



HMS Stinger

March Choir Concert

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On Tuesday, March sixth, the seventh and eighth grade choir students had a combined choir concert. The four different HMS choirs who performed were the seventh grade choir, the eighth grade choir, eighth grade boys' choir, and eighth grade girls' choir.

The first to perform was the seventh grade choir, who performed a total of six songs: *The Whaler's Rhyme, Loch Lomond, Every Time I Feel the Spirit, Dona Dona, A Red, Red Rose, and Jonah*. They had several soloists: Stephan Olee, Austin Levan, Claudia Roma, and Katie Messner.

After the seventh grade choir, the eighth grade choir performed. They performed three songs: *The Gypsy Rover, Ubi Caritas, and Troubles of the World*. Their only two soloists were Allie Marie Gutwein and Megan Bentz. The eighth grade choir's final song, *Troubles of the World*, was conducted by a guest director, Mr. Durrell LeGrair. Prior to this concert, the eighth grade choir had the tremendous pleasure of working on this song with Durrell.

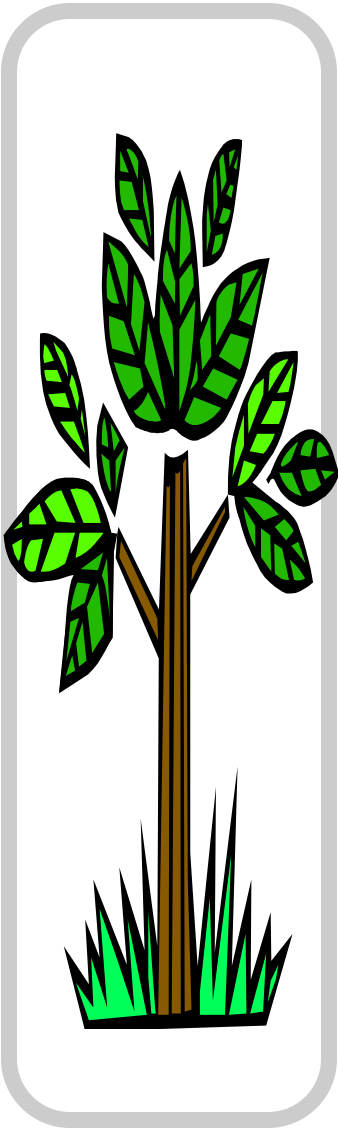
The eighth grade boys' choir performed next. This choir was a smaller group of boys who sang a few songs of their choice; since there were fewer boys in the choir, it gave more solo opportunities. They performed three songs: *Come, Go With Me, Runaround Sue, and Johnny B. Goode*. They had various soloists: Cole Cooper, Devon Cardilino, Maison DeWalt, Michael Joyce, and Evan Crouch.

Last, but certainly not least, to perform was the eighth grade girls' choir. Like the eighth grade boys' choir, they were a small group of girls who chose their songs and had several soloists. They, as well, performed three songs: *Dancing Queen, Mine, and Ain't No Mountain High Enough*. This choir had a large number of soloists: Cassie Lambert, Angel Harris, Megan Bentz, Cami Lambert, Madison Houska, Ellie Thonnings, Lauren Schwartz, Maddie Weyls, Maya Tuzzeo, Gen Mehok, Bethany Donahoe, and Allie Marie Gutwein.

Each choir sang magnificently! This concert was the perfect way to recruit seventh graders into the eighth grade choir for next year. Great job seventh and eighth grade

Brittany Hale





Into the Woods Musical

This year, the Highland Middle School's musical cast and crew put on a wonderful show of the production *Into the Woods*. Consisting of many twisted fairy tales, you saw old friends from your childhood. Some stories included *Cinderella*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The storyline of the musical was about a witch who cast a spell on a poor baker. To reverse the spell, he has to go into the woods and find a cape as red as blood, hair as yellow as corn, a cow as white as milk, and a shoe as pure as gold. The baker guides you through the woods and has you at the edge of your seat through the whole show. If you didn't go this year, be sure to go next year for another spectacular show.

Suzy Berry

Future City Regional Competition Result

The results from the 2012 Future City Regional Competition on January 21, 2012 are in, at last! The "Broadview Springs" team came in twelfth place out of twenty two, but will not be going to the State Competition. Nevertheless, we are extremely proud of this team, along with their hard work and efforts. The team did receive three honorable mentioned awards from the competition. These awards include Best Use of Recycled Materials, Best Architectural Model, and Most Environmentally Friendly. Congratulations on all your hard work!

Brittany Hale

Into the Woods Interview by Ben Schroth

You might know what happens onstage at our school play, but do you know what happens backstage? I interviewed Nate Kirik to see what happens behind the scenes. I asked him a few questions pertaining to what his role was in *Into the Woods*.

Q: What is your job in *Into the Woods*?

A: My job is to build the equipment that Mrs. Miller will need for the play. I also move the screens to correspond with the play.

Q: How many times have you done this job?

A: This is my second time.

Q: How important is your job?

A: My job, I think, is important because without props a play would just be a few people talking on an empty stage.

Q: Do you feel you get enough recognition?

A: It varies for me. Sometimes I feel we get enough because we get to bow at the end of the play, and everybody claps for us. But sometimes I don't, because people talk more about how amazing the actors were but not how well the stage crew did.

Q: Do the actors thank you for helping out on the show?

A: Some of them; not all of them though.

Q: Are you jealous of the actors for almost "stealing the show?"

A: Not really, I'm not big on singing and dancing in front of a large crowd.

Q: Do you enjoy it?

A: Yes I do; it is really fun.

Q: Do you hope to do this in high school?

A: I don't hope to, but if I get the chance I will.

If you think you would like to do what Nate does for the play you could contact Mrs. Miller at emiller@highlandschools.org or stop in at the Choir room before or after school.

Eight Grade Model United Nations Project

The eighth graders have been working on the Model United Nations project since the beginning of January and will continue into early May. This project is organized and takes place in the students' English class. The teachers running it are Mrs. D'Annolfo for the Titan team and Mrs. Wilhelm with assistance from student teacher Mrs. Marangoni for the Olympian team. This project focuses on the countries who are members of the United Nations (UN) and the UN in general. For this project, students are divided into groups with approximately four in each group and are assigned a country in the UN. Throughout this project, students worked with their group on several parts, yet also had to work individually. This project was a great experience for every student and we can't wait to see the results in May.

Brittany Hale

Book Review for *The Hunger Games*

When I interviewed language arts teachers around the school, the most recommended book was the *Hunger Games* series. At least one teacher from every grade recommended this series, so I decided to write up a summary of the first book: *The Hunger Games*.

For Katniss Everdeen, the upcoming Hunger Games is nothing unusual. For entertainment, the whole district will watch their tributes get killed in the most gruesome way possible by other district's tributes. But that is the least of Katniss's worries, as her family slowly starves to death in District 12. When Katniss volunteers to take her sister's place as tribute, everything she knows will change drastically. If you don't read the book, make sure to see the movie, *The Hunger Games*, which came to theatres on March 23rd. "May the odds be ever in your favor."

Sydney Ginley

Spelling Bee Follow-Up

As you probably heard, one of Highland Middle School's exceptional spellers advanced to the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee in Akron, Ohio. Chris Wright did extremely well and placed fourth out of thirty-three brilliant spellers from Summit, Portage, Wayne, and Medina Counties. He represented HMS, as well as Medina County, along with the overall winner three years in a row, Sunny Levine from Clagget Middle School. Congratulations to all of these amazing spellers!

Emily Holmberg

Art Show

The Highland Art Show was on Thursday, April 26th from 6:30-8:30 P.M. The art show had both High School and Middle School work in it. There were about forty eighth graders alone who had art in the art show, along with over seventy sixth and seventh graders. Art work that was shown included Watercolor Paintings, Hand Drawings, Self-Portraits, Word Arts, Profile Portraits, Pastel Leafs, and Christmas Cards. There was also live music in the auditorium, where the projector showed many of these art pieces. You even had the chance to buy art work made by the students and books about the art show. It was a very fun event; I can't wait until next year.

Olivia Severyn

March Orchestra Concert

At the last orchestra concert, there were no lights, loud music, or electric instruments. This concert was more formal, but still fun!

The sixth grade played *Fumble Fingers*, *Pachelbel Canon*, *Medieval Kings*, and many other songs. In some of the songs, several of the best sixth graders played solos. They even had a piano accompaniment played by seventh grader Lauren Swartz on some of their pieces.

The seventh grade played *Night Shift*, *a Shenandoah and Simple Gifts combination*, and *La Rejouissance*. During one song, *Night Shift*, seventh graders were required to play notes in third position, a position where a player shifts their hand up the instrument to play higher notes. This challenge made the song sound great though!

The eighth grade played *Korean Folk Song*, *Celtic Force*, and *Brandon Berg Concerto #5*. All of the songs they played were from foreign countries, like Korea, Russia, and Ireland.

To end the night, the seventh and eighth grade performed the song, *Russian Sailors Dance*, together. Everyone sounded superb! Don't miss their next concert!



Sydney Ginley

Word Wall

As you probably know, there is a new addition to the main hallway in Highland Middle School. Outside of Mrs. Brother's room, a seventh grade science teacher, is a word wall. This word wall currently has 44 words on it from the subjects of social studies with Mr. Radey, science with Mrs. Brothers, and English with integrated literacy teacher Miss Klucar. These words with pictures will help kids learn, by knowing the most important vocabulary for upcoming tests.

Suzy Berry

Wrestling

There are fewer members on the seventh and eight grade wrestling team this year. Usually there are 25 to 30 members on the team, but this year, there are only 14 members; half of the size of last year's team!

I interviewed Steve Cika, the middle school wrestling coach at Highland. He told me, "The boys in wrestling this year are very hard-working kids. They are also a good tournament team and good individual wrestlers. They have a lot of experience, and I'm very proud of all of them!" Coach Cika also explained to me that Highland has a rich tradition in wrestling, so they are trying their hardest to keep the tradition alive.

I went to the January 25th home match which was on a Wednesday. It was at 4:00 pm, and they played against Tallmadge. The Final score was 44 to 42, and Highland won. "Both teams are very aggressive and they both show good sportsmanship," said the referee.

At every wrestling match, the overall time of the match depends on how long each individual match takes. Also, the person you wrestle depends on how much you weigh, meaning that it is more likely for a 120-pound guy to go up against a 123-pound guy than a 230-pound guy.

The whole point of the match is to pin your opponent on the ground to win. Your opponent's shoulders have to be down on the ground for more than three seconds. Each round takes one minute and thirty seconds.

I talked to Will Sunderland, a seventh grader on the team. After asking him what he thought about wrestling, he told me, "Wrestling is my favorite sport." I'm looking forward to seeing who is on the team and how we do next year!

Olivia Severyn

Bionic Night

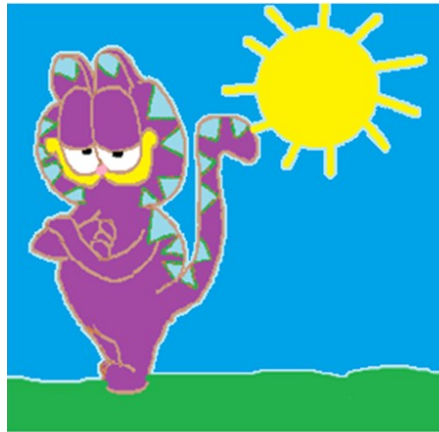
This fun night was a huge success! Held on Friday, March 2nd, this was a night exclusive to seventh graders to make the best possible "you." Upon arrival, we were split into groups so that we could go to each station together.

At each station, we learned about a different topic, such as tobacco, drunk driving, cyber bullying, and self-image. At the stations, some of the leaders were Alcoholics Anonymous who told us about how they recovered from their drug addiction; Mothers Against Drunk Driving which was about the dangers of drunk driving; Amy Hess who is a Prevention Specialist with Solutions at Behavioral Healthcare of Medina who told us about the dangers of smoking; JoAnna Cline who is a Counselor with New Beginnings who discussed self-image; and Peer Leaders who helped us make anti-drug bracelets.

Following the rotations, there was dancing, games, face painting, DDR (Dance Dance Revolution), and a hilarious cartoonist! A pizza dinner was included, along with pop, chips, popcorn, and cookies. This was a great night, and all sixth graders should make sure that they go next year!

Emily Holmberg

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