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Hubbard High School closed due to dangerously cold weather.

NEWS

Sub-Zero Shuts Down CPS

By Angel Arellano & Erik Ayala

On Monday January 6, 2014, the polar vortex gripped most of the nation, forcing schools and businesses to close. Chicago has not seen this kind of weather for over two decades, so it caught everyone by surprise. The extreme cold temperatures caused havoc over the city. Chicago Public schools cancelled classes for Monday and Tuesday. This was the second time CPS has had to cancel classes for students due to the weather in less than 5 years.

Hubbard students' winter vacation was extended when CPS CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett decided the well-being of students was at risk. The fact that many students in the southwest area walk and take public transit to and from school left many of these students vulnerable to the dangerous weather. The decision was made late Sunday when local meteorologists decided the weather would drop to a chilling -15 to -20. Meteorologists advised people to stay inside and avoid unnecessary travel. The

low temperatures also had other dangerous effects such as frostbite that would set into your body with five minutes of outside exposure. The snowstorm made many roads dangerous and difficult to maneuver.

There were some criticism directed at CPS by the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) and parents about the length of time it took to reach a final decision. The parents of many students were confronted with the problem of what they were going to do with their children since school was not in session. Some parents counted on schools remaining open for those that didn't have anywhere to leave their children while they were at work.

CPS students will have to make up the two day of lost instruction. According to CPS, missed instructional days will be made up on March 28th and June 11th which will push summer break back to June 12th.

Losing Hubbard Field

By Maricarmen Avila & Lizzete Garcia

On November 2, 2013, Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced that a new elementary school will be built on what is known as Hubbard Field, a process that will cost an estimated \$35 million and planned to be completed by 2016. Hubbard Field has been used by the Greyhounds for over 25 years and leaves the future of its accessibility in doubt. However, many parents in the community are happy because a new elementary school would relieve overcrowding at Pasteur and Peck elementary schools.

Many students worry about how this will affect our sports teams. Some of Hubbard's sports teams, such as the football, soccer, and softball team, may have to find new areas to practice and have games, making it harder to attend practices because of distance and safety precautions. "I think that the decision to build a new school was inconsiderate towards Hubbard students and will have a lasting negative effect on the student body; we were lucky to have Hubbard Field because it was a short distance from our school and now students will have to travel long distances with their equipment," stated coach Mike Taylor.

Currently there are still many unanswered questions regarding the new school. The Hubbard community wants CPS to keep their promise that the new elementary school will be a neighborhood school and not a charter school. Hubbard also wants use of a secure field for our athletes. Ms. Nancy Wiley, principal, said, "My concern is to be able to get the best benefits for our students; I want what's best for Hubbard."

Ms. Angelica Altamirano, community liason, encourages Hubbard parents to become involved in the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC) which meets every second Tuesday of each month at 5pm in the east lunchroom to give Hubbard a voice in the process that will impact our community.



Hubbard Field at 4150 W. 61st St.

Code Week

By Luis Aguayo & Jose Cardenas

During the Computer Science Education Week, December 9 to December 15, Hubbard participated in the Hour of Code. Hour of Code is dedicated to computer coding and what it can do in the present and also the future. It was started to help promote computer science in the U.S. and increase participation in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education throughout the world. In the year 2020, it is estimated that there will be 1,000,000 more computer science jobs than there are students in the field.

Currently, only 1 out of 10 schools in the U.S. offer computer science classes. Fortunately for Hubbard students, they have the option to take this class and the computer science teachers do not take this for granted. Ms. Dmytrow, Ms. Geenen, and Mr. O'Hara introduced students to Code.org, a website

at introduces what code is and teaches how to code in a fun, engaging way. During the Week of Code, specially trained computer science students introduced coding to students, family and teachers. "The best part was that I was able to teach other teachers how to code," said Karen Gutierrez, Div. 403. "That was a great experience." Students also had the chance to complete all of the Hour of Code lessons which awarded students with prizes such as a 10GB Dropbox space, \$10 in Skype credits, and free game downloads. 800 Hubbard students participated in the Week of Code.

18 Hubbard students were asked to introduce coding to the staff members at CPS headquarters. This opportunity was an honor for the students and their teachers because only three other schools in the city were invited. As one can see, coding is a subject



Hubbard coding specialists train CPS staff.

that should be introduced to everyone. You don't have to be a computer geek to learn as long as you want to be part of a growing career field.



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FAFSA Night

By La'India Cooper

Hubbard High School held FAFSA night on Wednesday, November 20, 2013. It was a night for seniors and their families to learn how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). There were two classrooms one for Spanish speakers only and a classroom for English speakers. The speaker for the Spanish class was Jesus Butierrez and Andres A. Cerrites. The speaker for the English class was Hubbard's college counselor, Ms. Pinter. FAFSA Night is one of the most important days for seniors. Ms. Pinter, the college counselor informed all seniors about what they need to have and do to fill out FAFSA. the school.

There are many different types of financial aid: grants, scholarships, work-study, and loans. There are also many different types of awards such as "The Monetary Award Program" known as MAP, Pell Grant, and Supplements. "Filling out FAFSA is so important because you get money for college from the government that you never have to pay back," said Ms. Pinter. It's very important to apply early for FAFSA because the money runs out fast, especially the MAP grant. The MAP grant runs out the fastest because you are not required to submit high school grades or test scores when applying, it's strictly based on need. "You should apply for FAFSA as soon as you can on January 1st be-

cause money runs out fast," said Ms. Pinter. FAFSA Night is also important to juniors because you find out in advance what you will need to file for financial aid. "You may need your parent's taxes from the year before if they didn't fill out the new ones yet," said Ms. Pinter.

Once juniors get to their senior year, they will be busy with college applications, essays, and more. The last problem you want to have is filling out FAFSA. Knowing what how to apply for FAFSA will be an advantage. Hubbard has had FAFSA Night for the past 3 years and Ms. Pinter is planning on doing it for many more years. If you are a junior, find out what you will need before it is too late. Seniors, start you application as soon as possible!

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Ms. Pinter talks to parents and students about FAFSA.

The Greater Good

By Jacqueline De La Barra & Frida Morales

Every year, the Senior Girls Council arranges a food drive to help families in need. Students are asked to bring either a canned or a nonperishable food item to school, and in return they get to dress out of uniform. Almost every Hubbard student participates in this because most of us already have such items lying around. Ms. Becker is in charge of the food drive. Ms. Becker became the advisor of the SGC back in 2008 in order to keep the tradition going. The food drive has been held every year around Thanksgiving since 1967. The food the SGC collects goes to St. Nicholas Church and the military.

St. Nicholas gives the food they receive to families around the neighbourhood who need it. Jose Velasquez is the one who manages the food that St. Nicholas receives from the Senior Girls Council provide. Mr. Velasquez makes sure families in need receive the meals and has been doing so for nine years. "The food the Senior Girls Council provides feeds at least thirty families," he stated, "the help from the community really does make a difference." Hubbard not only does good for our school, but for our community as well.

The SGC not only helps our community with this food drive, but also helps our country's military. Most of the goods the SGC receive are canned, which is of great convenience. All of the canned goods students bring are eligible to be sent to the military. The SGC sends it to Operation Care Package, an organization that supports our soldiers, veterans, Marines, sailors and airmen through care packages and letters of encouragement. The SGC was able to send a large donation to Operation Care Package, which helped soldiers serving overseas to have a great Thanksgiving.



Hubbard students deliver donations to St. Nicholas Church.



Valentine's Day

Shout-Outs, What Does Valentine's Day Mean to You?



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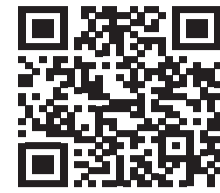
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Othello

By Jennifer Sanchez

On November 1-2, CPS students and teachers came together to perform Shakespeare's *Othello*. Twenty-eight students and teachers from eleven CPS high schools performed *Othello* with professionally designed costumes, sets, and lights on the Chicago Shakespeare stage. Performing at The Chicago Shakespeare Theater were our very own Mauro Garcia, Div. 405, Michelle Garcia, Div. 505, and Ms. Almiladi. They enjoyed the experience of performing on stage and were grateful for the opportunity to participate.

Ms. Almiladi

Why did you want to be a part of Othello?

I was asked by The Chicago Shakespeare Theater, and I thought it would be a great opportunity for the students to be a part of the play especially because Shakespeare is hard to understand, but his themes are universal and apply to everybody.

What was your part in Othello?

I played the part of Emila and Desdemona's (lady in waiting)

What was the biggest challenge you faced in the play?

Because I am a soft spoken, it was hard for me to project my voice in front of the audience.

How long did you have to study your part?

A month

Was it easy remembering your lines?

Yes, because I only had four.

What was your favorite line that you said?

"for jealous men will always be so..."

It explains that although men have no reason to be jealous. They are by nature jealous.

Did you like the costumes they put you in?

Yes

Where you nervous to perform in front of the audience?

Absolutely! I had the fear of forgetting the lines and looking dumb.

Did you make any mistakes while performing live?

Yes, I paused to long between lines.

Overall, did you like the experience?

I loved the overall experience!!

Mauro Garcia

Why did you want to be a part of Othello?

It was a great opportunity to explore new personas.

What was your part in Othello?

I had various parts. I was Lago, Othello, and Cassio.

What was the biggest challenge you faced in the play?

It was probably trying to be different characters in the same play.

How long did you have to study your part?

A month but it was enough time.

Was it easy remembering your lines?

Yeah, I remembered them in like two weeks. It wasn't that difficult.

What was your favorite line that you said?

"Take me from this work with treachery." It was a sarcastic line that really made my character come to life.

Did you like the costumes they put you in?

Yes! I looked like a sexy soldier at a point.

Where you nervous to perform in front of the audience?

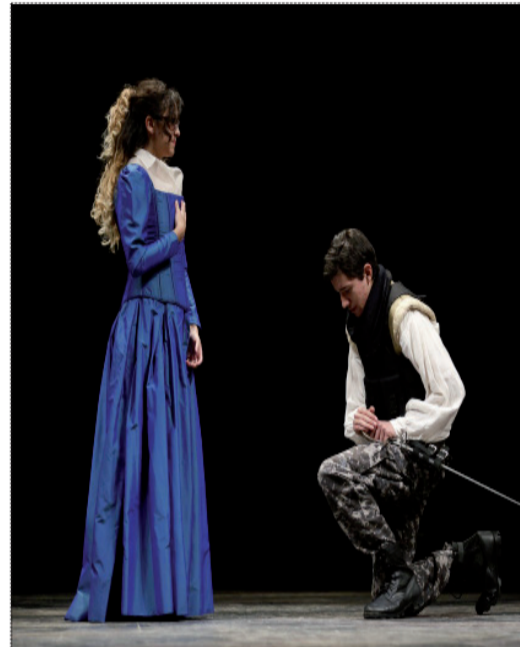
No I wasn't nervous at all, I was very confident.

Did you make any mistakes while performing live?

Nope.

Overall, did you like the experience?

Yes, it was a great experience and it will help me if the future.



Mauro Garcia (left), Michelle Garcia (above), and Ms. Almiladi (right) perform at the Shakespeare Theatre in *Othello*.



Winter Comfort Food

By Pablo Alarcon

Over winter break, many different restaurants brought out their winter dishes for people to enjoy. I took the time to go around my neighborhood and try the local restaurant dishes.

The first restaurant I decided to try was Gorditas Santiago on 63rd and Hamlin. This restaurant is a small, but not crowded, restaurant where they have good food for the right price. The holiday dish I tried here was the tamales. Tamales are made from corn dough and basically any type of meat. The person that came up with the tamales on the menu is the owner. She said "I want my restaurant to be as authentic as possible." I asked her how many people come in to order the tamales and she answered "around 30, but I sell most of them in the morning." She would recommend the tamales because they are warm, moist, and the best in the area. The cost of this holiday dish \$1.50 for each tamale and if the customer wants extra toppings, such as lettuce or sour cream, it is an additional .50 cents. Anyone can try to make the tamales on their own, but as

I have seen the cooks prepare them, it's quite a time consuming process. Other restaurants have a similar holiday dish but if you live around the area, this is the spot. On a scale from 1-10, I would rate the tamales a 9.

The next restaurant was El Solazo on 56th street on South Pulaski Road. This little restaurant is well known by people around the neighborhood. I had their Caldo De Res. This holiday dish is a deliciously warm soup. What this restaurant adds to their Caldo De Res are carrots, pumpkin, and a variety of different vegetables. Not only does this soup have veggies but it also contains meat: either chicken or beef. The chef added this holiday dish to the menu because he knew that with the cold weather, many customers would enjoy nothing a nice, warm soup. The soup is \$4.25 and comes in either a medium or a large bowl. The most popular time for

this dish is around December and January. On a scale from 1-10, I give it an 8. The "caldo" was decent, and I would definitely recommend this restaurant to anyone.

The panaderia La Fiesta on 64th and Pulaski carries the best holiday bread in town. The type of bread I tried is called La Rosca De Reyes; this bread is very warm and soft to eat. The bread carries Mexican candy and cinnamon on top and a toy is set in the middle of it. If the person gets the toy he/she has to cook on a specific day for the entire family. The bread is \$5 and feeds up to 20 people. The owner of this bakery takes around 50 minutes to make 5 of them. Not everyone can bake this because its very time consuming, and it's a lot of dough to buy. This bakery is worth going to because they have good Rosca as well as a wide variety of other delicious Mexican pastries.



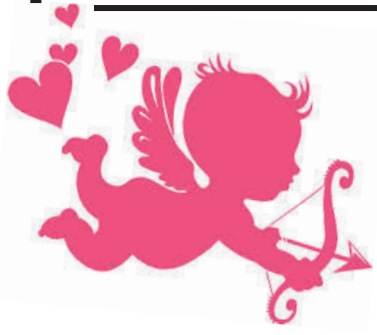
Tamales from Gorditas Santiago



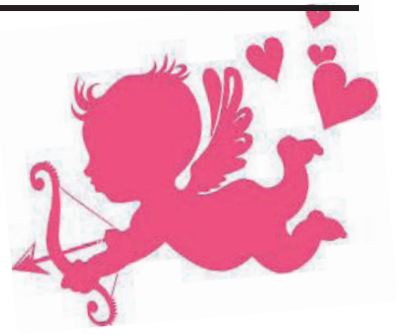
Caldo de Rez from El Solazo



Rosca De Reyes from La Fiesta



Valentine's Day 2014



Valentine's Day

By Marlene Maya

Valentine's Day is the day to spread the love and exchange affectionate gifts with one another. Whether you are in a relationship or not, on Valentine's Day you should still go out and have a great time. Spending quality time with a loved one is a great way to show your affection. Quality time could be going out to eat or having a nice dinner at home, cuddling with your significant other and watching a movie and try to avoid distractions because the point is for them to see just how devoted you are to them.

Making a homemade card for someone is a great idea because the card will have more meaning if it is created instead of bought. You can use your own words to describe the person you are giving it to or you can create a poem or note of appreciation. Try giving candy, chocolate and sweets. You might be getting something for a classmate: a small box of chocolates or candy would make a great gift.

Who says that people need a companion for this one day of the year? You can enjoy Valentine's Day alone. Treat yourself to a long bubble bath or take a long drive and enjoy the view. You don't even need to go out; you can stay in and watch sports or a movie.



Couple Maritza Martinez and Fernando Mora pose for a memorable photo.

Maritza Martinez, Div. 401, & Fernando Mora, Div. 409

Q: What is your opinion on Valentine's Day?

A: It's annoying, red everywhere and bunch of hearts. I like the statement of it but it's a made up holiday, I would prefer to not celebrate it.

Q: What would you say is the main point of Valentine's Day?

A: Being with the other person the whole day. Valentine's Day is just about being with the person you love and letting them know how much you love them.

Q: What would be your dream Valentine's date?

A: Have a picnic in the park in Miami. Not spending money!

Q: Give our readers some tips about how they can have more fun on this special day!

A: Guys don't have to buy anything, and don't use Valentine's Day as an excuse to get with a bunch of girls. Put a shout on the Hubbard Cavalier.



Mr. George poses for a picture during his interview.

Mr. George and Valentine's Day

Q: What is your opinion on Valentine's Day?

A: Valentine's Day is strange because we choose to celebrate love in one of the coldest months of the year, but any opportunity to show the person that you love that you are thinking about them is always nice.

Q: What will you do this Valentine's Day?

A: Going to a nice restaurant and maybe watch a movie; something very simple.

Q: Weirdest Valentine's Day you have ever had?

A: At the zoo, I was invited to have a dinner at Brookfield Zoo. I was about 22 years old and everyone else was 40 years and more, so it was a bit strange, but we made the best of it!

Q: What shouldn't Valentine's Day be?

A: Commercialized!

Valentine's Day Shoutouts

Andre you are the love of my life I will always Love you. Stay just the way you are and never change love. 9~9~13 A+A forever.

From Jonathan Cervantez To: Nancy Alcantar
It's been 3 years since I known you, and I always felt something towards you. This year we actually have a thing and I would like to call you my GirlFriend. So the question is...

WOULD YOU GO OUT WITH ME NANCY???

To: Jose Munoz
Message: You're my hunny bun sugar plum
From: jesssica<3

To: Evelyn Flores

I just wanted to say that I Love You babe ! <3. You mean the world to me

From Amy Sanchez
Happy Valentine's Day to my Valentine for the past three Valentines, Fabian Ortiz. I want to thank you for the promise ring, its beautiful, I love you.

This one goes out to Mr. Chae. Thank you for being such a qt π. ;)

I'd like to give a shout out to the girl with the blue eyes who I pass in the hallway everyday. Your eyes inhibit me, mesmerize me, makes me feel stronger, faster, enamored to the very core! Please notice me.

Erik, Francisco, and Uva. I love you babes! - Alexandra Romo

Amber Ortiz i love you ! My buddy ;)!

To: Tania Chavez
How to be brave how can i love when im afriad to fall but watching you stand alone all of my doubt suddenly goes away somehow
From: Giovanni

Dear Daisy,
I love you! You're my one and only. If we don't get to spend Valentines Day together, I'll make it up to you. I promise. Well that's my mini message to you. I'll see you later, cute stuff.

Shoutout to Mr. Fitz for being the best leprechaun I've ever met. You're a great law teacher too :))

Shout Out to Young Laura Duran! She is awesome an out going! as well shout out to everybody who knows Raul!

I thought happiness started with an H. Why does mine start with U?... just kidding my happiness is pizza c;

shot out to Lidia! She's awesome and great and pure awesomeness! thank you for letting me use your ventra card.

To my favorite class,
You make a Monday feel like Saturday.
Mr. Chae

Hubbard Brings Out the Jazz Ensemble

By Fernando Mora

On December 11th 2013, the Hubbard band had its winter concert; the school was filled with various genres of music played by the different bands taught by Mr. Stahlberg and Mr. Benson.



This year, the new Hubbard Jazz Ensemble, led by Mr. Benson, opened up the show with jazzy Christmas songs. The Jazz Ensemble performed two songs: *Mercy, Mercy, Mercy* and *Who Let the Elves Out*. The ensemble began the concert with energy and momentum. *Mercy, Mercy, Mercy* was played with enthusiasm by all members of the ensemble; the song also included two solos, one from the pianist Andre Morales (Div. 412) and the other solo from trombone player Fernando Mora (Div. 409). The Jazz Ensemble

kept the Christmas joy and energy going with *Who Let the Elves Out*. Two jazz players stole the show with their solos: saxophone player Fernando Olaguez (Div. 412) and trumpet player Emanuel Magana (Div. 506).

Mr. Benson started the Jazz Ensemble in November with rehearsals held on Wednesdays for an hour. Within that time, the band was able to perfect both songs just in time for the winter concert. The Jazz Ensemble consists of five saxophone players, four trumpet players, four trombone players, a piano player, a bass player, and a drummer. For weeks, the Jazz Ensemble practiced their music while learning music for the other bands they would join on stage later such as the advanced and intermediate bands. The ensemble had their last rehearsal just a few days before the concert. They made last minute adjustments in the songs and used that time to perfect their set list.



The Jazz Band performing for the first time

The Jazz Ensemble was a great addition to the band lineup; it showed the school that the band still has a few new tricks up its sleeve. Hubbard can't wait to see more performances from the ensemble.



Advanced choir sing the advanced selections chose for this Winter Concert.

Chorus Winter Concert

By Maria Delarosa & Beatriz Benitez

The Hubbard chorus seem to get better every year with their songs and beautiful voices. The Hubbard choir students practice every day to make sure their concert is performed perfectly, and Ms. Quattrin did a great job in preparing her students. This year we were graced with such great songs like *Siyahamba*, *Prayer*, *Mary Had a Baby*, *Blow Blow Thou Winter Wind*, *Glory To God in the Highest*, *Riu Riu Chiu*, *Ubi Caritas*, *Joy to the World*, and *Nutcracker Jingles*.

Jennifer Calderon, Div. 705

Why did you join chorus?

I joined chorus because I love singing. I heard it's a great class and also that Mrs. Quattrin is a great chorus teacher.

What do you like about chorus?

What I like about chorus is how we all sing together and also not to be shy.

What don't you like about chorus?

Honestly, I have to say I like everything about chorus. I don't have any dislikes.

What is your favorite song to sing in chorus?

My favorite song to sing in chorus *SIA Humba*.

How do you feel about singing in front

of the whole class?

I was shy at the beginning of the school year, but now I am more comfortable around my classmates. I feel like I am singing alone in my room.

Would you recommend Chorus to people to join?

Yes, I would recommend it. It's a really good class to take, and it takes you out of your comfort zone.

Would you join the class next year?

Yes, I would join chorus all my high school years. It's so much fun!

When you leave out of Hubbard will you still sing?

Yes, I enjoy singing!

Winter Band Concert



Mr. Benson conducts the advanced band.

By Maria Esquivel

On December 11, 2013, the annual winter band concert was held bringing freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors all together on one stage. The first band performance to go up on stage was the jazz band who enlightened us with *Mercy Mercy Mercy* and *Who Let the Elf's Out* which were conducted by Mr. Benson.

Following the jazz band was beginning band entertaining us with a well-known piece, *Jingle Bells* conducted by Mr. Stahlberg. Although beginning band let out a few squeaks out, it was still refreshing to see new faces who are willing to learn how to play an instrument. The band teachers did a good job preparing students, knowing that they have no experience what so ever playing any instruments, and in less than a month, students were able to play a few notes out of their instrument.

The intermediate band performed and they were fantastic, and they showed what they're made of. Just into their second year of playing their instruments, they can assure you that they have mastered it.

The advance band had an amazing performance! Performing four songs *Metrix*, *Jungle Dance*, *Baby It's Cold Outside*, and *Feliz Navidad*. They left us speechless and humming along to their songs. They did an fantastic job.

The most awaited band was the Hubbard marching band who, as soon as they marched in, left the crowd wondering about the songs they were going to play. The after school band performed *Get Lucky* by Daft punk and *Can't Hold Us* by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis. The crowd went wild once they heard the two singles from the radio and they couldn't help singing and dancing along, leaving everyone wanting more.

2013 In Review

The results of the polls on the thehubbardcavalier.com

Best Movie



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Catching Fire
33.78 %

Top Artist



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Lady Gaga
57.79 %

Top T.V Show



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Breaking Bad
60%

Top Music Video



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Robin Thicke // Blurred Lines
42.87 %

Best Song



Lorde // Royals
64.71 %

Movie Review: Catching Fire

By Jose Cardenas

On November 22nd, the second installment of *The Hunger Games* trilogy, *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*, opened in theaters and it's safe to say it was worth the year long wait.

Fans were left with the victors Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) and Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson) heading back home after enduring the wretched games. Katniss and Peeta have become a "beacon" of hope in the 12 Districts, apparent throughout their victors' tour of Panem. President Snow (Donald Sutherland) noticed a rebellion starting to rise, and with the help of the new game maker, they hatched a plan to bring this new hope down. They plan to do so by killing the District 12 victors and anyone else who might want to rebel. Katniss and Peeta find themselves, once again, in an arena fighting for their lives but this time the games had a different atmosphere around it.

Catching Fire is a step up from its predecessor. While the *Hunger Games* did spark a flame in audiences everywhere, it had its flaws. A major problem with the first film was its shaky filming. I don't recall a single still shot in the *Hunger Games*. Thankfully with a new director, *Catching Fire* goes for a more traditional route with its filming, keeping the camera steady and having camera movement when

needed. This improvement can be credited to fan and critic complaints. *Catching Fire's* bigger budget, which comes as no

surprise with the success of *The Hunger Games*, was amazing for the film because it had to bring that wow factor the books gave its readers. One must remember that *Catching Fire* is more of a transitional film leading up to the big two part finale in *Mocking Jay*. I believe this film did just that. With great writers behind the helm, *Catching*

Fire leaves a perfect track for the next two films and leaves fans wanting more.

What I loved most about the film was the acting. With returning cast members comfortably nailing every aspect of their characters, it opens up doors to the audience to actually enjoy a story and not just a battle between children. Jennifer Lawrence is my favorite aspect of this movie, not just because of her looks, but because of her take on Katniss. Katniss goes through a lot in this movie, not only physically but mentally, as she tries to deal with the new hope she has brought to the districts. Lawrence doesn't hesitate to show this in her performance, and it makes the movie experience even better.

In essence, *Catching Fire* was everything I expected. A good film that left me entertained and craving more. It's a film that should not be missed by anyone.



FIFA World Cup 2014

By Francisco Guzman

In 2014, the soccer universe will be soon celebrating the FIFA World Cup, one of the most anticipated sporting events in the world. This World Cup will be hosted by the one and only Brazil. The 5-time World Cup champions will finally play at the home of their journey as champions. Clearly they're the favorites to win this year's cup, but defending champions, Spain, will not let go of their crown so easily. Standing in their way are 30 other international teams that want it just as badly. The list includes Germany, Argentina, Netherlands, Uruguay, and Mexico. The inauguration of the Cup will be on June 11, 2014 with Brazil vs. Croatia in Sao Paulo.

TEAMS			
ARG	AUS	BEL	BIH
BRA	CHI	CIV	COL
CRO	ECU	ENG	ESP
FRA	GER	GHA	GRE
HON	IRN	ITA	JPN
KOR	MEX	NED	NGA
POR	RUS	SUI	URU
USA			

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
Brazil	Spain	Colombia	Uruguay
Croatia	Netherlands	Greece	Costa Rica
Mexico	Chile	Côte d'Ivoire	England
Cameroon	Australia	Japan	Italy

GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
Switzerland	Argentina	Germany	Belgium
Ecuador	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Portugal	Algeria
France	Iran	Ghana	Russia
Honduras	Nigeria	USA	Korea Republic

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As you can see the World Cup consists of 32 international teams 4 in each group. Having 8 Groups can lead to many possibilities on teams advancing but sadly not all will advance, only the top 2 teams will advance to the round of 16. Afterwards is the Quarter final with only 8 Teams advancing. Twelve Stadiums will be used to house the games..

The end to this tournament will be on July 13, 2014, with its World Cup champion. Just as amazing as it is to host the World Cup this year, it also comes along with their own set of problems and consequences. The nation of Brazil is very behind with their stadium remodeling. They have only managed only to complete 53.8% of 12 stadiums. The host team has never had such a low percentage of uncompleted work since Germany in 2006 when they had 58.6% completion. Brazil have surely been faced with many problems including a crane accident that killed 2 workers. Even with of these sad news, it is expected that the construction and preparation will be completed by the time of inauguration. Joseph Blatter President of FIFA- has expressed that he has faith that the people of Brazil will complete their work, and host the best World Cup.

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug



By Amber Ortiz

If you loved the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, then you will definitely love *The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug*. The reason why you should go see this movie as soon as you can is because this movie grabs your attention from beginning to end; not many movies can do that today. The first movie had the hard part of introducing the story and building the characters. This movie had nothing to hold back. Each scene was more fascinating than the last.

Here is a little secret: there is a reason why only bits and pieces of Smaug (the dragon) were shown in previews. In the movie, Bilbo says that "the tales fall short of his magnificence" and I couldn't have said it any better myself. My jaw dropped the moment I saw Smaug. The voice of Smaug, Benedict Cumberbatch, was the cherry on top of this amazing dragon. His voice sent chills down my spine.

I was anxious for Legolas (Orlando Bloom) to be introduced, and the "She-Elf" (inside joke for those who've seen it), and Tauriel (Evangeline Lilly) was just a beautiful creation. The elf fight scenes were just awesome!

Peter Jackson, the director of *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*, did an outstanding job of bringing the book to life. He worked miracles with special effects just as he did with the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. Although the first movie was a bit too long and boring, this isn't the case here. If you thought *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* left you on a cliff hanger, watch *The Desolation of Smaug*. You won't be disappointed.

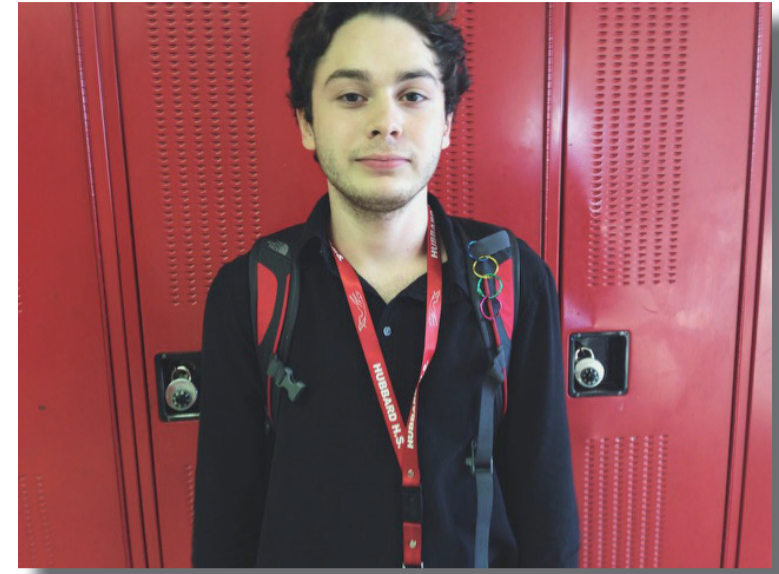
Does Anyone Listen?

By Frida Morales

In the beginning of the school year, Hubbard had the daily announcements at the end of the day, while last year the announcements were made during division in the morning. There have been many complaints about the announcements. Many students state that they should make announcements in the morning because students don't listen to them anymore or don't pay attention to them because all they're thinking at the end of the day is going home. Some actually enjoy listening to them at the end of the day. This caused controversy throughout the school because students want to be aware of sports, clubs, programs, etc. I think it's important to inform students about what is happening in the school and direct them where they need to go if they need any help.

I interviewed two seniors regarding their opinions on announcements. Paola Ascencio, Div. 404, said, "I think they should announce them with more amusement since now they decided to announce them in the morning. They should say a motivated quote after they are done announcing them. I prefer hearing the announcements in the morning because some students, like myself, who are in a working program don't get to hear them if they are announced at end of the day." Joel Contreras, Div. 411, said, "My opinion on the announcements is that I like them. I like how they assign Mr. Lyles to make the announcements; I like it when he says 'Cha cha cha.' They give good announcements, and I prefer them at the end of the day, so I won't forget them."

With the start of a new year, they decided to do the announcements in the morning and at the end of the day. It seems that Hubbard has now fixed this controversy about the announcements and everyone is satisfied.



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We Just Want To Eat!

By Erik Rodriguez

For the past few weeks, students have been called down to the auditorium for assemblies before lunch. These assemblies can last anywhere from ten to fifteen minutes. Students are brought down to be lectured for coming tardy to school and being tardy to class. These assemblies wouldn't exist if Hubbard's students were more punctual.

I think we should all be responsible enough to go to class on time so that we wouldn't have to sit down on those uncomfortable auditorium seats. I think we can all agree that these assemblies are

avoidable. I for one get really hungry after sitting in classes while thinking about the best part of the day: lunch. I don't know about you guys, but I just want to eat. So let's just do what we're supposed to do so we won't have to go through these annoying assemblies day after day. Until we start getting here on time, these assemblies will just keep on going. **Be responsible!**

The Pros and Cons: Four Year vs. Two Year

By Jacqueline De La Barrera

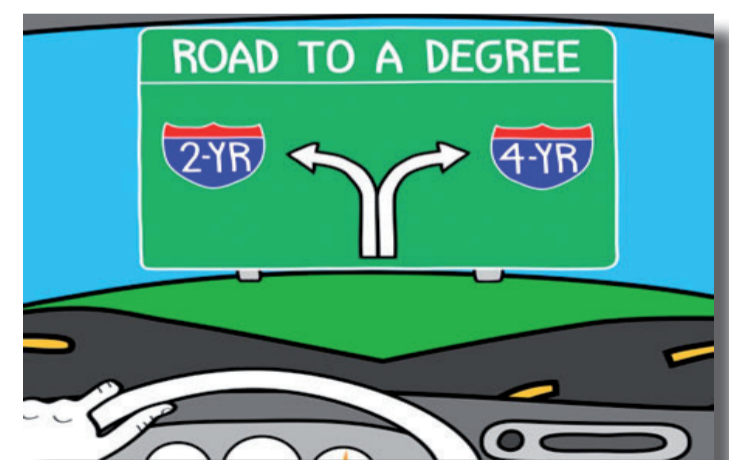
A two year college or a four year college? There are many differences between the two. Four year colleges are usually talked about more, but most people end up going to a two year college, and then transferring to a four year. Benefits of going to a two year college include: saving money, a chance to raise your GPA, and increasing your chances of getting accepted into a four year university of your choice. Institutions are usually bigger, and offer student housing. They also have more scholarship opportunities for incoming freshmen. Choosing between the two may not be easy; make sure you choose one that is best suited for you.

Two year colleges aren't as boring as people think. Sometimes, you're limited to new experiences and people as most of the people from your graduating class end up going to the same school. In many cases, people enjoy being with familiar faces because they feel a bit comfortable and aren't as scared to step into this new stage of their lives. Many people end up going to a community college due to financial troubles. Community college is much cheaper and gives you a chance to gain a better education without all the debt. The average cost of a public college is \$13,600 which is much cheaper compared to the average cost of a four year university. Choosing your classes

for community college can be very stressful. Most require you to go down to the school and wait in line to fill out your schedule. Waiting in line may be annoying, but just think of all the money you'll be saving! Graduating from a community college earns you your associate's degree. Remember, you can always transfer to a four year university to earn a higher degree.

Universities has always been more attractive to undergraduates. There's the sororities and fraternities, the parties, and the feeling of independency. Most colleges let you choose your classes online in the coziness of your own home. Of course, four year college they have cons. Four year colleges are usually more expensive, thus drowning you in debt. The average cost of a private university is \$36,300. For students, money for college will be an issue whether they receive scholarships based on academics and extracurricular activities. Some of the teachers here at Hubbard say they are still paying off their college debts! Many say you can't put a price on knowledge, but some may beg to differ. Graduating from a four year will earn you a bachelor's degree, but this can also be gained if all credits are transferred from a two year college.

Whichever college you choose to attend to, make sure you commit to it. Going to college is serious; you can lose a lot of money if



you aren't aware of what you're doing and may not even earn a degree. It's one of the most important things you can have in life. It may not be free, but it's extremely useful. The average salary of a four year college graduate is \$55,700 while the average high school graduates will earn \$33,800. A degree from either college will help you when looking for a job, and remember, the higher the degree, the better the job. Just because college isn't a game, it doesn't mean it can't be fun. Whichever college you choose to attend, make sure you enjoy every second of it, and gain not only educational, but also life experience.



Hubbard Competitive Teams



Lady Greyhounds

By Charles Allen

The girls basketball team is off to a rocky start this season. Their record this season is 3-6, and they are looking to improve as the season keeps continues. The girls feel if they keep practicing hard every day and becoming more of a team, they will be able to win more games. The Lady Greyhounds have a lot of pride, and they want to be have the best record this year. Everyone should go out and support the Lady Greyhounds and cheer them on the rest of the season.

I interviewed the team captain Angelica Carrera, Div 409, and Coach E.

Q & A

Angelica Carrera

Q: What does the Lady Greyhounds mean to you?

A: Win or lose, I've been a Lady Greyhound since freshmen year, so I guess you can say it means a lot to me.

Q: How would you say you feel about your teammates?

A: I get mad at them a lot because they don't always seem to have their head in the game, but we're a team and we have our days.

Q: What was your greatest and worst win out of all four years?

A: My greatest win was the first game we won this year because we were down by 15 and we came back and won by three. My worst game was sophomore year because I scored a buzzer beater 3 to tie the game up and send it to overtime, but we ended up losing.

Q: Who would you say your rivals are?

A: I would have to say Kelly and Kennedy.

Q: Is there room for improvement and how can you improve the team since you're the captain?

A: There is a lot of room for improvement; we just need to learn how to play as a team. We need to play strong and the girls need to stop being scared, and if we play as a team I think we could win every game.

Coach E.

Q: How do think the season is going?

A: Well, right now we are off to a bad start because sometimes the girls just don't know what they're doing out there and they just get lost during the game sometimes, but I know they are always trying their best each and every game.



Girls basketball team practicing their free throws.

Q: What is special about the group of girls that are on the team?

A: To me, the thing that is special about this group of girls is that they have a lot of pride in them and a never quit attitude and that no matter how much their down by or up by, they always give a great effort so that is what's special about this group.

Greyhounds Pin Opponents



Wrestling team hungry for wins.

By Willie Clay

The Greyhounds wrestling team are off to a phenomenal start halfway through the season. Junior wrestler, Brandon Pettis and senior wrestler De-onte Collins are the leaders of the pack, dominating all competition that steps on the wrestling mat. Brandon Pettis stated "Overall, the season is going good for me and the rest of my team. Practices really help us a lot because we basically have a meet almost every two days. Somehow, we all find ways to bring out this extra gear whenever we compete. In my eyes, we are all a bunch of grinders because we grind every obstacle out."

Coach Boyd stated his confidence in his team. "The season this year has been a big improvement since last year. You can tell that there is a huge difference within my wrestlers by their attitude and demeanor before every wrestling match. I believe that we can do something spectacular this year with all the talent we have."

Swim Team Rebuilds



Boys swim team poses for picture during practice.

By Fernando Cuevas

This year, the boys swim team has many new swimmers because many varsity swimmers graduated last year. However, the new swimmers have much potential according to Coach Jay. He stated that he sees this year as more of a rebuilding year since there are so many new swimmers.

I spoke with the team co-captains, David Ponce, Div. 412, and Abraham Ruiz, Div. 408, and they are already really close with the new swimmers stating that the team is like another family to them.

The coach and the captains feel good about this year's team. So far, they are 2-3 and have only a few more meets to go. The team's motto is "Practice like it's competition and compete like it's practice." The captains also stated they are looking forward to winning the JV Championship for a third time. The captains want their fellow teammates to improve and have fun.

NO GUTTERS!!

By Alexandra Romo

The boys and girls bowling teams are on their game to make the most of their season. Both teams made a great impression last year when the boys team finished in 12th place city-wide and the girls landing in 7th for the 2013 bowling season. Knowing that they ended on a good note last season, will this season have any better expectations?

"Compared to last year, I would have to say that as a team we are more motivated to win," says the captain of the girls' bowling team, Rebecca Rehak (Div. 409). As both teams strive to win their matches, they must stay motivated for what the future may hold.

Of course, if the team members have the mindset of winning, without a doubt the coaches will think the same. As we asked Coach Virginia Garcia on her main goal for the teams this year, she simply answered, "For them to win!" Those four words make it quite clear of the expectations for both teams this season, in addition to making it to the playoffs.

As the season is still young, the teams have only had three matches. While they are waiting for their match days, the teams practice at Lawn Bowl on Pulaski and 68th Street. They are able to relax while at practices since everyone gets to bond and spend time with each other as team. "Something unique about this year's team is that everyone gets along and



Captains Rebecca Rehak and Geovanny Zavalla share a laugh during practice.

has background history as friends," states Rebecca.

In the meantime, the expectations of the teams lie in the future since the season is only partially over. We can only wait and see for what they have in store this season and expect an even better outcome for their next game.

Debaters in Action

By Jessica Martinez

For the first time in years, debate is offered as a class and no longer as an after school club. Mr. Glascoff is in charge of the debate team along with Dr. Nash. The debate team began at Hubbard as an after-school club.

What is debate? Debate is a process in which one party organizes an argument and defends it with reasoning and facts, while another party attempts to disprove your argument with counter-arguments. Debate can be fun, yet challenging and required much preparation and practice. "I love my debate class. They amaze me because they come to class every day and talk about federal government, and that's not an average everyday teen conversation. They get excited over just arguing, and that is something I love to see," said Mr. Glascoff.

The students of the debate class work in pairs and take a trip each month to different schools to compete against other schools. During these tournaments, debaters are presented with four different cases with different topics. Debate isn't as easy as it sounds since the team has to debate for two straight days! Sometimes the debaters get surprised with new cases thrown at them, but that doesn't stop them from winning.

Debate has been a presence at Hubbard for quite some time, and this has been a record year with many awards and recognition. So far, the team have one a total of 14 plaques and many individual medals. Liliana Martinez, Div. 409, and her partner Gabriel Cordova, Div. 503, Aiden Lira, Div. 511, and Felicia Marsiglio, Div. 504 won second place for city at DePaul. Cristian Estrada, Div. 404, won the Robin Williams award for best debater. This is meaningful because the award is named after our own Ms. Williams, who was a strong supporter of the debate club. Our judges, Dr. Nash and Mr. Glascoff, have also won prizes as to being the best judges in tournaments. "Debate has been a learning experience for me. After every tournament, you come out looking at things in every possible aspect. It is extremely fun being challenged to your brains best ability," said Liliana Martinez, Div. 409. "Debate has been amazing and life changing. Because of it, I have met a lot of people," said Vanessa Acosta, Div. 402. This year's debate team have shown so much progress that Hubbard will continue to offer the debate class for years to come.



The debate team poses for a team picture while attending a meet.