

Haddam Killingworth High School -- October 2019

From the Principal...



The first quarter of the 2019-20 academic year is remarkably near closing, with a lot of good news and success to report. This week, HKHS will host the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) for a Collaborative Conference visit. A team of professional educators from around the state will review a self-reflection document prepared by the HK faculty and meet with groups of students, parents, teachers and administrators to examine all parts of our program. At the end of their visit, the team will provide feedback to our school about how well we are aligned to the five Standards of Accreditation and suggest areas of focus work as well as things to celebrate. We look forward to this process as part of our continuous improvement approach.



HK Fine Arts Updates and Special News

If you walk through the B-Wing on any given day you will discover that the art and music classrooms are bustling with creativity and excitement as students learn, grow, and prepare for a variety of upcoming (or recently past) performances, competitions, and festivals.

Left: Students in Mr. D'Amato's Concert and Jazz Bands join together for a lunch period to prepare for their upcoming Autumn Band Concert on November 14th at 7pm.

HK joined up with other Shoreline High Schools (Portland, East Haddam, Lyme/Old Lyme, Durham, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Westbrook, North Branford, and Old Saybrook) for a two-day music festival culminating in a Band and Chorus concert on October 10th at Coginchaug Regional High School. Representing HK were choral students: Adelaide Hawkins, Megan Haase, Aleia Goodison, Olivia Tucker, Luke Haase, and Joseph Wolf. Band students included Abby Jones, Michela Cole, Andrew Conti, Patrick Dennis, Nick Frasco, Madeline Keithan, Colin Mack, Steven Melgar, Jordan O'Linn, Bela Pacyna and David Tinker. (photo next page)



Eighteen Ceramics students travelled to the Florence-Griswold Museum on Wednesday, September 25th to set up student-created Faerie Houses at the annual “Wee Faerie Village” exhibit *Supertopia: Wee Faerie’s Superheroes’ Headquarters and Hideaways*. Students had the opportunity to experience performing a professional art installation while meeting other artists and previewing the exhibit before it opened to the public.



AP Spanish

AP Spanish students have written letters to members of the US Armed Forces this month on top of working diligently to improve their proficiency and readiness for their exam in May. They are part of a nationwide letter-writing campaign in which all ages are invited to participate. The goal, which has been met for nine years running, is for each active service member in each branch of our military outside of the US, to receive a hand-written letter of appreciation. That means 170,000 handwritten letters need to be written, counted, read, processed, and sent to all troops by

Thanksgiving day! Gracias por su apoyo a todos los estudiantes. (Thank you to all the students for their support.)

French Honor Society

There is new art gracing the hallways of Haddam-Killingworth High School! Members of the French Honor Society designed and painted a large mural showing the French and Spanish flags with a large "HK" logo in the middle. This mural is currently hanging at the end of the World Languages classroom hallway. The members' goal was to show their enthusiasm for learning languages and their pride in our department as they continue in their work to encourage students to take language to the highest levels at our school and beyond.



Spanish Honor Society

Recently the HKHS Spanish Honor Society and French Honor Society collaborated with Old Saybrook High School's Ecology Club to clean beaches. The students gathered together to participate in International Coastal Clean-up Day. Students collected data on the trash that was



collected and the information will be sent to Save the Sound and the Ocean Conservancy to track changes in the human impact on the environment.

Homecoming Dance

Our Homecoming dance has been changed to Friday, November 22 in the HS cafeteria from 7:00 – 10:00pm. If your student will be bringing a guest from another school, s/he will need to submit a guest information sheet; they are available in the main office or from Mr. Hagewood. The form must be submitted by Tuesday, November 20 – **no exceptions** - for Ms. Hayward's signature.

Substitutes needed!

Regional School District 17 is seeking qualified individuals to work as substitute teachers. We offer regionally competitive pay for substitutes. Qualifications for substitute teachers include a Bachelor's Degree (required) and experience working with children. A teaching certificate is not required, but definitely a plus. Substitute teaching is a great way to contribute to our schools for those who enjoy working with kids. Please visit the "Employment Opportunities" page of our district website (www.rsd17.org) for more information and to initiate an application. If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Hensel, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, 860-345-4534.

Athletics Update

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams! They both took home Shoreline Championships this month. On Saturday, October 26 the Girls won the SS State Championship and the Boys were Runners Up in Class M. Next up is State Opens on

Friday,
November 1.



Pictured: Caleb Freeman, Mera Bodak, Mason Gorham, Julia Callis, Fisher Harris, Brianna Minervino, Christian Uzwiak, Lauren D'Amico, Matthew Jennings, Alison Twachtman, Sean Rutledge, Ava Dimatteo, Julian Spector, Isabel Berardino

Winter Sports Registration

The HKHS Athletic Department is excited to continue the roll-out of a new, convenient online registration system called FamilyID (www.familyid.com). FamilyID is a secure registration platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to sign-up for athletics, and helps us to be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. (No more paper packets!) When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile. You enter your information only once for each family member for multiple uses and multiple programs. You still must register each season; however, your information is stored in your account for future use.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

If your son/daughter intends to play a Winter sport for HK, please register him/her through FamilyID by November 25. Registration is open now. There will be a mandatory meeting for parents and students on **November 20 at 6:00pm in the High School Auditorium. If you attended the Fall Sports Night, you may skip the general meeting and come for the 6:30pm individual team meeting. **Ice Hockey & Gymnastics will not hold team meetings on this date.**

*****Please note in addition to this registration, your student must have an up to date physical on file with the school nurse before the start of the season. Physicals are valid for 13 months. You can reach Tanner Pedersen, the school nurse at 860-345-8541 x3333 or TPedersen@rsd17.org**

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

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

Please follow these steps for registration:

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

3. **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**.
4. 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.).
5. Click on the link in your activation E-mail, which will log you in to FamilyID.com
6. Once in the registration form, complete the information requested. All fields with a red* are required to have an answer.
7. Click the **Continue** button when your form is complete.
8. Review your registration summary.
9. 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 **781-205-2800 x1**.
- Support is available 7 days per week and messages will be returned promptly.

As always, there is a lot going on at HKHS. We hope you're enjoying these last weeks of fall foliage before the seasons change once again.

Respectfully,

Donna L. Hayward

SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATE – OCTOBER 2019

College Visits

College representatives visit HKHS during lunch/activity period. This is a great opportunity for your juniors and seniors to ask specific questions regarding the application process to an admissions representative. These visits will continue through mid-November. Your child can sign up for College Visits by logging into Naviance/Family Connection, clicking on “Colleges”, then “View All Upcoming College Visits” (on the right of the screen). Once you see a college you are interested in, click “Sign-Up”. Your child will get a reminder of the representative visit a day in advance.

Senior Parent Night

Senior Parent Night was held the evening of September 16, 2019. The School Counselors discussed the College Application Process using Naviance, and went over the timeline for submitting applications, requesting counselor/teacher recommendations and how to obtain scholarship and Financial Aid information.

The School Counselors are busy meeting with individual seniors to discuss their post-secondary plans. If your child is applying Early Action or Early Decision, please see your School Counselor as soon as possible.

Financial Aid Night

Financial Aid Night was held on Thursday, October 3rd. Lewis DeLuca, Coordinator of Student Financial Literacy & Advising at Southern Connecticut State University, was our guest speaker. If you missed this event, copies of the PowerPoint are available in the School Counseling Office.

Ninth Grade Naviance Sign-Ups

Naviance is a post-secondary planning website that HKHS uses with our students as they progress through high school. It includes college search engines, career information, and assessments for students. School Counselors visited Health 1 classes in October to help ninth-graders set up accounts. Students also took a Learning Styles Inventory to help them better understand their individual learning style. Parents can also make Naviance accounts. Sign-up information for ninth-grade parents will be included in First Quarter Report Cards.

Juniors/Sophomores:

PSAT Testing was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 during the school day at HKHS. The PSAT's are the best indicator of performance on the SAT and provide sophomores with areas for improvement, while allowing juniors the opportunity to qualify as a National Merit Scholar and to match students to potential colleges. PSAT results will be returned by College Board in December.