

What do you expect to happen this year?
 “Dax annoying me in school”
 Brice Capangpangan (Freshman)
 “Lots of log entries”
 Gracie Valdivia (Freshman)
 “I expect a lot of stress”
 Hanna Cartagena (Freshman)
 “I expect a lot more activities in school”
 Lorena Guerrero (Sophomore)
 “I expect fun, hard work and to raise money for my class”
 Adam Sánchez (Junior)
 “I expect better activities this year”
 Amber Burns (Junior)
 “I expect to stay legible for CP”
 Alfonso Esquivel (Senior)

What do you enjoy about HMSA?
 “The way Ms. Pereira teaches”
 Brice Capangpangan (Freshman)
 “I really like P.E.”
 Hanna Cartagena (Freshman)
 “Mr. Jahnke because he’s really funny”
 Lorena Guerrero (Sophomore)
 “The fun I have here and the sports teams”
 Amber Burns (Junior)
 “I enjoy the classes they give me”
 Luis Trejo (Junior)
 “The volleyball team and all my friends here”
 Jamal Neal (Senior)
 “I enjoy having Mrs. Khan here at HMSA”
 Alfonso Esquivel (Senior)

What are your future scholastic expectations?
 “To get out of here”
 Brice Capangpangan (Freshman)
 “I want to have Jahnke senior year”
 Gracie Valdivia (Freshman)
 “To do a bunch of extracurricular stuff and graduate”
 Hanna Cartagena (Freshman)
 “To graduate and live a successful life”
 Adam Sánchez (Junior)
 “To enjoy life then enter the Military”
 Luis Trejo (Junior)
 “For this last year to fly by quickly”
 Jamal Neal (Senior)
 “Get into college”
 Alfonso Esquivel (Senior)

Accelerated Reader Prizes Decoded OR How to get those AR prizes? By Kristine Locsin

As the school year begins, more and more responsibilities stack up, including the requirement to pass your Accelerated Reader (AR) points. Earning the required AR points means passing your CP English classes, even if you do not have a regular English CP, and staying on the eligibility list. This year, points for each grade have increased by 10; freshmen: 25, sophomores: 30, juniors: 35 and seniors: 40. With the deadlines in mind, AR logs due by January 18th, and the ATARI (Alex Tucker Accelerated Reader Initiative) points awarded on January 14-18, it is better to start reading now. Get those AR logs signed! For more information, please refer to the “Accelerated Reader Guidelines” handout in your CP section of your life binder.

AR Prizes:

•What is the “Golden Ticket”?

The “Golden Ticket” is given to any student who finishes their required points before the end of the semester. Receiving the “Golden Ticket” means turning in your AR log to your English teacher, reading books, magazines, or comic books during SSR time in your CP classes, and unfortunately you are not qualified for some prizes below.

•Free Dress prizes are for students who...

-Passed ALL AR tests with 100%

-Read 3x more than the required points

-Chosen by the English teachers as the All-Star student for each grade level

•In N Out with Mr. Berumen and “Berumen’s Book”

-This grand prize is for two students per grade level. One student needs to have the most points for their grade level, and the other student read the most college-bound books and passed the most tests. When there is a tie, the grand prize will be given to the student who earned more overall points.

“Berumen’s Book” is the book Berumen chooses to read after hearing the one-minute pitch by each of the 8 students during their In N Out lunch. Mr. Berumen will then read this book during the spring semester and the student body is allowed to ask him anything about the book, including his score on the AR test.

We tend to hold on to things that bring us pain, stress, and frustration; and instead of letting them go, we cling to them. But not anymore! So here’s a list of 10 things you should give up that will make your life in high school a lot easier and much happier.

- Give up the need to always be right. Is your ego really that big?
- Give up the need to control everything. Sometimes things won’t go your way, and that’s okay. It’s not the end of the world.
- Give up blaming people. Take responsibility for your life and your actions.
- Give up the need to impress people. No one really cares here.
- Give up on excuses.
- Give up on living your life to people’s expectations. You shouldn’t live a life where you are constantly worrying about other people and how they view you. It’s unhealthy.
- Give up your resistance to change. So what if you’re different than how you were the year before? It’s not a bad thing. People just see you differently... maybe it’s their problem.
- Give up unnecessary criticism. No one likes a pessimist.
- Give up on the idea of “originality.” It’s okay for you to like something that someone else likes.
- Give up on fear. There’s no such thing as “fear.” It’s all in your head. Don’t be scared of doing something because it’s intimidating or requires a lot of work

New Teacher: Mr. Highducheck
Interview
By Brian Lu

What are your expectations for the school year?
 “I am expecting to teach and have fun doing it.”

How is it going so far?
 “It’s been really good. The students work hard and do their work. Every class works hard.”

What are the benefits of teaching at HMSA?
 “The students here are really serious about learning. There isn’t any foolishness like at Prairie Vista. The kids are mature and work harder.”

New English CP Changes
By Brice Capangpangan

This year, English CPs are being structured differently. They are structured by the day you have them. Each English CP, students have to do silent, sustained reading (SSR) from 2:15 to 2:30. After reading, on the first day of English CP that week, students will read a non-fiction work (for example, an article) and analyze it as a class. The next day, students will (after SSR) do their test prep (respective to each class). On the third day, or “Flex Friday,” (if you have this class on Friday, of course), the CP teacher will choose what he/she wants to do that day. The teacher could make the class read all period, finish any test prep that was left unfinished that week, or further analyze an article. This allows for more flexibility for the CP teachers. This means CP teachers can get their materials with a set schedule, but with some freedom for choices.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Linkin Park: A Change for the Better? By Yasmine Gutierrez

The music industry has turned into a fast-paced business where artists everywhere are trying to keep their audience entertained and stay ahead of the game. Linkin Park's recent album, *Living Things*, created high expectations from long-term fans as well as the casual listener. There were two opinions that everyone seemed to side with: Either it was a masterpiece, or LP didn't step up to the plate.

Long-time listeners have had high hopes for LP since their initial release into the music industry, *Hybrid Theory*. Chester Bennington's raspy singing was complimented perfectly by Mike Shinoda's melodic raps and rhythm. Having already made a name for themselves, they continued to display their ear for blending rock and rap in their sophomore album *Meteora*. At the time, their radio hits consisted of "In the End" (*Hybrid Theory*), "Crawling" (*Hybrid Theory*), and "Numb" (*Meteora*). When they announced a third album to be released in 2007, there was no doubt that it would be soulful and original, much like the band itself, but a single question rung in the mind of every fan:

Would *Minutes to Midnight* live up to the expectations of its predecessors?

Though this album evidently focused on softer material, unlike those of the past two albums, it still had the recognizable angst and passion. Whenever "Leave Out All The Rest" played on the radio, you couldn't just change the station; all three minutes and 20 seconds kept you in a trance that couldn't be broken. Even the hard-core fans learned to accept and love the simplicity of Chester's singing. Their 2010 release of *A Thousand Suns* was nothing short of amazing; the band learned how to make simple changes to their sound and get the best results in return. Finally, as of June 2012, *Living Things* was available in stores and on iTunes. This album has divided fans into two factions. The older fans missed the flow of angst-filled rock that complimented seamless rap and that seemed to drive them away as soon as they heard "Burn It Down" on the radio for the first time. There were a few saving graces on the latest album, such as "I'll Be Gone" and "Lost in the Echo," but the album as a whole could not be included in the same category as its predecessors. Regardless, who's to say that this isn't a step in the right direction?

Returning Shows This Fall

By Elsa Ayala

- American Horror Story: Oct. 17th @ 10
- Glee Thursdays @ 9 (already premiered)
- Gossip Girl/ Oct. 8th @ 9
- New Girl/ Sep.25th @ 8 and 9
- The Office/Sep.20th @ 9
- 30 Rock/Oct.4th @ 8
- Vampire Diaries/Oct.11th @ 8
- The X Factor/Wed. & Thurs. @ 8
- The Voice/Mon & Tues. @ 8
- 90210/Oct.8th @ 8
- Supernatural/October 3 @9
- Dexter/September 30 @9

HUNGER GAMES REVIEW BY BRIAN MONCADA

The *Hunger Games* was one of the most anticipated movie premieres of the spring. Talk of the movie seemed to be the norm around campus; everyone was expecting the movie to be perfect, the thriller we all wanted that incorporated love, drama, and action all in one. The movie premiered on March 12, 2012 and it was a stunning let down. Readers of the novel experienced the worst thing that could ever happen to a marvelously written book, a book which resonated with the effervescence of life.

The movie was a debauchery; it completely butchered key points and even excluded some scenes. The story takes place in Panam, situated in what used to be the United States. The movie completely skips this vital piece of information, and it spends about 5 minutes talking about "the reaping," an annual event that commemorates the capitol's victory against the 13 districts, and doesn't even mention that the 13th district was destroyed. The movie doesn't set us up for events that occur later on. Hollywood managed to deface another book by creating their version. The book was a best seller for a reason, and they had no right to destroy it. Although some details were gruesome, they were necessary.

Another key point that was glazed over was the fact that when only 3 tributes remained (Katniss, Peeta, and Cato) the genetically altered dogs that attacked them were made of the bodies of the dead. This story cannot be told without this scene...and it's not there.

In short, read the book, save that one dollar you're thinking of spending on the movie. Don't waste your time. The book captures something that the movie never could: the essence and mystique of the arcane world known as Panam.

Anime Expo 2012 By Victoria Rosito

Being an Anime nerd can be considered weird to some people. Well, if you go to Anime Expo, otherwise known as AX, then you will meet many other Anime nerds who are not afraid to share their views with you. This year AX occurred from June 29 to July 2 at the LA Convention Center.

There are so many activities, so many things to see, and so many people to see. AX lasts for 4 days every year (5 if you count Day 0, the day everyone gets their badges and starts cosplaying and talking to random people that like the same Anime).

This year, as people were waiting in line to get their badges, everyone began to sing the extended version of the Pokémon theme song, without missing a beat! On Day 1, the real fun began. In the Exhibit Hall of the Convention Center, everyone spends all of the money they have. There are hundreds of booths that have various kinds of items from clothes to dolls to bags to posters. Practically any Anime, old or new, can be found. In the back of the Hall, there was the Artist Alley in which artists that have made drawings and paintings all year in preparation for AX can sell their work. No one day is the same as any other. Every day, however, has one thing in common: tournaments. Day 1 featured a Yu-Gi-Oh! Battle Con in which duelists duel against others, tournament-style. On Day 2 there were 2 tournaments: Super Smash Bros. Brawl and Ultimate Marvel VS Capcom 3, where gamers can prove that they are the masters of video games. On Day 3 there were 3 tournaments: Street Fighter X Tekken, Super Street Fighter IV: Arcade Edition, and the Yu-Gi-Oh! Finals. On Day 4 there was a Soul Calibur tournament to end the Convention. There are AMV (animated music video) contests every year, where people can show off their AMV skills. All in all, if you are nervous to tell people you're an Anime nerd, then you should go to AX. No one will make fun of you; instead they will join you in your Anime happiness! You may even make new friends!

THE GREATEST OLYMPIAN:
MICHAEL PHELPS
BY MARISELA GOMEZ

SPORTS

Team USA Simply
Crushed the
Competition
By TeMera Evans

Michael Phelps showed the entire world that he is the best athlete during the 2012 London Olympics. He is the greatest Olympian with a total of 22 Olympic medals, consisting of 18 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze. Although, he placed 4th in his first race and Ryan

Lochte won gold in the 400-meter individual medley, he still won 4 gold and 2 silver medals more than Lochte's 2 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze. Phelps also defeated Lochte in the 200-meter individual medley, making Phelps the first male ever to win a 3rd consecutive gold medal in an individual event.

Without a doubt there is not another Olympian as great as Michael Phelps.

In the 2008 Beijing Olympics he won 8 gold medals. No one expected him to achieve his goal of winning 8 gold medals since it was something unbelievable and yet Phelps did achieve his goal. Throughout his career he achieved the unachievable and gave Americans pride. At the end of this summer's games, Michael Phelps announced that he was retiring. We will never be able to see Phelps swim in another Olympics. Although it's unfortunate, it is understandable that after becoming the greatest Olympian he would decide to retire, ending a glorious career. Michael Phelps will live on in history as the greatest Olympian

ever.

London Olympics:
Women's Beach
Volleyball

By Juan Dominguez

THE GOOOOOOOOLDEN BOYS BY ENRIQUE RIVALCABA

The men's Under-23 Mexican Olympic soccer squad shocked the world. Mexico won gold after defeating the favorite, Brazil. Mexico had never made it further than the quarterfinals in the Olympics, despite these obstacles Mexico had enough youth in their arsenal to demonstrate otherwise.

Mexico's semifinal match against Japan showed one of the biggest characteristics of a champion. Mexico conceded an early goal but recovered with their comeback goals. After the early goal scored by Japan, Mexico maintained concentration and stuck with their game plan. "El Tri" showed the determination of a champion to overcome the deficit without losing control of the game. They maintained a steady rhythm with their traditional one-touch pass game. Mexico's star players, midfielder Marco Fabian and striker Oribe Peralta scored to help secure the well-deserved win.

Mexico's win against Brazil wasn't necessarily shocking, but what was shocking was the way their opponent played. Even though Brazil had more possessions and shots, none of their plays were effective. Mexico's star defense shut down the Brazilian offense most of the game. Brazil had to rely on several ineffective long shots. They made most of their impact in the dying minutes of the game while Mexico was trying to secure the win. It wasn't all about defense for Mexico; the offense proved effective by scoring two goals out of four shots on goal. Both goals were scored by Peralta who, after the game, was treated like a living god in Mexico and given a standing ovation by over 90,000 at Wembley Stadium.

During the 2012 calendar year, Mexico has also won the Under-17 World Cup and a third place finish in the Under-20 World Cup. What all this means is that Mexico has an extremely bright future. The talent they have in their pool is endless. The team is balanced, having some of the best young players (at all positions!) in the world. The Olympic gold (plus the accomplishments of the younger teams) shows that Mexico may soon have a serious shot at winning the World Cup.

Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh competed together in the 2012 Olympics, where they were called "the greatest beach volleyball team of all time" after winning their third consecutive gold medal. For three straight Olympics this team has gone undefeated; however, this year that streak was over when Treanor and Walsh lost to the Schwaiger sisters from Austria. Nevertheless, the US team was inspired to hit the courts again and practice more in order to improve their flaws. After winning a quick match against Italy (2-0) in the quarter finals, Treanor and Walsh sent a strong signal to the audience that a third gold medal would soon be in their hands. Treanor and Walsh needed to win against China's team of Zhang Xi and Xue Chen to claim their spot in the finals. Xi and Chen defeated Austria's team in the quarterfinals (the team that Treanor and Walsh struggled against earlier in the summer) and were the first to claim a position in the semifinals. Both Treanor and Walsh were determined to earn a spot in the final match. They then proved their worth by defeating China 2-0. The final match included two teams from the US: Treanor and Walsh against April Ross and Jennifer Kessy. Walsh stated, "Treanor has changed [her] life," and wanted to win their third gold medal. Walsh also mentioned that most of her games involved luck and that people "create [their] own luck when [they] don't give up." After a fierce match, Treanor and Walsh ended up winning another gold medal, and were proud that both US teams were "sharing the moment" together without anyone "hanging their heads." Treanor and Walsh set an excellent example of the things that can happen when one has perseverance and trains beyond the sidelines.

The five girls put forth a series of stunning performances that kept them in first place from start to finish. America watched, hearts pounding, as these girls started the competition with a slim lead that eventually turned into a landslide and flew in a sky of gold.

The Russians tumbled, stumbled and ultimately crumbled, but Russia would have been powerless to beat the United States even without the mistakes. The American team dominated the team event by finishing first in all four events but the uneven bars.

In the 2008 Beijing Olympics, the Chinese defeated the U.S. team (led by all-around gold medalist Nastia Liukin and powerhouse Shawn Johnson) by less than 2.4 points. This year the American girls excelled above the Russians, winning by 5.066 points. The United States women's gymnastics team won by the biggest margin since the Soviet Union in 1960. Douglas, Wieber, and Raisman were magnificent and put the nail in Russia's coffin with each successful tumbling pass. Russia came in second, Romania third, and China fourth. The Russians and Chinese left the arena in tears. Bela Karolyi (the 1996 women's coach) said "the team that won [was] stronger, more prepared and more united."

Gabby Douglas soared, Kyla Ross fluttered, and Jordyn Wieber glided. To add the icing on the golden cake, Gabby Douglas and McKayla Maroney dazzled America with their extraordinary accomplishments. McKayla Maroney set the tone for the team final with a historic vault that was darn close to perfect, hitting an Amanar vault for the highest execution score in modern history at 9.733 and an overall score of 16.233. It was the best score for Team USA in its best event. Firecracker US gymnast Gabby Douglas made history by being the first African American to win the Olympics all-around gold. Oprah, Samuel L. Jackson, Snooki and Phaedra Parks tweeted about the girl who stole America's heart with her giant smile and undeniable skill. Beyoncé tweeted, "A huge congratulations to 16 year old Olympic gold medalist Gabby Douglas — wow — what a thrill to watch you take this gold! I can tell you've been working hard for so long — enjoy the moment, it's yours. Thank you for inspiring all of us! Love, B." Douglas, as well as the team, is an inspiration to all Americans. Let's hope the male gymnastics team takes lessons and maybe one day America can be rooting for more than one team.

Back Page

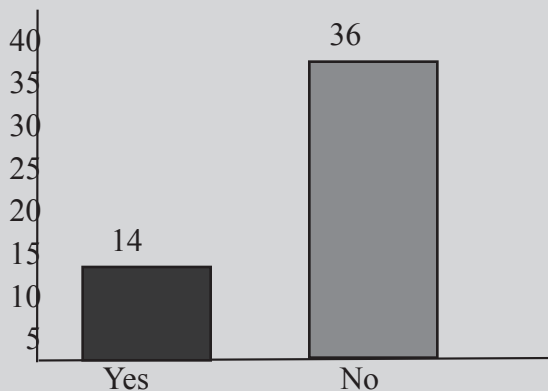
Student Siblings
By Nardeen Gorgy

Student Siblings
By Nardeen Gorgy

What do you think? By Abdul Zahid

Hello boys and girls, welcome back from vacation. Naturally you all are well-rested and must be overjoyed that you're wearing uniforms and getting log entries again. What could be more fun than that (besides the rest of the universe)? Formalities aside, it's time that your brains start to kick back into action, so time for a question that will make your gears turn:

Are teenagers a reliable source to judge the feeling of true love?



Zahid's Analysis: Personally this one was a no brainer; of course teenagers are not a reliable source! Really now, we teens are constantly having emotional swings, stress from school, family conflicts, and thousands of other issues that will start a completely unrelated rant. Due to the fickleness of our moods, teenagers are NOT accurate sources. To feel the true impact of love requires a constant stream of that emotion, not a rising/falling torrent (which occurs later on in a relationship until love ultimately disappears all together, otherwise known as marriage). Many claim that they're in love (all of you and usually on the first day too) and that those feelings will last forever, yet daily you see couples break up and all those feelings go down the drain; true love does not disappear at an instant, nor does it appear in one day. The old phrase "love at first sight" is absolutely horrible as many teens use that as justification for their actions and somehow as "evidence" that their love is genuine. This saying is the polar opposite of the truth: love is not a quick emotion, nor is it something that can be learned from one small experience (crush, fling, etc.). Love is more along the lines of a process rather than an emotion, and it often is slow-going and requires a lot of effort to reach full fruition. Now when you compare this to what teenagers call "love," you can see the drama created by "love at first sight." Odds are you won't find "the one" in your high school years so don't rush to commit from peer pressure! It's best to stay single, happy, healthy, and above all wealthy until you find the recession...er "the one."

Castillo's Analysis:

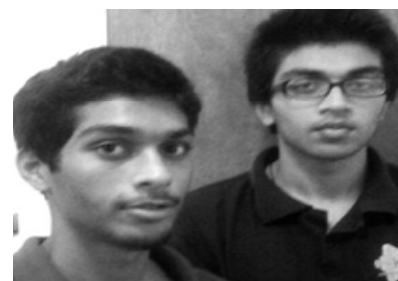
In this year's presidential election, you may encounter people who claim to follow the events and policies surrounding it, but when these "political buffs" are presented with a simple question such as "Who is Mitt Romney's vice-presidential candidate?" many can't answer. Those who actually follow politics should be able to immediately answer with "Paul Ryan," yet as the future geniuses of America, we're unable to. Only 40% of the participants in this survey were able to answer correctly, a startling figure in itself. This lack of caring may just stem from the fact that politics is a dead topic to teenagers. It has become what Justin Bieber has become to males, an unimportant part of our lives. Sadly, politics is necessary in order to prevent mass-murder, theft, and the death of education, so even if you don't care, you still have to be informed. One can't help but wonder how our nation will turn out if this continues.



Gabriel Salazar, *senior*
Michael Salazar, *sophomore*



Leslie Espinoza, *senior*
Elizabeth Espinoza, *freshman*



Abdul Zahid, *senior*
Muhammad Fazal, *sophomore*

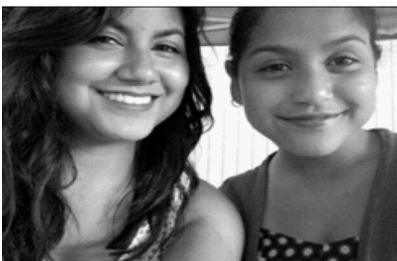
Aviator News Staff

Editors: Marisela Gomez, Yasmine Gutierrez, Kristine Locsin, Lubna Malik, Ingrid Maradiaga, Nhi Nyguen
Advisor: Chris Jahnke

Contributors: Elsa Ayala, Jennifer Camacho, Dax Capangpangan, Andrew Castillo, Juan Dominguez, Kenia Espinoza, TeMera Evans, Chris Gomez,

Nardeen Gorgy, Tiffany Gutierrez, Shamera Johnson, Brian Lu, Brian Moncada, Hassan Nadeem, Bryan Rojas, Victoria Rosito, Enrique Ruvalcaba, Jessica Vergara, Abdul Zahid

Student Siblings
By Nardeen Gorgy



Tiffany Gutierrez, *senior*
Jaqueline Gutierrez, *freshman*



Dax Capangpangan, *junior*
Brice Capangpangan, *freshman*



Bryan Rojas, *junior*
Janetty Rojas, *freshman*

Political Curiosity: Do you have it? By Andrew Castillo

Do you know the vice-presidential Candidate for the Republican Party?

