

# HMS Hawkington Post

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### An Insider's Take on the Outsiders By: Jenna A.

Auditioning for a play is always scary. To audition for the Herndon Middle School play *The Outsiders* was no different. Every student planning on auditioning for the play must come prepared with a one to two minute monologue prepared and memorized. Out of about fifty auditionees, Mr. Pafumi, Ms. Grogan and Ms. Draeger call back about twenty students they think would be a good fit for the leading roles. "The difficult part is always making sure everyone is happy with the casting," Mr. Pafumi, the HMS drama



director, said. "We are working with vulnerable, fragile teenagers that can get really hurt and really take it personally if they don't get a role they want or don't get cast at all."

The rehearsal process is both stressful and rewarding. A couple weeks before the show opens, we have rehearsals every day after school, and often on weekends. Everyone in the show including the cast, tech crew, run crew, and directors work hard to get everything done on a tight schedule. In the end however, when everything comes together, all those long and stressful rehearsal are worth it. After all of our shows, the cast works together to strike the set and clean up the auditorium. Then, we all go to a cast member's house and have a big cast party to celebrate our hard work.

### REVIEW of *The Outsiders*

*The Outsiders* included a cast and crew of over 70 HMS students. The three shows performed on April 5th and 6th were filled with energy and great acting. Ponyboy, played by Josh W., carried the show with his personality and "tuff-ness." The play stayed true to the plot of the book with the addition of original music written and performed by students with Ms. Draeger's help. The audiences loved the show! All the cast members and adult directors should feel proud of their efforts.



## Is Eating in the Hallways Going Away?

By: Lian W. and Lauren M.



Over the course of the last two weeks, our school administrators have been closely monitoring students and their behavior with their food privileges. One day in particular, HMS staff realized that things were getting out of hand. Both teachers and students were injured from food and drinks purposely being left on the ground. For this reason, the administration announced that food and drinks might be taken away. Eager to find out more, we scheduled a meeting with Mrs. Bromberg to discuss her thoughts about this plan.

Q: What is the reason that you decided to announce this plan?

A: We had a couple of situations where students and staff slipped on food and drinks which caused some injuries and and more work for custodians.

Q: Which food/drinks would be allowed and which wouldn't?

A: There would be no foods outside the cafeteria, and no drinks except water.

Q: Would this rule apply to specific students who have demonstrated poor behavior with food or would apply to the whole school?

A: We would enforce this rule throughout the entire school because we are a community and we feel that we should support each other.

Q: Would this rule apply to teachers?

A: It would not apply to teachers, they are not the people who are demonstrating this behavior.

Q: Would it apply in all classrooms?

A: Yes, the rule would be in all classrooms, as well as hallways.

Q: Can teachers give special permission in classrooms to students?

A: No, the teachers would not be allowed to permit food in classrooms.

At the conclusion of the interview, Mrs. Bromberg informed us admin had made their decision. The new rule would not be put into place because there was a significant improvement in students' behavior.

## HMS' Students Favorite Ice Cream Flavors

By: Lian W., Sara S., Lauren M., Shreya G. and Mackenzie S.



HMS students agree that it's finally hot enough to eat ice cream! Those flavors look delicious!

## Captain Marvel Movie Review

By: Jessie D.

A resurfacing problem we often see today is sexism, and the movie Captain Marvel truly attacks that problem with a strong female hero. For the longest time heroes were seen as powerful men, and there were very few female characters in superhero movies and comics. Even if there were female heroes/characters, they were seen as more emotional, weaker characters.

Marvel has recently introduced the heroin Captain Marvel, and their audience is ecstatic! She is an extremely powerful hero, and not only does she symbolize feminism and women empowerment, but she has beautiful character development throughout the whole movie. The storyline connects perfectly with previous Marvel movies, and not only does the movie have great humor, but intense and intriguing fight scenes that leave you with goosebumps! Captain Marvel is by far one of the greatest Marvel movies made so far, and many fans are excited to see where this new character goes next.



## Raspberry Lemon Bars Recipe

By: Tea G. and Cora K.

### Ingredients

- one lemon
- one teaspoon of lemon zest
- 6 oz fresh raspberries
- 2 large egg yolks
- ½ cup of lemon juice
- ¼ cup of sugar
- 1 ½ cup of graham cracker crumbs
- 6 tablespoons of salted butter
- 1 14 oz can of sweetened condensed milk



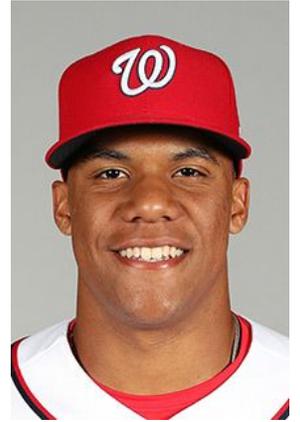
### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease an 8 by 8 baking dish. Set aside.
2. In a large bowl, combine the graham cracker crumbs, melted butter, sugar and lemon zest.
3. Stir until the graham crackers are soft.
4. Press the mixture into pan until they are one inch thick.
5. Bake for 10 minutes, take out, and cool.
6. As the crust cools, mix together the egg yolks and condensed milk until well combined.
7. Stir in the lemon juice and zest until thick.
8. Gently fold in raspberries.
9. Pour the mixture into the cooled crust.
10. Bake for an additional 15 minutes.
11. Cool for one hour before enjoying.

## Washington Nationals Update

By: Jonah H.

Have you ever heard about the Washington Nationals baseball team? Right now they are in the regular season and they have won 1 out of 3 games so far. Also the Nats are playing the Phillies and Max Scherzer is starting as the pitcher and it is Bryce Harper's first time back to Washington D.C. since he joined the Phillies. I think it is going to be a great game! The player to look for is Juan Soto originally from the Dominican Republic. Soto is in year two for the Nats after a second-place finish in National League Rookie of the Year voting last year.





### One Punch Man Anime Review By: Aidan S.

One Punch Man (ワンパンマン) season two is almost here! As of March 19th the official trailer has been uploaded to Youtube, with almost one million views as of writing this article. The four year hiatus will be ended sometime in April as the trailer didn't give an exact release date, so the anticipation is building. After watching the entire trailer and analyzing it there are some must see moments I can't wait to watch in the show itself. These would include the addition of new characters, Genos getting more of a backstory, and Saitama himself being the same calm simple person he has always been. As a fan of the first season and a long time anime lover overall, I'm glad to see lots of action in the trailer showing they have not skimped on the budget nor the writing. Overall I'd say this season is definitely a must watch for any anime lover or any first time anime viewer.

### Top Fashion Trends of 2019

By: Reese G. and Phoebe A.

One of the many things that makes you who you are is how you dress. It is a great way to express your creativity and make your personality shine. Many people dress differently, but there is always a fashion trend that people share. In 2019 we have noticed that hoodies and sweatpants have been a major style when it is cold outside. They are comfy and warm and they make you feel like you are wearing pajamas. Another fashion trend we have found popular are scrunchies. This 80's hair band is coming back and is a very popular way to accessorize your hair. Overall, one of the most popular trends are Vans. These 80's shoes are popular across boys and girls. Whether they are checkered or not, a majority of our students wear these. Those are our top three fashion trends of 2019.

