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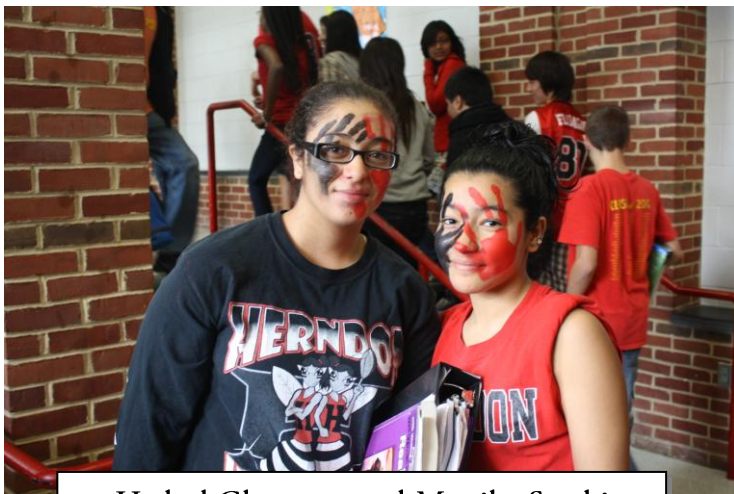
A Brand New Opinion

By Inteha Hassan and Blanca Torres

Brand name items are a big part of middle school. All around school you'd see, Uggs, Abercrombie, North Face, etc. But what is branding exactly? Branding is the art of selling products by attracting customers with funky and appealing logos! People's opinions decide what is popular and what is not.

We asked 8th grade President Chris Donald "Are brand names important to you, and if so, why?" He responded with, "No, because it doesn't really matter, it's all the same." We asked eighth grader Helen Mai "Do you think there's a difference between knockoffs and brand names?" She said, "Yeah, sometimes, because quality is a big key when it comes to clothing and shoes."

7th graders had different opinions. We asked James Amaya-Lucero said "My favorite brand name is Adidas, because they sell soccer clothes and they're comfy!" We also asked him if he'd rather have brand names or knockoffs. He said, "There's not much of a difference." 7th grader Thai-Binh Elston told us "I like Vans, Uggs, and North Face."



Hadeel Ghannam and Monika Sarabi wearing the "HMS brand" on Spirit Day.

Holiday Checklist

By Michelle Lovering, Hannah Schaffer and Blanca Torres

For those of you who aren't traveling for the holiday break or just need some ideas for what to do at home while schools out, here's a list that we came up with for you!

What to do over Winter Break...

- Listen to music:
 - Parry Gripp
 - NeverShoutNever
 - Breathe Carolina
- Go to the movies:
 - Sherlock Holmes
 - Mission Impossible
 - Twilight "Breaking Dawn"
- Go shopping:
 - Toys R Us
 - American Eagle
 - Vat19.com
 - Best Buy

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P.E. teacher Ms. Spencer said "I like Nike shoes a lot. I've been wearing them for a long time, so I know to expect the good quality when I buy from them." When we asked English teacher Mr. Moody what his favorite brand was and he answered "Kellogg's!" Mr. Moody said that he did not care about brand name clothing as long as it was comfortable. He joked that it'll all cost the same at the end of the day anyway.

Brand names really are a big part of middle school but brand names don't make up who you are. So don't let it get you down if you're not into brand names. Many of the people didn't care whether they had brand name clothing or not so, you don't have to either!

Holiday Checklist (continued from page 1)

- What to get friends for the holidays:
 - Clothing
 - Stuffed animals
 - Stuff from Vat19.com
 - Video games
 - Ugly sweaters
 - Jewelry
 - Toys
 - Food
 - Homemade cards
 - Shoes
- Stuff to do if it snows:
 - Make a snowman
 - Have a snowball fight
 - Make a snow angel
 - Make hot cocoa
 - Go sledding
- Stuff to do if it doesn't snow:
 - Make a dirt man
 - Stay inside and stay warm
 - Make fake snow

Whatever you decide to do, remember to have a safe and fun Winter Break! See you next year!

Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Pafumi

By Will Curtis

Mr. Pafumi joined the HMS staff just this year, and is already a favorite among many students. Before HMS he worked at Bailey's Elementary for the Arts. He was the founder of the drama program at Westfield High, where he worked for 10 years before coming here.

Mrs. Klenna personally invited him here to revive our drama program. He has been teaching drama for 16 years, and got his degree from George Mason and Virginia Tech. He says the biggest difference between middle schoolers and high schoolers is the level the level of maturity, and how middle schoolers get distracted way more easily.

Mr. Pafumi has never performed in a professional play but he has directed a play called "Picasso" in the DC area. Mr. Pafumi is obviously not a newcomer to the stage of theatre education. We are glad to have him at HMS!



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