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## AMS STUDENTS WORK WITH GIFT OF GIVING TO PACK 170 BAGS OF FOOD FOR FAMILIES FOR TWO WEEKS

Every year the AMS Student Council hosts a food drive to help collect cans for Gift of Giving. The AMS National Junior Honor Society also collects needed clothing items and toys to help support families in the district. The goal of Gift of Giving Holiday Drive is to provide students in the district with two meals a day during the holiday break. GOG also wants to make sure that all students stay warm and cozy over the holidays. This year Avondale Middle School participated in the food drive and exceeded its goal by packing 170 bags of food. Middle School Round Up kids collected over 1900 cans which added to the cans that


Student Council packs cans for Gift of Giving. were able to be bought through Student Council fundraisers. Student Council hosted a Two for Tunes which brought in over 600 dollars. They also hosted Activity Nights which added to the funds. Ms. Gilbert, Student Council Sponsor said, "This is my favorite time of the year. It is great to see students volunteering and giving back to the community." Student Council packed 3,000 cans on December 11th. In 6th grade Mrs. Thornton had the most cans with 151cans. In 7th grade is Mrs. Richards had the most collecting 295c cans. The top class was Ms. Gilbert's class which collected 560 cans. Mrs. Bahorski and Mr. Sharon/Ms. Whitaker's round ups both collected over 100 cans each. Students had an incentive and for every can they brought in they got one entry into the drawing for a $\$ 100.00$ Visa Gift Card. Liam Kakuda won the drawing and game the money back to GOG.

NJHS was able to sponsor 49 families this year. NJHS students were able to by 150 gifts to support these families. Students picked mittens off the Giving Tree at the NJHS Induction Ceremony and helped shop for gifts. Mrs. Nofs quoted, " Students were overwhelming with the their generosity." Thank you to all the Avondale students who helped support this year's gift of giving, Big
Thank you to Student council and NJHS for sponsoring this event.

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## Getting to know our AMS Athletes

## 5 Minutes with Basketball Player Jaidon Bourgeois

Haiden: What do you like most about your sport?
Jaidon: Being a team player and I can shoot.
HD: If you could be any superhero who would it be and why?
J: Flash
HD: Who is your favorite pro athlete?
J: James Harden
HD: What is your favorite type of ice cream?
J: Chocolate
HD: When did you first start playing the sport
J: I have played since I was 5 .
HD: Do you have any advice for people who are interested in the sport?
J: Be focused and don't mess around.
HD: Do you plan on doing this sport next year?
T: Yes
HD: What is your favorite food?
J: Ramen Noodles

By: Haiden Davis

## Getting to know 7th Grade

 Cheerleader Andrea HonigKristiana: How long have you been a cheerleader?
Andrea: Since I was in sixth grade.


K : What is your favorite thing about cheerleading?
A: My favorite thing about cheerleading is tumbling.
KJ : If you could be a superhero who would it be?
A: Elastigirl
KJ: Do you want to cheer in High School?
A: Yes
KJ : What is your lucky charm?
A: Starbucks Bow
KJ : Do you have any advice for people who are interested in the sport?
A: Focus and Flexibility
KJ : What is your favorite type of ice cream?
A: Mint Chip and Mango
KJ : What is one thing you would like others to know about you?
A: I have a dog
By: Kristiana Jakaj

## A Close up with

Basketball Player Warren Marshall

Mary: What do you like most about your sport?
Warren: Getting people involved
M: How long have you been playing the sport?
W: Since I was 3


M: What is your favorite ice cream?
W: Strawberry Sundae
M: If you could be a superhero who would it be?
W: Spiderman
M: Who is your favorite pro athlete
W: James Harden
M: Do you have any advice for people who are interested in the sport?

W: Stay Motivated and dedicate your mind to the sport

|  | By: Mary Gioutsos |
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## Q and A with Cheer Team Member Clara Kaszubski

Mary: What do you like most about your sport?
Clara: I love stunting
M: If you could be any superhero, who would you be and why?
C: Flash


M: Who is your favorite professional athlete?
C: Simone Biles
M: What is your favorite type of ice cream?
C: Oreo Cookie
M: When did you start playing the sport?
C: 6th Grade
M: What is your lucky charm?
C: My bracelet
M: Do you have any advice for people who are interested in the sport?
C: Go to gymnastics
M: Do you plan to do the sport in high school?
C: yes



NJHS Officers with their sponsor Ms. Nofs.

## NJHS INDUCTIONS

The NJHS Induction took place on November 21st. The NJHS Induction consisted of both seventh and eighth graders. NJHS is an opportunity that Avondale provides. This club is an invitation-only club. You must have exemplary grades, in addition with only 1's or 2's in citizenship. The club is sponsored by two teachers Mrs. Nofs and Mrs. Pedersen. At this induction new inductees of the club were officially inducted. This club requires ten hours every trimester of community service and hosts many fundraisers. These fundraisers raise money for charitable organizations and charitable services. For example, many NJHS members hosted the Gift of Giving. Members and club funds bought items for in-need families around the district. NJHS helped more than 40 families and donated blankets, gloves, and toys for these families. At this induction, the five officers gave speeches. The five officers are Caleigh Bovenseip, Geneva Joshua, Pranav Gunna, Noah Bates, and Anish Jain. Caleigh and Geneva are both the copresidents of NJHS. Pranav Gunna is the treasurer. Noah Bates is the Secretary. Last but not least, Anish Jain is the Publicity Chair. The NJHS Induction was a success with more than forty students inducted into this prestigious club. This club is an honor, and we are proud of every Avondale student that was inducted. We hope that they continue to succeed in their endeavors!


NJHS welcomes new 6th grade members.
By: Anish Jain

## ROBOTICS TEAM IN ACTION

Avondale Middle School sponsored an FTC team this year. The team consists of Anish Jain, Ryan Karlson, Adam O'Deven, and Renzo Ferrero, Sophia Le, Connor Yamarino, Sydney Baliat. This league FTC (First Tech Challenge) is a prestigious competition with more than 8,000 teams that participate in it. These teams make a robot that is capable of playing the game. This year's game is called FIRST Rise, sponsored by STAR WARS! In this game,



Middle School Robotics Team at their competition.
there is a 30 second autono-

Anish Jain and Connor Yammarino prepare for the competition. mous period, which is then followed by a two minute driver period. Our middle school team is Team 6255, the Robojackets. The Robojackets are a rookie team. In their first event they placed as finalists and placed second. They made it all the way to the finals! Each team only receives two qualifying events, so they had their next on November 15th. This event was a must-win event, as if they didn't win, they wouldn't be able to qualify to states. In the competition, the team placed 5th in qualification matches. When Playoffs started, the Robojackets were picked by the second alliance team. Our team swept the semifinals 2-0. In finals, our team swept as well 2-0. This resulted in our team qualifying to the state competition which will held be in Macomb! We are proud of our FTC 6255 team for making Avondale proud! We hope that they continue to assert their dominance in states!

By: Anish Jain


Avery and Ian Lau along with Justin
Kakuda work the winning Popcorn Table.

## Halls of Halloween

Avondale middle school hosts Halls of Halloween every year for the elementary students. NJHS and Student Council where in charge of this event along with help from the PTO. The younger students go around our school and collect candy. After the kids have collected candy, they can go into the gym. The gym is full of the different games such as the cup toss, spin the wheel, bean bag toss, and witch hat game. Student Council also sponsors a bounce house and photo booth. All of the proceeds from the event go to help the PTO with different activities during the year. This event used to be called trunk or treat, but a couple years ago moved inside due to the weather and it has been Halls of Halloween ever since. There were trophies given out to the Fan Favorite table, the Most Creative, and the Scariest. Fan Favorite went to the Popcorn table sponsored by the Kakuda and Lau families. The Most Creative table went to the Adams Family table sponsored by Jordan Bradley's family. The Scariest table went to Ms. Thomas and her students. Everyone enjoyed the event and we look forward to having it for years to come.

Article by Chelsea Howe


Costume Contest Winners received cash prizes of 5, 10 and 20 dollars.

## 6" GRADE HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY NIGHT

Halloween Activity Night was a huge success with over 150 6th graders attending. This was the first after school event for the 6th graders. Many students came to experience this exciting event that included a DJ, Dodge Ball, and Basketball. 7th and 8th grade Student Council members were there to help and show kids the game of ultimate dodge ball. There was also the fan favorite Photo Booth were kids could get free pictures. This is an annual event sponsored by Student Council with all proceeds going to put on Halls of Halloween.

Article by Jackson Gilbert

Ms. Gomez, Ms. Aguilar, and Ms. Gilbert dress up for the night.


# YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT IN ACTION AT THE CAPITAL 

On November 17-19, seventeen kids (ten 7th graders and seven 6th graders) went to Lansing to present their bills in the Capitol Building. The students left on a Sunday afternoon and stayed in Lansing for two nights. Jackson Gilbert, a student who joined YIG this year said, "Going to Lansing was the best part." This is an annual event put on by the YMCA of Michigan. Students are assigned to the House or Senate in the Red or Blue Legislature. Students can also run for Lt. Governor, Governor, and Speaker of the house. This year we had two students who ran for offices. All students attending had to write their own bill and then watch as it made its way through the House and Senate. Students also had the chance to argue their bill to help get it passed. Liam Kakuda said, "AMS struggled but made it through." Only one bill passed, which was about having life skills classes in every school. This bill was vetoed by the Governor, but then the house was able to override the veto and passed the


New members of Youth in Government have fun at the Capital. bill. Ms. Peers, the coordinator of YIG, said that this life skills bill that passed is her favorite. "Youth in Government is a great way for students to learn about the government and participate in" says Ms. Peers. Nischay Kumbargirimath, another student from YIG said, "The state Capitol Building is one of my favorite experiences, and adds that it is enormous and beautiful. Isabelle Bahorski said, "I had a lot of fun meeting new people." All in all students had a great experience at the Youth in Government Conference.

By: Sion Curtis and Zara Sultan

## First Ever Round Up Basketball Tournament is a Big Hit

The first ever Roundup Basketball Tournament was fun. There was a great turnout of students who participated in the event. Leadership student Jaden Jarbo was in charge of the Tournament. Jake Norton said, "I had fun and I hope they continue to do it next year." Lawrence Russell said, "It was a nice activity to wake up and do in the morning." Isabelle Bahorski said, "I had fun sideline cheering with the kids who were not playing basketball." The Davidson Roundup won, against everyone but the Staff. We hope this tradition continues, as every Thursday it was fun either to play or watch. Justin, an mvp player from the Davidson roundup, recalls "It was a fun and exciting thing to have in our roundups."

Before the tournament started, it was announced that Mrs.Penny, our very loved custodian, was retiring. It was sad she was leaving, but we were happy she could stop working and go on vacations all year round. We miss you Mrs.Penny!


Teachers pose for a picture with Jaden Jarbo.


Justin Sykes shoots the ball over Mr. Thornbro.


Saying Goodbye to Ms. Penny


Jaden Jarbo runs the show.

By: Neveah Perkins

## AMS BAND AND CHOIR CONCERTS

AMS Band had their concert on Dec. 11th at the high school. The sixth grade band is the largest it has ever been with over 90 members. Ms. Pederson is in charge of all of the kids and with one rehearsal with all the kids pulled off an amazing concert. Naiya Krispin said, "I was amazed at how great we sounded with only one rehearsal." Eugene Kim had said, " We did better than I thought." Nykolas Harris said, " Ms. P has a great reputation of being an amazing band teacher. Mr. Hejka is the 7th and 8th grade band instructor. Ms. Pederson is also the jazz band instructor. The choir concert was Dec. 12th. Amari Potts said, " Mr. Cornwell did a great job with all of his choirs and I am very proud of all of us." I asked DeJon Jackson what his favorite songs were and this is what he had to say, " The Christmas Star and Carol of the Bells." Carol of the Bells is my favorite and I look forward to hearing it every year. The Jazz Band and Choir also performed at the Gift of Giving Food Parade Assembly. The band played as kids entered the gym and then the choir performed for the entire school. "We couldn't have done it without Mr.Cornwell,". said Isabelle Bahorski. "Mr.Cornwell is phenomenal," said Brecken Bliss. The arts at AMS are flourishing and many students are involved in the program. Thank you to all the students who provided us with

On Saturday, November 30, many peo-
ple came together to light up the big tree. This was the 26th year for the event. The cost was free and you could

Hot Chocolate stand in Auburn Hills.
 do lots of things like: pictures with Santa, carriage rides through Downtown Auburn Hills, S'mores around the fire pit, and see an amazing performance by Avondale High School Choir. Auburn Hills Mayor Kevin McDaniel joined Santa in lighting the 35 -foot tree. The tree itself takes about three days to build, according to the Auburn Hills Department of Public Works. Kaila Johnson went and said she had fun making Smores. Kimberly Johnson went and said she would recommend it for people with big families. "It was a great way for communities to come together and celebrate the holidays, " she said. Liam Kakuda, Avery Lau, Ian Lau, and Isabelle Bahorski passed out free Hot Chocolate to families at the event.

| GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER AND RUNNER UP |  |
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| Congratulations to the Geography Bee breaker questions to come up with our level rounds before reaching the schoo three in each grade level. Those kids school then competed in the final comp chael Nykanen, Lene Simko, Rudra Pa is an example of question the kids had city in what West Asian country." If you phy Bee. The winner of the Geography | er Ethan Harkenrider and Runner Up John Paolo Elias. It took 13 tie er. Contestants in the Geography Bee had to go through seven class e level bee. The next step was to narrow down contestants to the top ad to go through seven rounds of questions. The top nine kids in the n. The top nine kids were: Nolan Tacheny, Ethan Harkenrider, MiYusuf Balkan, Landon, Fugate, John Paolo Elias, and Troy Shen. Here nswer. "Located in the Arabian Pennisula, Sanaa is the most populous answer that you too might have made it to the finals in the Geograwill take an online test in January to see if they qualify for the State |
| Runner Up John Paolo <br> Elias with Winner Ethan <br> Harkenrider. Level Bee which takes place in Kalam | late March. Congratulations to Ethan!!! <br> By: Ms. Gilbert |
| interview with <br> Mr. Webb <br> Q: What was your most embarrassing moment? <br> A: I can't think of one. <br> Q: Where did you go for college? <br> A: Wayne State <br> Q: What was your first job? <br> A: Dishwasher at outback steakhouse <br> Q: As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? <br> A: Professional football player <br> Q: If you were not a teacher, what would you be? <br> A: Personal trainer <br> Q: How long have you been teaching? <br> A: 2.5 years <br> Q:What are your hobbies outside of school? <br> A: Fitness and photography <br> $\mathrm{Q}:$ What is your favorite holiday? <br> A: 4th of July <br> Q: Are you you a morning person or a night owl? <br> A: Both <br> Q: Did you play any sports when you were in middle school? <br> A: Football, basketball, wrestling, soccer | Interview with Ms. Simpson <br> Q: If you could be one superhero, which one would you be? <br> A: Superwoman <br> Q: What kinds of jobs did you have before teaching? <br> A: I was a substitute teacher and I worked at a bakery <br> Q: What was your favorite subject when you were in middle school? <br> A: Math <br> Q: How many kids do you have? <br> A: Expecting One <br> Q: What is your favorite store? <br> A: TJ Maxx <br> Q: What kind of hobbies do you have outside of school? <br> A: Play softball/volleyball <br> Q: What other subjects did you teach before Special Ed.? <br> A: Nothing/Basic Social Studies and Science <br> Q: What is the best thing about teaching? <br> A: Watching students improve <br> Q: What sports did you play when you were in middle school? <br> A: Dance/Gymnastics |
| By: By: Mary Gioutsos and Kristiana Jakaj | By: By: Mary Gioutsos and Kristiana Jakaj |

# Holiday Word Search Challenge Solve each clue to reveal the holiday-related words to find in the puzzle going across, down, and diagonal. 

1. December 25 th holiday:
2. Jolly man in red suit:
$\qquad$
3. Hung by the chimney: $\qquad$
4. December holiday celebrating AfricanAmerican heritage:
5. Family customs passed down to next generation: $\qquad$
6. Kwanzaa candle holder: $\qquad$
7. Hung on a door at Christmas:
8. Jewish Festival of Lights:
9. Special Jewish candelabra:
10. Red and white striped Christmas sweet:
11. A wax light that is used as a ceremonial symbol of many holidays:
12. Number of days of Hanukkah: $\qquad$
13. Santa's vehicle: $\qquad$
14. Kwanzaa feast: $\qquad$
15. Gifts given on the last day of Kwanzaa: $\qquad$
16. Christmas songs:
17. Potato pancakes:
18. They pull Santa's sleigh:

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Bonus: Find 5 more holiday words hidden in the word search grid

## Top 10 Songs <br> By: Dhruv Thakur

1. Someone You Loved - Lewis Capaldi
2. Circles - Post Malone
3. Senorita - Shawn Mendes \& Camila Cabella
4. Truth Hurts - Lizzo
5. Lose You To Love Me - Selena Gomez
6. No Guidance - Chris Brown featuring Drake
7. Panini - Lil Nas $X$
8. Memories - Maroon 5
9. 10,000 Hours - Dan + Shay \& Justin Bieber
10. Hot - Young Thug featuring Gunna


## Top 10 Video Games

Written by Sion Curtis
There are so many games that people know how to play. They come and go as to the game of the moment but here are the top ten games that are popular right now. This is the source to know what's dead and what's really popping. And that source will be found here, welcome to Top 10 Video Games, where you see what game is a R.I.P and what's really alive! You can try out one of these games too!

These are the top 10 player-online Video Games
10. Super Mario 64
9. Red Dead Redemption
8. Half-Life 2
7. Tetris
6. Super Mario Bros. 3
5. The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild
4. Super Metroid
3. Portal 2
2. Legend of Zelda


## Top Five Fashion Trends

(According to Who What Wear)

1. All Black is Making a Comeback
2. Hoodies Everywhere you look

3. Denim and Jeans are

Everywhere
4. Short Skirts are back in Style
5. Dark Rinses are on Denim

TOP Ten Christmas Songs
By Mary Gioutsos

1) All I Want For Christmas Is

You- Mariah Carey
2) Christmas Eve (Sarajevo 12/24)

- Trans-Siberian Orchestra

3) Mistletoe - Justin Bieber
4) Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree - Brenda Lee
5) Christmas Canon - Trans-Siberian Orchestra
6) Where Are You Christmas? - Faith Hill
7) Feliz Navidad - Jose Feliciano
8) Jingle Bell Rock - Bobby Helms
9) Last Christmas - Wham!
10) Santa Tell Me - Ariana Grande

## Top Five Movies to See over Break By Tyler Gilbert

1. Jumanji: The Next Level
2. Frozen 2
3. Knives Out
4. The Joker
5. Black Christmas


## Best things to do on a SNOW DAY!!!



- Binge/marathon watch shows/movies
- Listen to music
- Go sledding
- Drink a warm beverage (hot chocolate)
- Read a book
- Have a dance party
- Do a board game
- Bake some treats (don't burn down the house! )
- Build a pillow fort
- Snowball fight with your best friend
- Be lazy all day
- Sleeping
- Have a pillow fight with your family

BY: Haiden Davis

## From the Editor: Mary Gioutsos

This is our second year having AMS Press back again! We are so excited to be back again with another awesome year to report on. We were very successful last year with all three of our issues, and we hope we have that success again! This issue will contain everything that has been going on at AMS throughout the past three months of the 2019-2020 school year.

Finally, AMS Press is running out of members! If you like photography, writing, and interviewing people, then this club is for you! It is open to all grades. We meet 3:00 to $4: 30$ in the media center every two Fridays after school. If you are interested in joining this club, see Ms. Gilbert for more information.

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## MS. G's Corner

## A Little History of the AMS Press

The AMS Press started in 2009 with a club of 35 students. The paper continued for 5 years until it was turned over to the Tech Club who started an online newspaper for a couple years. I decided to bring back the paper last year. I thought kids would like seeing their name and face in the paper. It is a great way to catch up on school events, especially if you are not one glued to social media. We are always looking for people to be guest writers. We are also always looking for pictures and the next issue we would love to have someone draw a cartoon or two for us. If you are interested please see me. Hope you enjoy this issue!!!


