

# THE DAILY HAWK

## *Together, we can!*



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Welcome to the first edition of The Daily Hawk, the Hudson Junior High School newspaper. The Daily Hawk provides coverage of school events, and later editions will include interviews with members of school faculty and staff, reviews of books, video games, music, television shows and movies, and more! Stay tuned for new editions every quarter!

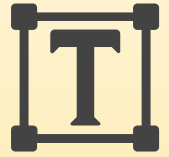
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# 01

## Black History Month Assembly

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On Friday February 2nd, 2024, we had an amazing live music, dance, and history assembly to celebrate Black History Month. Under the direction of Ms. Akinyemi, the students performed a West African dance called Fanga, “a dance that brings us together and welcomes visitors to a community, asking that they have a good stay and to enjoy the harvest!” Akinyemi brings 30 years of teaching experience to her dance classes, and she became a teacher to help students understand those who may be different from them. The assembly started off with some of the Hudson Junior High

School students playing instruments while Ms. Akinyemi and Ms. Badila sang “Funga Alafia Ase Ase.” Students were invited to participate in dancing Fanga and Ms. Badila, who also works here, and her mother helped the students learn the dance. Additionally, students came to the stage and read facts about African American history.



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Ms. Akinyemi and her students took three weeks to plan everything from scratch but they only had two full days of dance rehearsal. They also had to spend time getting costumes and props ready. When asked how students can learn more about African American history, Akinyemi said, “Try to learn more about Africa, and especially the stories coming out of the Ancient empires Mali, Songhai, the Congos and the Yoruba. The history is very much also in its dances so learn to do African dance and you are also learning history.”



My first favorite part was when the people on the stage were dancing Fanga because it was so fun and exciting to see the students dance and having fun. My second favorite part was when they finished dancing and when they told us to come to dance in front of the stage. The students had so much fun and the drums added more sound effects which was awesome. Anthony Flores, an 8th grader who danced on stage, said, “It was fun, unique and you could be free with yourself and not even a person was judging you and everyone decided to come dance with us.” We hope to have more events like these in the future!

# 02

## They're Creepy and They're Kooky...

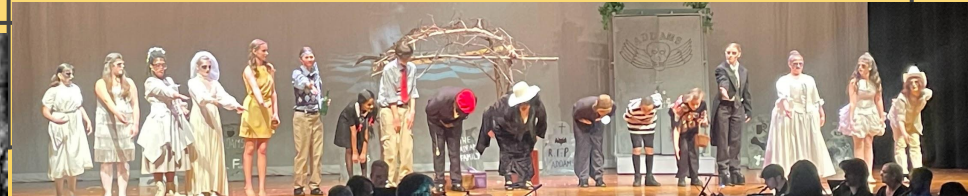
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The Hudson Junior and Senior High School presented the Addam's Family Musical from March 22 to 24, 2024. The cast included well known characters including Morticia, Gomez and Wednesday, Uncle Fester, Pugsley, and Grandma Addams. The show covered topics relatable to audience members of all ages—young love, family drama, and feeling different or not “normal.” The leading and supporting characters were incredibly talented and brought so much life, uniqueness, and humor to their characters. Additionally, the ensemble cast (or the “ancestors”), clad in all white with eyes shaded black, moved the story forward with dance numbers, back-up vocals, and a hilarious “torture” scene that accompanied Wednesday and Pugsley’s song “Pulled.”

When asked about the challenges and rewards of the rehearsal process, Kiarra Rivera, an 11th grader at the Sr. High School who played Morticia, said, “Learning choreography is probably my favorite part! One challenge is remembering the blocking. For some scenes, you have to be moving in a specific direction or facing a certain way, and it can be challenging to do that while also staying in character and saying your lines.” Rivera also noted that her favorite scene was when the Addams family meets the family of Wednesday’s new boyfriend: “The dialogue and little details in this scene make it hilarious!” Bravo to cast and crew!



# 03

## Student Council Spring Bake Sale

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By Gavin Abitabile

On Tuesday the 26th, the JHS student council had their Spring Bake Sale after school. Students enjoyed a variety of sweets such as chocolate covered pretzel rods, cookies, and more on their way home from school. This bake sale is the first of many more activities and events being planned by the student council. Using money made from this bake sale, the JHS student council and Mrs. McCagg the advisor are planning a “school wide event” at the end of the year.



# 04

## Relational Capacity Day

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Every year, AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) organizes a school-wide event where we play fun games and activities in our classes the day before February break. AVID does this because, according to AVID's website, "Our schools and classrooms must be places where relationships are forged on respect, trust, and authenticity." This means

that to succeed, you should build a relationship with your peers and teachers in school. This event was specifically

organized by Mrs. Nixon and the 7th grade AVID class. Relational Capacity Day is not unique to JHS. Most schools who have an AVID program do Relational Capacity Day. Of the day, Mrs. Nixon said, "Relational capacity day is all about teamwork and collaboration on the part of the students who organize it as well as the students who engage in the activities presented. I love seeing teachers and students interact in a fun, positive way through the various games our AVID 7 students prepare for them. The smiles and laughter are all worth it!"

