

Haddam Killingworth High School

May/June 2019

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Friends:

As these last few days of the 2018-19 academic year race to the finish, we are always happy to share good news from HKHS. A few highlights from the last few weeks follow.



“Superstars” Honored During Teacher Appreciation Week

Tyler Wilcox – HKHS Staff Member of the Year:

Tyler is known for his skillful interactions with students, his knowledge across several subject areas and his creativity in developing strategies to deliver individualized remediation to diverse learners. Colleagues describe Tyler’s active collaboration with them in developing and implementing behavior strategies in our school. He is an outstanding para educator in all respects. He has proven, through his conscientious work ethic, consistent follow-through and open and collaborative nature, that he can accomplish complex tasks and overcome obstacles with seeming ease. He has an unfailing positive attitude and an innate understanding of students with diverse needs. He is reflective and seeks advice as to how to improve his craft. Students sense his dedication to them and their learning and his colleagues do as well. Furthermore, Tyler has been a long-time assistant football coach at our school and is a role model for all students. He is beloved and an integral member of our team.

Jon Todzia – HKHS Teacher of the Year:

Jon is an unsung hero at HK. He does not draw attention to himself, but quietly leads by example. Jon is a mentor to students who learn not only how to work in the technology fields, but also how to be good human beings. He took the challenge to teach in areas outside of carpentry when the tech department was revamped several years ago and he demonstrates great enthusiasm for this new adventure. The special education department says about Jon, “We feel truly blessed to have such a kind and patient teacher in a department that many of our students naturally gravitate to. He has welcomed some of our neediest students into his classroom and consistently reaches out to us to find out how he can better meet their needs and develop relationships.” Jon has mentored students in many fields of study by assisting them in career development, offering in-school internship options and supporting them with employment contacts and recommendations. Our students know that he holds high standards for behavior and performance and they try to hit the bar he sets because they know that he respects them and is rooting for their success. Jon always has a smile and a kind word for students and staff and he is our Teacher of the Year.

Recent Happenings in the History Department:

Spring Film Projects

Continuing the History Department's tradition of incorporating cutting edge methodologies to further student growth and historical curiosity at HKHS, students in Mr. Webb's Honors United States History and AP United States History completed their spring film projects this month. These projects offer students a chance to choose their topics, complete the research process, and construct their films in the documentary format of their choice. The final 4th quarter classes of each course will include a Spring Historical Film Festival for students to view the historical documentaries of their peers.

Shoreline Social Studies Award

This year's HKHS' Shoreline Social Studies Award has been awarded to Arjun Badami. A member of the AP United States History class, Arjun's skill and enthusiasm for History has been on display throughout his three years at HKHS. This year, Arjun used his knowledge of Civil War battle tactics and battlefields in a presentation to his APUSH peers in preparation for the Period 5 quiz and Unit 3 Exam. The presentation marked the first time in the history of APUSH at HKHS that a student was given an opportunity to teach a portion of the class's internationally renowned intense curriculum. Past recipients for the SSSA include Jonah Spector (HKHS '18, Northeastern '22) and Nolan Serbent (HKHS '19, Brown '23). A celebratory breakfast to honor all of this year's SSSA recipients was held at Valley High School on May 21st. Congrats to Arjun on this prestigious award!

Teacher Superlatives

Once again, the History Department dominated student voting for teacher superlatives. When asked about this, History department head Mr. Pallatto remarked, "We strive to be the department which consistently meets the academic and social needs of our students by creating the best possible relationships. The Yearbook Superlatives show the special connection the student body has for the History Department." Multiple time winner Mr. Webb stated "It's wonderful to be recognized by such an energetic and eclectic student body". Yearbooks were passed out at the annual HKHS Streetfest celebration on May 29th.

Environmental Club Update



The HKHS Environmental Club was proud to engage in several initiatives this past school year.

Our members volunteered time after school to complete two clean ups on school property, focusing on the areas around the cross country trail and the sports fields. Students picked up everything from trash to recyclables, lots of balls, and even a bicycle tire.

In February, the club joined the International Culture Club in organizing a badminton tournament fundraiser. The proceeds went to the Rainforest Foundation, an organization that helps preserve the rainforests. The competition at the event

was fierce, but in the end the winner was our environment.

The club has also held an ongoing dead marker collection at the high school. To date, almost 1000 markers are out of the trash and being sent to Crayola Cares for recycling. If you have dead makers, highlighters or dry erase markers of any brand, feel free to send them in with your student. There is a box located in the high school main office, as well as in room C 206. If you are interested in recycling markers at your business or school, you can sign up at www.crayola.com.

The group's current goal has been to reduce the use of plastic straws in our school and community. We drafted a letter to our food services, and have initiated conversations about eliminating plastic straws from the cafeteria. Approximately 390 million plastic straws are consumed and thrown out by Americans every day. Straws are not biodegradable; they are the 8th most recovered ocean trash. One million seabirds die each year from plastic consumption, which includes straws. HKHS can be part of a cutting-edge movement to lessen the environmental impact of plastic straws. The club is hoping to create an awareness campaign for the next school year.

International Culture Club Activities:

Over the last few months, the International Culture Club has been busy participating in several cultural activities and working collaboratively to complete community service related projects. Recently, ICC used our KIVA account to loan \$150 to Veronica in the Philippines so that she could expand her agriculture business and help provide for her family. KIVA is an organization that distributes microloans around the world with the intent to help people in less developed countries who often do not have access to traditional banking systems. Throughout the year ICC has studied a number of cultures, including Thailand, Italy, and France. One of the club's favorite activities are the food festivals, at which each student makes a dish from the country we are studying and shares it with the other club members. The last food festival of each year is set aside to celebrate the successful completion of another year and say goodbye to our departing seniors.



AP Human Geography & AP Calculus Students Head to Boston

Students in both the AP Human Geography and Calculus classes recently completed their annual trip to Boston to experience a number of curriculum based activities. Ms. Ramm, accompanied the AP Human Geography class to the Norman B. Leventhal Map Center in the Copley Public Library to take part in the Boston over time program. This educational interactive exhibit allowed the students to see how an urban area changes over time and projects possible future urban trends onto the Boston landscape. Students in AP HUGE also participated in a walking tour of downtown Boston so that they could apply what they learned about urban patterns to the Boston environment. The Calculus class traveled with Mrs. Miller to the Boston Science Museum and examined the mathematics room and also participated in a math based scavenger hunt. Through these field trips, students in the AP classes are able to end the year by applying what they have learned and seeing how their subjects can change the world around them.

Band and Choral Competition in NYC:



On April 5-7th, 93 students from the Haddam-Killingworth High School Music Department travelled to New York City for the Worldstride's Music Competition at the historic Riverside Church. The Jazz Band and Concert Band, directed by Timothy D'Amato, won first place in their respective categories and guitarist Andrew Santopietro was awarded the "Maestro" award for his outstanding solo. Three choral ensembles directed by Marcy Webster also performed very well. Concert Choir and Jazz Mixed Choir "Swing 14" placed second in their categories, and the Woman's Choir "Decca" placed third in their division. Tenor Devin Coon received a "Maestro" award for his solo performance.



Annual HK Art Show:



The Fine Arts Department was pleased to celebrate our sixth annual art show opening with students and parents at the Earth and Fire Art Gallery at 2 Main Street in Essex, CT. With live music performances and delicious food, prepared by students in Joanna Siciliano's "Foods" class, a wonderful time was had by all. Over 100 art pieces representing the work of more than 70 students was on display for most of May.

Senior Portrait Information for the Class of 2020 from STEADY PHOTOGRAPHY

It is hard to believe, but it is time for senior portraits for the Class of 2020.

Please see the attached flier from our school photographer, Steady Photography. It includes all of the information you will need to schedule your portrait at The Haddam-Killingworth High School or at Steady Photography's Branford studio. Steady Photography will be at HK on July 18 and August 15. The studio is open all summer in Branford.

SPECIAL: If you book your session at HK on July 18, your session will include a few complimentary outdoor poses on the school grounds.

Please visit www.steadyphotography.com for information about different sitting options, samples, and online scheduling.

Contact Nancy McGee at nmcgee@rsd17.org with any yearbook questions.

ALL PORTRAITS MUST BE TAKEN BY August 31, 2019.

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ONLINE OR CALL THE STUDIO.

LOCAL OPTIONS WILL FILL UP QUICKLY. The yearbook photo is FREE! You may purchase photo packages but are not required to.

FOUR location options:

1.) *Steady Photography*, 540 East Main St. Unit 5, Branford, CT 06405; 203-488-5170

Email: studio@steadyphotography.com / Website: SteadyPhotography.com

2.) **Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium July 18th and August 15: 8:30-3:00**

3.) *Nathan Hale-Ray MIDDLE School*, Moodus, July 11th and July 24th, 8:30-3:00

4.) *Morgan High School*, Clinton, July 25th and August 19th 8:30-3:00

3. **Dress Code:** Gentlemen: shirt and tie (jacket optional). Women: dress up. Shoulders covered. Follow school dress code for senior portraits.

4. **Senior Portrait Selection**—Students may choose which portrait they would like in the yearbook, but if no selection is made by the deadline, Steady Photography will make the selection.

5. **Parent Ads**—This is an opportunity for family and friends to share favorite photos, memories and more in a format that will be cherished for a lifetime. Watch for information in the mail and email from Jostensyearbooks.com.

6. **Business Ads**—If you own a business and would like to advertise in the 2020 yearbook, please contact Nancy McGee, yearbook advisor, at nmcgee@rsd17.org for more information.

Please note that the yearbook is submitted in sections for printing, starting in late fall. The senior section is the first, and once sent, we are unable to make any changes or additions.

We hope to see you at graduation! Keep your fingers crossed for nice weather as our celebration is open to all if it's outside. In the event of an indoor graduation, each graduating senior is provided with four tickets

Respectfully,

Donna L. Hayward



ATTENTION--Class of 2020

PARKING PERMITS WILL BE ASSIGNED

WHEN: Monday August 26, 2019

WHERE: HKHS Main Office

TIME: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

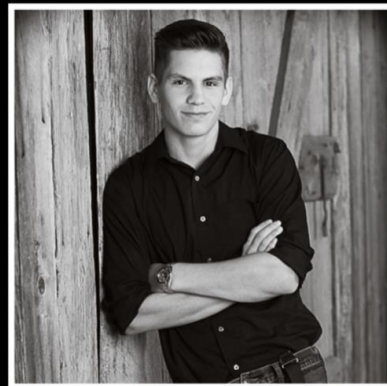
1. H-KHS Student Identification
2. UFOs cleared (see Mrs. Smith)
3. 30 hours of community service completed and documented
4. Parking Agreement – completed and signed
5. Copy of vehicle registration
6. Copy of driver's license
7. Copy of Vehicle Insurance
8. \$20.00 Permit Fee (checks made out to HKHS)

Seniors must have all of the above in order to apply. If you were a junior this year (2019) and signed up for a parking permit and did not receive one, as long as the information is correct, you do not need to fill out the paperwork again. Please see Mrs. Bartolotta in the main office to see if she has your paperwork.

Permits will not be issued unless all items are completed and presented at the time of registration.

Copies can be made at the Haddam Post Office, Higganum Drug, or the library for a minimal fee. The HKHS office will not be available to students to make copies.

Licensed drivers, please be sure to fill out your paperwork and hand it in before the end of the school year so that your parking spot can be reserved. Those who do not have their license can hand in their paperwork during the summer before the assigned parking permit date.



Class of 2020 - Senior Portraits

3 Things to Remember

1. The yearbook has a contract with Steady Photography. We don't accept portraits from other photographers.
2. The deadline for portraits at the studio is Aug 31. If you haven't been photographed by Aug 31 your photo will be taken on school photo day.
3. There is no cost to have your portrait in the yearbook. Look for the Yearbook Only option or wait until school photo day.



At School Sessions

Basic Yearbook- \$30.00

(Book in July and we will include two outdoor poses on school grounds)

Yearbook Only- Free

Studio Sessions

Classic Studio- \$40.00

Casual Outdoor - \$65.00

(Outdoor session are limited and only available on Tuesday's)

At School Dates

Morgan- July 25 and Aug 19

Hale Ray- July 11 and July 24

HK-July 18 and Aug 15

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