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To Skate or Not to Skate? **By Leah F. and Jillian G.**

“What is *your* favorite holiday tradition?” This was the question that was posed to students at HMS this holiday season. Although some kids pondered for a second, others had an idea right away. “Tis the season to be with family,” one student sung when questioned. It seems as though the majority of the students interviewed preferred playing in the snow over the other activities.



Not too many of us like to go to the skating rink! However, one student told us, “I love going to Cosi’s after ice skating with my friends.” Playing in the snow seemed to be the main attraction in some of the students mind, while others just wanted to spend time with their family and bake some cookies. We hope you enjoy doing whatever you heart desires this winter!

Out of 54 people interviewed:
Playing in the snow - 18
Baking - 14
Spending time with family - 11
Shopping - 6
Ice skating - 5

Peanut Butter Blossoms **By Kiley X.**

Ingredients:
1 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1 cup light brown sugar
1 cup peanut butter
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 dash of salt
3 cups flour



Directions:
Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
Cream together butter, sugar, and brown sugar.
Add in peanut butter, eggs, and vanilla until well blended.
Add in baking soda and baking powder.
Slowly stir in flour.
Roll into small balls and coat in sugar.
Place cookies on ungreased cookie sheet and bake in the preheated oven for 5 minutes.
Remove from oven and press a Hershey Kiss into each cookie.
Bake for five more minutes.
Remove and enjoy!

Nike Or Adidas? By Samantha H. and Chloe T.

Our staff interviewed over 400 HMS students and teachers to see which brand they prefer, Nike or Adidas. Nike was the obvious winner with 302 votes, while Adidas got only 131 votes. A lot of people wear Adidas, but they still prefer Nike. Most of the people we interviewed prefer Nike for the following reasons: comfort, larger size range, and longer lasting products.



Those who preferred Adidas like their style and surprisingly, they just personally dislike Nike. Overall the majority of our school prefers Nike products over Adidas products.

Editorial by Tea G.

Assigned seats have their perks, for instance someone can't steal your seat next to your best friend. But they also have their disadvantages, for instance, when you make new friends and then you realize they have the same lunch as you and you can't sit with them. Why do we have assigned seats? We got to pick our seats and we got to pick wherever we wanted to sit. So why? Wouldn't it be cool to sit with different people each day? There is no visible reason that we need assigned seats. We asked students at Herndon Middle and they all said that they did not like assigned seats. They all had friends that sat at other tables and because of assigned seating, they couldn't talk with them at all.

T1 Diabetes Looks Like Me! By Maya D.

All over the country, there are children and adults with Type 1 diabetes. November is the month to raise awareness and money to support diabetes research and work on finding a cure. In America about 1.25 million children and adults have to deal with diabetes every day. Type 1 diabetes is a disease that stops one's pancreas from producing insulin. Basically, diabetics have to receive at least four doses of insulin from a syringe or insulin pen every day. Ouch! It can be very hard to deal with and in November we take time to recognize the strength of diabetics all across the country.

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade By Cora K. and Calla I.

Did you watch the 91st annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade? It had great floats with themes such as The Big Apple, Sour Patch Kids, and the Thanksgiving Turkey. There were also performances on many of the floats. Angelica Hale, Jojo Siwa, and Sabrina Carpenter all appeared singing their most popular songs. The Macy's Parade is famous for its gigantic balloons. They vary from five to six stories high and are around 60 feet long and 30 feet wide! These humongous balloons featured Pikachu, The Grinch, and The Elf on the Shelf. Santa Claus appeared as the grand finale, launching the beginning of the holiday season. Our staff hopes you will enjoy the holidays!

Review of *The Scourge* By Rease G.

Are you in **the Battle of the Books** or looking for a good book to read? The book, *The Scourge*, is the right book for you! Whether you like adventure, a thriller or romance, Jennifer A. Nielsen will take you there. When you start reading this book, you will not be able to put it down. In *The Scourge*, Ani and Weevil, the two main characters, get kidnaped by some Wardens sent by Governor Felling to get tested for the Scourge (a deadly disease). Ani tested positive, but they both had to go to Attic Island because Ani infected Weevil too. At first they think the scourge will kill them, but then they get sent to Attic Island and learn things they had not known before, even about Governor Felling. To find out what happens to Ani and Weevil, read the book.

Light em Up! By Hani A.

Happy Holidays! If you'll be sitting around home for winter break, there are many places nearby you can go. Seventh graders -- remember the science field trip in September? Head back there to walk down the dazzling paths at the Meadowlark Walk of Lights! Or you can head out to Reston Town Center for ice skating. If you like music, you can attend the many winter concerts performed right here at HMS or stop by George Mason University! Why not do something with your life and celebrate the season!

Winter Slime for the Holidays By Olivia W.

Ingredients:
9 oz clear glue
¼ cup water
Blue and silver glitter
¼ tsp of baking soda
Contact solution



Directions: Pour the glue into a bowl. Then pour in the water and mix it together. After that, add your glitter and stir it in. When you're finished, add the baking soda and mix. Add contact solution slowly as you knead with your hands to get it just right!

World Cup Qualifications United States Soccer Disaster! By Kailash P.

The referee's whistle blows as the soccer match ends. Trinidad and Tobago scored 2 goals, the US scored 1. The US shifts down to the lower ranks of its 2018 World Cup Qualifications group and gets eliminated. This was one of the worst defeats in US history! The US National Team, a decent team who always has the power to advance in the late stages of competition in previous World Cups, gets beaten and replaced by Trinidad and Tobago, an unheard of team. The US failed to qualify for the first time since 1986. Yet, there *is* something good that came from this horrible defeat. Christian Pulisic is a 19-year-old who plays for the German team Borussia Dortmund, one of the best teams in Bundesliga, the German league. Because of his performance at the Qualifications he has been named the best US player by many sources and is now a star. He scored multiple goals during the Qualifications matches, resulting in a spark of hope for the US National Team. This lively youngster has a bright future and a lot of fame and game ahead of him. The US will get another shot at qualifying in 2022.



In the meantime, Christian Pulisic, keep up the good work, there is hope for the US team in the future.

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