th Embiid fractured his sinus, which is most likely the cause of his recent nose issues.

Former Sixers player Jimmy Butler recently requested a trade from the Miami Heat. He recently was suspended for 7 games after being disloyal to the team, taking a break previously, and not participating in practices. The NBA trade deadline is Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 3:00 pm EST.

Jimmy Butler and Joel Embiid are very close, considering they are former teammates. Butler will most likely not come back to Philly even though that is what most people want. The 76ers looked to get Butler this offseason before getting Paul George as well. Jimmy Butler does like Philly, but we wouldn't be able to really trade anyone for him. People are discussing trading Paul George for Jimmy Butler, but that is highly unlikely and will most likely not happen. The Sixers might also be looking into Jonas Valanciunas as a backup center for Joel Embiid. There is still a lot that can happen before the NBA trade deadline.

Flyers

The Philadelphia Flyers currently stand in 6th place in the Metropolitan division. Today the Flyers return home for their first time in 16 days. The Flyers are still in a rebuilding phase after goalie Carter Hart left last year. This is still a young team with a lot of potential.

Phillies

The Phillies' spring training is in one month, starting on February 22nd. The Phillies have made some small pitching trades recently. The best move we've made this offseason was getting Max Kepler. He will significantly benefit this team.

The Phillies are still open to trading Alec Bohm, but the choices are slimming down. It is unclear whether he will be a Phillie or not next season. How it's looking now, though, Alec Bohm will probably still be in Philly.

Author's Note: All team standings reported below were current for the date the article was written: January 7, 2025. Some updates have been added.

Teachers' Pets!

Harrington's faculty and staff share their favorite PET PICS!



*Sarge!
Ms. Topolski*



*Bruce (floor) & Harper
Mr. Weipz*

PAWPRINTS ASKS: 'WHO'S THE REAL TEACHER'S PET?'



By Catherine A.



Over FORTY members of Harrington's faculty and staff have shared pictures of their beloved pets. While dogs are the most popular pet that we have received, there is a chicken and a snake in the mix, too!

As it turns out, Luna is the most popular pet name – followed by Tucker and Sophie.



*Remi
Mrs. Dobleman*



*Roosevelt "He's the BEST!"
Mr. Wagner*

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Hazel (L) & Garth (R)
Ms. Cunningham



Trixie: Trixie is 13 years young!
Mrs. Curtis



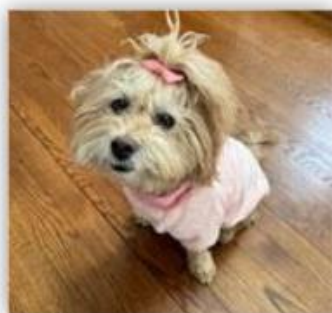
Princess (L); Chloe "Bebegurl Nubby-Butt" (R)
Mr. Dalesandro



Lucy
Ms. Dewey



Peach and Grey "The Heater Girls"
Ms. Heater



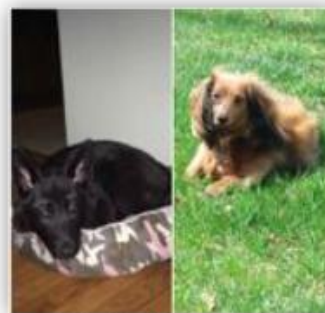
Sophie
Mrs. Fitzpatrick's "Grand-dog"



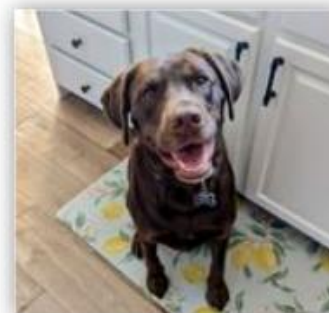
Charlie
Mrs. Gallagher



Luna and Rocco
Mr. Gearhart



Saddle (L) & Sage (R)
Ms. Gillen



Hutch: Named for Aidan Hutchinson - Detroit Lions' Defensive End - Ms. Kraus



Journey (L) and Luna (R)
Mr. LaMorte



Wheezer
Mrs. Langford



Tucker: "Loves playing in the snow!"
Ms. Mitchell



Harrington Cougar
Owner Unknown!



Sadie & Brady: "They are best friends, and they always together."
Mr. & Mrs. Myers

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Sophie "Local Celebrity"
Ms. Molinaro



Maximus
Miss Palladino



Nico
Mr. Palmucci



Maeve and Finnegan
Ms. Patrick



Boots: A mille de fleur rooster which means "a million flowers" in French. - Ms. Barry



Ozzy
Mrs. Adragna



Jetty
Mrs. K Roberts



Fletcher
Mrs. Ruch



Kota
Ms. Slott



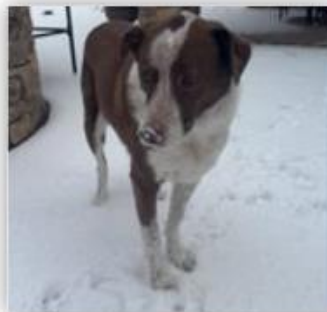
Ahsoka
Mrs. Ambrozaitis



Coraline - Ball Python
Ms. Carosiello



Sasha Blouse & Scoobs
Ms. Tirico



Pet's Name: Georgie
Miss Weiner



Sugar: Snowcat of the N. Pole
Mrs. Luna Daisy Habadasher (R)
Mrs. Wireback



Cooper
Ms. Savell

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*Maverick "Affectionately known as Mavy-Mav."
Mr. Chirip*



*Dakota and Akira
Señorita Ashman*



*Chase
Mrs. Beyerle*



*Luna
Ms. Bittner*

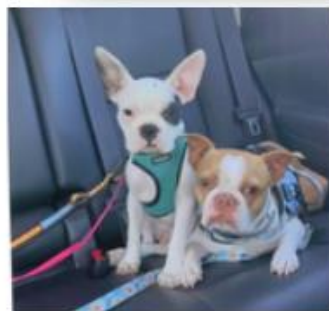


*Penny
Ms. Arnot*

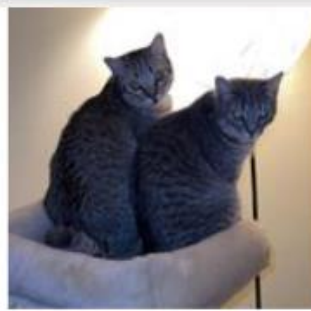
Thank you to the staff for sharing your furry, feathered, and scaly friends!



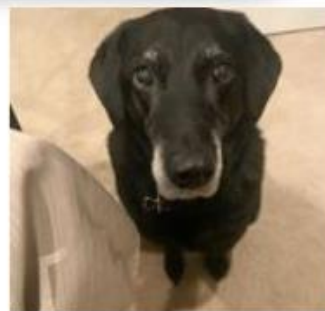
*Top: Lady and Gizmo
Bottom: Scout
Ms. Devlin*



*Stella and Darby
Mrs. Boyle*



*Tucker and Willow
Miss Moule*



*Rosie
Mrs. Carl*



*Above: Daisy Mae (the dog)
Mr. Brown*

BELOW: Leonardo Rupert McDizzle III, Lord of the Litter Box, King of the Cat Tree, Breaker of My Favorite Ramekin, Community Vagabond, 8th of His Name