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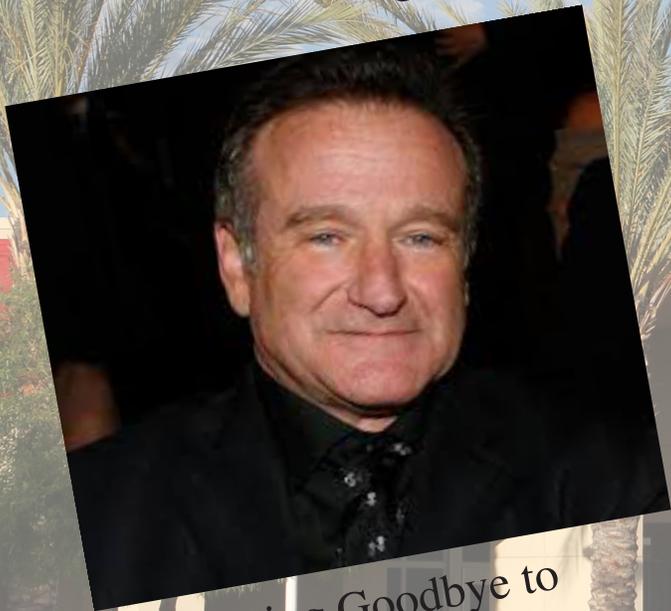


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Saying Goodbye to
Robin Williams



The yearbook staff has already been working diligently this year to capturing the history we are making with the students and events at Hemet High School. The staff has already attended events that marked the beginning of the school year. Throughout the year, we will cover everything from sporting events to dances to plays, and everything in between. We want to ensure everything that will happened this year will be remembered. If you have not already purchased your copy of this years' yearbook, you should get to the ASB Office and reserve your copy today before the prices go up further.

Yearbook

New School Rules

By: Shayla Evans



It was August 11th, 2014, a Monday morning, the start of a new year for the Hemet High School Bulldogs as we sat in the sunny bleachers, awaiting the annual speech from Dr. Shaw. She introduced us to the new assistant principle, Mr. Drinkwater, who was welcomed with snickers and a few laughs at the hilarity of his name. Students weren't smiling for very long though.

Mr. Drinkwater brought up a few new rules that caused distress among the stands. This year, OCR has been brought back, stressing the need for students to be in class on time. Also, sunglasses aren't allowed to be worn at all, inside any of the buildings. And last, but certainly not least, hats are banned on the school campus. The only exception to this rule is if the hat has a Hemet High School logo on it.

After an interview with Mr. Drinkwater, the reasons behind the no-hat rule began to make sense. The biggest reason why is the safety issues. In years before we weren't allowed to wear hats with a professional sports team, but students were still showing support for college

sports or wearing Metal Mulisha hats. Gangs are able to form, and in some schools it was becoming a problem. When asked who made this decision, Mr. Drinkwater was able to say Hemet High, San Jacinto, and Tahquitz administration met



over the summer and supported the no hat rule. So the blame doesn't sit on Mr. Drinkwater's shoulders, he was just the one to deliver the message. Also, it's not just our school, it's throughout the valley. Disciplinary actions have already been made against students who refuse to take off their hat, resulting in warnings, and then having them taken away until Christmas. This isn't a problem for most kids, after all you can still wear your hat after school, on the weekends, and on school breaks.

After a few interviews with students, it is clear there is a more negative response to the new rule. Aidan Young said he could understand why we couldn't wear the sports teams in years past, but he doesn't see how the hats he wore-Vans and RUCA-could become a gang related problem. Mercedes Evans says she is disappointed and how she won't be able to match and accessorize her outfits with a cute hat when winter comes around. Cassie Cloake also admitted the beanie she sometimes wear helps her feel more confident, especially on bad hair days. And Jonah Chavez seemed to clear up the main idea everyone seemed to be saying, "we aren't able to express ourselves the way we want to."

Hemet High School hats will be available, and will cost approximately \$10. They're coming in red, black, and gray and will be "snapbacks". So keep a positive outlook this year if you're feeling angry about the new rule, there's nothing you can do about it, and if it's for our safety it's for the best anyway.

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In your classroom, on the web, reporting on our school!

Your First Day

By: Madison Loomis

There were more people and classes. Different schedules and teachers, “overwhelming” is the way I’d describe my first day at Hemet High School. The switch was definitely a change, but once that first day goes by, it gets easier and easier. Anyone out there having this issue, or had this issue, here are a few things I found helped!

Asking questions is okay! No one is going to laugh at you for not knowing where a class is.



Don’t stress yourself out trying to make your way through a foreign place. Asking one of the students is a great idea. There is staff everywhere as well that would be more than welcome to assist you.

Getting a tour from one of the staff members before you attend the school is something worth considering as well.

Be social. Now I understand if being shy is one of your qualities, but making friends is what will make your first day even better. When lunch comes around, or if you forgot to write a homework assignment down, you’re going to wish you had a buddy. Find a person from one of your classes that was nice to you, or seems nice, to go hang out with.



Sitting around isn’t going to make things better.

Communicating skills are key. Walking into a class with new teachers and not knowing their methods, how much homework they assign, or even if the class is right for you is hard the first couple of days. Communicating with them will help you figure out the class quicker and will get you a better grade. Make sure you talk to them at a good time as well. Emailing is probably the easiest way to go. Or go in before school, after school, or quickly after class. They don’t know you, you don’t know them, so go up and tell them where you stand.

Any new incoming students to school, good luck and have fun! Remember ask questions, be social, and communicate. High School is supposed to be the best years of your life, so make it count.

The Loss of a Legend

By: Abigale Stoner-Lavigne

On August 11, 2014 the famous Robin Williams passed on. It was an alleged suicide. The reason behind this tragedy points to his depression and Parkinson’s disease. How can someone so funny and so happy have depression?

Parkinson’s disease is a disorder of the brain that leads to shaking (tremors) and difficulty with walking, movement, and coordination. Entertainment called him “Hollywood’s grand jester.” He was also battling with a drug and alcohol abuse,



cancer, and the fame. He left behind three children. He was working on a few new films when he died. There is going to be a third Night at the Museum and two other ones. He has captured so many hearts in all of the films he made. President Obama said a statement on the actor’s passing: “Robin Williams was an airman, a doctor, a genie, a nanny, a president, a professor, a bangarang Peter Pan, and everything in between. But he



was one of a kind. He arrived in our lives as an alien – but he ended up touching every element of the human spirit. He made us laugh. He made us cry. He gave his immeasurable talent freely and generously to those who needed it most – from our troops stationed abroad to the marginalized on our own streets.”

Hearing some thoughts from people we can actually see in person, Mr. Drinkwater had said, “Money and fame doesn’t bring happiness.” He also thinks that it is ridiculous for the media to exploit everything about him. No one needs to know what exactly he was wearing or how he was sitting to the exact degree. He is gone and knowing every little detail about him is not going to bring him back.

The National Suicide Prevention hot line is 1-800-273-8255, never feel like there’s no one to talk to, because there’s always someone who will listen.

Welcome Back Carnival

By: Ruth Gonzalez

Shifting of the School Days

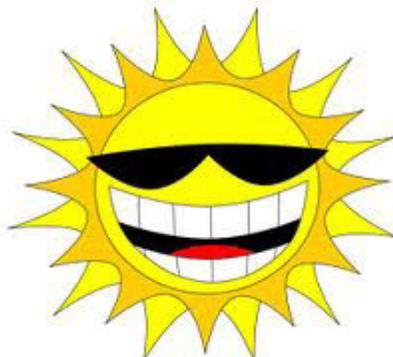
By: Nicole Vorisek

Does summer feel shorter to you? Well that's because the school board has shifted the way our school schedule is run. More breaks and a summer that feels shorter.

The schedule was laid out differently, the calendar manipulating the way we feel about summer as it digs into what's usually most peoples' vacation time. School is still 379 minutes a day, 180 days a year- yet it still feels shorter. Maybe it's because summer vacation generally would start in the middle of June, but now it's the end of May. School schedules have shifted throughout the decade, the calendar is the same, but we have different break lengths, and when they take place. I asked some students their opinions on the matter.



Maddie L: Grade 11- "I like the fact that the breaks are more lengthy throughout the school year because it makes school less overwhelming and it kinda gives me a break to where it's like, 'okay I can rest and then go back and feel refreshed'. Although it bugs me that summer starts so early, that ACTUAL summer only hits halfway through the break, making it feel shorter for us. There's pros and cons to it, but I can't control that so I just go with the flow."



Kiston A: Grade 10- "I don't really mind, I just go with it."

I'm sure most of you have heard this already, but let me just say it again... WELCOME BACK BULLDOGS! Now that school has once again initiated, we are back to performing our daily routine, however that doesn't mean we can't have a little fun right? Every year our school hosts a "back to school dance", but this year we decided to spice things up a little by changing our yearly tradition, and what better way to do so than a "back to school carnival"! Our back to school carnival was held August, Friday 15th in the Bulldog Stadium. We had hundreds of our students having a great time playing the carnival games such as: Pie-a-cheerleader-in-the-face, face painting, laser tag, and a huge bouncy slide. Of course one of our most popular booths was the dunk tank that was



almost always crowded! The favorite victim of this event was Dr. Shaw, who fell in the water several times. The heat was also pretty intense (106 degrees!!) so we also had our concessions stands open for all those who were



dehydrated and hungry. Overall, our first year throwing a back to school carnival was a success, and we hopefully have another

next year! So what did you like more, our welcome back dance or back to school carnival? Let us know your opinions too! So whether you were getting your face painted or trying to dunk Dr. Shaw, we hope you had a great time, be prepared for an amazing school year dogs!

School, Sports, Life, AH!

By: Madison Loomis

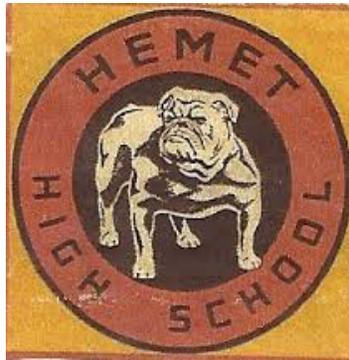
Accommodating school, sports, and life in general is a tough thing to do. Especially in high school when you want to play the sport you love, but hang out with friends at the same time. Not to mention the homework that comes along with all of it. Here is a little piece that some of you athletes can hopefully relate too.

School is not the most enjoyable thing in the world (for most of us) but it's something we have to do. Homework, tests, projects, and much more comes along with school and when you're in a sport you need to be on your toes. Going to practice everyday after school for who knows how many hours then having to come home tired and complete the other part of your life is all we've ever known.

While everyone has several hours after school, we have three to take a shower, eat, and do our school assignments. Using our time wisely in class is our savor. The more we get done in class, the less we have to do later. It gets distracting at times because people are talking, but we have to focus on what's important. Our grades are the most important because if you are looking into a scholarship you have to be good at sports and school! We have to take harder classes just to impress someone for something that might not even happen, but we do it for our sport.

The love from the sport comes from the adrenaline rush before every game, competition, or tournament we attend. The feeling we get from accomplishing something new, and most of all, the team. Some of your best friends come from the sport you are in. I mean we are with them more than our parents. We have this special bond no one can break just from the similarities we share. We know how to "pump" someone up in such a way no one ever could.

Doing school, sports, and trying to live a normal life is a bit tough. Teachers can't give special treatment to you if you forgot something or you were just too worn out to do anything. In the end, it is worth it because we get to experience the world of athletics and academics at the same time; yet most of us pull it off. You have to have some serious commitment in order to do all of it, and by all means there are millions out there doing it.



Key Club

By: Harper Pham

Interviewed: Tamara Long

To the students that love to be a big helping hand and do lots of activities, then the Key Club is the right club for you. Now for all the students that don't know what key club is, I'll explain. Key Club is a service club that gives students skills to become strong leaders and helpers (Tamara Long). As of 2010, Key Club is found all over the world. The Key Club is sponsored by the local Kiwanis. The Kiwanis help carry the missions for the high school students around the world <http://www.keyclub.org/discover/historytimeline.aspx>. Key Club has a lot of history behind it, it was started in 1924, and there are clubs all over the world, students like us all around join every year, getting involved and helping one another. Key Club has about 250,000 members that join all around and 5,000 clubs in the country's <http://www.keyclub.org/discover/historytimeline.aspx>

To the students in Hemet High that want to join Key Club: You are NOT going to be treated like the outsider in the club, every student that joins will be treated like a friend (Tamera Long) so there should be no worrying on new arrivals in the club. Students, if you're wondering where you'll benefit, Key Club can give out scholarships and help you get involved in colleges. Last year, students helped make a rose float in the Rose Bowl parade in Pasadena.



Member's design and showed off their creation at the parade. Students also donated shoes to the children's and families around our valley (Tamera Long). The Key Club would do fund-raisers and car washes; students would work booths at fairs and events. ALSO! Key Club students can get involved in conventions, meeting other Key Club members around the United States.

SOOOO, if you want to get involved, meeting days are on Wednesdays after school, sign up, and for the sports players that want to sign up, there are the early sign ups as well. If you like to help out, while having fun, then maybe the Key Club is just for you.

Let's go Bulldogs, Let's Go!

By: Ruth Gonzalez

A new school year has started Bulldogs, and you know what that means... a new and improved varsity cheer team! Throughout the years, the cheer team has become one of the school's most important teams on campus. Can you imagine a football game



without cheerleaders? Well, lucky for us we don't have to imagine those awful things because this year's Hemet



High School's Varsity Cheer Team is coming back stronger than ever. Savannah Fisher and Jasmine

Bucio are this year's new senior captains. We spoke to Jasmine to ask her what she expected from this year's team, she said, "I expect a lot of strength and dedication, because that's something I didn't see a lot of previously, so I'd like to see the new girls devote themselves because I have these past few years. I also love our new Coach Becca because she actually keeps her word and follows through with everything she says!" We also asked lovely gal, Vanessa Garcia, how she felt about her new team and she said, "I'm really happy about our new team, it's like a breath of fresh air, and we all get along extremely well! We don't need anyone else, because we are the perfect team." So now you know, look out for these bright and beautiful girls who are ready to cheer on our football team and perform their hearts out at our assemblies! GO BIG RED!

Romeo! Romeo! Where for art thou Romeo?

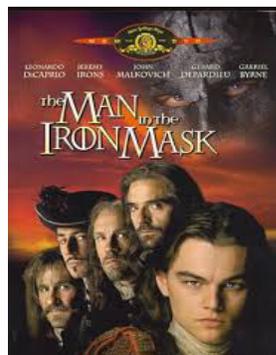
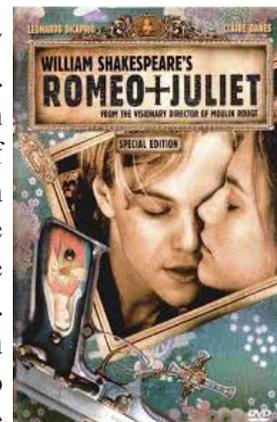
By: Abigale Stoner

The tragic love story of Romeo and Juliet. The comedy of The Man in the Iron Mask. Basically, all of these plays were created from unknown actors who were able to eventually achieve huge

successes.

If you want to recreate stories

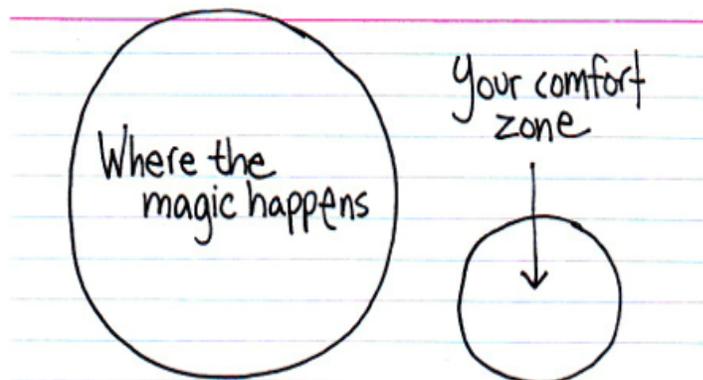
through passion and words then on August 26, 2014 from 2:45-3:45 come on down to the theatre for the auditions.



How Often Do You Leave Your Comfort Zone?

By: Mai Rehnberg

Leaving your comfort zone can be rough, but it's something you have to do in order to grow, maybe you need to do small things like talk in front of the class, for some, it's very hard and it is stepping out of your comfort zone. The things that makes you a little shaky and makes you feel uncomfortable, but leaves you with relief and being proud afterwards, that means that you stepped out of your comfort zone, that means that you grow a little bit each and every time you do step out of your comfort zone.



Dress codes and fashion hints

By: Harper Pham

Summer ended, schools back on! With the weather still being hot, every one wants to cool off by wearing less clothing. And with all new styles in the fashion industry, designers are marketing more stylish clothes for teens and young adults. While most schools have a dress code to keep the students appropriate, there are ways to still be in the fashion life while not being caught for dress code. Girls, girls, love to get all dressed up and show their inner personality.



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Most fashion clothes reveal some skin, like tank tops, short shorts, crop tops. There's always a way to fix that! Cardigans, bandeaus, etc. find something that can solve both worries and problems. No one likes to get dress coded and have to wear those ugly

shirts and along with that getting sent to OCR, but the worst thing of all is having the parents get a call on what's going on and why you have OCR. So to just avoid all the clothes drama, mix



-match and style up.

Now for all the guys yes, we all know how much guy's would say "they don't care what they look like" but in all reality, we know you do. So here's some tips for you, don't sag your pants to the point were they're hanging off

your knees and starting to look like you have a dirty diaper on. If your not comfy with your pants up high, pull down a



little bit, just not where your undies are flashing. Also, the T-shirts that say or show gang and illegal pictures or writings, honestly you shouldn't wear it. You will just get caught as well. There's always other shirts in the stores that have better and good-looking designs to wear, so just give a second thought before you buy.



The New Millennium

By: Shayla Evans

Every school year brings in a new freshmen class giving the rest of us opportunities to either join Link Crew to help them out or to bully them around because that seems to be the tradition every year. Hopefully that isn't what most of us feel the need to do, because we remember how we felt as freshmen and how crazy it was sometimes, to adjust.

Anyway, the class of 2018 is a bit different than the other grades here at Hemet High. The majority of these freshmen were born in the year "2000" making them truly apart of the new millennium. And because of that, an interesting aspect is as each year goes by, these students will always know how old they are.



After interviewing a few 9th graders, it is safe to assume they're experiencing the same feelings during their first year that many of us felt OUR freshman year. When asked what was her biggest fear coming into high school, Kaley Doherty confessed she was afraid of

the upper class men being mean, and she wouldn't have the same lunch as her friends. Tyler Graves truthfully answered he was afraid he wouldn't fit in, since this was his first year of public school. Others explained being nervous of peer pressure, and worrying what other people think. These fears could still be felt today among the rest of our student body.



On a more positive note, the new students are excited for a few things here at Hemet High. The opportunity to get involved with sports, theatre, band, choir, ASB, and the other many groups here on campus are what makes school a great experience. Since these groups need freshmen, it's important to make them feel welcome, especially if you want to convince them to join your activity. All in all, it's important to treat the "newbies" with respect and help them have a terrific school year. After all, we were all freshmen once, too.

Studying Abroad- Take a Leap into the

Unknown

By: Nicole Vorisek

Studying abroad is a great way to explore the world and make new friends, in another country! You can discover and experience new cultures from anywhere around the world. I interviewed a student who is actually currently studying abroad from Denmark, an 11th grader attending our school for the year- Mai Borges -age 16.

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What's the difference between American schooling and Danish schooling?

“The difference is that the teachers come to you, we sit in the same class usually all day, the same people all around you. We don't have many kids in the schools at all, maybe around 300 students enrolled. Another difference is how many classes we have; some days we'll have two classes of math, English, German, etc. It shifts.”

What are the usual costs to study abroad?

“The exchange rates and expenses are high, maybe around \$15,000. It depends on where you study and the duration of your stay.”



What exchange programs do you recommend?
“I recommend EF Exchange, you get a lot of help and meet with regional counselors. You meet people all around the world.”

Are the learning standards and curriculum much different at all?
“The standards here are somewhat higher, but also lower than in Denmark. Some classes are teaching things I've learned long ago, and some stuff I've never even heard of.”

Mai also stated that she's staying with a lovely host family.