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A newsletter of the Haldane Central School District



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Message from Mr. Albano

Dear Haldane Community,

It is an honor to serve as your Interim Superintendent of Schools for the 2024-25 school year. In my short time here, I have been incredibly impressed by the quality of our programs, the dedication of our staff, and the remarkable achievements of our students. I am sincerely grateful for the warm welcome I have received from the entire school community and look forward to working together to support the district's continued success.

I am also excited to share that, after a multi-year planning process, the Board of Education has approved a $28,359,948 Capital Project Bond Referendum Vote, which will be voted on by the community on November 19, 2024. This comprehensive capital project will address critical infrastructure needs, implement safety and security upgrades, and enhance the quality of education by providing new programs and learning spaces for our students.

Over the next six weeks, we will be implementing a robust communication plan to ensure that everyone in our community is well informed about this project. This will include Board and community presentations, campus tours, informational videos, and a community-wide newsletter. I encourage you to participate in these opportunities to learn more and ask any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and schools!

Sincerely,
Carl L. Albano
Interim Superintendent of Schools

New Faces, New Roles



CARL L. ALBANO

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



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FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE TEACHER



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ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE (ENL) TEACHER



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SCHOOL COUNSELOR, GRADES 9-10



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New Faces, New Roles



MACKENZIE GOODE

WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHER SPANISH



NICOLE MURPHY

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA TEACHER, LEAVE REPLACEMENT



DAVID TIRU

ELEMENTARY FULL-TIME TEACHER AIDE

Updated Digs for the Blue Devils



Haldane's new turf carpet was installed this summer following voter approval to use the funds set aside for this purpose. The turf replacement was an anticipated, tax neutral campus update. Our new field is lined for all levels of football, boys' and girls' soccer, and boys' lacrosse.

Chocolate and Chip Among the Back-to-Schoolers This Year

In the fall of 2023, Haldane High School's Habitat Revival Club realized that goats would be an amazing solution to the very prevalent problem of invasive plants on campus. In collaboration with Principal Julia Sniffen, Director of Facilities Adam MacNeil, and goat farm Green Goats Rhinebeck, the club developed a proposal that involved bringing goats on campus to clear the excess of invasive mugwort behind the high school and in the district's retention pond. The proposal received funding from the Haldane School Foundation in the winter of 2023 and, since then, the club has fundraised to cover the remainder of the expenses.



Club members installed fencing, and Chocolate and Chip moved onto campus in mid-September. K-12 classes will have the opportunity to visit the goats at work, chomping away on our invasive species. They're expected to remain for approximately a month and then return again in the spring. Learn more about the project here.





Members of the Habitat Revival Club, the force behind the goat project, who also worked to prep the space, install fencing, and help the goats settle in.



Chocolate and Chip got right to work.

First Annual Youth-Led 9/11 Memorial

On Wednesday, September 11, Haldane High School students, in partnership with the Putnam County Youth Bureau, hosted their first student-led 9/11 memorial service. Student leaders provided opening remarks, read a proclamation, and recited the names of Putnam County citizens who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 or as a result of their efforts in the aftermath. Musical contributions were provided by Haldane faculty members, Sam Sauer (National Anthem) and Jessica Stein (Taps), and Haldane parent James Hartford (bagpipes).







Celebrating Kindness

Haldane Elementary School and Ms. Jamin launched a new way to celebrate the kindness that abounds in our schools. Teachers and staff have already started nominating students who show exceptional kindness!



Audrey C. showed extra kindness to a new student on the first day of school and received a shoutout from the child's grandmother on Philipstown Locals.





Thomas S. and Cormac invited two new students who were sitting alone to join their lunch table.

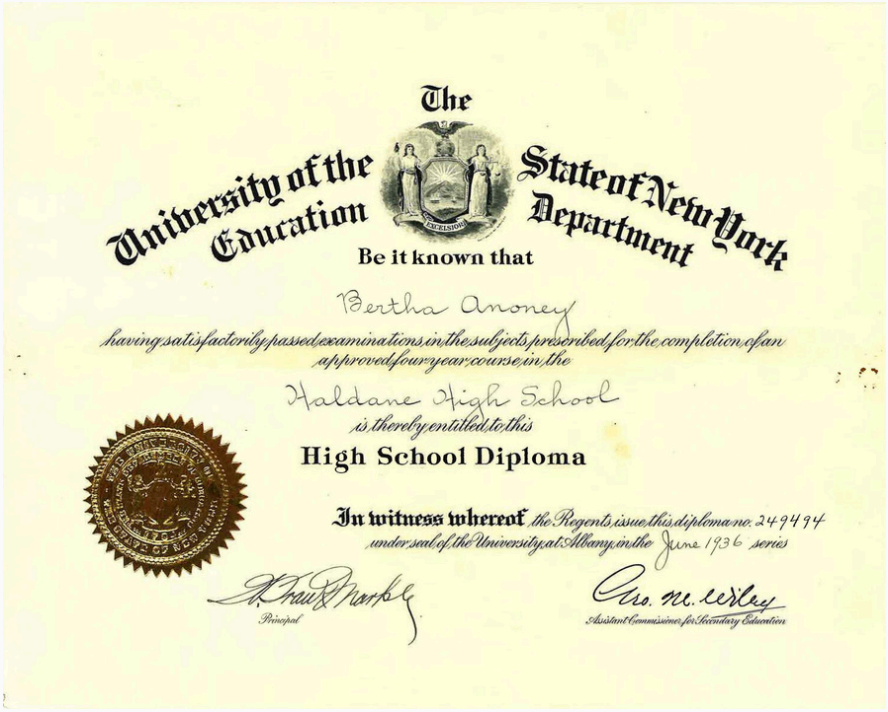
Looking Back at Haldane Union Free School

Haldane was recently gifted the diploma of a 1936 Haldane High School graduate. According to our records, the class of 1936 was the last to graduate from the Haldane Union Free School on Morris Avenue (today's Tot Lot). The school opened in 1889 as a gift from James and Elizabeth Haldane. In fact, the deed for the land stipulated that a marble bust of James be permanently displayed - see our middle school lobby!



In 1933, the community approved a proposal of $370,000 for a new centralized school. Construction began the following year, right here on Craigside Drive. In September of 1936, the Haldane Central School opened its doors to students from The Old Haldane School, Cold Spring, North Highlands, Fishkill, Putnam Valley, Garrison, and Nelsonville.

Eighty-eight years later, that very same building (plus a wing) still opens its doors to Haldane elementary, middle, and high school students.


The University of the State of New York
Education Department
Be it known that
Bertha Anoney
having satisfactorily passed examinations in the subjects prescribed for the completion of an approved four year course in the
Haldane High School
is thereby entitled to this
High School Diploma
In witness whereof the Regents issue this diploma no. 249494 under seal of the University at Albany, in the June 1936 series
Principal
Assistant Commissioner for Secondary Education

The diploma of Bertha Anoney was donated to Haldane by her daughter, Roberta (Harrington) Kemp. Roberta shared that her mother married Haldane grad, Frederick Harrington of Garrison, just one month after graduation. She later went on to become a Licensed Nurse Practitioner and a Registered Nurse. Roberta attributes her mother's success to Haldane who "obviously did a great job with preparing Bertha educationally which allowed her to attain two educational goals later in life."

Roberta, who also attended Haldane from 1951-1953, ended her note by saying, "Thank you for your educational excellence!"

Do you have a piece of Haldane history to share?

We'd love to feature it in an upcoming issue.

Send it our way: history@haldaneschool.org

Board of Education Recognizes High School Achievers



NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Delia Starr: Young Composer Winner
Oliver Petkus: All-State Performing Ensemble, Mixed Chorus and Vocal Jazz



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2025 Commendations:
Robert Freimark and Frederick Hohenberger

2025 Semi-Finalists:
Dana Spiegel (not pictured) and Julian Schwarz

HS Foods Classes Explore Hispanic Heritage Month



New Home & Careers teacher, Kyle Sullivan, let students take the lead in recommending favorites for the classes to explore: alfajores (cookies) and pupusas.

JCK Foundation Returns

The JCK Foundation joined Haldane again this year to talk with 8th and 9th graders. The JCK program focuses on building community, empathy, wellness, and mental health among students. Following the assembly, the group returned to do smaller push-in lessons designed to provide students with tools and strategies to have conversations with their peers about mental health.

HALDANE BOARD OF EDUCATION & DISTRICT GOALS

2024-2025

1. **Capital Bond Referendum Vote & Subsequent Planning**
   Conduct the capital bond referendum vote and, if supported by the taxpayers, collaborate with CSArch Architects and Palumbo Construction Management to develop and submit plans to the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

2. **Planning a District-Wide STEAM Program**
   Support the administrative team in planning a PK-12 STEAM program for the 2026-27 school year.

3. **Pre-Kindergarten Program Planning & Application Submission**
   Plan for the implementation of a prekindergarten program for the 2025-26 school year, including developing and submitting a comprehensive application to NYSED.

4. **Superintendent Search Process**
   Conduct a comprehensive search process to hire a Superintendent of Schools to begin on July 1, 2025.

2024 Capital Project Bond Referendum Vote

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE

October 15	6:30pm	Q&A with the Board of Education
November 5	6:30pm	Q&A with the Board of Education
November 7	6:30pm	Campus Tour
November 8	8:45am	Campus Tour



SAFETY & SECURITY UPGRADES

INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS

HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMMING

SCAN OR VISIT HALDANESCHOOL.ORG FOR DETAILS

COMMUNITY VOTE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
7:00AM – 9:00PM
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2024

THU 3 — SCHOOL CLOSED
Rosh Hashanah

MON 14 — No School
Columbus Day
Indigenous Peoples' Day

THU 31 — Elementary
Halloween Parade
1:45PM

FRI 4 — Middle/High School
Q1 Progress Reports

TUE 15 - FRI 18 — High School
Spirit Week and Pep Rally

THU 31 — Senior Class
Fundraiser
Trunk or Treat
3:00PM

TUE 8 — Middle School
Picture Day

FRI 18 — Homecoming
Football Game
7:00 PM



TUE 8 — Financial Aid Night
6:30-8:00 PM

SAT 19 — High School
Homecoming Dance
6:30-9:30 PM

TUE 8 — Blue Devil
Booster Club Meeting
Home & Careers Room
7:30 PM

MON 21 - FRI 25 — Elementary & Middle School
Book Fairs

TUE 8 — PTA Public Meeting
Butterfield Library
7:00 PM

THU 24 — Grades 9 and 10
Parent Night
6:00-7:45 PM

FRI 11 — 9th Grade Retreat
PSAT/SAT Day
Senior College Visits

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Become a Haldane Partner

Please consider joining or supporting one of Haldane's partner organizations. Their contributions to academic, athletic, and artistic programming are a vital part of each school year at Haldane.

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HALDANE ARTS ALLIANCE

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haldane arts alliance

BLUE DEVIL BOOSTER CLUB

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Get tickets to this Haldane School Foundation event

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