



Why did you choose this career?
Ms. Davis: I like being center of attention.



What time period would you visit if you had a time machine?
Ms. Mackenzie: I would probably visit the Wild West Times and hang out with the cowboys. Or I would move to Dallas and hang out with those Cowboys.



What is your greatest flaw?
Mr. Severns: I'm too short.



How do you feel about our school mascot?
Ms. Garcia: We should have an animal instead



What old band should high school kids know about?
Ms. Enger: Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers



Can you cook? If so, what's your best dish?
Ms. Ramos: No



How do you feel about our school mascot?
Mr. Dura: What is it??? The space shuttle?



What are your pet peeves?
Ms. Khan: questionnaires



What type of music do you like?
Anything but country.
Mr. Jahnke: I've never owned a truck or a shotgun or a pair of cowboy boots so I can't relate.



THE BIG BOSS

Welcome to the 2010-2011 Aviator News! Those of us who attended Hawthorne Math and Science Academy last year noticed a huge difference when we returned to school in August; and no, it was not the new patch of grass near the cafeteria. If you didn't get the phone call home during the summer, the Facebook message from Mr. Hernandez himself, or haven't taken the initiative to notice that we have new administration this year, then let the newspaper staff take this opportunity to inform you that we now have a new principal Mr. Esau Berumen. In his first interview as the new principal of HMSA, Mr. Berumen took the opportunity to give students an insight to his job and possible plans for this school year.

Many students have indeed noticed a difference between Berumen's past and current positions; a student who chose to remain anonymous said, "Last year I disliked Berumen because he always tried to discipline students whenever he got the chance, which made him intimidating. This year I am able to have a regular conversation [with him] and not worry too much about doing something that would end in a log entry or detention."

When asked about which part of his job he enjoyed the most, Berumen replied, "What I enjoy most about my new position is the relationship I have with students and the faculty, and also having the feeling that I have made a difference and contributed something to make the world a better place."

I had more questions:

What is the main difficulty that comes with being principal?
"Never knowing what is going to happen... something little can affect how your whole day is planned out. Dealing with so many variables at the same time is overwhelming at times."

How do you like your new office? "I miss my old office; I got used to it. I like that the new one is bigger but it means a longer run for me during an earthquake."

What is your vision for our campus? "My vision for the school is to not let the students get comfortable, in the sense that I want them to keep pushing to always do better. There is always room for improvement; 117 more points to reach perfection" (for those who are unaware, HMSA's API is currently 883). He continued: "When we become perfect with our test scores then I will find something else to challenge the students [with]."

Our school is a fairly new school, but in our seven years we have had three principals. "I have no plans to leave HMSA. I love HMSA." Berumen said when asked if he is happy with his position or is he looking for more.

Mr. Berumen has a lot on his shoulders this year but he has confidence in his work. With teacher and student efforts, our school can continue on its upward path. So if you haven't taken the chance to congratulate Mr. Berumen it's better late than never!

Ask an Aviator

What can I do to talk to the person I have a crush on and leave a good impression of myself?

-Well one thing you can do is make sure your crush notices you and to do something you know they like. If you're a girl talk about sports with a guy. If you're a guy talk about some reality show like Keeping up with the Kardashians (Just not too much)

If you have an important assignment for a class, and your group is completely useless is it okay to do all the work or tell the teacher what's really going on? Should you feel bad if you do tell the teacher?

- No one likes to do all the work in an important assignment. If your group members do not attempt to do any of the work, then tell the teacher about it. If the person is doing a horrible job but puts effort into doing the work, then don't be so hard on

How can you get over-protective parents to trust you?

-This might be one of the hardest things to do for some people, but to gain your parent's trust; you must become their friend and give them respect. Never lie to your parents because they most likely will find out the truth and it only makes matters worse.

What can you do to stop procrastinating on assignments?

-The best thing to do is to organize a schedule. It helps to write this down somewhere like on a planner. Go somewhere that is quiet and has no distractions. Instead of thinking about when you're going to start on an assignment, just do it and take small breaks if you need to.

3D TV'S Worth Your Money or Not?

“I admit, wearing the glasses can make you feel stupid. But the quality is great.” says Jose Vasquez. “The price seems pretty ridiculous but when I tried out my friend’s 3d TV on a soccer game I’d been wanting to watch, it was incredible! At first, looking at my friend with his 3D glasses was just hilarious but after a bit, you get used to it. I feel it’s a good investment, especially if you love watching sports, like me.”



3DS Another piece of Technological Crud?

The new Nintendo 3DS has similar specs to the DSXL. So why buy it? Buy it because the new Nintendo 3DS can display games in 3D, play movies, has 2.4 GHz of ram. What’s that all mean? Basically the graphics of the new Nintendo 3DS, the amount of videos playable, surfing capabilities online, and speed for playing videos have all had a mega upgrade. Not only is the internet speed quicker, but there is a built in Gyro Scope that allows for 3D pictures and you don’t have to wear those stupidly- nerdy 3D glasses. What’s that you say? “Are the 3D graphic really all that? Because all the 3D TV’s that came out were a waste of money” well yeah it’s worth it. Unlike its predecessors the costumer rating for the 3DS is actually mostly all positive. Sure there are complaints on 3D items being bad for your eyes, but all games are bad for your eyes. So far the only complaint I have as a Nintendo fan is that the estimated price for the 3DS is 300\$’s. I know it’s expensive and most people won’t buy it, but give the game system a chance. Wait for the game to come out in the US and play at a friends or at Best buy before you make your decision on whether or not to buy the 3DS.



Xbox 360 or Play-Station 3?

Once school is over students transition into a completely different atmosphere. What do students do when they’re at home? Of course all teachers would love to hear that their students spend their time doing homework and studying but everyone knows this is far from the truth. Many students are now spending all of their free time playing video games. The top rivalry between video game consoles is between Xbox 360 and Play Station 3.

PlayStation 3 is produced by Sony Computer Entertainment and was released late 2006. It includes such features as a Cell Broadband Engine.

High Definiton Blu-Ray and Wi-Fi Connection. Also it includes online gaming at no charge. The technology allows the user to text, chat and play online with friends. Not only that, the PlayStation Store has games, movies, and TV shows available to order. The PS3 also has extraordinary ways to play your music, videos and photos. Also, PlayStation recently released the new console PlayStation Move, which will compete directly with the Nintendo Wii.

The Xbox 360 is a video game console produced by Microsoft and was released late 2005. The major feature it includes is Xbox Live which allows players to compete online, and download multimedia.

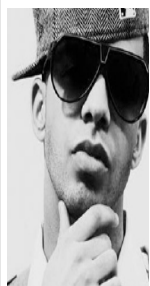
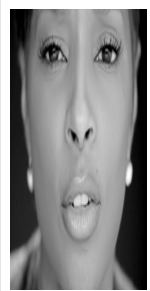
Xbox Live allows players to download games and chat with friends for free, but in order to compete online you must become a Gold Member, which costs 50 dollars for a year. The remodeled Xbox 360 has built-in Wi-Fi capability and a 250 GB hard drive and offers the largest library of games, movies and TV shows. Microsoft recently released Kinect, which brings games and entertainment to life with no controller and works with every Xbox 360.

The PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 players have their beliefs on why each console is the best. One player admits the major reason they enjoy the PS3 better is because they can compete online and obtain more features for free than by having the Xbox 360. In this economy, who can argue with

In this economy, who can argue with that? Players of the Xbox 360 argue that the console is better because of the superior graphics.

The gamers who have played both the PlayStation 3 and the Xbox 360 have their different reasons why they chose which one is the best. Only people who have the gaming experience in both consoles can adequately choose which one is truly the better one. How about you try both consoles and see which one you like the best? Once you have found which one is to your liking you can argue with other passionate gamers to see who has the best argument; it’s up to you and your fellow gamers.





Entertainment

DRAKE

Aubrey Graham aka Drake is a Canadian actor, and now a rapper and a singer. Before becoming a music superstar, Drake was known for his role in *Degrassi: The Next Generation* as the physically disabled character, Jimmy Brooks.

He was born in Toronto, Canada on October 24, 1986. His mother is Jewish Canadian. When he was 15, he dropped out of Forest Hill Collegiate Institute to begin acting, and it worked out because the producers of *Degrassi* signed him to a contract. Drake was previously signed to Universal Motown Records and Interscope. He is currently signed to Lil Wayne's *Cash Money and Young Money Entertainment*. Since being signed he has released 3 mixtapes over the last 4 years: *Room for Improvement* (2006), *Comeback Season* (2007), and his most popular *So Far Gone* (2009), which featured his #1 hit song, "Best I Ever Had." While making his mixtapes, he worked with Lil Wayne, Trey Songz, and Robin Thicke. On June 9th, he released his first album for *Cash Money*, entitled *Thank Me Later*, which has sold over a million copies worldwide. His lyrical delivery, his looks, and his youth mean that Drake is going to be around for a long time, so get used to it.

BRUNO MARS

From co-writing "Nothin' on You" with B.o.B. to lending his vocals for "Billionaire" by Travis McCoy, Bruno Mars has achieved yet another breakthrough with his new hit single "Just the Way You Are."

Bruno Mars is a passionate singer who is able to effectively translate his emotions through lyrics. His amazingly sweet and romantic vocals and pure, honey-smooth pop melodies capture your soul and touch your heart. The positivity in his lyrics creates a feel-good jam.

"Just The Way You Are" is about appreciating the uniqueness of one's love interest and shows that what matters most is substance over beauty – the beauty within. This song is inspiring to many female listeners because it helps them recognize their own individuality and underlining beauty. It also gives them hope that they too will find their knight in shining armor one day. In contrast, male listeners are usually taken by the beat and don't find the lyrics to be as alluring.

The combination of Bruno Mars' voice, lyrics, melodies, and video all combine to create a stupendous song. "Just The Way You Are" by Bruno Mars is truly an amazing song – just the way it is.

VMAS

Drake, Mary J. Blige, and Swizz Beatz Made It In Time

Though Drake, Swizz Beatz, and Mary J. Blige gave a great performance of "Fancy" at the 2010 VMAs, they only rehearsed their performance once. Mary wasn't in L.A. during the week so only Drake and Swizz practiced. Fortunately, Mary J. Blige came in time to change her outfit and at least practice once. Overall, their performance was great but I feel that without Mary it wouldn't have been as great.

Eminem and Rihanna- Great Duo!

Eminem and Brianna made a surprising opening act with their song "I love the way you lie." Though I think their performance was pretty dull they were perfect for this song. They have both experienced first hand violence in the past and have gone through tough times. Fans went crazy as the recovered rapper gave his typical rage on stage as if he never left.



SPORTS

The First Steps of Cross Country

By Marisela Gomez and Clarifelle Escuadro

Ms. Khan has been coaching the X-Country team at HMSA for two years now, and has prior running experiences as well: she used to be a marathon runner and is officially certified to coach the X-Country team. The team can learn a lot from their coach's experience, and strive to meet her expectations.

Ms. Khan makes the team practice vigorously with drills that include dynamic flexibility training, interval training, fartleks (speed play), and conditioning. As for their running practice, the team does warm-up runs, hill runs, tempo runs, and long-distance runs at locations that so far have included the beach, Aviation Park, Kenneth Hahn Park, and many other South Bay parks.



Kevin Meza leads the team as Captain, and the team has Danny Gonzales as their best runner with a mile time estimated at 5:33. However, when it comes to a meet, every person on the team counts. All of the runners contribute to the overall school rank with the total numbers of runners that come in first. On September 16, the X-Country team ran at Wildwood High-school in L.A. (West League Meet) and ranked 1st place Varsity Boys, 1st place Junior Varsity Boys, and 3rd place JV and Varsity Girls.

If you are interested in joining X-Country, go to Ms. Khan; there are several places to fill, especially with seven seniors graduating this year. And to those not motivated for running (i.e., most people), you can still help the team out with their fundraising: go and buy their coupon books.

An Intro to the Lady Aviator Volleyball Team

By Moinul Hussain

A new competitive sport has been added to HMSA: the Lady Aviator Volleyball Team! The team started in June of 2010 when some of the girls helping out the Boys' Volleyball Team decided that they wanted a team for themselves. Tiffany Paiva, senior and current team captain, assisted in the boys' practices, and put up flyers and announcements in order to gather potential members; likewise, junior Ximena Moreno kept track of the stats for the Boys' Volleyball team. And with Ms. MacKenzie, who is both a math and P.E. teacher, agreeing to be the coach, the team soon became official.

Volleyball practice has not been easy. The first official practice was on the 23rd of August, and since HMSA does not have an indoor gym, the ladies have to dive down for the ball on the blistering, abrasive concrete. This has caused many of the ladies' hands to become scratched and sore, but they are positive that the drills are enhancing their defensive game-play. Likewise, hitting drills are constantly practiced to improve their offensive front. For their philosophy on practice, Ms. MacKenzie states, "Practicing the basics, [and] performing all of the skills correctly form the foundation [that] allows the athlete to make these skills a habit. All good athletes, like good mathematicians, are strong in the basic skills."

Their season started with their first scrimmage game on September 23, versus Vistamar, which would set the season's tone. They left HMSA in high spirits, and came back yelling, "We won one!" And indeed so, they won one out of the three games, but their two losses did not impede their positive outlook on the season. Ms. MacKenzie also shares the positivity and states, "As we continue through the season we should see much improvement, as the 'game day' environment will make more sense."

The season ends on November 4, so the ladies are constantly focusing on the present. They all remain positive, and strive for the best, so go support the Lady Aviators!

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