



HALDANE HORIZONS

A newsletter of the Haldane Central School District



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Message from Dr. Benante

Dear Haldane Community,

I am thankful to serve in a community that demonstrates such support for its children - whether it be the strong show of support for the football team who competed in the state semi-final, members donating their time and resources to our students, or the continued support for the school budget which includes robust extracurricular opportunities for our students - the Haldane community reflects a strong value for its public school.

Please read on to learn more about our students' experiences over the course of the past month, and please accept my best wishes for a safe and peaceful holiday season!

Sincerely,
Phil Benante, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

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Elementary Student Council Campaign Trail

The Elementary School conducted Student Council elections this month. Twenty four brave students stood in front of their 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade peers to deliver their campaign speeches. Each student did a wonderful job presenting and the students provided enthusiastic encouragement for each other. The elected officials were announced on Wednesday, November 8. Congratulations to our 2023-2024 Student Council, and to everyone who participated!



Officer Positions

President: Juliana Ferreira
 Vice President: Luna Stracci
 Treasurer: Bennett McConville
 Secretary: Sebastian McKay

Class Representatives

Satterlee: Ciara (Keera) McDermott
 Moeller: Eve Kelly
 Windels: Lucas Swan
 Hartford: Savannah Perez
 Von Dollen: Adriana Peparo
 Neumann: Alice Bunye
 Dudar: Logan Regalado
 Battersby: Devin Byrne
 Peparo: Zephyr Wayland



Turkeys In Disguise and Our Very Own Thanksgiving Parade



Haldane first graders showed off their Thanksgiving parade “floats” just before stepping into the elementary hallways for a parade.

Those same hallways were adorned with the annual favorite, Turkeys in Disguise. Each year, first graders design disguises for their paper turkeys and write clues for guessing their turkeys’ identities.



Turkey in Disguise

1. I live in the rainforest.
2. I am a colorful bird.
3. I can be a pet.
4. I can say a million words.

I am a parrot!!

Turkey in Disguise

1. I can sometimes I have Sprinkles.
2. Some people like to eat me.
3. I have a rat the bagging.

I am a Reese's Puffs cupcake.

Turkey in Disguise

1. I am Mario's brother.
2. I like to race.
3. I wear a feather.

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I Spy Visit with Claudio Marzollo

Community leader Claudio Marzollo stopped by the elementary library and garden this month. Mr. Marzollo came bearing wonderful gifts: brand-new copies of beloved *I Spy* books. The ever-popular books are always in high demand in the school library, and many have been worn out with love over the years. We are so grateful!

I Spy author Jean Marzollo, Claudio's late wife, loved libraries and visited Haldane many times to read from her children's books. She wrote over 100 books for children! Claudio and Jean's two grandsons attend Haldane, as did their father and uncle.



Frost Valley Lives Up to Its Name

Haldane 8th graders spent three days in the great outdoors of Frost Valley last week. The trip has been a Haldane staple for over 40 years.



Haldane Model UN Goes Global at UCONN

At the start of November, Haldane Model UN students attended a three-day conference at the University of Connecticut. Club advisor, Kaitlyn Secor, reported that our delegates represented Haldane with exceptional skill, actively contributing to meaningful discussions and showcasing their expertise.

Josie Foley-Hedlund, Scotia Hartford, Callie Sniffen, Amelia Kupper, Amelia Alayon, and Lily Benson represented various countries on the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). They made substantial contributions by crafting resolutions to address the pressing issues facing women in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan and the mistreatment of indigenous women in Latin America.

Gabe Lunin-Pack, Seth Lunin-Pack, Trajan McCarthy, Liv Holmbo, and Finola Kiter represented delegations in the World Health Organization (WHO) and tackled critical global health challenges. They devised innovative solutions to improve access to medical technology during pandemics and to enhance maternal and child health in developing regions.

Matt Nachamkin's role was especially exciting, as he took on the persona of Pompeii in Ancient Rome on an Ad Hoc Committee. He skillfully navigated the complex challenges of that historical era and his ability to think on his feet was very impressive.

Overall, the trip was a great success! Our students collaborated with other delegates, and solved a diverse range of global problems.



Haldane Board Recognizes Achievements: PTA Reflections Creators and NYSSMA Musicians



The Haldane Board of Education recognized two Haldane students who received New York State School PTA Reflections Awards of Merit: Quin Carmicino for Visual Arts and Merrick Williams for Film Production.

Additionally, the Board recognized two Haldane students for their New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) achievements: Robert Freimark was recognized for Clarinet, 2023 All State Symphonic Band. Robert will participate in rehearsals and a concert at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY in December. Delia Starr was recognized for Flute and Piano, NYSSMA Young Composer & Songwriter. Delia was selected as a Winner for the NYSSMA Young Composers & Songwriting Committee. She will perform her piece The Lighthouse for solo piano in the Young Composer Honors Concert at the NYSSMA Winter Conference in December.



Merrick Williams' short film, *Snapped*.
[Click to view.](#)



Quin Carmicino

Haldane Seniors Get a Jump on Voter Registration



Following an in-class discussion on voting rights legislation over time, including the 15th Amendment, the Voting Rights Act, women's suffrage, and absentee voting for military personnel, seniors had the opportunity to pre-register to vote. Many will turn 18 in time to exercise their right during the presidential election next fall.

Musical Standouts Perform at Area-All State Festival



Led by Sam Sauer and Jessica Stein, Haldane musicians attended the NYSSMA Zone 10 Area All State Festival weekend. The students were led by some incredible conductors from across the state, participating in extensive rehearsals that culminated in outstanding performances. Both Oliver Petkus and Sofia Kelly received solo callbacks, and Lucius Bell was given a solo at the final concert. In addition, Ms. Stein chaired the Symphonic Band, a leadership position in NYSSMA Zone 10. All of our students truly represented our school and the music excellence we strive for at Haldane!

Participants: Molly Bernstein - Mixed Chorus, Rain Lee - Mixed Chorus, Kira Drury - Mixed Chorus, Lucius Bell - Mixed Chorus, Owen Powers - Mixed Chorus, Oliver Petkus - Mixed Chorus, Sofia Kelly - Treble Chorus, Oscar Donahue - Symphonic Band, Kai Ietaka - Symphonic Band, Robert Freimark - Symphonic Band, Dana Spiegel - String Orchestra

HALDANE ATHLETICS

CONGRATS TO OUR 2023 FALL ATHLETES

GIRLS SOCCER ALL LEAGUE

1ST ROUND SECTIONAL SEMI-FINALS

Josie Foley-Hedlund

Finola Kiter

Ruby Poses

Ashley Sousa

BOYS SOCCER ALL LEAGUE

1ST ROUND SECTIONAL SEMI-FINALS

Clement Grossman

Ronan Kiter

Matthew Nachamkin

Brandt Robbins

Max Westphal

Ty Villella

BOYS SOCCER ALL SECTION

Ronan Kiter

Clement Grossman, Honorable Mention

CROSS COUNTRY ALL LEAGUE

SECTIONAL COMPETITION

Penelope Andreou

Hazel Berkley

Owen Powers

Tyler Schach

Silas Emig, Honorable Mention

SWIMMING

SECTIONAL COMPETITION

Eloise Pearsall

VOLLEYBALL ALL LEAGUE

Emily Tomann

TENNIS ALL LEAGUE

DOUBLES, SECTIONAL COMPETITION

Ellie Dubroff

Camilla McDaniel

Ellen O'Hara

Julie Shields

FOOTBALL ALL LEAGUE

SECTIONAL AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONS NYS PHAA EAST SEMI-FINAL COMPETITION

Brody Corless

Luca DiLello

Fallou Faye

Evan Giachinta

Jack Hartman

Michael Murray

Dylan Rucker

Erick Stubblefield

Ryan Van Tassel

FOOTBALL ALL SECTION

*Evan Giachinta, Class C/D Player of
the Year*

Ryan Van Tassel

FOOTBALL ALL CONFERENCE

Jack Hartman

Erick Stubblefield

Ryan McConville, Coach of the Year

Spreading Thanksgiving Cheer

For the 16th year, Haldane administrators whipped up a Thanksgiving breakfast for the entire faculty and staff, complete with an omelet station, pancakes, bagels, and bacon and sausage. The highly anticipated event is the perfect kick-off to the holiday season. Haldane's clinical team also worked hard, organizing the multitude of Thanksgiving meal donations for families in need.



DECEMBER 2023

WED 6 Elementary/Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:00PM

WED 6 Blue Devil Booster Club Meeting 6:00PM Home & Careers Room

THU 7 - FRI 8 Elementary/Middle School Half Days and Parent/Teacher Conferences

FRI 8 - SAT 9 High School Drama Production *Our Town*

MON 11 Arts Alliance Meeting 7:00PM Boscobel & Zoom

TUE 12 National Honor Society Induction 5:30PM Taconic Outdoor Ed

WED 13 Elementary/Middle School Winter Concert 7:00PM Auditorium

WED 13 PTA Public Meeting 7:00PM Zoom

THU 14 High School Winter Concert 7:00PM Auditorium

FRI 15 Middle School Movie Night 6:30PM Auditorium

MON 25 - MON 1 SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday Recess

HALDANE  DRAMA PRESENTS

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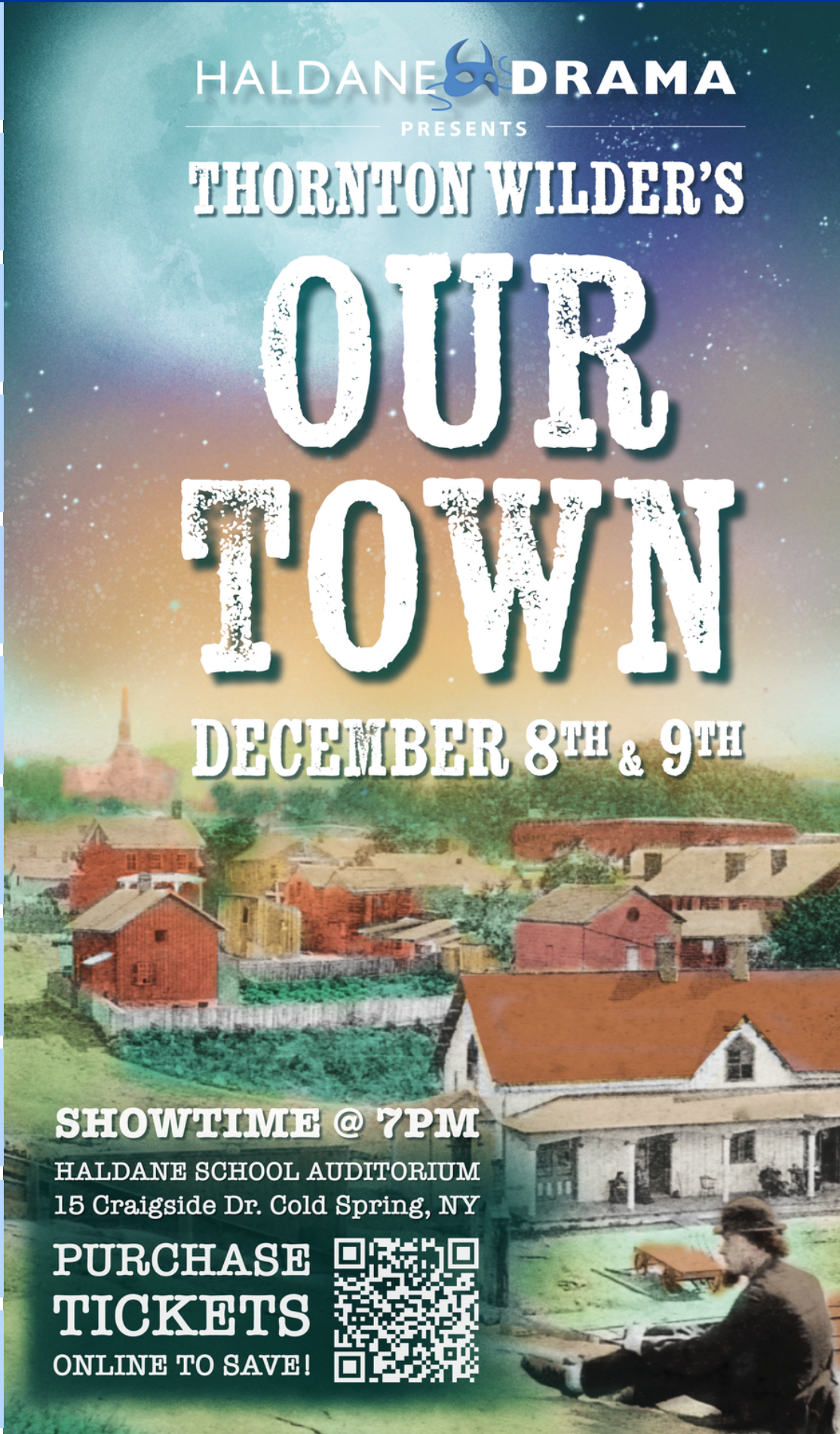
OUR TOWN

DECEMBER 8TH & 9TH

SHOWTIME @ 7PM

HALDANE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
15 Craigside Dr. Cold Spring, NY

**PURCHASE
TICKETS
ONLINE TO SAVE!**



Friendly Competition Abounds in November



Haldane faculty and staff came out on top at the annual Student/Faculty Volleyball match-up. Employing their well-oiled rotation system, our administrators, teachers, coaches, and staff members battled victorious over high school student match-ups at each grade level.



Another great showing of Haldane basketball legends competed in the Annual Alumni Game over Thanksgiving weekend. The event was organized by Coach Joe Virgadamo and Haldane Alum, Jon Champlin. Thank you to the many local sponsors who supported the event.

National Blue Ribbon Celebration for Haldane High School



Blue Ribbon celebration at Haldane High School



English Department Chair Nancy Martinez-Cirelli and High School Principal Julia Sniffen receiving the Blue Ribbon honor in Washington, DC

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