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# The Green & Gold Gazette

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### Upcoming Events

**TOYS FOR TOTS**

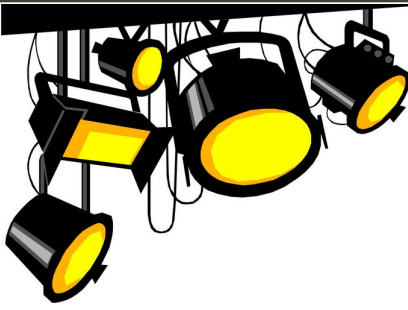


Student Council will be running a TOYS FOR TOTS fundraiser. Please help support! For questions please go to room 132.



December 18, from 7-8pm





## Who is Mrs. Willis?



Mrs. Willis is our 8<sup>th</sup> grade math specialist at Hamden Middle School. Mrs. Willis is from Ansonia Connecticut. She has earned a Bachelor in Mathematics from Western Connecticut State University, a Masters in Middle School Math and her 6<sup>th</sup> year 092 Certificate in Educational Leadership from the University of Bridgeport. Mrs. Willis chose to become a teacher because she wanted to, “make a difference in young adults lives and help guide them in the right direction”. Before her teaching career she was a store manager at

Abercrombie & Fitch. A fun fact about Mrs. Willis is that she has a minor obsession with Michael Jackson and Beyoncé.

### Favorites

**Food:** Pasta with Bolognese Sauce

**Color:** Army Green

**TV Show:** 90 Day Fiancé

**Book:** Math Articles

**Music:** Hip Hop and R&B

**Sports Team:** Giants, Lakers, and Red Sox



By: Adonis S., 8<sup>th</sup> grade

## Thank You Human Relation Club



Hello HMS students, you might have been a participant in our hat day fundraiser or might have bought pens for breast cancer awareness month. The Human Relation Club raised close to \$200 dollars. Due to the efforts of everyone involved we are able to donate to the Paint Hamden Pink campaign as well as purchase Thanksgiving



dinner for two HMS families.

If you like learning leadership skills, helping others and giving back to the community this is the club for you. For more information on the club or dates, you can email

Mr. Tremper ( [Mtremper@hamden.org](mailto:Mtremper@hamden.org)) or Mrs. Beckford ( [cbeckford@hamden.org](mailto:cbeckford@hamden.org)).

Hope to see you all at our next meeting!!!!!!

By: Ashlyn R., 7th grade

## Student Council's Toys-For-Tots



Marine Toys for Tots Program is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas.

Hopefully through the gift of a new toy, it will help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children.

Student Council is sponsoring 'Toys for Tots'. We are asking the community to donate a new, unwrapped toy (no stuffed animals) in the collection boxes positioned in front of the main office and in Room 132. Beginning 11/18 to 12/10.



# What's the Top Gift for 2018?

What's the top gift for 2018? Well, I have no idea. With so many things to choose from, it's hard to say. Some people say that electronics are the top gift for 2018, while others say that toys are the top gift. Like I said, there are a lot of things to choose from.

But according to the internet, the top toys of 2018 are WowWee Fingerlings Hugs, large stuffed monkeys that make noises when you



interact with them. And, according to the internet, the top video game for 2018 is Fortnite Battle Royale.

In conclusion, I don't really think there is a top gift for 2018. I think any gift you get has the same value as the others.



By: Sara S. 7<sup>th</sup> grade

# How Much Longer Until Christmas?

With over a month until Christmas, I, personally, am scrambling to get a list of what I want down. You may need help thinking about what you want. Well, I have compiled a list of my favorite Christmas presents.

## Santa Cruz Screaming Hand Skateboard

Now, now, don't go hurting your legs on this. But this decal is so iconic it's almost impossible not to want.



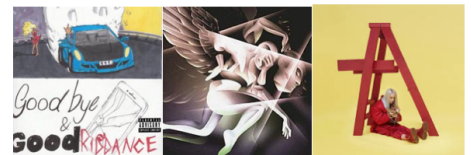
## James Charles Makeup Palette "Morphe"

Now we may not all be makeup nerds, but I believe we've all heard of James Charles. With his bold new palette, you may want to sport this makeup palette to any school dance coming up soon.

## Any New CD

While we may not have the same music taste, I'm pretty sure we all want our favorite artist's new material. I would go for all 3 of the CD's up there.

- 1: Goodbye And Good Riddance- JUICE WRLD
- 2: Shiny And Oh So Bright Pt. 1: LP No Past, No Future, No Sun- Smashing Pumpkins
- 3: Don't Smile At Me- Billie Eilish



## Video Game Consoles

A common like among 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the US are video games. From Fortnite to Watchdogs, from GTA to the new Mario or Sonic game, we can't hide from this time-consuming fun beast. If you're outdated like me, you probably need a new one. Well, it's the perfect time. Don't be too late.

Have a great Christmas.

By: James W. 7<sup>th</sup> grade





Please consider attending the Winter Chorus Concert! It will take place the evening of December 18th, from 7-8pm (no later.) Admission is \$2 per person at the door. The student's LOVE seeing their teachers, friends, and others from the community. Come out and support them.

Should snow impact December 18th, the entire rehearsal / concert schedule will most likely be shifted completely to Wednesday, December 19th. See Mr. Balint for more information if needed.



Artwork by Elodie C., 8th grade

## Book Fair!!!



# HMS SPORTS REPORT

## Staff vs. Student Volleyball Game

On November 13, 2018 the Girls Volleyball team battled against the Hamden Middle School Staff in an epic showdown. It was a daunting task but when the dust cleared it was the HMS Staff that was victorious. Coach Poulsen did a great job organizing the game and we are all applicative of his devotion.



Ms. Crann in mid-serve. Her stellar serving skills help lead the teachers to their win!



Mrs. Peccini demonstrates perfect form as she prepares for the volleyball.



More teacher action shots!!!

## Hamden High School Alumni Basketball Game

On Friday November 9, 2018 Hamden High School hosted a women's Alumni basketball game. Hamden Middle's own Mrs. Morello participated in the event.



Current HPS Staff/Alumni that participated from left to right: Mrs. Morello, Ms. Elkin, Ms. Forcucci, Mrs. Coffin, and Ms. Colasanto

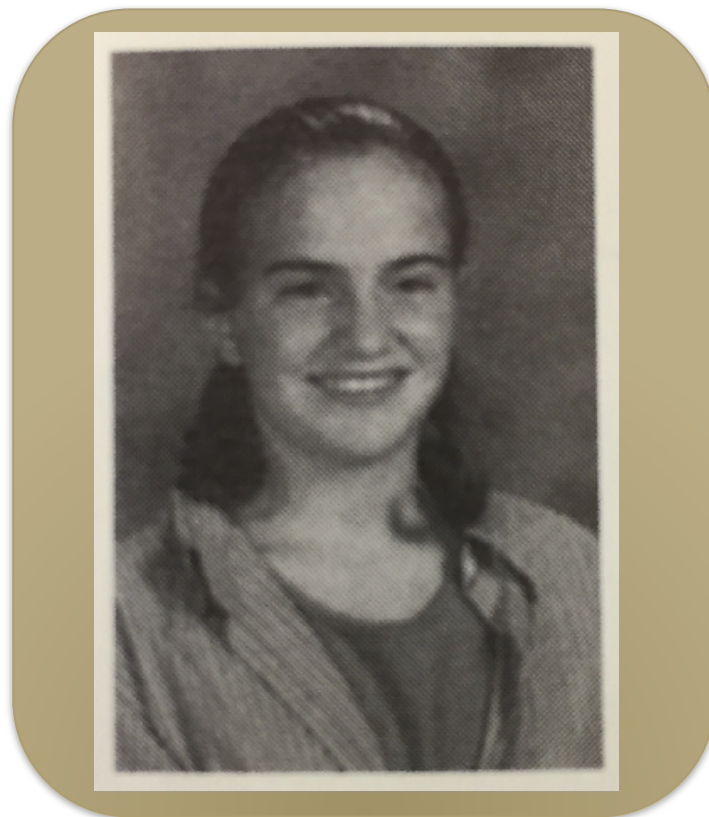


HHS Alumni Girls basketball and current HHS Players.





Below is a picture of one of your HMS staff members when they were in Middle School. **Guess who?** it might be. See the answer on the morning announcements.





## What am I Thankful For?

"I am thankful for my family, friends, and communities that I am part of. "

### Thanksgiving Review:

Here's a big question that's rarely asked: why do we eat turkey on Thanksgiving? Why is that such a big tradition for us in the U.S? Well, Pilgrims and Native Americans who first started Thanksgiving may not have eaten turkey. Although William Bradford noted that the Pilgrims gathered wild fowl, he was most likely referring to duck and geese. However, turkeys were still in the Plymouth area. So when and how did the turkey tradition start? Well, Branford's journals from 1856 mentioned hunting for wild turkeys during the summer of 1621. Turkey is native to North America, which gained attention as the Thanksgiving meal choice after Lincoln declared Thanksgiving as a national holiday in 1863.



I hope everyone has had a great time during Thanksgiving break, and we'll be seeing you again in December.

By: Christine K., 8<sup>th</sup> grade

## Giving Thanks To Our HMS Veterans

Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving both offer a special time to pause, reflect and appreciate the blessings in our lives. During this season of giving thanks, I want to express my gratitude to those that have served our country. Thank you for your service and continued support.



**Mr. Hawkins**  
*U.S. Army*



**Mrs. Colello**  
*U.S. Marine Corps.*



**Mrs. Beaver**  
*U.S. Navy*



**Mr. Levy**  
*U.S. Coast Guard*



**Mr. Robles**  
*U.S. Navy*

\*\*\* Not pictured: **Mr. Camerato** *U.S. Navy*

On behalf of the Hamden Middle School community, I wish you and your families a wonderful Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving.

With deep appreciation,

By: Mr. Simone, HMS Staff and Newspaper Editor