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IGHMS Instagram Accounts

by Erika Anacleto and Barthina Khalil
Grade 8

As many of you know, there have been numerous Instagram accounts being made about our school, IGHMS. The reason these accounts are a problem is because they are spreading rumors, causing drama, ruining friendships, and also causing stress between students.

These pages being made are all anonymous, which means that nobody knows who is in charge of these accounts. If students find out who is in charge of these accounts, they would probably get into a lot of trouble. Some of these accounts take place in our own cafeteria. So watch out for photographers photographing you enjoying your food because it might just end up being posted!

Some of these accounts were made for fun and laughs, but it has ended up causing serious arguments. These posts have caused arguments because they have talked rudely and inappropriately about certain people. This has been happening in all grades from 6-8 so far.

To prevent all this drama, people should leave all this gossip on the internet and not bring it to school with them. This will help them focus on their schoolwork rather than focusing on what's happening online. Not only do these accounts cause drama and gossip, but it leads to

cyberbullying (online bullying) from these rumors that are being posted online.

We all know how cyberbullying affects students and it's not the greatest feeling.

According to Cyberpsychology and Research on Cyber Space articles, there are many consequences from cyberbullying, such as depression symptoms (like constant sadness, isolation, and disinterest), self injurious behaviors, anti-social behavior, anxiety and suicidal thoughts. In some of the worst cases, cyber bullies can face a penalty of fines ranging from \$1,000-\$2,000, or imprisonment between six months and six years.

For more information on cyberbullying, and bullying in general, visit www.stopbullying.gov.



Student reporters featured in this edition:

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INCLUDED IN THIS EDITION: How to act in the classroom and the bathroom, Middle school survey on favorite physical education units, comics, quarantine experience, and the haunting of the Chase Hotel.

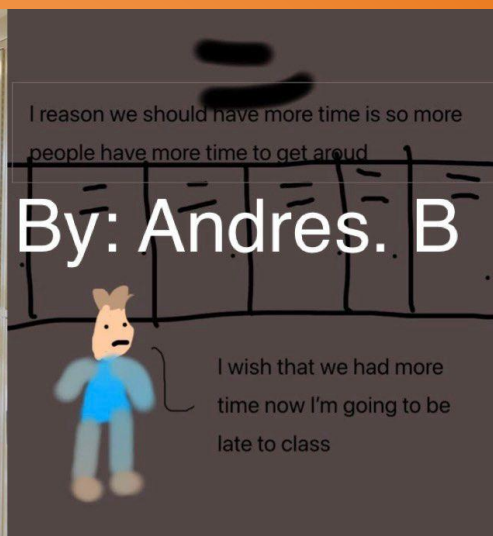


ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS EDITION: winning a trip to New York, Hamilton facts, crafts, Malala Yousafzai, favorite winter activities, a newcomers experience in school, and a spooky story continued.

Comic Bits

by Johann Padaong, Andres Butler, Santiago Grelllys Marquez, and Jaxon Wanek

Grade 6



How to Act in the Classroom

by Mariah Martinez
Grade 6

<https://youtu.be/3BYeFviV2CM>

The Chase Hotel

by Jorie Staples
Grade 6

I found out that I stayed in one of the most haunted hotels in Minnesota. This last weekend I had a hockey tournament in Bemidji. We stayed at Chase on the Lake, which used to be known at the Chase Hotel. My friend said that she heard footsteps around her bed during our stay.

The Chase Hotel was built in 1922. The hotel was originally named the Pameda hotel. But how do we know that the Chase Hotel is haunted? After some research, I found out that five years after Chase on the Lake opened, the owner died of pneumonia, and had his funeral in the lobby of the hotel. Another reason for the haunting of Chase on the Lake was during the war of sugar street. They would take the dead bodies and store them in a basement until they could be brought back to Fort Snelling. They did this because if you were seen with fallen soldiers you were said to be defeated, so they decided to put them underneath the hotel.

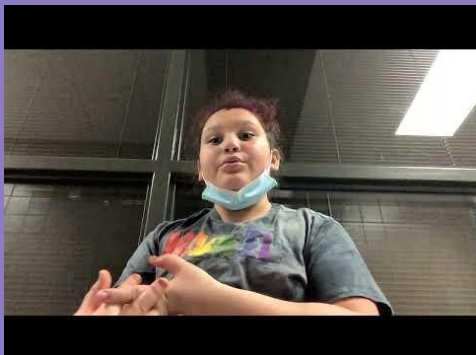
That concludes my report on the hauntings of the Chase Hotel. If you are looking for more info visit this website: <https://www.hauntedjourneys.com/haunted-inns/1538-haunted-minnesota-chase-on-the-lake>

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Walker, Minn. F-247*

How to Act in the Bathroom

by Mariah Martinez
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Comic Bits

by Kendra Williamson
Grade 7

IGHMS Favorite Physical Education Unit Survey

by Noah Pierson
Grade 7



6th Grade
Dodgeball 13
Pickleball 7
Floor hockey 3
Volleyball 2

A lot of 6th grade students said dodgeball was their favorite because it can be a very strategic game.

8th Grade
Dodgeball 20
Pickleball 0
Floor hockey 3
Volleyball 2

When I asked some 8th graders why dodgeball was their favorite unit they said because they are very athletic and they're good at dodgeball.

7th Grade
Dodgeball 7
Pickleball 4
Floor hockey 9
Volleyball 5

Most of the 7th grade students said floor hockey was their favorite because hockey is their favorite sport.



My Quarantine

by Divya Ohneswere
Grade 6

I'm going to tell you about my time in quarantine. I had to come home from school early because I was quarantining because I was exposed to COVID 19. Let me just tell you, it drove me CRAZY!!! I can't stand to do school online, so that was very hard for me. I quarantined for 2 weeks, and when it was time to come back I then got COVID. To be fair I knew that something was going to happen. I had to be in a room with my mom because she also had COVID. I didn't like it at all. At least I didn't have any symptom or anything. I'm so glad that I am done with that.

Hello! My name is Lauren, and I will be telling you a love story. A love story that happened between my friends



Lauren is going to her advanced tennis class. She can't wait to see her friends, Gigi, Hyde, and Victor. She has waited all school year just to see her friends.

SPUT (Saint Paul Urban Tennis) courts



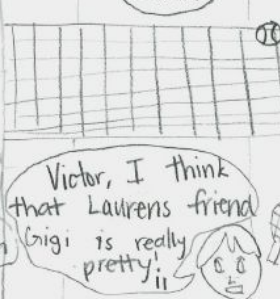
Court 1

Do you know Hyde? I think he looks cute



Court 2

Really? Wow, okay umm I'll tell Lauren



Hyde and Victor are brothers. Lauren is friends with Gigi, Hyde, and Victor. Will Lauren be the match maker? Who knows, to be continued.

Five Facts about Hamilton

by Isla Feldman
Grade 6

Hamilton is a Broadway musical about the revolutionary war. The play focuses on a certain founding father: Alexander Hamilton.

The writer is Lin-Manuel Miranda and he played the lead role of Alexander Hamilton.

There are 46 songs which include "The Schuyler Sisters," "You'll Be Back," and "Meet Me Inside."

The amount of lines some of the characters have:

Alexander Hamilton:	916
Aaron Burr:	655
Eliza Hamilton:	324
George Washington:	300
Angelica Schuyler:	246
Thomas Jefferson:	234

Hamilton was nominated for 16 tony awards, which was a new record.

Favorite Winter Activities

by Lynnae Baker
Grade 8

Christmas lights: 6
Christmas movies: 8
Snowball fight: 3
Snowman: 2
Skiing/snowboarding: 4
Sledding/tubing: 3
Cookies: 2

Alex Sanchez (8th grade) said "making cookies is my favorite because there sugary, it's fun to make, and I like food."

Ella Jennings (8th grade) said "I like Christmas lights because they all different, and because some are interesting and fun to look at, and others go with Christmas music and I like that."

Malala Yousafzai

by Sena Sebu
Grade 8

Malala is a girl who stands up for other girls in Palestine who don't have the ability to go to school. Malala's dream was to become a doctor but she wasn't allowed to be in school. One day she asked her parents why girls aren't allowed in school, but she didn't get any answers from her parents.

As she was growing up, she thought about making a difference for herself and for other girls that aren't allowed to be in school. She thought speaking up only for herself wouldn't make a difference.

Later, when she was a teenager, she spoke out publicly against the prohibition of the education of girls. Malala said "in October 2012, a member of the Pakistani Taliban boarded my school bus and shot one bullet into my left temple."

In 2013, Malala gave a speech to the United Nations and published her first book in 2015, called "I Am Malala." A lot of people are interested in her story and how she makes a difference for a lot of people.



I Won a Free Trip to New York!

by Leedia Xiong

Grade 6

I won a free trip to New York for writing an article about Robert Ryland! The process of making the essay was kinda hard because we had to read about Robert Ryland, answer the questions in an essay form, and there was a ton of waiting. I had to read a lot about the rules of the essay process and how Robert Ryland broke boundaries. Before we get into it, Robert Ryland was the first African American to be a professional tennis player (see article from December edition). When he stepped down as a professional tennis player, he coached. I had to think a ton about how he broke boundaries and my similarities or how I want to be like him. Then we had to wait, wait, wait, and wait some more. Until one night my mom got a call.

One of the contest administrators told us that I got the trip to New York!

I had won the contest for the 12u division for my essay about Robert Ryland. I was so happy and excited! The administrator told us that if we didn't go

on the trip to New York in October because of COVID then we could go sometime during summer break. She told us that we needed to go on a zoom call for more information. So, a month later we went on the zoom call.

The different administrators told us where and what we were going to do on the trip: where we were going to sleep, eat, how we would get there, and when we were going. They told us that we would have a bigger live meeting with one of the heads of the organization. They also said that we would need to make two videos on

how I wrote the essay, and what the essay is about.

After a couple of weeks we went to the bigger zoom meeting with one of the heads of the organization. I couldn't watch the whole meeting because I had tennis practice but I got to watch at least 20 minutes of it. The head of the organization talked about how great the opportunity is and how he can't wait to see us in New York. He put all of the videos together and all the other winners got to watch. That's all I know for now, we haven't gotten any new information. I'm going to New York!



French Fry Box Pencil Holder

by Divya Ohneswere

Grade 6

Take an empty fry box and paint it however you would like to. You can even put a quote that makes you happy.

Then take a magnet and put the pencil holder on your locker.

Put all of your extra pencils, markers, or really anything that will fit inside.

Avoid messy lockers and binders. A helpful school tip is to keep your things organized.



House of Mystery Continued

by Marcos Lara

Grade 6

Where we left off: Ten minutes later we were at the haunted palace. Me and Mike walk in.

It was old. I mean like old, old. I felt like someone had been here before us, but I did not tell Mike. I thought I could be wrong and we would just cancel the fun, scary trip. We kept on going.

Mike thought: "I wasn't happy because I am not a big fan of movies that are scary, and especially movies with scary houses!"

Me and Mike heard a noise from upstairs. You know, like in the movie how the creepy noise is always UPSTAIRS? We went up stairs because I thought for a minute, and thought: "I'll live!"

We saw nothing, so we went into the room and saw something terrifying! Mike's view: we went upstairs there wasn't anything moving. We went into a room and saw a killer mask! What was behind us was the killer himself, laughing at us! Me and Mike were planning what to do next.

I whispered and told him "on the count of three, run away, OK?"

"Ok." Mike said.

We got ready, but then the killer got closer!

"ONE, TWO, THREE, GO!"

The killer was confused for a second then he ran at us and we luckily made it out of the house. The killer did not make it out of the house because they probably thought that someone would see them.

Me and Mike just kept on running and running. When we made it home we decided to call the cops to investigate the house that we just went in. We called the cops and they said "they're on their way."

So me and Mike got ready again and waited at the old house where the killer was just chasing us. We felt like the killer would just jump out at any time and grab one of us, but it did not happen.

The cops were here and...

My Dream

by Heidy Molina

Grade 6

My dream is to become a singer I would also like to travel to South Korea I like their music and I would also like to try the food i like to help people I recently moved to America 🇺🇸 and I really miss my friends me and they had 9 years of friendship there is still a girl who always considers her as my best friend and when I came couldn't say goodbye 😞 but maybe on my long vacationes and that makes me happy 😊 another very important thing in my life is fulfill my dream ✨ actually I'm very happy to arrive in this life I am very happy i really like the Spartans team but I can't be in the team :(

Their Interview

by Unique Abrams

Grade 6

In this interview I asked questions to a 6th grade student who wants to remain anonymous. I asked their opinion, and other things like what they like to be called. When I was doing this interview I wanted them to be 100% honest and to not put on an act just because people are gonna see it. I did this interview because I wanted to know what they felt when they were in and out of school.

Q: What are your pronouns?

A: He/They

Q: What's your favorite color/colors?

A: Black and hot pink.

Q: What is your favorite season of the year?

A: The Summer

Q: How do you feel?

A: nervous/scared

Q: How do you feel about school?

A: "I don't like school"

Q: How is this year so far?

A: Ok I guess

Q: Are you in clubs?

A: Yeah

Q: Do you feel safe at school?

A: Of course<33

Q: Do you think people care about you at school?

A: Yes

Q: Do you feel safe outside of school? If you said no,why?

A: No. It's personal stuff outside of school.

Q: How do you feel about one out of ten?

A: 2/10