

*Haddam Killingworth
High School
January/February 2020*



From the Principal...

Greetings from Haddam Killingworth High School!

As we start off strong for second semester, we are already looking ahead to 2020-21. Once again, we will be using the online course selection process through the PowerSchool portal. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks about the course selection process.

In the meantime, I am as proud as ever to share good news and celebrations from the high school.

Athletic Update:

Talbott name CHSCA Softball Coach of the Year

Congratulations to Head Softball Coach Jeff Talbott for being named the Connecticut High School Coach of the year! Talbott took over the program in 1999 and, is 300-169 in 21 seasons with one state championship and two Shoreline Conference titles. In 42 seasons, the Cougars have qualified for the State tournament 41 times. Pictured to the right is the 2019 team with Coach after his 300th win.



Sportsperson of the Week: Juliana Gagliardi

Juliana Gagliardi was selected as the Sportsperson of the Week for the Source. She is having a great debut season on the high school gymnastics circuit this winter. A freshman, Juliana is one of three athletes from the HK/Morgan/Hale-

Ray co-op gymnastics team. Three meets into the season, Juliana has been recording scores in the high 8s and low 9s in all four of her events. Juliana is a Level 8 gymnast.

Culinary Arts:

The culinary arts students were very busy throughout the fall semester. The basic food classes learned various cooking techniques such as sautéing, baking, roasting, pan frying, steaming and much more. They finished off the semester with another trip to CT Style showing off the winning gingerbread house from the annual gingerbread house competition.

The international cuisine class dove into recipes from many different countries, Italy, France, Poland, Greece to name a few. They finished off the semester with making food from different regions of the good ol' USA.

A new semester has started with new students in the culinary classes. All are very excited to learn all the tricks of the trade in the culinary world.



Child Development News:

Students in Early Childhood Internship and Laboratory Experience wrapped up the year with an in-school field trip to the HK Cubs Childcare Center. The field trip allowed the students to see how the Childcare Center operates throughout the school day. Students were able to assist in the routines of the day, see caregivers handle the achievements and challenges of each stage of early childhood (infant, toddler, and preschool) as well as the transitions between activities.



The children from the HK Cubs refer to the high school students as the “Big Kid Friends” and enjoy working with them in the Center as well as the child development classroom. High School students lead an activity with the toddlers or preschoolers on Thursdays and Fridays. This activity, known as “Big Kid Time,” begins with a greeting, welcome song, read aloud, a fine motor activity (toddlers or preschoolers working the muscles in the hands and fingers) such as play dough, art, finger plays, and ends with a gross motor activity or exploration for toddlers (free play with toys that relate to the story and

fine motor activity of the day.) Plans and preparations for the activity precede the delivery each week and a reflection and evaluation follows to discuss “Big Kid Time” outcomes.

Interns and the Laboratory Experience class also spend time in the Center working along with the caregivers to see the children in their regular routines.

In addition, Introduction to Child Development concluded in semester one. This class investigates growth and development in childhood, heredity and environmental influences on the individual, family strengths and stresses, physical, social and emotional development, and intellectual development. Students researched a theory of development to share with the class. Weekly observations of children in the daycare center linked the class content to behavior.

News from the HK Players:

This year, HK Seniors Devin Coon and Arjun Badami will be directing One-Act plays as a culmination of their careers on the HK Stage. Arjun Badami will direct, *The One-Act Play Disaster*, by Don Zolidis. Badami has been a member of the HK Players for four years, acting in eleven plays on the HK stage throughout his time in high school, including as the Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz* and as Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*. *The One-Act Play Disaster* is the tale of a group of actors who attempt to put on a play about a thrilling heist, but fail miserably. The show includes such gags as furniture that falls and breaks, a smooth-talking con man who has

stage fright, and a recent but still contemptuous breakup between one of the actors and the lighting person.

Devin Coon's Show, *The Internet is distract- OH LOOK, A KITTEN!* is also a mad-cap comedy. In it, main character Micah only has forty-five minutes to finish her paper on *The Great Gatsby*. She just needs to check a few facts on the internet first. Unfortunately, the Web is a nefariously wacky place where boxing cats, Russian spies, and competitive streaming services threaten to take over Micah's schoolwork, or worse. Will she finish her paper and escape with her life before the school bell rings? Come see the high-octane comedy that explores the rabbit hole of distraction we all go down every time we go online.

The one-act plays are scheduled for Thursday the 20th of February at 7:00pm in the HK High School auditorium. Admission is free.

THE H-K PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENT:

THE INTERNET IS DISTRACT- OH LOOK A KITTEN!
By Ian McWethy

THE ONE-ACT PLAY DISASTER
By DON ZOLIDIS

Senior-Directed
One Act Plays

Thursday February
20th 2020 @6pm

FREE ADMISSION

H-K DRAMA DONATIONS ACCEPTED

H-K HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

95 Little City Rd, Higganum, CT 06441

SPRING SPORT SIGN UPS

Baseball, Softball, Outdoor Track, Tennis, Golf, Lacrosse

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

If your son/daughter intends to play a Spring sport for HK, please register him/her through FamilyID *February 7- March 9*.

A parent/guardian should register by clicking on this link:

<https://www.familyid.com/haddam-killingworth-high-school>

Follow these steps:

To find your program, click on the link provided by the Organization above and select the registration form under the word ***Programs***.

Next click on the green ***Register Now*** button and scroll, if necessary, to the ***Create Account/Log In*** green buttons. If this is your first time using FamilyID, click ***Create Account***. Click ***Log In***, if you already have a FamilyID account.

Create your secure FamilyID account by entering the account owner First and Last names (parent/guardian), E-mail address and password. Select ***I Agree*** to the FamilyID Terms of Service. Click ***Create Account***.

You will receive an email with a link to activate your new account. (If you don't see the email, check your E-mail filters (spam, junk, etc.).)

Click on the link in your activation E-mail, which will log you in to FamilyID.com

Once in the registration form, complete the information requested. All fields with a red* are required to have an answer.

Click the ***Continue*** button when your form is complete.

Review your registration summary.

Click the green ***Submit*** button. After selecting 'Submit', the registration will be complete. You will receive a completion email from FamilyID confirming your registration.

SUPPORT:

If you need assistance with registration, **contact** FamilyID at: **support@familyid.com** or **888-800-5583 x1**.

Support is available 7 days per week and messages will be returned promptly.

SAT Review:

SAT review sessions for math prep will take place on Tuesdays during 1st lunch starting January 28 and running through March 17. Students who are interested in participating should sign up with Mrs. Adamczyk in room C213.

Haddam Killingworth High School Has Gone Google!



Teacher Websites:

In the past, teachers have used their Weebly websites for students to access information about class, view teacher calendars, and to see class notes and assignments. Although some teachers are still utilizing their Weebly website, many have transitioned to keeping all of this information on Google Classroom. Google Classroom is designed for education and works seamlessly with other Google products that teachers and students use such as Google Docs, Google Sheets, and Google Forms. When students join their teacher's Google Classroom they are able to see teacher announcements, complete assignments, and collaborate with the teacher and their peers in numerous ways. Furthermore, when teachers assign homework on their Google Classroom, that assignment is automatically added to a student's Google Calendar.

Parent access to Google Classroom is set up differently than a Weebly website. Rather than visit a teacher's website directly, parents need to join teacher's Google Classrooms. If you would like to join and view your student's Google Classroom pages, please email your student's teachers asking for the teachers to add you to the parent interface of Google Classroom. Through this, you can select to receive either daily or weekly updates in regards to your student's progress in that class. As always, PowerSchool will still be used to view grades.

We ask for your patience as we navigate this transition to Google products. Our intentions are always to provide excellent communication with parents and families. Teachers are available at their @rsd17.org email address. If you have any questions about teacher websites please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's teachers, school counselor, or a school administrator.

Student Email Addresses:

Every student has been provided with a Regional School District 17 email address. The format for their email address is their student ID number followed by the @rsd17.org. For example, a student's email address may be 123456@rsd17.org. The expectation is that students should begin checking their school email weekly, and that communication from students comes from school email addresses. If your child needs to reset their password, they can see Ms. Kohs in the Media Center.

Yearbook Information:

The deadline to purchase yearbooks is swiftly approaching. **Yearbooks MUST be ordered in advance and directly from JOSTEN'S at Jostensyearbooks.com.** Note to **SENIORS** who did **not** pay four years of dues by the 11/1/2019 deadline: **YOU MUST ORDER YOUR OWN YEARBOOK** from Jostens at **jostensyearbooks.com**. Email Nancy McGee at nmcgee@rsd17.org with questions.

Parents of Seniors: The deadline for Parent Ads is 2/10/20. A flier to assist you in this process was mailed to you with 2nd Quarter report cards. Please support yearbook with an ad for your graduating senior.

Clearly, there is a lot happening at HKHS! We hope to see you out and about at the myriad of school events planned in the coming weeks. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our students and our school.

Respectfully,

Donna L. Hayward

SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2020

Counselors are scheduling Junior Planning Meetings with our Junior students and their families. In these meetings, we help students and families with the post-secondary planning process, including the college search, college applications, and standardized testing. We also discuss various pathways with our students, including two and four-year colleges, technical programs, the military, and employment. These meetings are held during the school day and last for approximately one hour. Please contact your child's School Counselor by phone or email to arrange a meeting if you're interested in attending. We look forward to seeing you!

The window for course selections for the 2020-2021 school year opens on Monday, February 4th. Students received copies of the Course Selection books in Advisory on Wednesday and will be making their requests between February 4th – February 14th. Teacher recommendations will be available in PowerSchool. If you have questions about the process, please contact your child's School Counselor.

Senior Families: Local scholarships are starting to come in to the Counseling Office! The list of scholarships will be updated in Naviance as new scholarships become available. Students interested in applying for scholarships should check the list regularly and see their School Counselor with any questions about specific scholarships.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Freshman and Sophomore Parent Night – Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Counselors will be discussing College and Career Information, Naviance and course selection for the upcoming year. Snow date: March 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Annual College Fair – HKHS's Annual College Fair will be held on Wednesday April 22, 2020 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. during Advisory in the HKHS fieldhouse. Parents are invited to attend. Grades 9 – 11 students will have a specific time to attend the College Fair that morning. Students will be provided with a list of questions and the college/institution names, as well as a map of the college locations in the fieldhouse.