# HOLIDAY EDITION



## Welcome Superintendent Reichhart

/by Tori Garrison/

Hamilton is happy to welcome a new member to the administration, Dr. William (Bill) Reichhart. He is the interim superintendent, as Mr. Cassel has left (Hamilton) school board reached out to to become the superintendent in his hometown of Manchester.

Mr. Reichhart graduated from Harding High School in 1976, and has been working in public education for 41 years, and has been superintendent for 13 of them. When questioned on what made him want to become a superintendent he said, "I had a couple of colleagues whose principals said I should go cordia in Ann Arbor. Outside of school into administration, so I took their advice and filled out a principal application, grandchildren. "We live on a lake so we and I got accepted." Mr. Reichhart has come to Hamilton because, "Well, I knew Mr. Cassel was leaving, so I

reached out to see if the school needed someone to step in for the time being. After a few weeks, the head of the me and said I got the job, but I'm only here until a replacement superintendent is found."

Mr. Reichhart enjoys football, baseball, hockey, and basketball. Some of his favorite teams are the Green Bay Packers, Detroit Tigers, Las Vegas Golden Knights, and the Indiana Hoosiers. He also played basketball in college, at Con-Mr. Reichhart spends time with his 9 take them out and go tubing, boating, and swimming." He also enjoys going to Las Vegas, and loves fast cars.



'I own a corvette, so maybe sometime in the spring you guys will see it."

Hamilton is excited to see Mr. Reichhart's experience and knowledge help the school out for the time he is here.



## **Masquerade Semi-Formal**









dance took place last Saturday, Decem- how much fun the dance was, considber 16th in the school's back gym. Following tradition, the freshman class hosted this year's shindig. All students from 9-12th grade were invited, with students from other schools permitted as well. The occasion was a smashing success, with roughly half of the high school student population attending. This year's theme was masquerade, with the decoration matching that of a midnight ball. Spanish teacher Jaqueline Bowers led the planning and decorating, in addition to holding the title of freshman class sponsor. Attendees enjoved the chance to dance, listen to music and chow down on snacks with friends.

This was the first high school dance for the ninth graders. First time participant and freshman Spencer

The 2023 Hamilton Semi Formal Bredemeyer notes, "It was nice to see ering how long we spent decorating and planning." Fellow freshman Robert Schieck adds, "I really enjoyed the line dances; they were really fun!". Returning attendees from last year were also impressed with the amount of fun they had with the masquerade. MADdie Nester quips, "Despite the fact that us Juniors didn't get the chance to help with the dance preparations, it was nice to be able to (attempt to) dance the evil out of my system."

> Thank you to all those involved in the planning, decorating and clean up of the dance including; Clayton Howard, Jaqueline Bowers, the freshman class and Minde Raney for audio system. We hope to see you all again next December.

### Fun Facts by: Fuzzy

#### 45% of Americans make New Year's resolutions.

The top resolutions are: to lose weight, get organized, to spend less and save more, to stay fit and healthy, and to quit smoking. While nearly half of all Americans make resolutions, 25 percent of them give up on their resolutions by the second week of January. Out of the people who have similar goals yet don't actually make a resolution, only 4 percent are successful by mid-year.

#### The first New Year's celebration dates back 4,000 years.

Julius Caesar, the emperor of Rome, was the first to declare Jan. 1 a national holiday. He named the month after Janus, the Roman god of doors and gates. Janus had two faces, one looking forward and one looking back. Caesar felt that a month named after this god would be fitting, as it recognizes both beginnings and endings.

#### "Silent Night" is the most recorded song

We all know the same few handfuls of Christmas songs play at stores and on the radio in a loop all season long. But one of them has been adapted more than others. "Silent Night" is actually the most-recorded Christmas song in history. It's had more than 733 different versions copyrighted since

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### Better a Dead Santa Than a Red Santa!

/by Dade Beldon/

In a shocking turn of events, just days before Christmas, international espionage experts claim to have uncovered evidence suggesting that Santa Claus is not merely a festive gift-giver but, in fact, a Soviet spy operating undercover for decades.

According to sources, Santa's seemingly innocent workshop in the North Pole is a front for covert KGB operations, possibly involving polar bears— details are unclear at this time. In any case, the elves themselves, once thought to be dedicated toy craftsmen, are now suspected to be highly trained Soviet agents proficient in toy-based subterfuge.

Of course, suspicions among aerial transport experts first arose years ago due to Santa's uncanny ability to traverse the globe in a single night. These same experts now allege evidence of advanced Soviet technology, possi

bly powered by a mysterious— not to mention infamous – force which they refer to as "Commie Magic." Moreover, the iconic red suit and white beard are now understood as a clever disguise intended to divert attention from his true mission.

tries are expressing concern over this festive revelation. The United Nations has called an emergency session of the Security Council to discuss the implications of having an undercover Soviet operative freely entering homes worldwide.

While many find the notion amusing, others are skeptical, labeling the revelation as a until the 26th-Red, White, and Blue covers, in holiday hoax. One expert sarcastically quipped, "If Santa is a spy, he's the worst-kept secret in the espionage world. Who would suspect a chubby guy in a red suit with reindeer as his



Government officials from various coungetaway vehicles?" To that we refer you to that ancient wisdom: 'What better place to hide than in plain sight?"

> As the world grapples with this unexpected revelation, children everywhere remain hopeful that the spirit of giving will prevail, regardless of Santa's political affiliations. I, for one, will be tucked safely beneath the covers case you're wondering.

This Santa doesn't fly away from danger!





## Festivus: The Holiday For The Rest of Us



Frank Costanza wields the mighty Festivus Pole while Mr. Kreuger looks on with a mixture of envy and awe.

What is Festivus? The holiday for the rest of us! Festivus is celebrated on December 23rd as an alternative to the pressures and commercialism of the Christmas season. Originally a family tradition of scriptwriter Dan O'Keefe, who worked on the American sitcom "Seinfeld," Festivus entered popular culture after it was made the focus of a 1997 episode of Seinfeld titled "The Strike." The holiday's celebration, as shown on Seinfeld, includes practices such as the "Airing of Grievances," which occurs during the Festivus meal. This is when each person takes a turn explaining how each of the others present has disappointed the aggrieved over the past year–good thing I won't be eating with any Purdue players.

The meal itself (in Seinfeld) was depicted as meatloaf with sides of peas and mashed potatoes, but the original Festivus dinner in the O'Keefe household featured a main course of turkey, ham, beef stew or lamb chops with pecan pie.

After dinner come 'The Feats of Strength,' involving wrestling the head of the household to the floor, with the holiday ending only if the head of the household is pinned. One of the key symbols of Festivus is the unadorned aluminum pole, which stands in stark contrast to flashy, and often expensive, holiday decorations. It's chosen due to its very high strength-to-weight ratio, as well as it being opposite of a Christmas tree. Festivus, the holiday for the rest of us, is a great addition to any household's traditions.

#### **Sports Schedule** Mon, Dec. 18 **BASKETBALL Edon High** 2023 School (H) (BOYS V) 7:30 PM EST Thu, Dec. 28 **BASKETBALL** Angola High 2023 (BOYS V) School (A) 12:00 PM EST Thu, Dec. 28 **BASKETBALL** Angola High 2023 School (A) (GIRLS V) 1:30 PM EST **BASKETBALL** LCA Tourney Fri, Dec. 29 (GIRLS V) (BC)(A) 10:00 AM EST Lakeland Chris-BASKETBALL Fri, Dec. 29 tian Tourney 1:00 PM EST (GIRLS V) (Granger) (A) Lakeland Chris- Sat, Dec. 30 **BASKETBALL** tian Tourna-2023 (GIRLS V) ment (A) 11:00 AM EST **BASKETBALL Garrett High** Tue, Jan. 2 7:30 PM EST School (H) (BOYS V) **Trinity School BASKETBALL** Sat, Jan. 6 at Green-12:00 PM EST (GIRLS V) lawn (H)

#### **Looking for Marine Monitor Staff**

With Zane Dull's vicious and unexpected betrayal, The Marine Monitor is looking for new staff to join the paper in 2024. We're 100% made by students, and always looking for people to contribute. Reap the benefits of having a press pass—and a voice!— in our non-profit monopoly.



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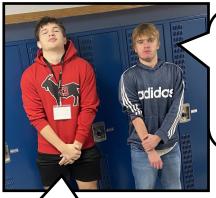


## **Festivus Grievances**

/by Harry Richter & Andrew Merritt/

What is your most notable grievance from

this year?



Andrew Merritt wasn't a real one this year.

- Wyatt T.



I wasn't a real one.

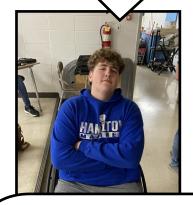
- Andrew M.



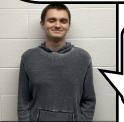
Merry Christmas from the newspaper staff and the Leprechaun League!

My right leg.

- Aidan Lingo



I'm disappointed in students who don't fully appreciate all the time, effort, and psychic energy I've committed to not only their education, but also their upbringing. Not naming any names, but it rhymes with Beg 'n' Whine. - Mr. Wagner



a family member made a horrendous birthday cake with pineapple.



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Anderson Myers is distracted and has a bad attitude.

-Dylan H.



List of Individuals' Grievances:

**Victoria Garrison:** my sibling, tortured my beloved fish by suffocation.

**Newspaper Staff:** Zane Dull is a terrible scam artist

**Andrew Merritt:** I'm disappointed because I wasn't a real one.

**Zane Dull:** A family member made a horrendous birthday cake with taste-bud-insulting pineapple.

Jagger Hurraw: I'm disappointed with Clayton Spaw.

**Noah Beldon:** I'm not naming names, but I didn't get the books I wanted for Christmas.

Harrison Richter: Our physics teacher left us. We'll miss him!

**Maddie Nester:** I was disappointed when I pulled into a school and there was a police car next to Harrison Richter's car.

**Kylee Hjelm:** MADdie Nester killed my Hamster by throwing it out the window!

Caleb McMullen: He had to see MADdie Nester every day.

Ms. Bowers: Harry and Drew strike again.

Maddi Dager: Jasmine makes terrible passes in basketball.

**Jasmine Schieck:** A family member was very mean and overbearing

**Mr. Baker:** A relative was talking about cancer and someone said, 'Well, what about it?' and it really annoyed me.

**Mr. Buss:** My son told me he didn't have any homework, but it turns out he had two missing assignments

Wyatt Temple: Andrew Merritt wasn't a real one this year.

**Dylan Holiday:** Anderson Myers has been distracted and has had a bad attitude lately.

**Britney Heffern:** My grievance is nothing because I love everybody.

Noah Lockwood: people not holding their word.

**Tsumiya Sato:** A person is going to cut their hair and I don't want them to.

**Ms. Raney:** The situation behind getting a new superintendent.

Aidan Lingo: My right leg.

**Mrs. McMullen:** I'm disappointed about how students break my pencils on purpose.

Reaghan Kline: Mr. Wagner

