

ELITE NEWS

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HUM 3 Holiday Mixer By Kiara Brown & Jermaine Gentles

The Holiday Mixer was a school event meant to bring joy to kids at the Coney Island Hospital Pediatrics Center. Students and their families donated money or a gift to enter the event. It was a good feeling to see the middle school students and high school students at the Holiday Mixer with their parents and friends. The Student Ambassadors, Student Government, and select staff were very supportive and empowered to participate in this newest of HUM III events. The middle school and high school families that were invited were very happy and enjoying the different activities (Gingerbread house decorating, photo booth, games, food, performances, etc.) We look forward to more community events in the school. We will be opening up the Student Ambassador program to more students who want to do positive things for the school community and culture.

A MESSAGE FROM SANTA: The holiday mixer I went to was so eventful. It was filled with the smiles of friends and families gathered together to celebrate one of the most wonderful times of the year. It was fun seeing how many people wanted to take pictures with me. To be honest, I loved the cookies...too bad they didn't have any milk!



Nursing Home Visit Holiday Showcase By Caitlyn Cox



On December 20th, 2018, Humanities III paid Sheepshead Nursing and Rehabilitation Center a visit. Senior citizens were able to get a feel of the holiday spirit through various performances and even a surprise early visit from Santa Clause (Jermaine Gentles). Performances were made by the Hum III Dance Team, Cherise Bethel (visual arts), Paris Clarke (vocals), Caitlyn Cox (piano), Rolyzy Daize (vocals), Monty Erskine (spoken word) and Carlo Guervil (comedy). This act of kindness was developed by Ms. Harper aka Coach Rainbow. Accompanied by Ms. Harper was Ms. Hassan. During this experience, unknown talents were exposed and by the time the show was over, there were nothing but smiles. Someone even won a painting created ON THE SPOT! Humanities III is full of talent that should not only be presented to the youth, but to our elders from where it originated. Some of the attendees agreed about the positivity of this event:

Coach Rainbow - "Well for starters, I wanted to give back to the people who don't receive love around the holidays and second, I wanted to provide the dance team an opportunity to hone their skills."

Jermaine - "I had mixed feelings because I was able to dance and move around in front of people who cannot move by themselves. It did make me happy though because I was able to brighten their spirits around the holidays."

Neffy - "It was fun. The old people were adorable and funny. Overall, I'm glad they liked the performance and I was able to give back to the community."

Tea Time Talks *By Cherise Bethel*

Who:
All HUM III students and staff are invited.

When & Where:
Thursdays at 4:15pm in Ms. Cryer's Room (309)

What:
In Tea Time Talks, we drink a different type of tea every week and we talk about different things such as what's going on around the world, our personal lives, and we also talk about the benefits of what that type of tea does. In the past we have also taken part in our own secret santa, written cards to people we cherish in our lives, created different arts and crafts, and played a variety of games.

How do members feel about it?
"I really enjoy drinking different type of tea and engaging with friends."
Rose Bruny

"I really enjoy interacting with different people and learning more about the people we see in the hallways, it helps give you a different outlook on certain situations you may be going through."
Cherise Bethel



Why:
Attending Tea Time is a great way to just feel relaxed and enjoy the company of people around you that you may not experience in classes. It also helps you break away from your shell and become a more open person.

Body Conditioning *By Skytasia Morrison*

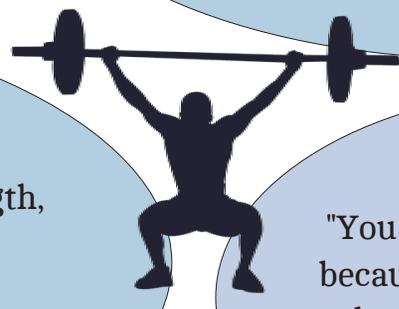
Who:
All HUM III students and staff are invited.

When & Where:
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 4:15pm in the Weight Room

What:
Body Conditioning is a group conducted by director Mr. Reiter. It's where members workout and learn about different exercises, such as weightlifting and boxing, to improve their knowledge about the human body.

How do members feel about it?
"I enjoy working out because it increases my strength, stamina and other physical aspects."
Anonymous

"I like to be physically active to better myself."
Geovanni Joseph



Why:
"You should join body conditioning because it would provide you with a happy, healthy lifestyle and the drive you would need to maintain that lifestyle." (Mr. Reiter)

Upcoming School Events

- Monday, February 4th-Tuesday, February 12th: Valentine's Day Candy Gram Sales
- Tuesday, February 5th: Lunar New Year (NO SCHOOL)
- Friday, February 15th: Black History Month Showcase (6th Period)
- Monday, February 18th-Friday, February 22nd: Mid-Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)
- Wednesday, March 6th-Friday, March 8th: Trimester 2 Final Exams
- Friday, March 15th: End of Trimester 2
- *Additional events and activities TBA**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Class Spotlight *Compiled By Ms. Baurle*

Every day HUM III scholars are engaged in a variety of lesson activities and projects to practice and hone in on their content knowledge and skills. Take a look at their hard work:

Ms. Alliance's Particular Topics in Algebra:

Given 3 different systems of equations:

1. Determine and Match each system to the strategy that is most efficient for solving it using structure Graphing Method, Substitution Method, Elimination Method
 2. Explain your reasoning for each match
 3. Create an anchor chart showing how to use each method to solve each matched system
- Be sure to explain/describe each step as you solve



Ms. Osborne's and Ms. Poole's Living Environment Prep:

Students created a "PSA" (Public Service Announcement) on one of the major negative human impacts on the environment, and their suggestions for ways we as humans can reduce this negative impact. Through an online assessment, they also discovered and shared their own ecological footprint, or amount of Earths it would take to sustain everyone if everyone lived like them. Many students were shocked to see how many resources they used! Everyone was able to better see the true impact on the planet we have through our actions, and small actions we can easily take to help make the world a better place.



Ms. Harper's Health Class:

Safe Sex Health Fair

Purpose: To inform the HUM III community about safe sex and the different consequences that can come about from being sexually active; to provide various methods to help prevent the negative consequences from occurring.



Flour Baby Project

Purpose: To allow the students the opportunity to experience some of the responsibilities that are involved in the care of human "babies" as a single parent.



Ms. Baurle's Theatre Arts Class:

Students chose a monologue to analyze, rehearse, and perform in class. They focused specifically on character development by identifying character givens and inferences, developing an entire backstory for their character, and using this information to portray realistic emotions through their movements and voice when performing.



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CONTACT MS. BAURLE (ROOM
302) WITH ALL IDEAS AND
QUESTIONS.**

Basketball Teams Spotlight *By Monte Green*

The Boy's Varsity Basketball team, Girl's Varsity Basketball team, and Boy's Jr. Varsity Basketball team are seen to be a tunnel and bridge for success for students that attend this campus. Many kids were asked why they joined, and the main answers focused on helping them to stay out of trouble and have something to do in their extra time. Many players said that due to basketball it helped them release much stress and actually motivated them to keep up with their grades and get to school on time. Though basketball may take up a lot of time and energy, students persevere and still get their work done before anything else. Students say that though the sports scores may not be very pleasant, playing and enjoying the sport is the main reason they joined. Basketball starts in the winter through the early spring, but many athletes have been practicing, working hard, and putting in a lot of effort and time off court. With sports being a part of the school environment, they help students bond with one another not only on the team, but also throughout the school community.



New Year = New You *By Carla Fontaine*

It's a new year and a time to set goals, simulating change, either to improve your grades, your relationships with one another, or just to focus more on yourself: removing all of the negativity in your life. Whether you've decided to begin small with a one month challenge or go all the way through with a year-long process, the fact that you made your mind to change is a big step forward into a positive mind set. It is proven: "Psychologically, when we are not as healthy as we can be, it's hard to push ahead and maintain a sense of fulfillment from life." You become stuck, and your life becomes too comfortable to move and therefore can result in stress, a more difficult lifestyle, depression etc. That is why setting goals is extremely important for not only you, but for those around you.

Tips

- Find the problem, what is it that you want to improve or remove from your life?
- If your goal is to improve your grades, speak with your teacher, track them down and find out where you are and where you need to be.
- If you aren't understanding a topic or a subject in general, try something new. Try studying, actually taking the time out and finding resources other than your teacher for better clarification.
- Regarding relationships or anything for that matter: the best way to improve or end something is crystal clear communication. Let them know how you feel and how they fit in that picture.
- Toxic relationships are not beneficial. It will not get better over time! Abort immediately! Whether the person is verbally or physically abusing you or even stressing you out, it is not worth it. Surround yourself with positive relationships.
- This well known goal and by far the most difficult to manage: exercising and maintaining a healthy diet. Remember changes don't occur in one day.
- Stick to the schedule and don't be discouraged if you slip up. Just start over again, no matter how much day ones you have you'll eventually get to day 30 before you know it.

Change is essential in life: one who cannot commit to it will eventually be left behind. There isn't going to be someone holding your hand through everything. Life isn't a walk on the beach, it's a marathon that hundreds are training for, what you do today will determine how far you will go or what place you end up in. Begin training now no matter how hard it gets. "The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. The fears are paper tigers. You can do anything you decide to do" (Amelia Earhart).



Album Review: 21 Savage "I Am > I Was"

By Ariana Bastien



I Am > I Was is the newest album by American rapper 21 Savage, released on December 21, 2018 by Epic Records. I would rate this album 5 stars. According to Pitchfork, "I Am > I Was shatters the notion of 21 Savage as a specialist with a narrow purview and audience, and recasts him as a star in waiting, all without forcing him into unflattering contortions." 21 uses his past struggles and memories as an inspiration for his music. The title "I Am > I Was" means that Savage has improved himself over the past few years. He is trying to portray that he is working on self-improvement and moving on from the past.

There are many different tones throughout the album. In "All My Friends," 21 talks about the friends he lost as he gained his fame. You can hear the disappointment in his voice as he talks about his gains and losses. He shows that he had to make some difficult decisions to get where he is now. In "letter 2 my momma", he talks about all the sacrifices his mom made for him growing up and the sentimental memories.

Movie Review: Bird Box

By Geovanni Joseph

Imagine a world where people are consistently killing themselves and the reason for this apocalypse is nothing more than a mere presence or gust of wind. The protagonist of this story is Malorie (Sandra Bullock), a pregnant single mother trying to survive this catastrophe. The theme of the story is the survival of the fittest, which was quite entertaining and the acting by Bullock happens to be fantastic. The design and editing is great too. Keeping the enemies far away from clear sight and leaving the viewers to guess what they look like adds to the fear factor. I'd give it 4.7 stars. It's almost as good as Hush, but if you haven't seen that yet then you're missing out. The movie is a great time spent if you're looking for a thriller film to watch by yourself, with your family, or even your lil' partner in crime.



Inspirational Quote of the Month

Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough.

Og Mandino

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By Asani Springer

New Years

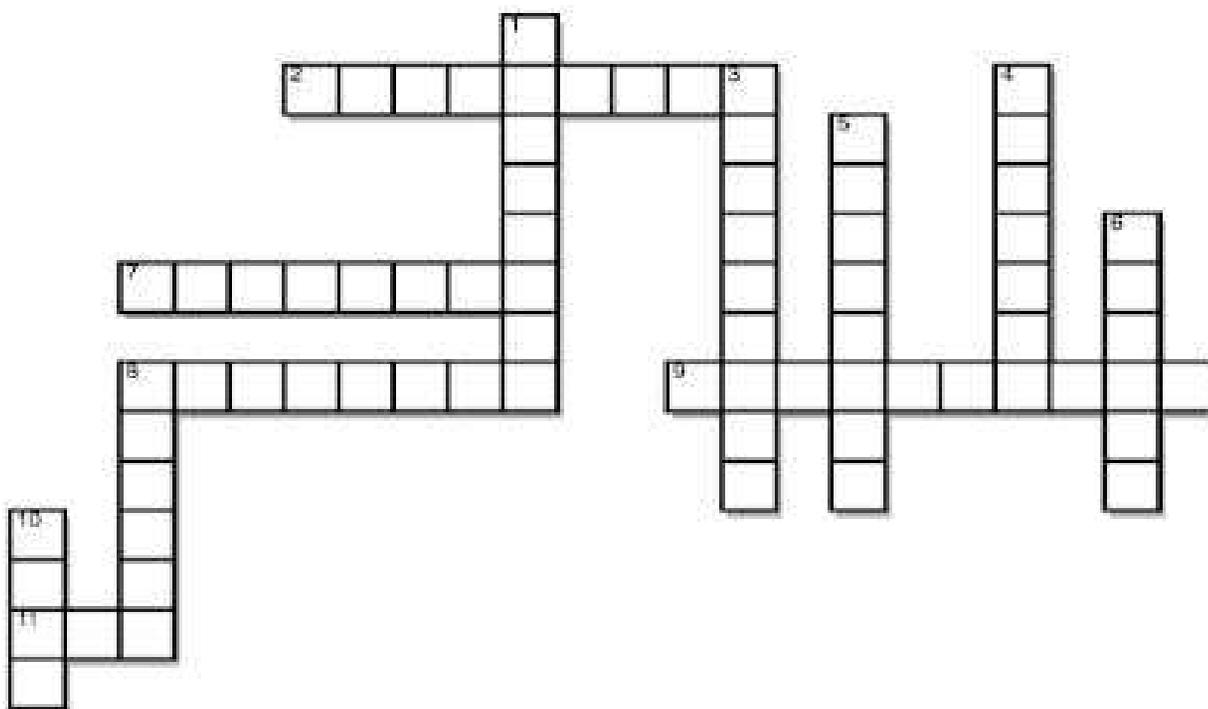
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Crossword Puzzle

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Slogans



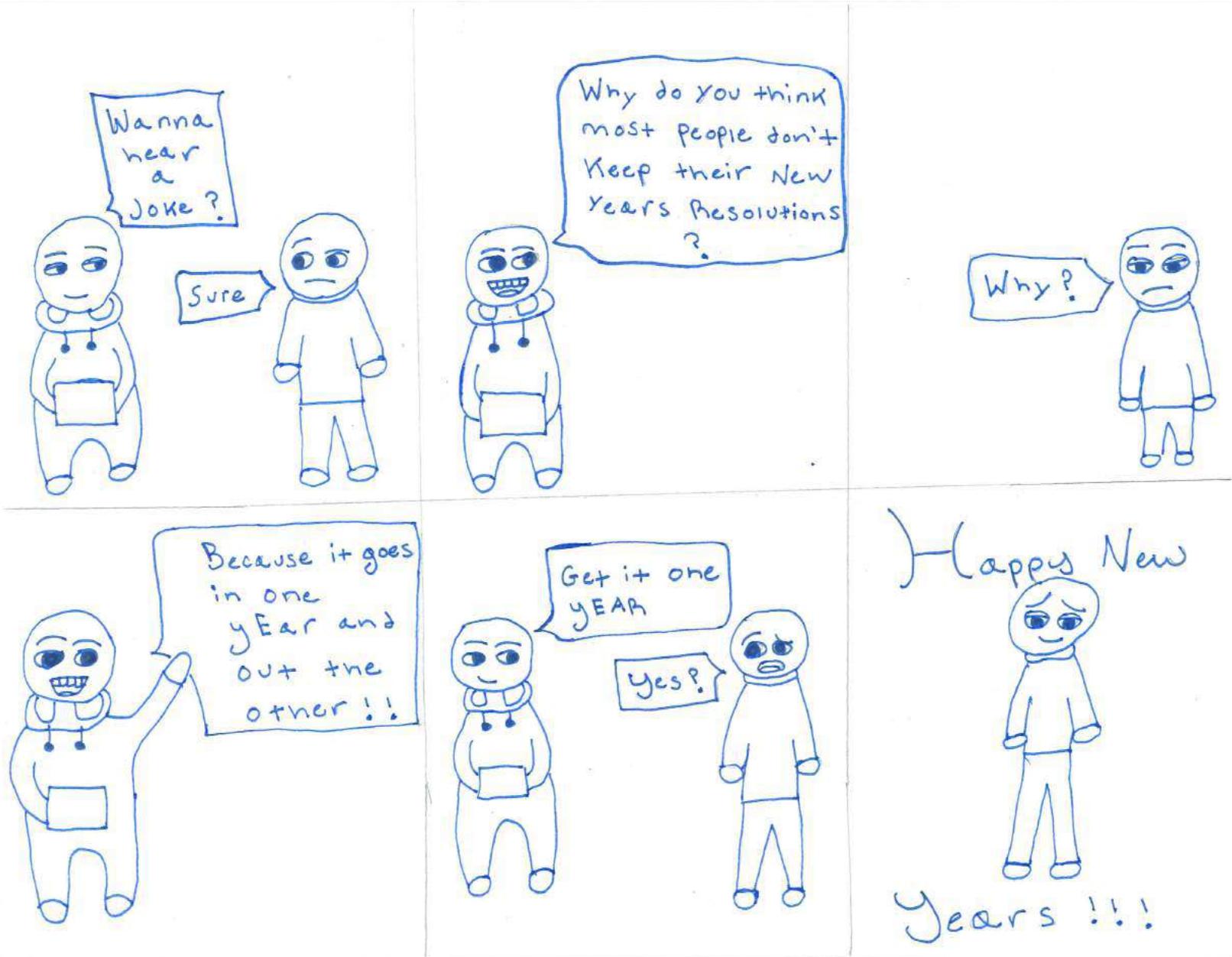
Across

- 2. I'm lovin' it.
- 7. You're in good hands.
- 8. Taste the rainbow.
- 9. What's in your wallet?
- 11. Every kiss begins with ____.

Down

- 1. You're not yourself when you're hungry.
- 3. Like a good neighbor _____ is there.
- 4. ____ gives you wings.
- 5. The snack that smiles back.
- 6. The quicker picker upper.
- 8. Eat fresh.
- 10. Just do it.

Comic By Geovanni Joseph



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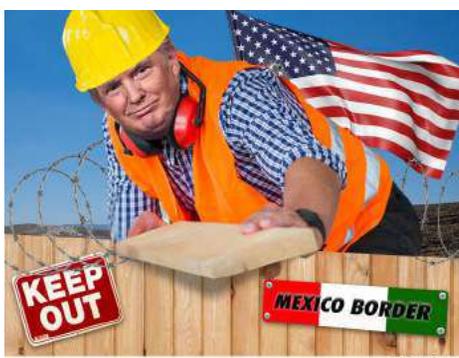


OP/ED: A New Law on Lynching *By Zakayah Abraham*

December 20, 2018 was a monumental moment in history, yet it's a very strange moment for 2018. On December 20, 2018 senate unanimously passed a bill making lynching a federal crime. This may seem like a surprise to most people because it seems like a bill that should have been passed a long time ago, like maybe in the 60s during the civil rights movement. Currently in 2018 over 70 percent of the victims are African American. Though it seems like a bill that should have been passed generations ago to protect African Americans, the question is why wasn't it passed before? The answer is that this actually isn't the first time in American history where the government has had to pass bills to protect African Americans. According to the N.A.A.C.P. 1882-1968, Congress has passed at least 200 times prior similar anti-lynchings bills that have been unsuccessful. Mainly due to the fact perpetrators are rarely ever convicted for their disgusting and awful actions.

I feel as if this is something that should have been put into place a long time ago. I also think that police should work harder to bring those criminals who do that to innocent people to justice. Those people kill innocent people over their skin color, something they have no control over. This is sad because they are still people no matter what. It does not matter if you have a certain perception of them or you're prejudice toward them, you have no right to kill them. They have families who love them, parents who want to see them grow up, and to have it taken away over nothing? They literally did not do anything to you! Who gave you the power to decide how their lives end? If it was the other way around it would spark a massive outrage across the country to put an end to it. Yet, when it comes to African Americans it's brushed off like its nothing or it's okay for that to happen to us. People do not like to talk about the issue or take responsibility for what is happening, so how will it ever end? When will we ever be able to just say things are going okay for us?

OP/ED: We the People Will Fund the Wall? *By Elijah Thomas*



Opportunities of success are made from people putting their hard work and money into what they want to happen, and it's sad that there are more than 999k shares on social media that are endorsing a gofundme for the wall that Donald Trump "promised" to build. After not achieving his promise, a supporter by the name of Brian Kolfage went out of his own way to start a gofundme to reach the goal of 1 BILLION DOLLARS!!! The name of the gofundme is "We The People Will Build The Wall," the gofundme raised over \$19,469,559 by 323,384 people in 21 days. The highest amount of money sent for the gofundme was \$50,000 from one person, and the person who submitted it purposely

made it so he/she would remain anonymous. Brian Kolfage is a Purple Heart Recipient triple amputee veteran and is also a very strong supporter of Donald Trump.

The thought of creating a wall to prevent immigrants from coming in isn't benefiting the nation at all. The concept of what "America" is supposed to be represents a free nation, a place to create a new life for yourself and leave the life that you had before. American citizens know that is what America was thought out to be, but the opposite is what is really happening. Eyes have opened around the nation; I see the wall as a representation of hypocrisy and ignorance. The reason I believe this is because the nation was built by immigrants, and if we want to get so called "technical" the founders of this nation were immigrants themselves, half of the economy of America is made up of so called "immigrants," and the majority of the resources that we use are from other countries!

The idea of the wall shouldn't even have been made even if it was only for a joke since it so obviously isn't. Children are being separated from their families and loved ones because Donald Trump and his supporters believe that a wall would be a perfect fit for our nation and its future. This country is based off of immigrants and for the so called "government" to forget that and still want to enforce laws to stop people from entering a "free" country, shows how ignorant and close minded our president and country are!