



HALDANE HORIZONS

A newsletter of the Haldane Central School District



Message from Dr. Benante

Dear Haldane Community,

This month's issue of Haldane Horizons highlights several points of connection that occur on our campus. Whether it be the annual Halloween Parade, Spirit Week, or a hike along the Hudson, our students and community thrive when we honor the connections that can be made around our campus.

Haldane is always pursuing ways in which we can enhance our students' experiences on campus. Read on to see images of our soon-to-be-named new Haldane Blue Devil mascot! And the Haldane cross country team hosted its first local dual meet in over 20 years.

Go Blue Devils!

Sincerely,

Phil Benante, Ed. D.

Superintendent of Schools

OCTOBER 2022

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Book Week and Author Visits

During the elementary book week students had a chance to visit the book fair sponsored by the PTA. In addition to a selection of new books for purchase, each student left the fair with a new or gently used book thanks to the swap table.

Fourth grade enjoyed a virtual author visit by Carol Liu and Marybeth Sidoti Caldarone, authors of *Arlene on the Scene*. Grades 3-5 had an in-person author talk with Mike Cavallaro, author of the *Nico Bravo* series. Grades K-2 were visited by Tyra Heder, author of *Sal Boat*, during which they co-designed the cover of an imaginary book, *The Day the Dragon Picked up Catfish*.



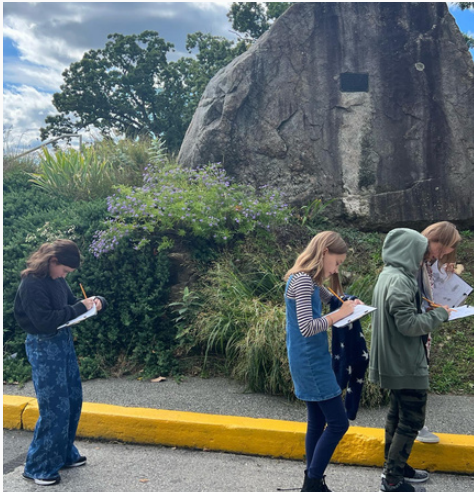
Middle School Hikes the Hudson

PE classes took to the great outdoors for a week of perfect weather, Hudson hiking, and Sandy Beach-side lunch.



Mugwort, Dogbane, and More

Mr. Wick's sixth grade ECO class documented plant species around the Haldane campus, charting their paths with compasses. They discussed topics such as biodiversity vs. monocultures, seed dispersal, and root systems while learning to identify mugwort, dogbane, asters, alianthus, and more.



Short and Scary Story Contest

Haldane PTA Scary Story contest invited middle schoolers to flex their fright.

The PTA received over thirty entries to the Scary Story Contest. These displays of creativity and twisted imagination made the choice so difficult that additional blind judges were called in to review the works and arrive at our finalists and grand winner.

Congrats to Plum Severs, winner of a \$100 gift card to The Shoppes in Cold Spring.

A sampling of their stories can be [enjoyed here](#).

Happy Halloween!

PTA SCARY STORY CONTEST

WINNER:

"Missing" By Plum Severs, 8th grade

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

"Madness"
by Allegra Clementson, 6th grade

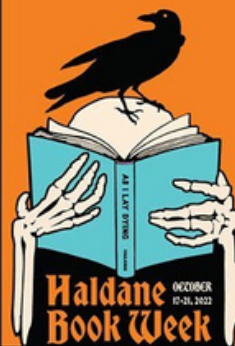
"What Tore Him from the Inside Out"
by Alexa Arcigal, 8th grade

"Forevermore"
by Theo Swan, 6th grade

"Never Sleep"
by Henry Foley-Hedlund & Lincoln Wayland, 8th grade

"The Light"
by Eli Beato & Scout Thakur deBeer, 7th grade

"Mystery in the Woods"
by Everett MacIntyre & William Valentine, 6th grade



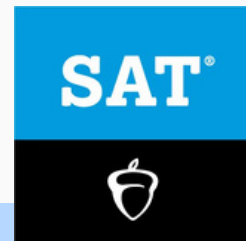
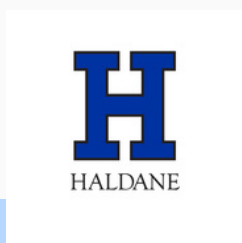
Parent Night Preps for Junior Year

9th and 10th Grade Parent Night answers the question:

"What should I know before my child becomes a Junior?"



Haldane High School hosted its annual 9/10 Parent Night on October 27 with a detailed look at the important decisions made during a student's junior year. The high school guidance department and department chairs provided an overview of the academic programs, followed by a representative from Summit Educational Group who guided families through the standardized testing process. The presentation highlighted the differences between SATs and ACTs, appropriate test prep, and how to determine which assessment might be better for each student.



- ***What are the NYS requirements for graduation?***
- ***What AP/college courses are offered at Haldane? What is a reasonable number of these courses to take?***
- ***What non-traditional sequences of study are available to students?***
- ***What is offered at the Regional BOCES Tech Center and is it the right fit for my child?***
- ***How do we prepare for and navigate the college planning process?***
- ***What are the qualifications for National Honor Society?***
- ***How should my child prepare for the SAT/ACT?***

Cross Country Runs Home

Haldane hosts first dual Cross Country meet in over 20 years.



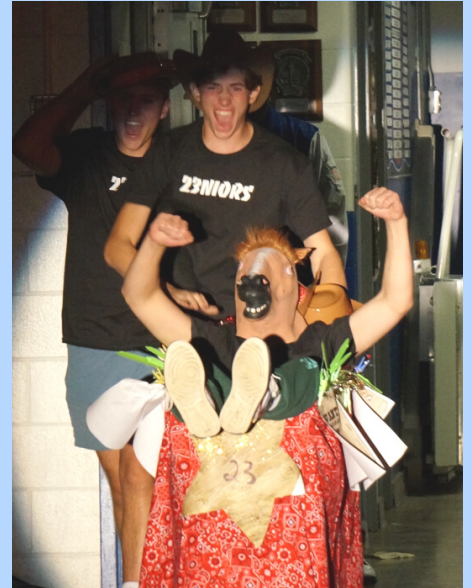
Cross country athletes from Haldane and Hendrick Hudson hosted a dual meet in celebration of both schools' homecomings. Haldane coach, Dr. Eric Richter, and Hen Hud Coach (and Haldane dad), Derek Kisslinger, worked with Highlands Country Club, the Town of Philipstown, and the Garrison Institute of Open Space to design the breathtaking course.

Parents, friends, and alumni runners from Haldane's Cross Country team gathered to watch the athletes challenge themselves as they ran through the beautiful landscapes. After the meet, fresh apple cider and warm cider donuts were enjoyed courtesy of Coach Richter. Thank you to all who helped make this special homecoming possible. The team looks forward to hosting again next year.



Homecoming 2022

Haldane celebrated Homecoming with Spirit Week themes, the traditional Pep Rally and Scoop the Loop, a full sports schedule, and the debut of the all new Haldane Blue Devil mascot.



HALDANE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 INDUCTEES



On Saturday, October 16, 2022, during Homecoming Weekend, the Haldane Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its fifth class of outstanding athletes and coaches at a brunch reception at the Highlands Country Club.

Phil Cottenec '74
Collin LeMon '07
Lauren Etta '13
Coach John Merante

Coach Nelson "Fessor" Delanoy
Girls' Volleyball Team '07-'08
Girls' Basketball Team '07-'08

The Haldane Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of Haldane athletes and coaches. Learn more about these inductees or recommend an athletic contributor for next year's class on the [Haldane website](#).

Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat

Marched on by the Haldane High School Band, elementary students paraded up the hill and through the high school for the annual Halloween Parade. After school, the senior class hosted a Trunk or Treat fundraiser to kick off Halloween night.



NOVEMBER 2022

THU

3

Student/Faculty
Volleyball Game and
Ice Cream Social Fundraiser

WED

16

Friends & Family
University
and Spaghetti Dinner

MON

7

Haldane
Safety Forum

THU

17

High School
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

TUE

8

NO SCHOOL
Superintendent's
Conference Day

MON

21

Elementary/Middle
School Picture
Retakes

TUE

8

Senior Portrait
Make-Up Day

MON

21

National
Honor Society
Induction Ceremony

WED

9

Garrison
Student & Parent
Visits

WED 23 - FRI 25

NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Recess

FRI

11

NO SCHOOL
Veterans Day

SAT

26

Alumni
Basketball Game

MON

14

Winter Sports
Begin

TUE

29

Elementary
Report Cards
Sent Home

SAVE THE DATES!

Haldane School Foundation
Fundraiser

Casino Royale

December 3
Highlands Country Club

Haldane Drama's Production of

*A Midsummer
Night's Dream*

December 9-10



H is for Haldane!

Mrs. Comerford's second graders updated the plantings in the Haldane "H" to help prep the campus for homecoming, and created drawings of their garden masterpiece.



Prepping November Gratitude

Sixth grade DCI students show TRUE Blue Teamwork by helping to prepare the school-wide November gratitude bulletin board.



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