

HALDANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT NEWS



Message from Dr. Benante

APRIL 2020

Dear Haldane Community,

Our school community has faced significant challenges over the past month, yet these challenges have brought to light the very best of Haldane's character. This month's newsletter highlights several points of "good news," and as I step back and consider what we have to share, a few themes emerge: our ability to adapt to new circumstances, the importance of remaining connected to one another, and how the school community is persevering in what has been an unprecedented challenge.

Over the past five weeks Haldane's faculty and staff have had to build a new platform for remote learning, and our families have had to rethink their home environments to create the physical and mental spaces for remote learning to occur. Our ability, as a school community, to adapt through this period is to be commended.

As you can see by the images surrounding these pages, Haldane is an important point of connection in our community. Our physical education teachers led the #WeAreHaldane digital campaign to reinforce our Haldane pride. And, our staff have gone above and beyond to remain connected to our students and families while the physical campus remains closed.



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Finally, you will read about our donation of protective equipment to a Haldane graduate and her nursing unit on the front lines of our global fight against COVID-19. As I look at the image of Miller Francis and her colleagues, I am overwhelmed with pride, and feel a sense of confidence that our community will persevere through these challenging times.

I wish you and your families continued good health.

Sincerely,
Phil Benante, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

Celebrating in New Ways

INTRODUCING THE CLASS OF 2020 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

This month, Haldane announced the Class of 2020 Valedictorian, Bridget Goldberg, and Salutatorian, Anneke Chan. As we continue to find new ways to celebrate the good, High School Principal, Julia Sniffen, delivered the surprise announcements to their doorsteps, balloons in hand. Please join us in congratulating Bridget and Anneke on their many years of hard work and dedication. Distanced but deserving!



**BRIDGET GOLDBERG,
VALEDICTORIAN**



**ANNEKE CHAN,
SALUTATORIAN**

The Show Must Go On

DON'T MISS HALDANE'S FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

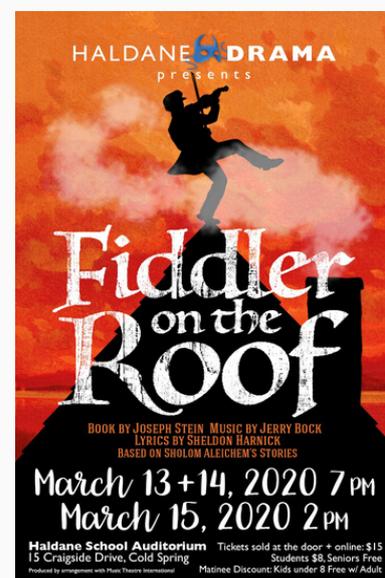
**7:00 PM FRI 4/24 THRU
7:00 PM SAT 4/25**

Haldane Drama's spring production of Fiddler on the Roof will be streaming in homes worldwide this weekend. In celebration of our actors, crew, directors, and volunteers, the pre-recorded dress rehearsal will be available online for just 24 hours.

A viewing pass is only \$6.00, but as a self-funded program, Haldane Drama welcomes donations in order to continue providing enriching theatrical experiences for students and the community. This viewing is made possible with generous permission from Music Theatre International (MTI).

[Purchase Viewing Pass or Donate](#)

[See the making of a Haldane production](#)



Fiddler on the Roof was set to take the stage in March.

Frontline Support from Hometown High School

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT DONATES PPE TO HALDANE GRAD AND NURSING TEAM

Like many healthcare professionals, Miller Francis, Haldane Class of 2012, and her team of medical surgical ICU nurses at New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, began the fight against COVID-19 with limited PPE resources.

Answering the call for support, parents, community members, local officials, school administrators, and teachers rallied together to put 26 pairs of protective eyewear from the Haldane High School science department to good use.



Miller and her NYP team sporting Haldane goggles.

Blue Devil Pride Keeps Us Connected

HALDANE SHINES IN VIRTUAL SPIRIT WEEK

Haldane students, teachers, and staff took to social media last week to participate in daily #WeAreHaldane challenges. Thank you to the Physical Education Department for reminding us that a little distance can never dull our Blue Devil Pride.

[Click here to see much more from Blue Devil Virtual Spirit Week.](#)

