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The number of students the
mayor has threatened to put in
on classroom

400,000

The number of CPS students
affected by the strike

98.2%

Percent of CTU members that
voted to authorize the strike



Source: ctunet.com



It's FAFSA Time, Seniors!

Written By [Edith Flores](#)

After coming back from winter break, seniors will have another challenge to face as the New Year begins. One of the most important documents that they will every file finally available; the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Although many seniors dread having to file it, it is extremely important that all seniors who are eligible to apply do so. Not only does it give you the opportunity to receive "free money," but it will also let your schools of choice know that you are very serious about going to college, even if you're not sure what you want to major in.

Although filing can be a bit scary, especially if you make a mistake, there are people here to help you. Many seniors have senior seminar, which is a class that helps students prepare and organize themselves for college. The senior seminar teachers are here to help you every step of the way while filing your FAFSA. Any questions or concerns can be asked with the senior seminar teachers or with Mrs. Pinter, the college counselor.

Students must bring specific documents in order to file the FAFSA correctly, such as their parents 2011 and 2012 taxes, social security number, and know basic information about what your parents own, such as properties and savings. Many are probably thinking: how am I supposed to have my parents 2012 taxes when they haven't filed them yet? That is not a problem. You do not need to have the 2012 taxes immediately. You only need the 2011 taxes to save your spot for the "free money." Hurry up, seniors, and file your FAFSA before the money runs out!

Obama: The Policies Behind the Man

Written By [Raul Sanchez](#)

On November 6th, 2012, Obama won his second term as President of the United States against his republican opponent, Mitt Romney. While many cheered and felt content at his renewed presidency, others groaned and were wary of what was to come. Some even speculated that the entire country was "going straight to hell" because of President Obama, and that another two terms with him would only make matters worse. However, any sort of claim made at the time can only be considered as opinion. With some knowledge of his past two terms, however, one can make an educated guess as to how our country will end up four years from now.

According to Politifact.com, a winner of the Pulitzer Prize, President Obama has kept a grand total of 73 percent of his promises made, out of 508 promises. The promises that fared the best were promises he made concerning Education and Health-care, passing policies such as providing affordable, high-quality child care, expanding funding to train primary care providers and public health practitioners, increasing research opportunities for college students, and rebuilding schools in New Orleans, in addition to ending the war in Iraq. At the same time, Obama has failed to keep some high-profile promises, such as closing the detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, creating a cap-and-trade system to combat global warming, and his vow to "bring Democrats and Republicans together to pass an agenda."

In conclusion, one can only guess as to the state of our country in 4 years. Anything can happen in the 4 years that his next two terms will bring. However, if taking into account his past promises and policies are taken as a whole, both kept and broken, they reveal his vision for government, his attempt to solve all problems that society faces. Obama promised everything from working with Russia to move nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert (Promise Broken) to conservation of a habitat for the Osceola turkey and the ruffed grouse (Promise Kept). If his attempts to change things are anything to go by, the President of the United States will try and try again to make this country, and indeed this world, a better place.

How is your school year go-
ing so far?

Quarter grades not looking
very healthy?

You can get help!

Homework Center

Location: Library
10 Period and 12th period
See Ms. Moten and Ms.

Peer Tutoring - 12th peri- od

Math: Tuesdays and Wednesdays
in Room

Writing Center: Mondays and Thursdays
in Room 318.

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Urban Alliance Giving Opportunities to Students.

Written by Geovanna Estrada

Many Hubbard students are in the Urban Alliance organization and one of them got to meet the first lady of Chicago. It was Antonio Martinez who got to meet her in person. When asked how it was to meet the first lady of Chicago Antonio said, "I knew who she was as it was announced at fall kick off. Fall kick off was an event where we first met our mentors. It's nice to have her there supporting the organization, through her we were given the opportunity to join Urban Alliance." Antonio was also asked whether it was hard or not to juggle both work and school he said, "I don't think it's hard, but keeping up with assignments from both ends is challenging. Getting out of school early is a nice thing and commuting is fun." Antonio also told us a bit about what his experience in the Urban Alliance program. He said, "I am still experiencing. So far I've enjoyed and taken the most out of this internship. From building computers from scratch to attending the company's holiday party. It's an exciting experience."



Most of us are aware of Urban Alliance, it is a non-profit organization that seeks high school seniors to enroll and give a chance to work in a professional workplace. This organization originated in Washington D.C., and made its way to Chicago, Illinois. In order to enroll in this program students need a 2.0 GPA or higher, attend pre-work in order to start working, must commit to it, dedicate time, and do good in both school and work. This program is great opportunity for the underclassmen that are thinking about getting a job and they should really get further informed on what procedures to take if they plan on joining. 3

Our Winter Formal will be held at:

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Hubbard Does Its Part

Written By Clara Padilla and Orlando Ortiz

Hubbard held their annual blood drive Friday, January 11, 2013 in the JROTC drill hall. The blood drive was organized by Hubbard's JROTC and National Honor Society. The blood drive at Hubbard this year was a success, no one passed out, and a lot of students signed up. In order to be eligible to donate blood, you have to be of age, be healthy, and be of appropriate weight. The process for the blood drive was short. First, students had to fill out a questionnaire. Then, they got checked by one of the Life Source nurses to make sure they were healthy enough and have enough iron in your body to donate. Once that was done, they had to wait to get called by another nurse to finally donate blood. After they were done donating, there was a table full of snacks and drinks that the JROTC cadets offered if the donors weren't feeling too well. Although students received no monetary reward for donating blood, they had the reward of self-satisfaction and gratification knowing that they helped save up to 3 lives with their donation.

LifeSource, Chicagoland's Blood Center, is a non-profit corporation and the largest blood center in Illinois. It distributes a half-million blood products annually to approximately 60 area hospitals in meeting the need for patient transfusion therapy. If you didn't get a chance to donate at school you can always schedule an appointment at <http://www.lifesource.org/>. The blood drive was very successful and ran smoothly, Hubbard students did a great job showing their greyhound spirit by signing up and donating blood.



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Texting and Driving



By Clara Padilla

Obtaining a drivers license is one of the most exciting things that comes with being a teen. Teenagers gain a feeling of independence when they no longer have to rely on their parents to drive them around. However, driving is a huge responsibility where you have to remain focused and alert at all times. The statistics for the amount of deadly car accidents caused by young drivers is shocking. The main distraction for many teens while driving are their cell phones, young drivers don't realize how dangerous texting and driving is. By texting and driving not only are they putting their life in danger, but also pedestrians, their passengers, and other drivers. Officer Collins, a police officer at Hubbard High School, said some consequences of texting and driving can be death, injury, property damage, car damage, or getting cited for tickets. Replying to a text message requires drivers to look at their phone, remove their hands from the wheel, and take their attention away from the road. In the United States, 4,000 teens die every year in car crashes. The chances of crashing increase by nine times when drivers reach for their phones. An Illinois driving law bans texting for all drivers. Officer Ponce says his advice to Hubbard Students about

driving would be "Don't text and drive because whatever you're texting about is not that important. Safety first." Replying to a text message while driving is the equivalent to drinking four beers; so next time you reach for that phone while you're behind the wheel, remember that replying to that one text message is like drunk driving. Texting and driving increases your chances of crashing by 23%. Don't become another statistic by texting and driving.

For more information about teen driving visit www.KeeptheDrive.com.

Words From a Former Student

By Viridiana Munoz

Edith Flores, a graduate from the class of 2011, came back to Hubbard to give some advice to the seniors. She was not an IB student, but she did take Honors and Advanced Placement classes, which she recommends students to do. When asked what college is like and how it is different from high school, Edith said, "College gives you a lot more freedom than high school; it is definitely more studying, but that is done independently, and it is really up to you to keep up with classes and look for your professors when you need help." Edith is currently attending University of Wisconsin at Madison. She earned the Posse Scholarship, which pays for her entire tuition with the exception of books and room and board, which is paid for with her financial aid money. In order to win the scholarship she was interviewed three or four times, wrote essays, and had to apply to the university she wanted to attend. She is away from her family and had to get used to a new community, but she was able to manage it. Edith recommends that seniors apply for scholarships because they are very necessary and they are helpful. She also recommends for students to apply to different schools and keep an open mind. Edith said getting involved also benefits students since it helps you meet people, learn about yourself and the way things work.

Hubbard's First Winter Formal

Written By Susana Garcia

Alright, Hubbard, it's no secret how much our school has been changing this year. New schedule, new policies, new traditions! This year, thanks to the Senior Student Council and Ms. Wiley, we are having the first ever Winter Formal. Only juniors and seniors are invited, and if they want to bring a guest that's not a Hubbard student, they can still come as long as they are approved by the office. Formal attire is required, but it will still be "classier than homecoming, but less that prom." The event will be held at Excalibur Night Club on Friday, February 15th, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Each ticket will be sold for \$25 and it will include a coach bus ride to the location. There will be a DJ, food, drinks, and friends, so why not go and enjoy the first ever Winter Formal. Hope to see you there!

Senior Girls' Council 45th Annual Food

Written by Carolina Aceves

On Friday, November 16th, Hubbard students were allowed to be out of uniform if they brought canned or non-perishable food for the senior Girls' Council 45th Annual Food Drive. That morning, as students were coming into the building, the Senior Girls' Council was busy at work collecting cans. On Monday, November 19th, Ms. Becker's 2nd period class and Senior Girls' Council prepared food baskets for 53 families in the community and Operation Care Package. The council collected over 2,000 cans on the out-of-uniform day and received food donations from the JROTC Department, a very generous monetary donation from a Hubbard graduate who now plays as Cornerback for the Chicago Bears, Kelvin Hayden, and monetary donations from faculty, staff, and students alike. As for the Division money donations, Ms. Moten's Division won the pizza party by raising over \$100! In second and third place came Mr. Fitz's Division (the smallest division in the whole school!) and Mr. Kleckner's Division. "Thanks to everyone for their support," said Mrs. Becker as she supervised the organizing of the baskets. "Every year this is such an important event, and every year our school comes together to complete it."

Happy 2013! What are Your Ne



Mr. Charlie Vazquez

“To not let Mr. Crotty convince me to buy lunch. All that fast food stuff. And to advance in my education.”



Crystal Fernandez

“I would like to curse less and get into shape for the summer!!!”



Christian Gandarilla

“Eat healthy, like no more chips, and get buff. Well, buffer.”

All interviews for New Years Resolutions done By [Lucero Lerma](#)



Singing in Winter.

A Look at the Hubbard H.S.'s Winter Chrous Concert

By [David Sanchez](#)

The Hubbard Chorus has been practicing for their annual winter concert. They started placing each individual into their section the first two weeks of school and singing challenging music pieces. Mrs. Quattrin has been working hard with all of her students and they've proved to be paying attention, their great voices can be heard from outside the classroom. She never gives up on them and they never stop improving. Mrs. Quattrin challenges all of her students when she asks them to sing on a four part harmony, which is not as easy as it may look. The students have truly given their best to Mrs. Quattrin. This year she is making a male piece (A LA NANITA NA) /female (ANGELS CAROL) piece which sound fantastic. Mrs. Quattrin has also had much help from Mr. Mosby who has played the piano for a past couple of years. He plays the piano while Mrs. Quattrin directs all of her students in the parts they need to sing. For the last two weeks the Hubbard Chorus has been working hard, practicing all the music pieces and giving it all they've got. Mrs. Quattrin likes the powerful notes she gets from her students. For the final week all of the students are rehearsing in the auditorium for the final choir meeting of the year. The Hubbard Chorus is having their concert December 19, 2012 two in the morning for the school and two in the afternoon. The Hubbard Chorus has to be there because it's part of their final semester grade and so they can sing for families and friends who are going to see all the hard work of their sons/daughters.



Apple's Newest Best of the Best

By [Brenda Manzo](#) & [Ivan Robles](#)

Apple came out with their latest edition tablet, the Ipad mini. It is completely different than others because, well it's mini. A 7.9 inch device, with a perfect size beats other tablets. It saves a lot of space and is useful for anything and everything. It has a good Siri, a better quality camera and the same display processor as the Ipad 2. Its screen is 35% bigger than other tablets and it has a five-element camera that captures everything perfectly. You can't compare the Ipad mini to the Amazon Kindle Fire HD, Google's Nexus 7 by Asus or any other similar device; even though all have similar features apple is known to be the best of them all. If you plan on spending money on a tablet, it would be a wise decision to spend a little more and buy a good quality brand.

Mr. Chae, our own journalism teacher recently received an Ipad mini as a gift from his wife for Christmas. He loves the portability, battery life, quality, weight and size of it. "I love how its book sized and how easily I can read or watch movies in bed. It's so light; I hold it so comfortably with one hand while I see my wife suffering trying to hold her Ipad 4". It probably isn't as fast or big as the Ipad 4 but its way more comfortable to use. Mr. Chae believes the price is a big issue though, its way more pricy than an Amazon Kindle Fire or a Google nexus but since he's a big fan of apple products and is used to them, he prefers sticking to those apps. "The good quality and design makes up for the price, so it's worth it." Another issue would be the aluminum back, which is really easy to scratch but the positive factor is that there's so many cool cases like the Twelve South BookBook case that will protect your Ipad and make it look cool. Apple always tries its best to make their devices perfect; so whatever is wrong with this mini will be fixed in there next product, which is

New Years Resolutions?



Ruby Deblanco
“Mmm, not eat so much McDonalds”



Mr. Lyles
“Get a six pack...or a keg.”

Want to share your New Years Resolutions? Submit them at hubcavnewyearsresolutions@gmail.com and we might just put them on our webpage! Check out [http://www.thehubbard-cavalier.com/!](http://www.thehubbard-cavalier.com/)

New Policies!?

A Look at the Rules Recently Enforced at Hubbard H.S.

By Zana Shelton

Recently, Hubbard High School has decided to enforce the old rules and also add a few more to the bunch. NO headphones, cell phones, or iPods are to be used in classes or the hallways (ONLY in lunch); all students must wear their Hubbard I.D, black bottom, and white tops. Also, the word is spreading through the school that students will be fined if these rules are not followed each and every day. Fining students in high school? How much will the fines cost? Where did this idea come from? And do the students have any say so? There are a lot of unanswered questions, so I decided to get to the bottom of it.

Most students use their phones just for texting, twitter, and taking pictures, but a lot of students also use their phones as an internet source in the classes that don't have computer access. Cell phones can be used as dictionaries, calculators, or taking a picture of the notes and/or homework assignments. Most classes I have don't have dictionaries available, so I have no other choice but to use my phone. No one uses pen and paper to take notes if they can just take a picture on their iPhones, it's much easier. And why aren't we allowed to use our phones in the hallways? It's only five minutes of passing periods and we can't even check our phones? Lane Tech allows their students to use their phones during passing periods, so why doesn't Hubbard?

Regardless, I understand the policy, but why start to enforce it this close to the end of the year? That is like not disciplining a child when they're young and expect them to grow up to be respectful.... It will not happen! The new policy also restricts students from using headphones in classes like P.E, Senior Seminar, Division, and free classes. If no one else can hear the music it's not a disturbance and if it's okay with the teacher why can't they be listened to? We're not harming anyone by using our electronics.

Winter Band Concert

By Luis Ramirez

The annual Hubbard High School Band's after school performance was nothing short of spectacular from beginning to end. Of course the beginning band students started it off by playing with some simple but wonderfully harmonized scales. Afterwards, the after-school band marched in drums a' banging and trumpets blasting! The after school band came to please, and they did more than so; playing the usual songs played at our Greyhound's football games, they really brought life to the audience. Then came the intermediate band's turn to bring the noise, and sure enough, it was signed, sealed, and delivered to the audience. The intermediate band's performance was a great way to demonstrate to parents how their child's playing skills have improved from last year. They performed a wonderful rendition of "Twelve Days of Christmas" exquisitely. A performance from a couple of advanced trumpet players surprised the audience. They were only a group of about six students, but what they lacked in numbers, they made up for in the way they sounded while playing each song. The finale performance from the advanced band lived up to its expectations and then some. The advanced band played three pieces including "Carol of The Bells". All in all, the band's winter performance went well with only a few not very noticeable misplayed notes and a drum player that was MIA.

Sunday at Huck Finn's

Written By Alexis Jorge

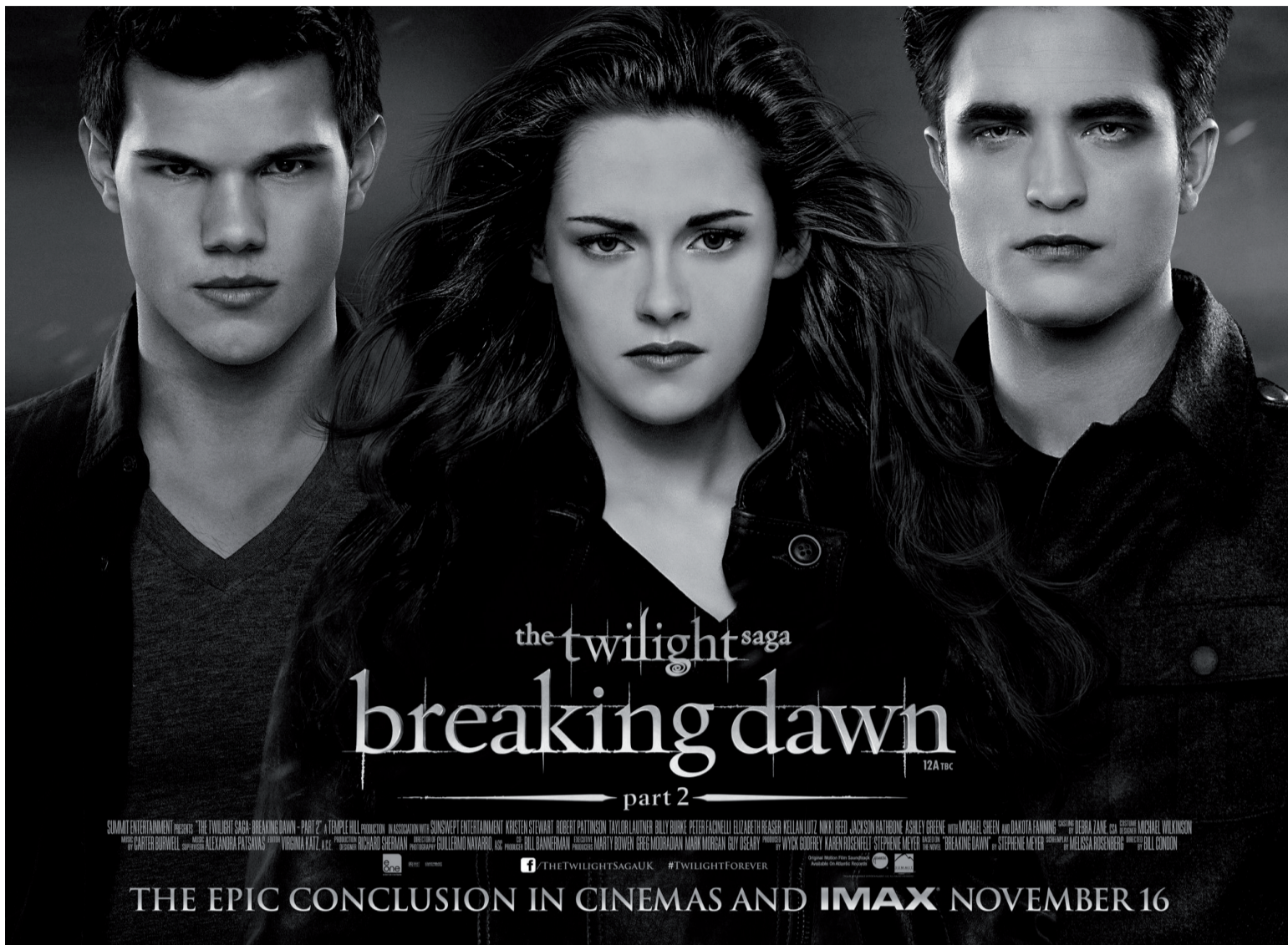
When most people wake up on a Sunday morning, they usually look forward to their cup of Joe. 50% of Hubbard students voted Huck Finn as their favorite restaurant out of 4 other restaurants around Hubbard. At Huck Finn's, one can enjoy a light coffee with cream and sugar, a very warm and welcome beverage on a cold morning, as well as their soup of the day. On Sundays their soup of the day is Cream of Chicken, a warm, delightfully creamy soup with a side of soft warm bread can make anyone's mouth water. Huck Finn was rated on the Hubbard cavalier website as number one among a list of other restaurants by Hubbard students. Some of Huck Finn's great specialties are their golden French fries, which are crunchy on the outside and soft on the inside.

Their medium rare steak is juicy, packed with plenty of flavors for your taste buds to explore, and the rest of the food is truly delicious. The only warning people should have is to be cautious on Sundays at Huck Finn's and should expect a crowd. However, while it can be extremely crowded, one can usually be seated within 15 minutes. You can avoid the crowd by going later in the day, but their soup will not be as fresh. I give this restaurant 9 out of 10. Stop on by and try some of the great food offered! The Huck Finn reviewed on this article is on 6650 South Pulaski Road Chicago, IL 60629 and their phone is (773) 581-4285.



Arts and Entertainment

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part II Love it or Hate it



Love It! The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part II Outdoes Itself.

By Geovanna Estrada

Suspenseful, emotional, and full of romance. Twilight ended its four book saga with an unforgettable movie. With the fifth and last installment of the world phenomenon that has captured millions of fans, the movie, "Breaking Dawn- Part II", is sure to satisfy all fans. Although there have been complaints about Kristen Stewart's and Robert Pattinson's acting in the past, they definitely nailed it in Breaking Dawn- Part II. Directed by Bill Condon, the movie made 30.4 million dollars on its first night. The film techniques and music enhancement definitely fit the scenes and themes of the movie. The music was good and flowed well throughout the movie; whether it was a romantic scene or an action scene. The special effects such as the vampires' swift running or sparkling in the sun were amazing, much hard work was put into that and it was clearly portrayed in the movie. As for the clothes and accessories, a great deal of Banana Republic, Urban Outfitters, Hot Topic, Bloomingdale, Lord and Dale, Bluefly, Levi's, and many other recognized brands were used. The clothes went well with the characters personalities and emphasized Bella's drastic change. In this last installment, we finally see Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) become a vampire, which has been a moment long desired since the book and movie first came out. After going through four movies, seeing the characters mature, and the love triangle between Jacob, Bella, and Edward unfold, this movie was anything but a disappointment. We see how everything changes in Bella's life, as well as Edward Cullen's (Robert Pattinson) and Jacob's (Taylor Lautner). With the arrival of her daughter, Bella learns not only how to control her thirst, but also how to become the mother of a fast growing half-human half-vampire child. Renesmee (Mackenzie Foy) is the daughter of Bella and Edward, as well as Jacob's true love. She possesses a great gift and serves as a grave omen to the Volturi, a powerful clan of vampires who see to it that no vampire breaks a law. Things quickly take a turn for the worse. As they go to kill Renesmee, Bella, Edward, and Jacob must protect her with the help of the rest of the Cullens, their friends, and Jacob's wolf pack.

Although the beginning the movie feels like it is moving slowly, it soon gets interesting. With the arrival of Renesmee we have the opportunity to look at the kinder side of all the characters, which was not often shown in the previous films. We see more romance between Bella and Edward as well as the rest of the characters. However, when the action starts coming in, we see that with passion comes fury, and Bella proves to be a strong gifted vampire. This is also new because in previous films Bella was always on the sidelines rather than actually participating in conflicts. The movie does provide humor with Jacob still making sarcastic comments about the "blood suckers". The ending is nice and reminds everyone life is precious and whether we are immortal or not we should enjoy it. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part II ending does a good job at ending the series and deserves 8 out of 10 stars.

Hate It! The Twilight Saga Breaking Dawn Part II Disappoints.

By Raul Sanchez

The film, The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Pt. 2, is an adaptation of the second half of the book "Breaking Dawn", the final part of the popular Twilight book series. While the movie is described as "The Epic Finale That Will Live Forever," the movie was anything but. The movie, while entertaining at times, is filled with boring dialogue, emotionless actors, and a large amount of repetitive build-up scenes that ultimately turn out to be unnecessary by the end of the movie. Between all of this, the viewer is constantly bombarded with romantic scenes between Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) and Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart), which adds nothing to the actual story and does nothing but distract the viewer. The result is a movie that ultimately leaves you disappointed coming out of the theater.

The movie starts off where the first part left off, with Bella attempting to adjust to her new vampire status. The viewer is treated to a few scenes of Bella and the rest of the Cullen family of vampires performing amazing feats before focusing on the main plot point: Bella's child, Renesmee. Renesmee is half-vampire, half-human, and this is made apparent by her rapid growth, special powers, and ability to perform amazing physical feats. This turns into a problem when a vampire passerby observes Renesmee performing amazing physical feats while catching snowflakes and confuses her as a full-blooded vampire child. Vampire children are often condemned by other vampires, mainly due to their lack of self-control and innocent appearance, and are often destroyed because of this. The vampire passerby reports her findings to the Volturi, which is a high council of vampires that enforce vampire law and make sure vampires are thought to not exist. With the decision to murder Renesmee made, the Cullens run around the world in order to recruit allies to prevent or fight in the upcoming potential war.

The movie attempts to establish itself as a romance/action flick and ultimately fails at doing it. There is not enough action in the movie to classify it as an action movie, and the romance scenes are too scarce and bland to really be romantic at all. This lack of romance is mainly due to the poor acting of Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, who both fail at convincingly showing any form of emotion whatsoever. The two actors do so poorly in displaying feelings of romance, surprise, or any other major form of emotion in most of their scenes that I could not help but chuckle throughout the entire movie because of it. Ultimately, the majority of the movie was filler that lead up to an about 20 minute fight scene, and not even exciting filler at that. Normally this wouldn't be a problem, as there are many films that contain tons of filler and still manage to leave a person satisfied after watching it. However, the filler is ultimately made unnecessary and redundant by the end of the movie due to a major plot twist that leaves the viewer angry and unsatisfied.

Overall, I was left leaving the theater disappointed and indifferent, a major sign that the movie was poor. A movie's job is to provide some sort of entertainment to the viewer, whether it be an action flick, a romance flick, or even a mystery. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Pt. 2 fails to provide any major form of entertainment at all. Overall, I would definitely not recommend seeing the film with high expectations, or even at all. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Pt. 2 does a poor job at ending the series, is a poor adaptation of the book, and ultimately deserves a 4 out of 10 stars.

Arts and Entertainment (Cont.)



Top Movie and Video Game of 2012!

By Luis Rosaslada

The year 2012 was an exciting year for the world of video games. With popular releases such as Assassins Creed 3, Borderlands 2, Call of Duty: Black Ops II, Halo 4 and Mass Effect 3, gamers had a lot to play this year. With so many successful video games it is difficult to select one that is better than the others with the games visual effects, game modes, gameplay and story.

Halo 4(360) - Winner of Spike's 2012 Best Xbox 360 Game, Halo 4 is amazing in everything it has to offer. Halo 4 offers a campaign story that picks up where Halo 3 leaves off. In Halo 4, the player takes control of Master Chief in an epic story to fight off old enemies, such as the Covenant, and even a new alien race known as the Prometheans while trying to make it back to earth. In addition to the campaign, Halo 4 offers a story after the main story in weekly updated missions known as Spartan Ops. This new mode allows the player to play side missions with new missions added weekly. Finally, the thing most gamers will pick up this game for is War Games, also known as Infinity. This feature is basically online multiplayer, where gamers can play games of 4 vs. 4 and other objective game types, such as Capture the Flag, King of the Hill, Swat, Oddball, and many others. Multiplayer is incredibly fun and provides literally hours of entertainment. Many gamers highly praise Halo 4, Ivan Chavez (Senior) had this to say about Halo 4, "Halo 4 has reached a whole new level of different type of effects that just keep me addicted to the game. Even though Halo 4 has not been around for a few years, it totally made a comeback in the gaming competition."

A poll was done on this newspapers website, "TheHubbardCavalier.com" that offered these five video games to be voted on by online users to help select what in their opinion was the best video game of the year. While Call of Duty: Black Ops II took over 50% of the votes on the poll, leaving Halo 4 in second place, due to negative reviews, game problems and personal experience it was difficult to try to put Call of Duty: Black Ops 2 over Halo 4.

Marvel's The Avengers: (Most Money Made, Over 1.5 Billion Dollars, Higher Percentage of "Freshness" in Rotten Tomatoes)

In 2012, film viewers got to watch the start of Suzanne Collins's vision of her successful book franchise, The Hunger Games hit the big screen, a group full of superheroes team up to save the island of Manhattan in Marvel's The Avengers, the reboot of your favorite neighborhood Spiderman in The Amazing Spider-Man, the epic conclusion to Christopher Nolan's take on Batman in The Dark Knight Rises, and finally the second half and final film in The Twilight Saga in The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Part II.

A poll was done on this newspapers website, "TheHubbardCavalier.com" that offered these five films to online users to vote on their favorite film of 2012 to help me make an overall choice. With over 150 votes, Marvel's The Avengers and The Dark Knight Rises were close at the final checking of this poll but the numbers were in favor of Marvel's The Avengers.

With the release of Marvel's The Avengers, the standards for superhero movies was set to a new high. Marvel's The Avengers shattered numerous records with its release in both foreign and domestic theaters with Highest Opening Weekend, Highest Opening Weekend Overseas, and Most Time Number 1 in the Box Office. It also made \$1 Billion within the films theatrical release, putting the movie at the same level of James Cameron's Titanic, Avatar and Christopher Nolan's more recent The Dark Knight Rises. With an all-star cast, such as Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Hemsworth, Robert Downey Jr., Tom Hiddleston, and Samuel L. Jackson, it is no surprise the film did so well in the box office. The film received mainly positive reviews from critics and users on IMDB, Rotten Tomatoes, and even film critic Roger Ebert enjoyed it, giving the film three out of four stars. The film's mainly about a group of superheroes coming together and settling their differences to save earth from Loki and his army of Chitauri soldiers in a battle to wield the all-powerful Tesseract, which is an unlimited source of power. The film offers comedy, action, suspense and even small extras that true Marvel film fans can enjoy. With a total of about 1.5 billion dollars net income made off this movie, it is no surprise a sequel will be released in 2015. I would highly recommend watching the movie if you haven't already because overall it is a fun movie to watch for normal movie fans and comic book fans alike.

To see more on the official poll of the top 5 video games chosen by online users, head over to "TheHubbardCavalier.com" to view the full list.

Gangnam Style Vs Call Me Maybe

By Geovanna Estrada

These songs were very popular during 2012 after the two artists behind them were viewed by millions on YouTube, this helped them reach stardom. Both very different, Carly Rae Jepsen's "Call Me Maybe" talks about the feelings that come with having a new crush, while South Korean musician Psy's "Gangnam Style" is a Korean neologism that refers to a lifestyle associated with the Gangnam District of Seoul. "Gangnam Style" has been viewed over 917 million times, surpassing that of recognized artist Justin Bieber's song "Baby". They were heard all over the radio and were nominated for awards. "Gangnam Style" has been performed and featured in the Madison Square Garden, The Ellen DeGeneres Show, The Today Show, and Samsung commercials. On September 20th, 2012, it was recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the most liked video in YouTube History. It also won Best Video at the MTV Europe Music Awards.

"Call me maybe" hasn't been left behind either; its attained commercial success worldwide. After gaining the top position in Canada, Jepsen became the fifth Canadian artist to do so in her home country since 2007. In the United States, her track reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100 and the Pop Songs chart. The song is the first number one by a Canadian female artist on the Billboard Hot 100 chart since 2007's "Girlfriend" by fellow Canadian artist Avril Lavigne. With worldwide sales of over 10 million copies, "Call Me Maybe" is one of the best-selling digital singles of all time. As part of promotion for the song, the singer has performed the track on The Ellen DeGeneres Show, where she made her US television debut, and at the 2012 Billboard Music Awards. "Call Me Maybe" has been covered by several artists, including Katy Perry, Kelly Clarkson, Fun, Big Time Rush, R5, Lil Wayne, Ben Howard, Nickelback, Cody Simpson, etc. and parodied by the Cookie Monster. "Call Me Maybe" was nominated for two Grammy Awards, for Song of the Year, and Best Pop Solo Performance at the 55th Annual ceremony, which will be held on February 10, 2013.

These two artists performed all over the U.S.; their songs got so much attention they were featured on hit shows such as Glee and Dancing With the Stars. On Glee, Gangnam style was performed at sectionals by a group called the New Directions on Thanksgiving in the eighth episode of the fourth season. Although the performances were okay it still didn't fail to entertain the viewers. As for "Call Me Maybe", it was featured in The New Rachel, which was the first episode of season four. Considering it was a song that had a lot of buzz during the summer, it was a great song to open up the fourth season of the hit show Glee. However, as I mentioned before, this wasn't the only show that noticed the popularity of these two songs; Dancing with the Stars also had their eyes on them. It was "Guilty Pleasures" week on Dancing with the Stars and the year's two biggest viral hits were the center of attention. It was between Team Gangnam Style and Team Call Me Maybe to show the audience who had the better moves. Both performances blew the crowd away, but the team with the most votes was Team Call Me Maybe. After seeing the impact of these two songs a poll was made online for Hubbard students on which song they thought was better, "Call Me Maybe" or "Gangnam Style"? With a total of 119 votes the winning song according to Hubbard students was...Gangnam Style! Thanks for voting!

Zero Dark Thirty; The (Un)Censored Story?

By Connor Smith

Sadistic terrorist Osama Bin Laden, leader of the 9/11 attacks, was killed in May 2011 by a group of Navy Seals in his compound located in Pakistan. The movie "Zero Dark Thirty" is about how the Navy Seals tracked down and killed Bin Laden, and although everything cannot be released about how he was tracked down, this is based off of everything the general public is allowed to know. In addition to the files and various paperwork about how he was tracked down, this book is also based off of another movie that came out in 2012, Argo.

The movie start off with police tapes playing from the morning of September 11th, 2001, and then cuts forward to an interrogation of a captured terrorist in 2003. Shortly after we meet CIA agent Maya, who has been assigned to find where Bin Laden is. However, with brief moments of action and predictable events by the change in soundtrack, this movie for the most part is about two hours of people doing paperwork and arguing, with little feeling attached to the main character. The last forty five minutes, however, almost make up for it as we meet Seal Team Six, and we feel more relatable to them in ten minutes than we do the people from the CIA in those two hours. Even though just about everyone knows how it's going to end, you almost forget about what happened in real life and actually start to sit at the edge of your seat, especially during the backfire moments. Overall though, I felt this movie could be a little more to the point, and with a run time of two hours and forty five minutes, I'm just glad this wasn't a movie that was split into two parts. It's possible that this movie could've even worked as a television, or highly promoted straight to DVD, movie, but I give it a three and a half out of five stars.

Hubbard Greyhounds Sports

Dancing For Joy

By **Maria Sandoval**

Belly Dance is a club here at Hubbard High School which is an all-girls club dancing to the different cultural music. This year it had a little twist; it went from anyone being able to join to having tryouts for all incoming members. After establishing their group these girls got to work. Their performance this year will be held at the end of the year. The members from previous years help the new girls the best way they can with whatever they might need. The unique thing about these ladies is that they all treat each other with respect and all collaborate or offer their help.

This year's showcase is mostly dedicated to the graduating seniors. Many of the senior girls have been part of Belly Dance since their freshmen year. Clara Padilla, who has been in Belly Dance for three years says, "Belly Dance has helped me in so many ways, I was extremely shy and I had stage fright but it helped me step out of my comfort zone." Clara also added that it took a lot of dedication and effort because from her experience she wasn't a good dancer but at the end she accomplished it. Belly Dance truly brings people together and helps with different scenarios that only help these ladies for the better.



Winners of the Independent Mock Trial Awards and Scholarships.
From Left to Right: Jose Alvarado, Jaritza Verdin, Vivian Solano, Susie Acosta, and Gary Zuniga

Objections, Trials, and Success

Written By Raul Sanchez

On December 1st, 2012, the members of Mr. Fitz's Law II class were taken to John Marshall Law School, located in the south Loop of Chicago, IL, in order to participate in a mock trial. Among them, also participating, were the schools Thornton Fractional North High School, Bloom Trail High School, Rich South High School, and Tinley Park High School. There, each school participated in a trial as attorneys or witnesses in mixed teams of five, all the while competing against other mixed teams for prizes. The event was split into two rounds, one round in which a team would play as the plaintiffs of the case, and another in which the same team would play as the defense against a different team. During these two rounds, students of John Marshall Law School, serving as judges, scored each student and team based on their performance in each of the five roles of the trial. These five roles were Opening Statement, Direct, Cross, Closing Argument, and Witness. After finishing the two rounds, the students waited in a conference room, while the law students who served as the judges of the trial tallied up individual scores and team scores.

In a surprising upset, the students of Hubbard High School, as the only Chicago public high school participating, won almost all of the independent prizes, losing opening statement, and were on the teams that placed first, second, and third place in the mock trial. In addition to a certificate acknowledging their win, the winners of the Independent Mock Trial Prizes and the members of the winning teams were also given scholarships to John Marshall Law School, ranging from 6,000 to 10,000 dollars. Gary Zuniga, the winner of the Independent Mock Trial Award for being a witness, stated "I'm really happy to win this. This scholarship will really help me in my dream to be an attorney. It's what I've always wanted to be since I began taking this class, and this scholarship gives me hope."

While Hubbard High School's Law II class did do exceptionally well at their mock trial, they are in no way finished. Currently, the students of Mr. Fitz's Law II class are hard at work preparing for their upcoming State and City Trials. More work is to come, and the difficulty of the mock trials will only rise and rise. We at the Hubbard Cavalier would like to wish Mr. Fitz and his students congratulations for their win at their recent mock trial, and do wish them the best of luck in their upcoming trials. And on a more personal note, win one for Ol' Mother Hubbard!

An Interview with Coach and P.E. Teacher, Mr. Flavin

By **John Abarca**

- Is this your first year as coach if so why'd you take this position?
FLAVIN: Yes, it's my first year as coach, to be a good motivation to the students.
- Have you ever coached basketball before?
FLAVIN: Yes, I coached 8th grade basketball for two years.
- Who are key players this season?
FLAVIN: Cardell Simmons and Denote Mcreynolds
- What are you expecting from your team this year?
FLAVIN: To come together as a team and continue getting better basketball players and young men.
- If you could improve anything in your squad what would it be?
FLAVIN: For them to be more disciplined, motivated and enthusiastic about the game.

Hubbard: Ready to Deliver the Hot Sauce!

By **John Abarca**

This basketball season Hubbard had an estimate of fifty players attend tryouts on November fifth and sixth and total of thirty made it which would later be split into two teams; junior varsity and varsity, making fifteen player teams. The team has practice every day besides game days and weekends. Hubbard's Basketball Team receives shoes from the school every season this year the team shoes are the Adidas Crazy Light Shadows. "The team is excited this year" clams varsity player Cristian Landeros pointing out their new coach Physical Education teacher Mr. Flavin Cristian Landeros stated "Coach Flavin is a great coach he's real dedicated to his job, he helps us with what we need help in and is passionate about winning just like his team". This season Hubbard's expecting to play 20-25 games. The team seems eager to face rival Kennedy; varsity player Jürgen Thodhori tells us "I'm most excited to face Kennedy because I have friends there that I would love to beat". This year's team looks forward to winning games and making their school proud. They are putting time in the team Quatrel Skanes tells us "I go to practice every day because I love my team and basketballs my passion".

Checkmate!

A Hubbard H.S. Chess

Team Victory

By **Kimberly Trujillo**

Hubbard's Chess Team came victorious in their first match of the season. With Jerry as their coach, Jovany Rivas, Luis Rosaslanda, Jocelyn Martinez, David Hui, Jose Domicc, and Eduardo Mercado were motivated to win. Luis Rosaslanda, a senior, won the first match of the tournament. Jocelyn Martinez, a senior who happens to be the only girl competing in the tournament, won her match. "Practice makes better" and "Don't be afraid to try," are two of many phrases Jerry uses to encourage the students to achieve the goal of winning. The team has been very determined, holding practices every Monday through Friday from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. They have competed against schools such as Kelly High School, Marine Science and Math Academy, and soon Whitney Young High School. So far the chess team has had two tournaments won and one lost. Jerry encourages other students that may be interested in joining chess but is afraid that they feel like they don't have what it takes or think it's only for people who are "intelligent." He says you don't have to be in an honors class nor in an A.P. class to join, you just need to have a head for strategy.

Swimming For Fun

By **Romario Flores**

Coming into this year there weren't high expectations because the pool at Hubbard High School wasn't available due to renovations, therefore the swim team wouldn't have a pool to practice in. So far the boys swim team has met with the following schools so far, Kennedy, Juarez, Little Village and Gage Park. They met with Kennedy on Tuesday, December 4th, 2012. They competed in many races like the 200 yard freestyle, 200 yard individual medley, 50 yard freestyle, 100 yard butterfly, 100 yard freestyle, 500 yard freestyle, 100 yard back stroke and the 100 yard breaststroke. According to the Hubbard swimming team's head coach Robyn Wells, Victor Orozco is one of the best swimmers on the team. He won 1st place in the 100 yard butterfly race and in the 200 yard individual medley. He was the only Hubbard swimmer to win a race in the meet VS Kennedy High School. Their record this season is 2 out of 3. The coaches were also happy to announce that there will be a water polo team for both boys and girls. Further information on the water polo team is yet to be announced.