

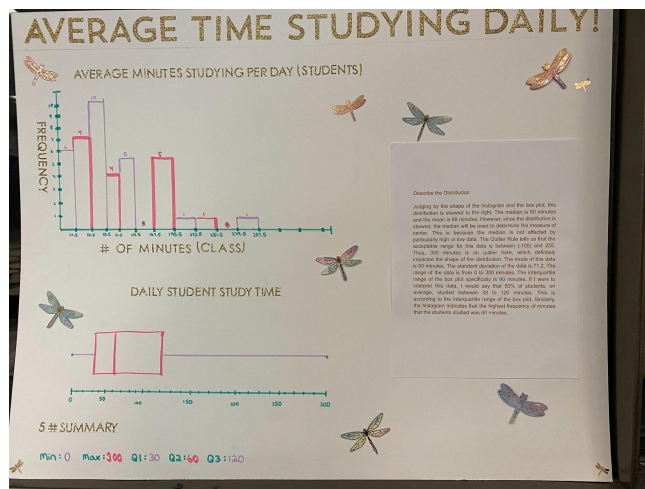
# Haddam-Killingworth H.S. November/December 2022

## From the Principal...

There is so much to be thankful for as we approach the holiday season. We are reveling in our student successes and are very appreciative of our supportive parent community! In addition, members of the greater HK community are often “caught” doing good things for us. THANK YOU to Val Williams for maintaining the plantings around our school sign and to Nutmeg Pharmacy for donating the mums and pumpkins this year. They improved our “curb appeal” and added a bit of festive spirit to our campus.



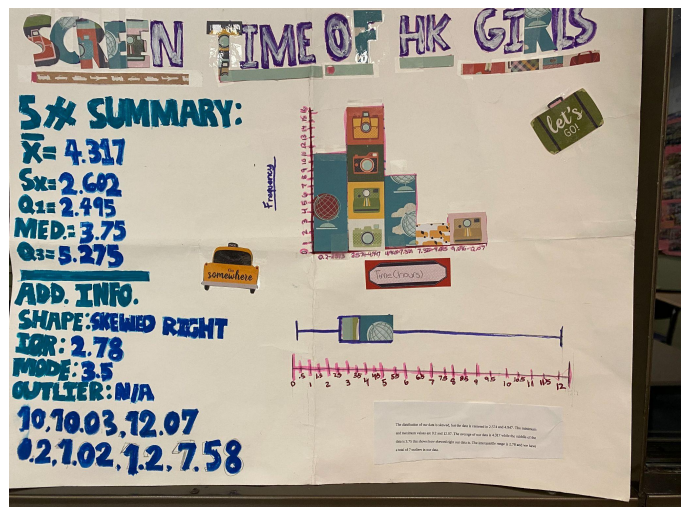
## Statistics in the World



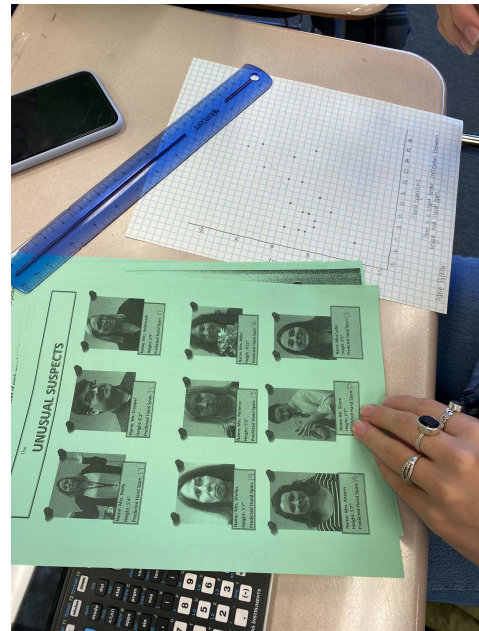
most challenging part of the project” was, the most common response was “collecting data”. This is often true in the real world too! Obtaining enough real, unbiased data to draw meaningful conclusions is a common challenge statisticians face. Great job Jr. Statisticians!

Meanwhile, Mrs. Reilly’s AP Statistics class took on the important task of solving the

Mrs. Reilly’s **Probability and Statistics** class took statistics to the streets in October. Students paired up and had a two-week period to collect data on a topic of their choosing, make a display of histograms and box plots and complete a short analysis of their data. Students applied concepts they had been studying. Students then made a display of their findings as seen in the images. All students were asked to reflect on their processes and, when asked “what the



mystery of The Great Chocolate Chip Cookie Heist. Mrs. Reilly wanted to know who stole her secret stash of chocolate chip cookies from the math office. Students had to collect data on heights and handspan and then make a scatter plot and sort through evidence comparing hand span to height. Using this information they were able to determine a trend as hand span is related to a person's height. With a mere handprint as evidence collected by the CSI special unit, they found without a shadow of a doubt that it was Mrs. [REDACTED] who had stolen Mrs. Reilly's cookies (blacked out due to the ongoing investigation). Students were rewarded with chocolate chip cookies and reilly bucks for successfully finding the culprit. Way to go AP Team!



## News from Student Council

### Student Council Blood Drive

On November 4th, nearly 50 students and teachers registered to give blood at a drive hosted by the Student Council with the American Red Cross. The day finished with 38 successful pints, which surpassed the Red Cross's goal of 34. This was enough blood to save 114 lives! Dozens of volunteers from Student Council pitched in to make it a smooth and comfortable day for all involved.

### Student Council Homecoming Dance

On October 6th, nearly 400 students came to the high school for a dance sponsored by the HK Student Council. There was a bake sale that helped the organization to donate to Warm the Children. The DJ kept things rocking all night and it was a fun time for all involved. A special thanks goes out to Ms. Hayward, Mr. Apicella, Mr. Hagewood, Ms. Flint, Ms. Deibert, Ms. Kohs, Mr. Pallatto, Mr. Saglimbeni, Ms. Shatraw, Ms. Babjak, Mr. DeLuco, Ms. Steele, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Grasso, and Steve Tanasi for chaperoning the event.

## Special Request from our Tech Ed Department

**HKHS Automotive** is looking for vehicle donations to be used for student projects and learning. Do you have a vehicle that has limited value or is broken and you are not planning to repair? Maybe your vehicle needs a repair but the labor cost was too high? We are seeking vehicles that are safe and able to be repaired. Typical projects include wheel and tire service, brake service, coolant system service, engine maintenance. Rusty out vehicles are not usable. We are able to tow vehicles to the school if they are not currently drivable. Please reach out to Mr. Todzia at [jtodzia@rsd17.org](mailto:jtodzia@rsd17.org)

The **HKHS Small Engines** class is looking for repair work. If you have lawn equipment, power sports vehicles or other mechanical items that are in need of diagnosis, repair or maintenance

please reach out to Mr. Kish [rkish@rsd17.org](mailto:rkish@rsd17.org) These items are used to enhance student skills in diagnosing and repairing small engines motors and equipment.

## Upcoming Special Events for Choral Family and Friends

### **Winter Choir Concert on December 8th at 6pm**

Enjoy selections from our three ensembles that will inspire and get you in the holiday mood. The concert will include the Hallelujah Chorus with a live string quartet which is a performance you won't want to miss!

### **Winter Band Concert on December 15th at 6pm**

Jazz and Concert band selection will include *Night Train*, *All I want for Christmas is you*, *A Rollicking Hanukkah*, and *Blue Skies* with special guest soloist, Senior Pooja Badami. Come out and enjoy live music in our beautiful auditorium.



## Yearbook Information

The yearbook staff is diligently working to make sure each student is featured in this year's yearbook. It truly is for ALL students.

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1036803/Haddam-Killingworth-High-School/>

Yearbooks are still available at their lowest cost (\$85) through Nov. 18th. If you would like a yearbook for your student, you must order one through Jostens' website. A fixed number of books will be ordered and extras are not likely to be available a la cart after orders are closed in the Spring.

We also offer business ads (separate pricing) if you have a business you would like to feature in our yearbook. We would love to help showcase your business, especially if you routinely employ HK students. An ad could be a great tool for recruiting rising students.

If you encounter any difficulties or need help in any way, please feel free to reach out to [hsyearbook@rsd17.org](mailto:hsyearbook@rsd17.org). We can also help place orders if you prefer to pay by check made out to HKHS.

Thank you so much for supporting our yearbook, your purchases will help us continue to provide a high quality yearbook for all HK grads! (We also have a variety of vintage HK yearbooks that might make great door prizes for reunions or other alumni gatherings!)

For information or questions about Yearbook, please contact Yearbook Advisor, Scott Bartholomew at [sbartholomew@rsd17.org](mailto:sbartholomew@rsd17.org).



## 2022 Haddam-Killingworth High School *34th Annual Holiday Telethon*

This year, Haddam-Killingworth High School's television production studio (HKTV) will be broadcasting the 34th Annual HKTV Holiday Telethon in benefit of Team Rachel. Rachel Webster is the 10 year old daughter of HKHS music teacher Marcy Webster, and she was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma in February, 2022. For the past 8 months, Rachel has been battling this rare but aggressive form of cancer with chemotherapy and, over the summer, had an above-the-knee leg amputation. Rachel is continuing chemotherapy and will start radiation treatment in the coming weeks. The live broadcast benefitting Rachel and her family will air on Friday, December 23rd from 8-11am.

The annual student-produced telethon can be viewed live on Comcast Channel 18, on Frontier Channel 6090, and online at **[holidayshow.rsd17.org](http://holidayshow.rsd17.org)**. You can call in your pledge to (860) 554-5490 during the broadcast - operators will be standing by to take your phone calls. Donations of \$25 or more will be entered into the Fish Bowl and will have a chance to win prizes. Encore presentations will air daily from December 23rd - January 2nd at 8 AM and 7 PM and phone operators will be standing by. For more information, please contact Mrs. Kasha Topa-Finberg at [hktv@rsd17.org](mailto:hktv@rsd17.org).

Please help us make the 34th Annual Holiday Telethon very special by supporting HKTV and Team Rachel. We hope you join our team!





# ➤ RSD 17-FOOD SERVICE NEWS

## Free Meals Ending

### **FREE MEALS-ENDING**

The money the district had received from the state through the SMART fund grant will be consumed on December 31, 2022. These funds had allowed us to offer free meals through December. RSD 17 will begin charging households that are eligible for reduced –priced and full paid meals on January 3, 2023.

Meal pricing for the 2022-2023 school year:

**Elementary Schools**- Breakfast-\$2.50, Lunch \$3.25, Reduced Breakfast-\$0.30, Reduced Lunch- \$0.40

**HKIMS** - Breakfast-\$2.50, Lunch \$3.50, Reduced Breakfast-\$0.30, Reduced Lunch-\$0.40

**High School**- Lunch \$3.50, Reduced Lunch- \$0.40

### **FREE/REDUCED MEALS FOR QUALIFYING FAMILIES FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR-**

Those who qualify and who have registered will receive free and reduced meals for the rest of the school year. Households that may qualify for free or reduced meals should submit a free and reduced application as soon as possible to determine a student's eligibility for the remainder of the school year. Households that do not submit an application or whose child is not directly certified will automatically default to full pay on January 3, 2023.

Applications are available at each school and online. Once completed, applications should be returned to your child's school secretary.

**SNAP**-Information on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program can be found on the RSD 17 website

## **SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATE – NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2022**

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)** - If your child is enrolled in an AP class this year, you will soon be receiving a letter with important AP payment information. We will be using Total Registration for AP exam registration and payment. Online exam payment will begin on December 1, 2022. If you have any further questions, please contact Alex Stone, AP Coordinator, at [astone@rsd17.org](mailto:astone@rsd17.org).

**POWERSCHOOL** – Please be sure to activate your PowerSchool parent account to view your child's grades and attendance. In order to receive class emails from your child's teachers, your account must be set-up and linked to your email address. If you have questions about this process, please contact Amanda Steele at [asteel@rsd17.org](mailto:asteel@rsd17.org).

### **PSAT TESTING**

Our sophomores & juniors took the PSAT on October 12, 2022. The PSAT score reports are anticipated to be available online in December. Students will receive a paper copy of their score reports once they are received by HKHS.

### **SENIORS:**

We have had nearly 50 college representatives visit HKHS to meet with students during their lunch/activity period. This has been a great way for students to ask the representative specific questions regarding their school.

Our School Counselors have been assisting students with applications and sending out materials to colleges via Naviance. Please be sure your child submits their transcript release form to their School Counselor once they have submitted any applications. If you have any questions, please contact your child's School Counselor.

### **JUNIORS:**

**Junior Planning Night** – Junior Planning Night will be held on Monday, December 12, 2022. The presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium for the families of the Class of 2024. There will be an introduction to post-secondary planning, and a discussion on Naviance, including the eDocs program that all seniors will use next year when requesting teacher recommendations, having transcripts sent to colleges, etc. Juniors will also meet with their School Counselors in groups during Advisory prior to Junior Planning Night. Counselors will be meeting with Juniors and their families individually in the coming months.

### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 6, 2022 – Marking Period 2 Progress Reports

December 12, 2022– Junior Planning Night at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium

January 4, 2023 – Alumni Day Presentation – Advisory Period