

Welcome to Hawk Talk City!

Dear Students, Staff, and Parents of HCJH,

It is with great pleasure and pride that we present Hawk Talk City, our school's 2011-2012 newspaper! Our name reflects our vision as news reporters. We are committed to reporting news that is interesting, relevant, and helpful to our community here at Heights. Should you hear or think of any inspiring ideas, please use our suggestion box found on the last page.

We hope you enjoy your reading of Hawk Talk City!

-Miss Rich & the Hawk Talk City staff



Watch out! Marissa Dunn is driving a car!

SpeedZone

By: Victoria Ferguson

SPEEDZONE • HCJH's field trip to SpeedZone was on September 28th. It was a day filled with fun things such as arcade games, miniature golf and something mostly everyone enjoys: driving go carts. Mrs. Snyder collected the forms and money from some of the students. From Mrs. Snyder's experience, she remembers the drag races.

Mr. Winger, Bible teacher and football coach, also gave some of his memorable moments of SpeedZone. "This year was my favorite SpeedZone," said Mr. Winger. "My favor-

ite part of the day was racing in the car with Mrs. Haugen."

Eighth grader, Marissa Dunn, enjoyed hanging out with friends and racing against the teachers. "You get to meet a lot of new people," she said. Her favorite part of the day was racing Mr. Estes in the drag races. Even though this year wasn't Marissa's first trip to SpeedZone,

she thought it was still fun. She said it was extremely fun because there were competitions going on, and people would bet to see who would win. Marissa added, "Also, everyone who didn't want to race could either hang out inside or play at the golf course."

It seems like many people enjoyed SpeedZone.



7th Graders Return As 8th Graders

By: Jordan Yoon

HCJH • On September 7th, last year's 7th grade graduates return to campus as new 8th graders prepared for class and ready to learn.

But aside from learning, these 8th graders were more focused on another topic: seeing their friends. Now at the top, new 8th graders were eager to come across their friends and meet their new teachers. But these weren't the only things ahead of them; they'll have to do homework again. Here are some thoughts of current 8th grade students.

First off, Steven Bishay had some interesting thoughts about being back, "It feels great to see my friends and how they've changed over the summer." He also said, "In my opinion, the new teachers give us a fresh start and they're really nice. Over the year, I'd like to get to know them better." Bishay also had

thoughts on having to work on homework again. Bishay said, "It was kind of hard to get in the routine of doing homework again, but I think I've caught on."

Another student, named Daniel Heidari, also had a couple of thoughts about being an 8th grader. He said, "It feels great to be back and see my friends and finally become an 8th grader!" Daniel also said that "it feels empowering" being at the top of the school.

However, not all the 8th graders have the same thoughts this school year. Jaidon Christian Teran isn't so excited about school beginning, "Because of the amount of homework we have to do, and it's too crowded because of the 6th



Justin Lee

graders. That's why I'm not going to Speed Zone and also because I forgot to bring my slip."

But some students have actually been waiting to come back to school over the summer, like returning 8th grader, Justin Lee. He said, "I've been waiting to come back over the summer because I wanted to see all my friends, so it's really great to see them again because I missed them a lot."

Jaidon Teran

Life of Mr. Estes

By: Natalie Godinez

SCIENCE • Mr. Estes starts his daily routine when he wakes up at 6:15 every day. "No matter what time I go to sleep, I have to get up at 6:15." he says. He showers, and then brings his cats in. He turns his car on and drives to school.

When he pulls in, the first thing he does when he gets out of his car is get a cup of coffee. He isn't a morning person. After teaching three periods of science, he's still hard at work during break. He usually helps students with science and inputs grades. Mr. Estes then teaches fourth and fifth period. What would we do without him?

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Web tools

By: Chad Kim

WEB TOOLS • Mrs. Gomez who is a Web tools teacher, computer teacher, and school technician, is hiring TAs for Web tools.

Students in Web tools have a lot of different things to consider while working. For example, they have to consider logging in, easier ways to use a computer, logging off, and even making a Gmail account. The only problem is that the technology is new, so there are many issues. One of the issues is that the students don't know how to log in to their Gmail accounts.

Mrs. Gomez is trying to solve all these issues by multiplying herself by hiring Teacher Assistants (TAs). She believes by doing this, she can have the class move more quickly and efficiently. Mrs. Gomez is looking for people that are helpful, productive in class, and knowledgeable, so that they can help others. Mrs. Gomez believes that this is a very good idea because



Heather Washle helps Jessica Loomis with a computer problem.

not only does it help her, but it helps the students who are TAs experience and build up their leadership skills.

Mrs. Gomez will hire TAs again next quarter. This is actually the first time Mrs. Gomez hired TAs in a classroom. Start practicing these habits now because you might become the next TA in Web tools.

Heather Washle, cheer captain and student council representative, is now also known as the TA for Mrs. Gomez in Web tools.

Heather first found out that she was the TA when Mrs. Gomez announced it in class. She was chosen because she always finished her work and always paid attention to Mrs. Gomez's

instructions. To be a TA might sound hard or boring, but in Heather's perspective, she thinks that it is really fun. She said that she helps people get in their net books, and sometimes answers their questions.

You might be curious how Heather finishes her work if she is in class helping Mrs. Gomez the entire class time. She actually finishes her work on her own time. She can catch up on her work at home. This is why Mrs. Gomez chose Heather to become the first TA. Hopefully, you are encouraged and have an idea of what it means to be a TA in Web tools.

Jazz Band

By: Ian Kennedy

JAZZ BAND • It might seem like the Jazz Band just plays background music at S.O.A.R. assemblies, but they do many things besides that. For example, the Jazz Band goes on the music tour in May every year. On the music tour, they perform at nursing homes and other places. They also go to amusement parks and do other fun things as a reward when they aren't

performing so that they can relax and have fun, according to eighth-grader Eli Hosseini. They perform far away from La Mirada so that they can get away and go to a new place, says eighth-grader Ben Garcia. They perform once a year at Brea Olinda Elementary School to get the younger kids interested in music, too. And of course, they play for the kids at HCJH. However, the Jazz



Ryan Scotti focuses on the notes during practice.

Band members can't do this without some work. They have to practice playing their instruments a lot, "Half an hour every day," Hosseini says. The Jazz Band members don't join just because they feel like it or to look good, either. Hosseini said he joined "because I wanted to learn how to play a new instrument." The Jazz Band members are diligent, dedicated to their work, and they are very busy. But they are rewarded for it by their own and other peoples' enjoyment of their music.



The Jazz Band practices for their next performance.

Statuary Paintings

By: Jonas Yoon

PAINTING • Every quarter, students are painting statues in Statuary Painting.

Students were asked what it's like to be in this class. Ian Wier says, "It is fun, exciting, mystical, and tasty in the tongue. Currently, I am painting a baseball like a hamburger. But it failed, so now it's a blue baseball. I encourage kids to sign up for this class because it's fun."

Mitchell Ratzlaff has a positive opinion about Statuary Painting. "I think it's quite enjoyable, small but enjoyable.

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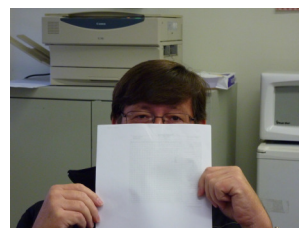
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While the students of HCJH enjoy their lunch, Mr. Estes doesn't eat lunch, but he might have a diet soda. He is responsible by usually checking for e-mails from parents and continues grading. He likes to listen to music on his iPad.

After a day of hard work, he finally goes home. He might head to the gym, and if he does, he gets home about 5:15. After he gets home, Mr. and Mrs. Estes might go out to eat. "After, my wife might drag me to the mall, or we might rent a movie." He commented.

Mr. Estes ends his day by going to bed anywhere between 9 pm and 4am in the morning, depending on his insomnia.

No matter what he does during his day, what really matters is that he will always be a science teacher at heart.



Mr. Estes is shy of attention.

Oxford

By: Natalie Godinez

OXFORD, ENGLAND • In the town of Oxford, the world famous Oxford University has literally “taken over the town” since around 1096 AD.

This summer, I visited Oxford University on a tour of England. Many people may assume that Oxford University is only one college, but it is, in fact, made up of many colleges. Our first stop was Christ Church College. Christ Church is a college with a rich history, which students who enjoy reading might find interesting.

The author of *Alice in Wonderland*, Lewis Carroll, was a professor at Christ Church. He was writing *Alice in Wonderland*, when

he spotted one of his fellow professor’s cat up in a tree outside his window. The cat influenced him and the Cheshire Cat, one of the characters in his book, was born.

When the book *Harry Potter and Sorcerer’s Stone* was being adapted into a movie, one of the people in charge of the set was trying to decide how to create the setting. He visited Christ Church College and decided to film scenes from the movie on one of their staircases and in the dining room. This event permanently made its mark on Christ Church’s history.

Christ Church is not the only famous college in the town. Oxford consists of



The dining hall at Christ Church College was used as Hogwarts’ dining hall in the Harry Potter films.

about thirty colleges, all very hard to get into. Students from each college roam the town, either studying hard in a cafe or enjoying their leisure time shopping. If someone walks the streets, they may feel out of place because it seems that all the students at Oxford University own a bike!

A bike may be very convenient, also, for a tourist wishing to see all the historic buildings of Oxford University because there are so many. At the end of the tour, I was very glad that I had visited Oxford. If anyone is ever in or near London, I greatly advise them to visit this historic town.

London

By: Ian Spears

LONDON • London is a very exciting place to travel with all of its historical sights. I went there this summer and it was very cool. I went to the Globe Theater, saw Big Ben, which is beside the Parliament building, the Rosetta stone in the British Museum, and the Harry Potter World Premiere at Trafalgar Square.

The Globe Theater is the theater that William Shakespeare staged his performances at. Sadly, the original was destroyed in the Great Fire of London, so they made a new building at the same spot. They show a variety of plays such as Julius Caesar, Henry VII, and Richard III. I saw Hamlet and Henry IV while I was there.

While I was in London, I had the opportunity to go

to the British Museum. The British Museum is one of the biggest museums in the world that contains artifacts from as early as the Egyptians and the Assyrians, to the medieval times in Europe. By far, the most priceless and important is the Rosetta stone.

Close to the British museum, is Trafalgar Square. Trafalgar Square is a famous landmark where there are statues of people like Horatio Nelson, George III, and George Washington. Interestingly, the land is owned by America where George Washington stands.

Near this famous area, is Big Ben. Big Ben is actually the bell, not the clock tower. It is near the Parliament building.

As you can see, London is a very exciting place to visit.

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To be honest, this was my first choice because the other electives didn’t appeal to me as much, and there was no Improv available. I am painting a truck and I’m going to make it into a Tron truck.”

A new student to Heights Christian Junior High, Jacob Aguiar says, “It’s cool. It’s fun. I like painting statues. It’s amazingly awesome and it’s epicly awesome. I signed up to paint statues, and I’m painting a car. I like painting cars.”

Eighth grader Wendy Raigosa says, “This class is a very entertaining class where you can try out new ideas. I signed up for this class because I love to paint. I am painting an elephant which is green and has spots.”

These students have very creative minds, and maybe they’ve inspired you to sign up for this class.



Kyle Wong paints a statue.



Coach Winger

By: Andrew Kim

SPORTS FIELD • Mr. Winger leads the HCJH Varsity football team by sharing God's way of coaching.

When you lead such a group of people, you'd better figure out how you will lead. For example, you will need to figure out what your goal is or how you will meet the goal. So, Mr. Winger set his purpose for coaching as doing all for the glory of God. Also, he does his best because God has

asked him to do so.

Mr. Winger has been coaching baseball, basketball, and football teams since 1981, which is 30 years of coaching. Furthermore, he was on a football team when he was in junior high just like our Varsity football team. Those days, coaches were tough by yelling at players, but Mr. Winger doesn't seem to like it. He encourages the members of his team and leads them freely.

Having been a player and coach for over 30 years, he is able to figure out what a team's weaknesses and strengths are. According to Mr. Winger, the current Varsity football team lacks experience and leadership,

which is a common weakness that Mr. Winger figures out throughout years.

On the other hand, they are very fast and athletic, which can be the key to cover their weaknesses. Mr. Winger said that he will lead the team to use those strengths to sweep and run wide with speed.

Players must do both defense and offense. The trouble is teams don't have enough time to improve both. Mr. Winger has a solution: everyone says defense wins the championship, so the best offense is the best defense. Let's say a team scored 50 points in a football game. They don't need to defend. However, when a team is not

that good at offense, it will probably choose to focus on defense. So, they simply work on both offense and defense.

Sometimes that doesn't seem easy. Most players feel like they are flying like an eagle when they win the championship. That's pretty different from how Mr. Winger feels when he wins. He says he feels honored and blessed. Whenever his team is not doing well, Mr. Winger says it's just difficult because the coach can give them advice, but the coach can't play games for the team. People will know when they stand in his shoes.

Mr. Winger has been coaching teams God's way and all for the glory of God. He and his team will praise God whether they win or not. Every day, Mr. Winger and his team are doing their best to honor God.

Huddle Up!

By: Ian Spears

"For a rivalry to begin, you must have two talented teams face each other a lot in very close games, but especially when it comes to the playoffs".

SPORTS FIELD • These are the thoughts of Mr. Winger, who provides information about HJCH's rivalry with Rose Drive Friends School. Thanks to him, students get a little of the unknown about how the rivalry got started.

In 1999-2003 HCJH only played Rose Drive Friends as a practice game since they were not in the league. However, in 2004 they joined the

league and it sparked the rivalry between the two teams. Often they play each other in the playoffs, and usually games are very close.

To Mr. Winger, the most significant game in the rivalry was last year's football championship game. In the regular season, Friends won 27-7, but in the Championship, Heights obliterated Friends, 20-0. Most of the time though, the games were very close. Usually, though, HCJH has the upper hand. In football the Hawks are 12-2 against them. All the other sports teams are



about equally matched.

This rivalry can often be carried to high school as many students of both schools go to Whittier Christian High School. With students, the rivals may have a mutual feeling of disagreement of who is better, but with the coaches, there is great respect for each other. Mr. Winger commented on Friends' coaches: "I occasionally chat with the other

coaches and respect their style of play." Even with that being said, future students with older siblings who went to either of the schools may have the same feeling as their predecessors. This rivalry is an important part of the school and it will last for a many years to come.

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