



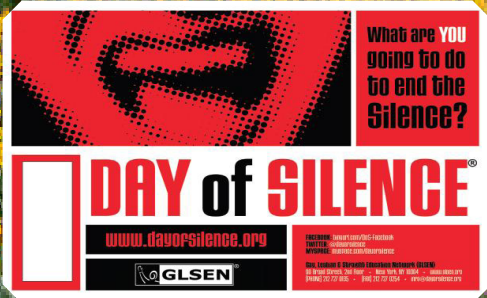
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Space Jam was this year's MORP theme, and it was a great success, as students lined up excitedly at our school gym for the dance to begin as our students dressed in Galaxy themed outfits. The gym was filled with amazing lights, cool outfits and an awesome DJ. With the all of the anticipation everyone was pumped and ready to dance.



As the rivalry from the Battle of the Sexes was still present, everyone was having a great time. The DJ kept things going as Yearbook called the classes one by one to take class photo's in the commons. The senior class was the



biggest class represented, as usual, but there was also a good turn out from others, classes, especially the freshmen.

An exciting moment of the night was when the freshmen court was presented and the nominees anxiously waited for the final winners' names. Four of the six boys showed up and four of the five girls were there. At 9 p.m., the prince and princess were introduced as the boys split to the left and the girls split to the right. As the candidates came down the center isle, high fives and hugs greeted them. After all the introductions, Nick Calderon crowned the King, Shareef Naeem and Esmeralda Acevedo crowned the new Queen, Symone Miah. Similar to Homecoming, the lucky titleholders sealed the win with a beautiful dance!



Another moment to remember was when the boys and the girls had a dance off to try to break the tight score open and had to see who the winner of the 2015 Battle of the Sexes would be. After a very close score, the boys ultimately took the title of winners for this year, but it's okay because I'm sure the girls will have a



better comeback next year. After an amazing time in Space Jam, now it's time to have a blast at PROM on May 2nd, 2015. So if you missed MORP, all is not lost because you can still be at PROM. Get your tickets at the ASB window!



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

It has just come to attention that seniors may be in jeopardy as end of the year activities come around. (This is not an April fool's joke) Apparently the Hemet High School Senior Contract has been online for 6-8 weeks, but it seems only recently have students found out about it. On this letter, it has been written "F" grades on progress reports and semester grade reports will result in being placed on the "NO-GO" list for all school-sponsored activities." It seems the fifth triad grade report will be included in this, which just ended last week.



The reason why so many students are upset is because there was hardly any warning given to the students beforehand, and so, there was hardly any time to raise grades for the end of the triad. Also! It seems a bit unfair to some people that a junior could be failing three classes, and be able to attend prom, but a senior with an "F" in one class isn't able to. It just goes to show what's expected of you as a senior, as we're all held to certain standards. And not only at Hemet High, this is a new district policy.

West Valley High School lost a number of students for their prom because of this new policy. Refunds were given, but it also meant a lot of ticket-money was lost for their ASB. Hopefully our school doesn't have as many failing students...Truancies will also result in being placed on the "NO-GO" list for school-sponsored activities and the graduation commencement ceremony. There isn't



a set number of how many you're allowed to have, but it's important to always excuse your absences when you're gone. That AND keep your grades up.

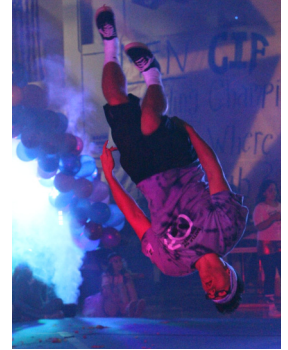
Senioritis may be real, but don't let it affect you!

Hemet High seniors were called into the gym to discuss the policy. A video recording was made and can be seen at www.hemethigh.com under Information / School Policies / Senior Contract link on the right. The video may take time to load because it is a 26 min. video.

The race to see who is better, stronger, smarter, and overall in everything, was amazingly close this year the Battle of the Sexes assembly! The school and gymnasium were completely decorated with blue and pink and clever posters that showed



the rivalry between the ladies and gents. The assembly was jam packed with students



ready to have a good time. The ASB class had a dance off, of course, boys vs. girls, and surprised everyone with their unexpected dance moves, and were evenly both good. The dance

team also surprised everyone when they were doing their dance, Mr. Long appeared dancing on stage and made the crowd go wild!

The boys and the girls also played boys vs. girls version of family feud, and the girls took the winning point! It was quite disappointing when the boys had a huge point reduction when someone from the boys' team, had ruined a part of the bleachers, getting the girls in the lead. The winner of the battle was announced at MORP that same night, and after a second round in a dance off between the girls and the boys, the judges decided that the winners for this year would be the boys. However, the girls did fairly well, and I'm sure that next year will be back for the title. And boys, we'll see if you have that same luck next year. #GIRLPOWER

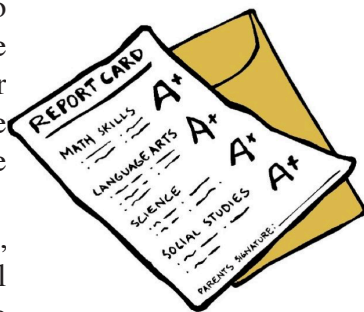


Grades, grades, grades, they are the main source to our stress and can take over most teenage lives. From your parents asking, “how are your grades” to your own thoughts of “wait, how are my grades?” We tend to start tuning out the most important things when we are so close to being done.

One month, that’s it. Although Aeries can be our worst nightmare we need to really start utilizing it. You’re taking these courses in order to graduate, wouldn’t it be nice to pass them the first time, be done, and move forward?

Try to start with the simple, “From here on out I will do all of my work.” Then, little by little, turn in any missing assignments, projects, or tests. You may not get full credit, but at this point anything is better than a zero.

You may not be able to change the past, but the now is right in front of you. So, push through this last month and enjoy your beautiful school free summer!



Spring Weather

By Madison Loomis

We are hitting “the awkward stage” again, weather wise at least. It’s a bit nippy in the mornings, but by second lunch we are ready to jump in a pool! Not to mention it may be 80-90 degrees outside, but possibly your sixth period feels like Antarctica.

Here’s my solution, we come prepared. I mean we have lockers right? Bring a “winter outfit” and once 12:00 p.m. hits, we switch into our “summer outfits.” I’m joking, but we do need to figure out what to do quick because suffering half way through school is not going fly.

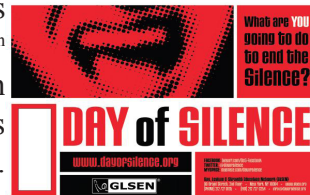
Alright, here’s a more reasonable solution, bring a light zip up jacket. Wear pants, but as far as shoes go, wear sandals with it. Hit that happy medium of cool and warm whether, so that you’ll last the whole day without too much discomfort.

Checking the whether everyday should help out a lot because as far as we know it could start raining half way through the day. Remember, “April showers bring May flowers.” On a positive note, it means summer is sooner than later and we are just one step closer to our awesome summer break!



The Day of Silence is GLSENs (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network) annual day to protest against bullying against LGBT students. All day students who participate are silent, and this year’s day of silence is on the 17th of April. Day of Silence began in 1996 and was created by students at the University of Virginia. This was a response to a class assignment on non-violent protests. This became a national event in 1997 and hundreds of colleges and universities began to participate. If you choose to participate, it’s usually a good idea to tell teachers and friends ahead of time before doing so. Traditionally those who participate plan events to break the silence (In many cases where those finally speak at the end of the Day of Silence.)

Some participants describe how it felt to be silent for nine hours and explain the responses they’ve received throughout the day, some break the silence using a “New Year’s Eve” model, where participants assemble at the end of the day with a silent countdown to the designated finish time, when the clock strikes everyone hollers and scream. Did you participate this year? What were you experiences?



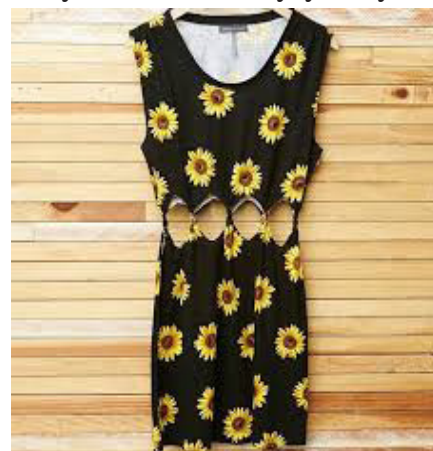
Spring Fashion 2015

By Hanna Reitz

What’s hot right now! For girls, I heard that Soft Pants are totally in for the moment. They are both comfy yet stylish

and can be worn for any event, inside or outside. Also, pastel colors are very in right now. Pacsun, Forever 21, and H&M have loads of new spring and summer wear currently coming out. Clothes with flower patterns are definitely a hot trend lately. For boys, it can be all the

same as well. Pastels and light springy colors are all the rage, whether you live near the beach, up in the mountains, or even inland. But who cares about what other people are wearing, or if its cool right now, wear what you want to wear and be you! That’s all that really matters to teenage students.



There is one week until prom and I can only hope you have all bought your dresses...guys too! Cause I mean, how much more fun would THAT be?! Anyway, most girls going probably already have what they are going to wear, or at least are waiting for it to be shipped. Shopping for a prom dress can go a couple different ways. Most girls love shopping and can't wait to try on a multitude of different colored dresses.



Then there are the other girls that like shopping a bit less and just want to get in the stores and find it real quick, so you can leave the giant mall you're at and spend the rest of your day in freedom. I guess I fit into the latter description.

But honestly? It's hard! There are so many different colors, sizes, lengths, that it takes awhile to get a good idea of what you like and don't. Especially when



you get to the dressing room and discover what really works. From there you decide if you like the two straps, or the tulle underneath, or the sequins... And then search for others just

like it.

Then there's the price. It can get ridiculously expensive very fast. I was lucky enough to be shown different stores that were actually affordable. There's not many places you can go to in Hemet, so most of us leave town for other malls. Boutiques like Group USA, David's Bridal, and Windsor have beautiful dresses, but you'd better look at the price tag before you fall in love with it. Did I mention the horde of angry, competitive girls who are scavenging through the racks determined to find their own dresses? No? Indeed, you have that obstacle against you too.



I'm not trying to make this sound like a chore. It really is an interesting experience, especially since it's for such a memorable night in high school. Have fun and be safe next week!

A lot of you may be curious to why the gate located in front of the gymnasium was put up, well here is your answer. There was originally a gate up years ago, I'm talking when Mr. Drinkwater was at Hemet High, located by the lockers. It added extra security to the school, mainly for after school hours, but was taken down due to over crowding of students.

This new edition to our school is strictly used for similar purposes. "Its not to keep students in school, but to keep people out post school hours." Mr. Drinkwater said. Lockers were broke



into as well as people wondering the campus while home basketball games were taking place. These sporting events give the public access to our school grounds and is not safe.

Plus to the new gate is that it adds extra safety during lock downs. The gate is and always will be unlocked during school hours, but if needed to be locked in an emergency situation, it can be done. "Originally it was supposed to be built over Christmas break, but just so happened to be postponed until Spring break." Mr. Drinkwater replied.



This big red gate isn't for us students, but as security during non school hours, to keep people off campus, and can be extra safety during lock downs. A special thanks to Mr. Drinkwater for the confirmation of this new gate and hopefully all questions were answered.

Yearbook

The yearbook staff has been working diligently throughout the year to capture the history of the students here at Hemet High School. The yearbook staff has attended virtually every event the school has had to offer, from sporting events, concerts, dances to plays, and everything in between. We want to ensure everything that has happened this year will be remembered. If you have not already purchased your copy of this years' yearbook, they will be on sale at the Fun In The Moon yearbook pre-distribution event to be held on Tuesday, May 19th. Seniors are admitted at 4 p.m., everyone else at 5 - 7 p.m.

The cost of the yearbook will be \$75 CASH ONLY and it will cost \$5 to get in to the pre-distribution event. You MUST HAVE a student ID to pick up your yearbook.

It's Track season again Hemet High. This year the track team seems to be doing very well so far. We asked a few students in track what is going on. Here was their feed back:

Zach Meyer (sophomore) said he does poll vaulting and long jump. Amina Khan (sophomore) does pole vault, triple jump and long jump. She says she enjoys track because you get to make a lot of friends and you become a close family. Ryan Gonter does long jump, shot put, and sprint.

When I asked them who their biggest competitor is, they all replied with saying San Jacinto because they have a really good track team and they are high competitors.



Make sure to go out and support your Hemet High track team this season! There are plenty of events and tons of people to watch. Good luck this year guys!



Coachella 2015

By Nicole Vorisek

If you didn't already know, Coachella is a music festival that takes place over two three-day weekends during the spring. For the past 16 years Coachella has taken place in the desert of Indio, California- and is flooded with thousands of sweaty people (who aren't quite sober either), but the lineup is rather impressive.

Some people playing at Coachella were



AC/DC, Addatop, Chet Faker, Alt-J, Bad Religion, Clean Bandit, Drake, Florence + The Machine, Gorgon City, Hozier, Marina and the Diamonds, and many more. This year tickets sold out in record time, passes sold out in less than 40 minutes. Not too many were happy about that though; and you couldn't blame them.

Have you ever been to a sports game and had no idea what's going on? I'm sure most of us have. Whether it's a sport that's on TV, or it's the fall football games everyone goes out to see, it's common to find people that could care less with what's going on because they don't know what's happening.

It could be any sport too, not just football. Try watching an HHS team that you would normally not see. It's hard because you end up asking the person next to you what the heck just happened. I've gotten this a couple times when I'm out supporting the boy's tennis team. I'm used to answering questions when the friends I'm with ask who just scored, and why? It's kind of funny, and makes the game very interesting.

On a side note, the boy's tennis team is doing extremely well. Led by senior captains, Derek Higgins, and Huck Rees, the guys have only lost to Beaumont, their rivals who won CIF last year. Games are usually Tuesday and Thursday, but the season is just about done so if you want to get out there, you'd better do it soon.

I may know my stuff when it comes to tennis, but when I go out to see how the Swim team is doing...I am completely lost. I just know the swimmers that compete make it look ridiculously easy even though I know it's hard work. Also the support system is a LOT different. Friends and family gather at the end of the swimmer's lane and scream different things as they get close to turn around.

So one day if you find yourself with nothing to do, go support someone! There are so many different spring sports to watch. Baseball and softball shouldn't be too hard to keep track of the score. Not to mention track. With so many sports to watch, maybe you'll just find yourself inspired to join one next year!



Hemet Varsity Baseball 2014-2015

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Fri	4/24/2015	Tahquitz	home	3:15
Wed	4/29/2015	West Valley	away	3:15
Fri	5/1/2015	West Valley	home	3:15
Wed	5/6/2015	Citrus Hill	home	3:15
Fri	5/8/2015	Citrus Hill	away	3:15
Wed	5/13/2015	Beaumont	away	3:15
Fri	5/15/2015	Beaumont	home	3:15

**Hemet Varsity Girls Softball 2014-2015**

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Fri	4/24/2015	Citrus Hill	away	3:15
Wed	4/29/2015	Beaumont	home	3:15
Fri	5/1/2015	San Jacinto	home	3:15
Wed	5/6/2015	Tahquitz	away	3:15
Fri	5/8/2015	West Valley	away	3:15
Wed	5/13/2015	Citrus Hill	home	3:15
Fri	5/15/2015	Beaumont	away	5:15

**Hemet Swim 2014-2015**

updated 3/20/2015

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Thur	4/30/2015	Beaumont	home	3:15
Sat	5/2/2015	Vista Murrieta JV Swim	away	3:15
Tue	5/5/2015	Prelims	home	2:00
Thur	5/7/2015	Finals @ THS	away	3:15

**Hemet Track 2014-2015**

updated 3/5/15

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sat	4/25/2015	Inland Empire Championships	away	TBA
Thur	4/30/2015	Beaumont	home	3:00
Thur	5/7/2015	Finals Hemet	home	TBA

**Hemet Boys Var Tennis 2014-2015**

updated 3/18/15

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Mon	4/27/2015	Citrus Hill	home	3:15
Thur	4/30/2015	Beaumont	away	3:15
Fri	5/1/2015	Prelims @ Citrus Hill	away	2:00
Tue	5/5/2015	League Finals @ Beaumont	away	3:00

**2014-2015 Hemet HS Boys Golf Schedule**

updated 3/18/15

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Tue	4/28/2015	Citrus Hill	home	3:15
Thur	4/30/2015	Beaumont	away	3:15
Tue	5/5/2015	League Prelims @ DVCC/San Jacinto	away	10:00
Thur	5/8/2015	League Finals @ DVCC/San Jacinto	away	10:00

**Hemet Boys Var Volleyball 2014-2015**

3/18/2015

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Tue	4/28/2015	West Valley	home	4:30
Fri	5/1/2015	Paloma Valley	home	4:30
Tue	5/5/2015	Perris	away	4:30



Things are winding down for the end of the year, including theatre! Hopefully you were able to get out to see the black box show, *The Lottery*, that was performed April 16th, and 17th. The story follows Tessie Hutchinson, played by Lea Verlyck, a junior who is actually a foreign exchange student from Switzerland. In the play she is married to Bill Hutchinson, played by junior Tyler Sands. *The Lottery* is about a town with a horrible old tradition that involves singling one person out in a drawing, and stoning them. There was a small pre show before the play with acts done by Victoria Story, Venice Whitaker, and September DeSoto.



The last Children's theatre show of the year is *The Little Prince*. Performance dates are April 3th, and May 1st at 7 PM for \$5. There will not be a third night, due to some scheduling conflicts with prom, so make sure you get out and see it! Mervae McCormack is the Little Prince who has come to Earth for a deeper meaning of life. Tyler Sands plays the Aviator who crash lands in the Sahara Desert and befriends the Little Prince who tells all about his past adventures.



The Little Prince is a funny little boy who lives a content life on his home planet, constantly attending to his daily chores, when one day, everything changes. A beautiful Rose, played by Gretchen Miller, grows out of the weeds and the Little Prince begins to understand what love is...but not quite. He ends up leaving his home in search of answers.

He travels from planet to planet, encountering different characters as he goes. He meets a King, played by Eugene Johnson, and then a Conceited Man, also played by a freshman, Flynn Johnson. There is also the Businessman (Rylee Thompson) and the Geographer (September DeSoto) and the faithful Lamplighter (Jade Knapp). Each character teaches the Little Prince something,



whether it be useless or worthwhile. The most important lesson comes from the Fox, played by Mercedes Evans.

We are working a lot more with music for this show. Cassie Cloake is the musician, the storyteller, the guardian angel over the Aviator. Along with the music are the wonderful drawings done by Andrea Hernandez.



The Ensemble is also important in this production, every part is! It's definitely something you do NOT want to miss!

The 6th period musical theatre class also has a performance on May 8th at 7 PM. It's a Broadway Review consisting of different songs sung by the class, and solos sung by certain individuals. Don't miss these last shows!



A Wave Here, a Wave There

By Hanna Reitz

I'm sure you've all noticed the weather lately. Beautiful and warm with a dash of sun shine. Yay for no more sweatshirts and scarfs! With summer right around the corner every one's trying to get their beach body ready! This weekend at Oceanside Beach, the forecast will be 74 degrees and sunny. In Newport Beach the next two weekends will be in the high 60's and cloudy. So make sure to bring a blanket!

Remember folks to wear lots of sunscreen! Just because you may not feel like you're burning, its always better to be safe then sorry. Also bring lots of water to drink when you're out in the sun somewhere because this is the time of year when there are a large percentages of people passing out in the heat



because of dehydration. It's a great season to be outside. There are lots of outdoor activities you can do this time of year such as: have a pool party, go to the beach, go riding with your friends, going on a hike with your family, and anything else you could even think of. Whatever it is, just make sure to have fun and be safe.