



HOOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL



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ECMEA

Bonjour all, or for those of you who don't speak Italian, **HELLO!** Sara here, with my acquaintance Jon (this time I might give him credit)! So the ECMEA (or Erie County Music Educators Associations) was March 17th, 2012 (St. Patrick's day).

The students in the SATB Chorus (soprano, alto tenor, base) practiced Thursdays during AIM and then 6 hours the Friday

before our performance. Luckily, there were a couple of breaks and a dinner during our rehearsal, which was followed by a four hour rehearsal the next morning!

We sang selections including, "Lovers Love the Spring", an old English spoof by Shakespeare, "Bridge Over Troubled Water", a hearty song about friendship, and my personal favorite,

"It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Got That Swing", a jazzy song reminding us that "it makes no difference if it's sweet or hot"!

Our hard work was paid off with a fabulous performance! Special recognition goes to Mrs. Welfare for helping us through this great musical journey!

By: Sara Breene &



International Breakfast

On March 1st, the foreign language students and their families were treated to an amazing cultural breakfast featuring a wide variety of foods.

There were a variety of different placemats, one for every person reflecting Spanish,

French, and German tradition. Many different international foods were served including crepes, fruit, coffee cakes, and more.

There was also a raffle for prizes. Everyone that submitted the permission form got a chance to be

selected. It was a very interesting and fun event for everyone that attended.

Special thanks to Frau Boehm and all the rest of the foreign language teachers who helped to make this event such a hit!

By: Cameron Markott





NCAA Basketball Final Four

After an interesting NCAA Tournament, we finally are down to the Final Four. After many upsets, we have Kentucky from the South, Louisville from the West, Ohio State from the East and Kansas from the Midwest. Kansas was probably the most noted upset after

they beat UNC who were heavily favored by most people to win the Tourney. Louisville also defied most odds after beating Michigan State. Ohio State was commonly picked over Syracuse after Syracuse lost their star center Fad Mello.

ment with Missouri, Duke, Temple, Georgetown, and Wichita State leaving the Tourney early after entering seeded high. With the Tournament finally coming to a close, it has certainly been interesting.

Many other upsets have plagued the Tourna-

By: Colin Lynch



Hoover Middle Basketball

Hoover Middle School Basketball had a great year this year. Even though they went a disappointing 2-12 record. We had players who can score and play defense but most importantly we had rising stars here at Hoover for next season.

a proud Technology teacher at Hoover Middle. Anther Coach that we were proud to have was an 8th grader always helping Hoover out, Alex Helms. Lastly the newest Coach to staff was a young 7th grader, who loves sports, loves Hoover and provides a positive altitude to Hoover Brock Kowalski.

I would like to thank all the guys who joined Hoover Basketball this season and I really thank Mr. Moyer for taking me in with open arms to the team.

I will miss you guys very much and I can't wait for next year!!

By: Brock Kowalski

The Head Coach of the team Mr. Moyer is



Peyton's New Home

Peyton Manning. Does that name ring a bell? He's that quarterback from New Orleans. His brother is the quarterback for the New York Giants. He is a four-time winner of the MVP award. He also won a Super Bowl. He is arguably the best quarterback in NFL history. So why would a desperate team like the Indi-

anapolis Colts decide to let Peyton Manning go?

It all started when Peyton Manning received a neck injury that threatened his NFL career. Some say the Colts released Peyton Manning because his injury could stop him from being the best he could be. That is my guess. After much con-

sideration, Peyton decided to go to the Denver Broncos. But the Broncos already had Tebow, so Tim Tebow left for the New York Jets. Watch out Tom Brady! Peyton Manning is back in orange and blue!

By: Nick Manning



The Hunger Games Movie

The Hunger Games is one of the world's best novels for young adults. Set in a futuristic, dystopian society, this compelling story is well thought-out and designed to make the reader question the television shows they watch. In the country of Panem there was a war in which the thirteen districts rebelled against the Capital...and lost. Now, as punishment, the country's twelve remaining districts must sacrifice two of their children, a boy and a girl, between the ages of 12 and 18 to fight to the death in a vast outdoor arena on live television every year.

Katniss Everdeen, a girl from District Twelve, knows what the Capital is doing, but is more focused on feeding her twelve-year-old sister, Prim and her mother. Everything changes, however,

when Prim's name is called in the Reaping, sentencing her to participate in the Hunger Games. Katniss instantly volunteers for her sister, knowing there is no way young Prim could survive against much bigger and blood-thirstier opponents. Now Katniss has no choice, but to start to hate the Capital more and more as she faces death repeatedly.

But was the movie as amazing as the novel? While some parts of the story were unfortunately left out, other parts were also added in. Now we are no longer confined to traveling solely with Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence), but we get to see Gale (Liam Hensworth), Katniss's best friend, and the gamemaker's reactions to certain aspects of the story.

Jennifer Lawrence, a completely believable actress, sells the role of Katniss completely. No other person

could have successfully brought Katniss to life the way she did. Josh Hutcherson, who plays Peeta Mellark, Katniss's fellow male tribute and friend (or maybe... more??????), plays his role amazingly as well. Aside from some obviously bleached hair, he was the perfect fit for Peeta Mellark. The other actors and actresses who starred in the movie successfully were Lenny Kravitz (Cinna), Elizabeth Banks (Effie), Woody Harrelson (Haymitch), and Amandala Stenberg (Rue).

Overall, I give the Hunger Games a 4.7 out of 5 stars and can't wait to see it again! Catching Fire, the book/movie's sequel is scheduled to come out on November 22, 2013. Hopefully, that one will be just as successful, if not more so.
By: Whitney Spencer



The NFL Bounty Program

Earlier this month investigators from the NFL confirmed that the New Orleans Saints had a bounty program through the 2009, 2010, and the 2011 seasons. The program involved over 27 players and one

assistant coach. The program stated that every time a player injured someone they would get an extra \$1,000 in their paycheck and \$1,500 every time a player had to be carted off the field. Another troubling

question is "did the bounty program help the Saints win their 2009 Super Bowl?" The Saints are a storied franchise who did a good disappointing their fans.

By: Bobby Wolfe



The Year of the Underdog

Spring training is finally here. Baseball is finally back. But this year some major stars are in uniforms nobody imagined. For example, Albert Pujols is with the Angels, and Prince Fielder is with the Tigers.

Another major change is, that there are

now TWO wildcard teams. This gives those teams that are barely over a .500 winning percentage a chance at the playoffs!

This means that every team gets a morale boost for the season ahead. So even the Astros and the Cubs are optimistic. It is possible

that mediocre lineups, defenses, and pitching staffs can make their way to the world series and maybe even win it. With two wild card teams it gives two teams a chance at immortal glory, who wouldn't normally have the opportunity.

By: Josh Prygon



St. Patty's Day



March 17th, 2012, was Saint Patrick's Day! This year, I bet you did the same as every year: glued yourself to the TV and ate a bag of Doritos. But, if you're tired of doing the same thing, there are some other things you could do. Don't have any ideas? I wrote some out so you can make your Saint Patty's Day 2013 fun (or at least better than re-runs ;))!

- Throw a Saint-Patrick's-Day-themed party

- If you can't throw a party, invite a few friends over or go to the parade with them
- Wear green clothes, pins, jewelry, hair pieces... I'm talking green overload.
- Make all of your food green (with a little help from food coloring- I don't recommend food if it's turned green naturally)
- Write "Happy Saint Patrick's Day" cards for friends, family, or the girl down the

street you know could use a smile

- If cards aren't your thing, a simple "Happy Saint Patrick's Day" would do just fine!

Hopefully you get some good ideas for next year! Happy Saint Patrick's Day everybody!

By: Leanne Hanlon

April Fool's Day



April fools is not just about pulling pranks and hoaxes. It's also about my BIRTHDAY!!!! But mostly about my birthday. (I will be accepting gifts.)

Pranks to pull:

1. Saran wrap fun- Put saran wrap in someone's door way while they are sleeping and watch what happens.
2. Pop goes the Mentos- this prank is very simple all you have to do is drink a little pop out of a two liter or none if you are daring. Then put the Mentos in and ask someone to get you a drink after a

while. But if you don't drink any be VERY QUICK ABOUT IT or it will explode in your face.

3. Ready set SPRAY!

Equipment needed: a rubber band and a sink sprayer. First you put the rubber band on the sink sprayer handle with the WATER OFF (unless you want to be SOAKED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!) Then the next time someone turns the water on they will be soaked.

4. Accidentally On Purpose-

Did someone you know leave out an important paper,

project, homework, etc.? Then you have a perfect opportunity for a fun prank! Just take some paper that looks somewhat similar to their project. Set their real project aside, and spill a drink or something messy all over the fake project. Say "Oh My God!" and pretend to apologize. They'll have a major anxiety attack until you surprise them with "April Fools!"

By: Faith Bracato

Apple Products

APPLE EARNS MORE THAN GREECE AND POLAND? TRUE! Apple Inc. is worth over \$500 Billion!!

IS APPLE THE LARGEST PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANY IN THE WORLD BY MARKET? TRUE! APPLE INC. IS THE LARGEST TECHNOLOGY COMPANY IN THE

WORLD! IS STEVE JOBS THE ONLY FOUNDER OF APPLE? FALSE! STEVE WOZ- NIAK AND RONALD WAYNE ALSO FOUNDED APPLE INC. THE COMPANY'S BEST KNOWN HARD- WARE IS THE MAC BOOK IPOD AND I PHONE? FALSE! THE BEST

KNOWN IS THE IPOD IPAD AND IPHONE! THE COMPANY WAS NAMED APPLE COM- PUTER, INC. FOR THE FIRST 30 YEARS. THE WORD "APPLE" WAS RE- MOVED FROM ITS NAME ON JANUARY 9TH 2007. FALSE! THE WORD "COMPUTER" WAS REMOVED.



By: Arianna Roseboro & Natasha Perez

Top Ten Football Myths

Bet you didn't know these common perceptions about football just aren't true!

10. Tackle stats are not accurate.

9. QB's need a rock- et arm to be success- ful.

8. Teams should punt on 4th down.

7. Turnovers matter.

6. You need to run to set up the pass.

5. Icing the kicker works.

4. Dome teams are

soft.

3. Defense wins championships.

2. It is impossible to repeat as champions.

1. The prevent defense does not work.

By: Bobby Wolfe



FAVORITE CLOTHING STORE POLL

Victoria's Secret: 38%

Aero: 31%

Abercrombie: 14%

Hollister: 17%



By: Madison Kaifas-Steiner & Rylee Hooker

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Weird Words : By Matthew Sternin

PNEUMONOLTRAMICROSCOPICSLICOVOLCANOCONIOSIS: A lung disease caused by inhaling volcanic ash.

RANNYGAZOO: A deceptive story or prank.

BRUXER: A person who grinds their teeth.

MUSTERDEVILLER: A grey woolen cloth.

SABERMETRICIAN: A person who studies baseball statistics.

UGSOME: Loathsome or horrible.

XENOGLOSSY: The ability to speak a language without having learned it.

(Definitions found at Ask.com)



ADVICE

Dear Awesome Advice and Co.,

I found out that I'm moving and I don't know how to tell my boyfriend. What should I say?

From, I'm Moving

Dear I'm Moving,

I'm sorry that you have to move. I find it hard to keep up on long distance relationships, so the best thing to do would be to break it to your boyfriend face to face. Tell him that you care about him, but it will be too hard to keep being close from far away. Good luck at your new school!

From, Awesome Advice and Co.

Dear Awesome Advice and Co.,

I am not new to Hoover and I have some friends, but I don't feel like I really fit in. What should I do?

From, Sad

Dear Sad,

I think everyone feels that way sometimes. It may help you to talk to the school counselor, but you probably just need to get closer to the friends you have. Call them more often, or make plans for the nearest weekend!

From, Awesome Advice and Co.

Music Survey

Favorite Genre of Music

By: Trevor Balbierz

Out of a total of 50 people.

Green Highlighted—Most Favorite
Blue Highlighted—2nd Most Favorite
Red Highlighted—3rd Most Favorite

Rock: 28%	14 People
Rap: 24%	12 People
Pop: 22%	11 People
Alternative: 8%	4 People
Hip Hop: 6%	3 People
Pop/Punk: 6%	3 People
Grunge: 4%	2 People
Punk: 2%	1 Person