

HVS Basketball Tournament By Chris Allen

On Saturday, December 6th the Henry Viscardi School hosted the annual Sportsmanship Tournament. The Varsity Cougars came in 1st place defeating the Westchester School for Special Children and UCP Westchester. Senior Jalen Wood received the Bubba MVP award. The HVS Alumni also put together a team. It was great to see some of the former legends of HVS return. Basketball starts again in March. See you on the court!

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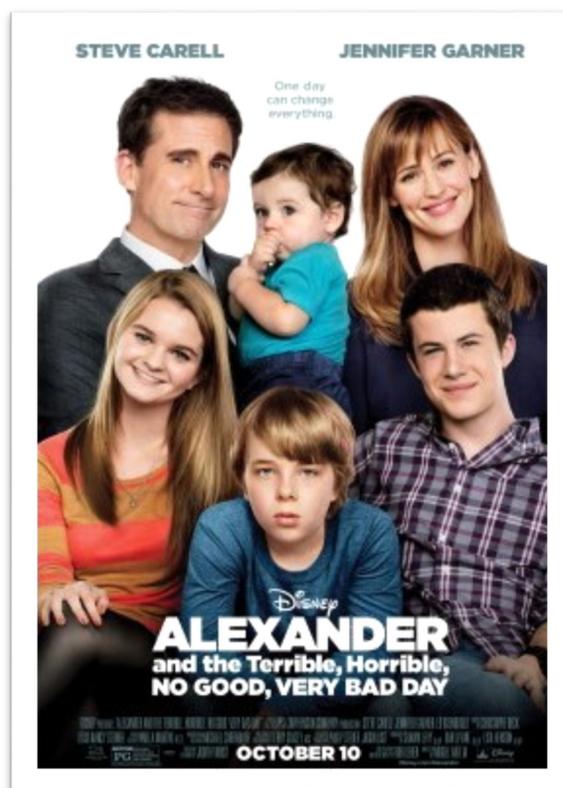


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The First Grade Goes to the Movies

By Mrs. Morovich

Our class had a scheduled trip to go to White Post Farms on October 23rd. Since it rained we needed an alternate trip. Since we were reading *Alexander the Horrible, Terrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, by Judith Viorst as one of our learning links this year, we decided to go see the film as well. All the kids loved the theater as the seats are more comfortable than most beds. Only 3 kids were in school that day, so we went with Miss Kim, Miss Mary, Chanira and her nurse Miss Pam, Cole, Angel and Mr. George. We all loved the film, even the adults. For some students it was their first time going to the movies. Afterwards, we enjoyed McDonalds or home packed lunches. We then took a little trip to IKEA for some frozen yogurt. A great time was had by all.



Viscardi Center Hosts a Job Fair

By Jerica Sanchez

On Friday November 7, 2014, the Henry Viscardi School and The Viscardi Center hosted a job fair for disabled students to get an opportunity to know what jobs are available. Different companies like Banana Republic, JetBlue, Cameron, Astoria Bank and others attended the job fair. It really gave the students an opportunity to see what the real world has to offer. The seniors attended as a part of the independent living class. Hopefully, this will encourage students to go out and pursue their dream careers. I hope job fairs like this occur every year.



92.3 AMP

by Joy Jeong

92.3 has been changed from NOW to AMP, which has led to releasing of all current air staff excluding midday host Nico and the evening host Toro. 92.3 then hired 106.1 BLI Long Islands #1 Hit Music Stations DJ ASTRA who airs weekdays 3pm-7pm. All this fall, 92.3 AMP will play 25 songs in a ROW commercial free starting at the 8am, 12pm, 4pm and 8pm hours every single day. If they fail to play 25 songs in a row, be the 92nd caller and be the lucky winner of \$25,000! The toll free line is 888-923-0923.



Trip to the Cradle of Aviation

By Lilly Murphy & Rayhana Elharji

On November 13, 2014, the 7-1 class went on a field trip to the Cradle of Aviation with their technology class. They had cool planes that took off on Long Island. There were replicas, rebuilt planes, and also real planes that actually fought in wars. We learned that the Wright brothers built the first human flight planes which we saw the mechanics of on the trip. We saw planes with guns attached to ...

Trip to the Cradle of Aviation (cont.)

By Lilly Murphy
& Rayhana Elharji

them that were used in wars. They even had a piece of a space shuttle to look at. Also, we got to see framed pictures of all the Apollo space missions. That was really interesting to learn about. The Cradle of Aviation had many other things to see, including a movie about racing planes. There were lots of other things we didn't get a chance to see, but we learned a lot about how flight got started. We definitely recommend a visit!

Wheelchair Accessible Motorcycles

By Tazz Ahmed

Think you can't ride a Motorcycle because you're in a wheelchair think again. There are three types of motorcycles that I know of that are wheelchair accessible.

First there is the Mobility Conquest. Top features on this Motorcycle are the, remotely controlled lowering and rising ramp, using push-button key fob, 2 button Klicktronic thumb-operated semi-automatic gear change, 6 forward gears and reverse, Hydraulically controlled front and rear disc brakes with single lever operation, Electronic Parking brake, Wheelchair docking system with push-button release mechanism, 17" alloy rear wheels, Interior storage compartments for maps and small items and Reversing lights. You can try and get a test drive and more information at their website <http://www.mobilityworks.com/wheelchair-motorcycle.php>.



Mobility Conquest

Wheelchair Accessible Motorcycles (cont.)

By Tazz Ahmed

Another wheelchair motorcycle that caught my eye was the adapted Ducati 900 Monster. The owner developed this accessible motorcycle in the U.K. The owner used the sidecar option on his Ducati and customized it to fit his wheelchair. The wheelchair would go up into the sidecar ramp and the owner would lock the ramp behind him. The customized throttle and brake make transfer easy. For more info check out

<http://harleyinsider.com/think-a-wheelchair-excludes-you-from-riding-your-motorcycle-think-again/>



The third accessible motorcycle I've read about was the Road Chariot Wheelchair Motorcycle. The Road Chariot was designed and developed by the Broadened Horizons, distributed in North America. The operator can independently enter and exit the vehicle. They can park nearly anywhere and can even comfortably take along a passenger. The rear ramp can be removed if desired. It can go (45-50 mph) and Highway (55-60 mph) Models are available on Freeway (70 mph.) Want to know more? Visit <http://www.wheelchairmotorcycle.com/road-chariot>.



Halloween Party

2014



Everyone put their imagination to the fullest this Halloween and created the best costumes yet!

By Aaron Hampton

The winners of the costume contest were:



Martin Chacana



Jayden Aviles

1st
↓ 2nd
3rd

Glorianna Jackson



3rd
3rd

Chris Alvarez



Sam Bosch

1st
↓ 2nd
3rd

Matt Altan

2nd
3rd

3rd
3rd

The Truth About Our Technology

By Jason Levy and Yocelin Euceda

As you know, many of us have wondered how exactly the network works here. We've questioned why the internet and computers were so slow in the past and why we have all these new restrictions in the present. On Thursday, November 13, Jason Levy and Yocelin Euceda travelled to Mr. Mike Caprara's room accompanied by Mr. Chris Marotta to interview him. On the way there, we got to see Dr. Viscardi's old office. Mr. Mike enthusiastically answered all of the questions we asked him about the computers and the network.

Q: "In the past, Google and other search engines weren't blocked, so why are they blocked now?"

A: "We've been noticing over the years that search engines actually *can* give the computer viruses and spyware. The sites may seem harmless, but if you're not careful, some sites you find through Google Images can download harmful content onto the computers. However, not everything on Google is unsafe, either. That's why you're allowed to use an hour of quota time a day, which is divided into six individual ten minute sessions."

Q: "We've seen that we use Norton as an anti-virus software, which requires a subscription. But there's many other free software out there, so why are we paying for Norton when we can get something similar for free?"

A: Actually, we don't use Norton. We use Symantec, which is made by the same company, but the difference is that Norton is for individual computers, whereas Symantec covers the entire network. Symantec is for businesses whereas Norton is for home use. We actually use free anti-virus programs, like AVG and Microsoft Security Essentials for student devices like the DynaVox.



The Truth About Our Technology (cont.)

By Jason Levy and Yocelin Euceda

Q: Why is there so many restrictions on the new “Guest Wi-Fi”?

A: The wireless network in the school was updated this August to have a more secure and robust infrastructure. The new system is actually broken up into 4 separate networks. The main school network is called “Viscardi-HVS” . It runs at 300 Mbps, being the fastest of the four.

“Viscardi” is used for The Viscardi Center, also running at 300 Mbps.

There’s also Viscardi-CTR, which runs at 54 mbps. This is used by the older devices. Finally, there’s Viscardi-Guest, which is the slowest and most restricted, running at 15 mbps. The reason for this is so that someone doesn’t come in and eat up the bandwidth with sites such as Netflix. The old system used to run at 11 mbps.

Q: Why are computers in some classrooms slower than others?

A: We received new laptops little by little from the Laptop Challenge over the course of four years. Some classrooms may have computers that came in the first year, and some may have computers that came in later. We’d like to thank Mr. Mike for taking the time to answer all our questions. This experience has been very informative, interesting and eye opening. The networks and system were more intricate than we thought, so next time we’ll think before we complain about the computers!

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