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HAMDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Top Stories

Important Dates

**Holiday Recess: No
School from December
23 – January 1**

**No School: Martin
Luther King Jr.
January 20**

**HMS Marking Period
2 Ends: January 22**

**Early Dismissal:
January 30**

**HMS Conferences
February 12**

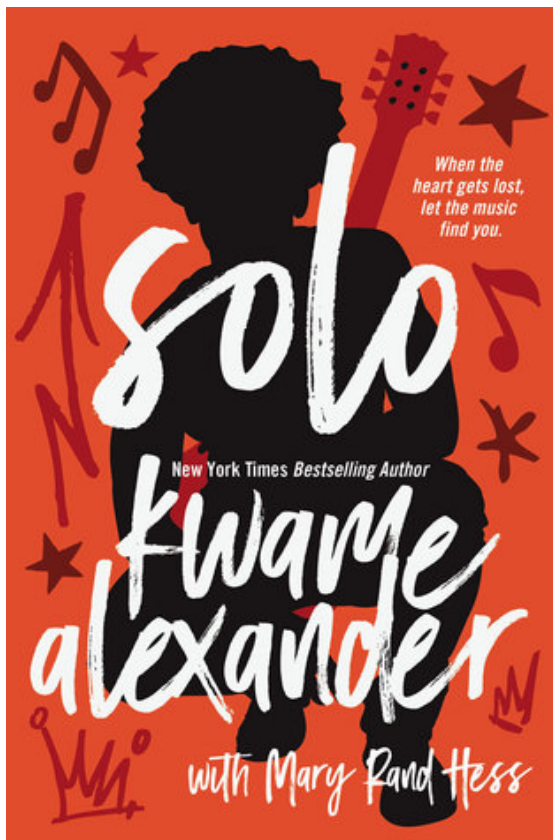
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Hamden Middle School

Student Council Collects 441 Items for Food Drive



HMS Book Review



“Solo” By Kwame Alexander

Solo by Kwame Alexander is about the child of a fallen rock and roll super star Rutherford Morrison. The main character is Blade, and his sister is Storm. Throughout the novel, Blade faces many challenges, problems, mental breakdowns, and even family issues. Alexander does a phenomenal job of using dialogue, symbolism, and inner thinking to show how Blade gets through all of this. Blade does care about his family, even with his struggles of displaying emotions. Blade and his family will always stand for what they love. So if you love emotional, happy, and exciting books, Solo is for you!!!!

By: Ben E., 7th grade

HMS SPORTS REPORT

2019-2020 HMS BASKETBALL SCHEDULES



Boy's Schedule

Hamden MS 2019-20 Middle School Boys Basketball Schedule					
12 Events Listed • Event Types: Game, Scrimmage, Postseason					
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Date	Opponent	H/A-Facility	Time/Result	Bus Time	Note
Thu., 12/5	New Haven MS	Home - Hamden MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.		
Tue., 12/10	Walsh Intermediate - Branford	Away - Joe Trapasso Community House [Directions]	3:45 p.m.	2:30 PM; 1 Bus	
Mon., 12/16	Shelton Intermediate	Home - Hamden MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.		
Thu., 12/19	Adams MS	Home - Hamden MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.		
Thu., 1/2	North Haven MS	Home - Hamden MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.		
Mon., 1/6	Polson MS	Away - Polson MS-Polson Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.	2:30 PM; 1 Bus	
Thu., 1/9	Melillo MS	Home - Hamden MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.		
Thu., 1/16	Amity MS - Orange	Away - Amity MS - Orange-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.	2:30 PM; 1 Bus	
Tue., 1/21	Amity MS - Bethany	Away - Amity MS - Bethany-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.	2:30 PM; 1 Bus	
Thu., 1/23	Bailey MS	Away - Bailey MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.	2:30 PM; 1 Bus	
Mon., 1/27	Amity MS - Orange	Home - Hamden MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.		
Wed., 1/29	Bailey MS	Home - Hamden MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.		

Girl's Schedule

Hamden MS 2019-20 Middle School Girls Basketball Schedule					
12 Events Listed • Event Types: Game, Scrimmage, Postseason					
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Date	Opponent	H/A-Facility	Time/Result	Bus Time	Note
Tue., 12/10	Walsh Intermediate - Branford	Home - Hamden MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.		
Mon., 12/16	Shelton Intermediate	Away - Shelton Intermediate School-Intermediate - Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.	2:30 PM; 1 Bus	
Thu., 12/19	Adams MS	Away - Adams MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.	2:30 PM; 1 Bus	
Thu., 1/2	North Haven MS	Away - North Haven MS-Gymnasium [Directions]	3:45 p.m.	2:30 PM; 1 Bus	
Mon., 1/6	Polson MS	Home - Hamden MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.		
Thu., 1/9	Melillo MS	Away - East Haven Joseph Melillo MS-JMMS Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.	2:30 PM; 1 Bus	
Mon., 1/13	New Haven MS	Away - Fair Haven MS-Gym [Directions]	4:00 p.m.	2:30 PM; 1 Bus	
Thu., 1/16	Amity MS - Orange	Home - Hamden MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.		
Tue., 1/21	Amity MS - Bethany	Home - Hamden MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.		
Thu., 1/23	Bailey MS	Home - Hamden MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.		
Mon., 1/27	Amity MS - Orange	Away - Amity MS - Orange-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.	2:30 PM; 1 Bus	
Wed., 1/29	Bailey MS	Away - Bailey MS-Gym [Directions]	3:45 p.m.	2:30 PM; 1 Bus	



Below is a picture of one of your HMS staff members when they were in middle school. *Guess Who?* it might be.



What Would Happen If...

We Planted 20 Million Trees?



#GoTeamTrees. Mr. Beast is a YouTube star that has taken on the challenge to plant 20 million trees by January 1st 2020. Mr. Beast just recently hit 20 million subscribers, and in the comment section of his videos, his fans urged him to plant 20 million trees. The goal is to raise \$20 million dollars to plant 20 million trees. The project is known as team trees. He has already raised over \$14 million dollars. He urges us to help him by simply donating one dollar because he states (1 Dollar = 1 Tree).

To donate simply visit: <https://teamtrees.org/> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPJKxAhLw5I>

So what impact would planting 20 million trees have on the planet? Well for starters, many animals have trees as a place to live, and for protection. Planting one tree is like planting a home for an animal. Donating 20 dollars to build 20 trees is almost like building an animal city. Trees also reduce air temperature by shielding sunlight and making shade.

Trees also help cool by reflecting heat upwards from their leaves. Places with mature trees get about an 11 degree decrease in the summer compared to neighborhoods without trees. Just think about the difference between a hot summer day that is 90 degrees and a summer day that is 79 degrees. Trees that are planted near buildings can also cool them down. This can limit the use of air conditioning in buildings by 20 to 30 percent. This means your cooling bill could go down by 30%. 20 million trees planted can save 60 million dollars. 20 million trees could store enough water that could fill up more than 300,000 Olympic swimming pools. The root system of trees hold soil in place during heavy rainstorms preventing erosion flooding and landslides keeping people and buildings safe. Trees produce oxygen and absorb dust, pollen, smoke and smog. 20 million trees can remove 44 million pounds.

But that leads us to the question.... What would happen if we planted 20 million trees.....?

Donate now and find out: <https://teamtrees.org/>

By: Kevin M., 8th Grade

Person of the Year



Every year since 1927, **TIME** magazine nominates a person for an award, called the Person of the Year. **TIME** nominates them for being “the person or persons who most affected the news and our lives, for good or ill, and embodied what was important about the year, for better or for worse,” said former **TIME** Managing Editor Walter Isaacson in the 1998 issue. This year, the winner was Greta Thunberg. In case you don’t know who she is, she is a climate activist who has held many activities like protests and strikes, and she has been on the news many times for having such an impact on the world. During the huge

worldwide climate strike on September 20th of this year, I was actually at the one in New Haven. I was enthusiastic about it, and glad that there are people like Greta, who want to fight for a better world without climate change. Countless people have talked about how Greta Thunberg is a leader. Knowing that somebody like Greta, who is just a kid, can make such a big impact on the world as to earn Person of the Year, I hope that more people will be like Greta, and let their voices be heard, and stand up for what is right.

By: Zayed E., 7th Grade

YouTube is Falling Apart... Here's My Opinion

New year, a new decade, and... new YouTube! What's going on? Well, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) is "protecting" children on YouTube in 2020. They are planning to do this by destroying many channels that children love. If YouTubers create content that YouTube thinks is for kids, they will block all personalization such as notifications and the comment section. Even worse, is that they will remove all advertisement privileges, therefore reducing the YouTubers revenue from YouTube, slowly corrupting their channel, and YouTube as a whole. YouTubers may decide if their videos are made for kids or not. But if YouTube thinks the YouTubers are lying, they will be fined, stripping them of their already depleting money.



Recently though, the odds have not been ever in YouTubers favors. COPPA has explained that any content that appeals to children under the age of 13 but is not marked as content made for kids, will be fined \$42,000! That's more than I make a year!! (It's funny because I'm a kid.) But, seriously, that is a

lot of money. To make it easier to understand, you could buy a good car for that price! Channels that YouTube consider as "kids channels" include gaming channels, toy channels, animation channels, etc.

Channels like these may disappear in 2020. The problem is, if a video has bright colors, a song that might appeal to kids, despite it not being made for kids, YouTube will

assume that the video is made for kids, giving a heavy fine to the YouTuber. With the fines and losses of money, the number of videos that are produced will decrease. This means that every day, there will be less content to watch. Personally, as a stressed student, YouTube videos help cope with my stress, and is my main source of entertainment. However, with these changes, a lot of these channels and videos I enjoy will be gone. All that will be left really, is a dark and gloomy future for YouTube, with not much to look forward to.

However, there is stuff you can do to help. Many, like Jeremy Johnston, despise this plan, so he decided to make a petition on change.org trying to get 1,000,000 signatures before 2020. If you want to try and keep YouTube up and running as it has in the past. It seems as if COPPA is trying to parent other people's children which is just not right. We need to make sure that our favorite YouTubers and channels stay alive.

By: Kaustuv M., Zayed E., 7th Graders

New Year's Resolution 2020

This year I have not really thought about my New Year's Resolution. As it gets closer to New Years I have begun to think about what my resolution should be. I want to help others more, especially at home and I want to get involved more around my community. I think that my resolution should be to help out more in my school and home community by getting involved and trying new things such as sports or tutoring. I think this will really help me to be a happier and more well-rounded. Another resolution that I have is a more personal one; I would like to travel to South America and Northern Europe. I think it would be a great experience for me to travel to places like Peru, Venezuela, and Brazil as well as Sweden, Norway, and Denmark.



By: Lena H., 7th Grade

My New Year's Resolution is to practice my instrument more, and learn to play a new one. I currently play the trumpet, but I would love to learn to play the flute. I got a flute for Christmas in 2018, but never learned to play it. Along with learning to play a new instrument, I need to practice my current instrument more. As much as I love to play music, I have never really practiced much at home, only at school. Since music takes up such a huge part of my life, I should learn to practice on a regular basis, at home, and at school.

By: Magdalena R., 7th Grade

My New Year's Resolution is to be more organized. I am not the neatest person, and this can get in the way at school, especially when looking for the things that I need for my next class. Being more organized would help prevent this and would also make me feel more in control when getting my thing. Being more organized would also help me at home with being able to find the things for school the next day.

By: Paige C., 7th Grade

My New Year's Resolution is to keep smiling. If I see someone without a smile, I'll give them one of mine. These days you never know what someone is going through. A simple act of kindness can change the world. Throwing a pebble into a lake creates a ripple, and the ripple of kindness never ends. I have food on the table while others haven't eaten for days. I have a bed to sleep in while others have to endure long nights by resting their head on the pavement. I have basic human rights regardless of race, ethnicity, language, and religion. My rights include the right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and education. But there is one right everyone overlooks. The right to be joyful. I have the right to smile and I'm proud of it. The joy I can bring to people is limitless. I may be having a rough day, but I will still smile. I will still smile because I am free from persecution. I will still smile because I have food to eat, and a home to live in. I will still smile because I am happy.

By: Kevin M., 8th Grade

Holiday Recipes

Gingerbread Man Recipe

Pulled from 'TasteofHome.com'

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/3 cup molasses
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- Frosting of choice



Directions

1. Cream butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in molasses, egg and water. In another bowl, whisk together remaining ingredients minus frosting; gradually beat into creamed mixture. Divide dough in half. Shape each into a disk; cover. Refrigerate until easy to handle, about 30 minutes.
2. Preheat oven to 350°. On a lightly floured surface, roll each portion of dough to 1/8-in. thickness. Cut with a floured 4-in. gingerbread man cookie cutter. Place 2 in. apart on greased baking sheets.
3. Bake until edges are firm, 8-10 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely. Frost as desired.

By: Paige C., 7th Grade

Holiday Recipes

Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients

- 1 (15 ounces) can of pumpkin
- 1 (14 ounces) can of Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 (9 inches) unbaked pie crust



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Whisk pumpkin, sweetened condensed milk, eggs, spices and salt in a medium bowl until it is nice and smooth. Pour it into crust and bake for 15 minutes.
2. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F and continue baking for 35 to 40 minutes or until a knife inserted 1 inch from crust comes out clean. Cool and store leftovers covered in refrigerator.

By: Rebeka B., 8th Grade

Holiday Recipes

Risengrod

What is Risengrod? Risengrod is a Danish rice pudding that my family has on Christmas Eve. Someone will make the pudding and hide one almond in it. Then, the youngest child will go around and select members of the family in a random order to receive the pudding. Only one person can get the almond. On top of the pudding, you can usually put a berry sauce or some cinnamon as a topping.



Risengrod Recipe

Servings: 3 people

Ingredients

1 cup short-grained white rice

½ Cup water

¼ gallon of milk

1 teaspoon salt

Cinnamon Sugar (Topping)

4 tablespoons sugar

1 tablespoon cinnamon

Instructions

1. Pour the water and the rice into a large saucepan. Add salt, heat it up and let it boil for about 2 minutes.
2. Pour the milk into the saucepan and let it boil while stirring.
3. Let the rice pudding boil lightly/simmer for about 35 minutes under a lid. Remember to stir in the pudding regularly so that the rice does not burn to the bottom of the saucepan.
4. Make the cinnamon sugar by mixing the sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl.

Serving

Serve the rice pudding with a tablespoon of butter and the cinnamon sugar.

By: Lena H., 7th Grade

Holiday Recipes

Easy Fluffy Pancakes

Ingredients:

3 Eggs
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cups Flour
1 Cup Milk
1 Teaspoon Baking Powder
1 Teaspoon Vanilla
Three Tablespoons Sugar
Fruit as Desired



Directions:

Separate the egg yolk from the egg white. Whip egg whites with an electric mixer until stiff. Set aside. Mix together egg yolk, flour, milk, and baking powder with an electric mixer. Add in vanilla and sugar and mix until smooth. Fold in egg whites until mixed in. Add in desired fruit.



Pour a fourth cup of batter onto a hot griddle. Flip when sides look dry and bubbly. Cook until golden brown.

By: Magdalena R., 7th grade

Biggest Gingerbread House



Have you ever wondered how many calories the world's biggest Gingerbread House is? Probably not, but read this article to find out! The largest gingerbread house in the world was in Bryan, Texas, and covers an area of 2,520 square feet,

nearly the size of a tennis court! The 21 foot tall gingerbread house has been declared the biggest ever by Guinness World Records.

By: Mercedes H., 7th Grade

Newspaper Club Reflection



Just wanted to give a shout out to our wonderful Newspaper club members that continue to create our monthly publications. Thank you all for your continued work. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

By: Mr. Simone, Staff and Newspaper Editor

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