



HALDANE HORIZONS

A newsletter of the Haldane Central School District



Message from Mr. Albano

Dear Haldane Community,

We are pleased to share our October newsletter, highlighting recent accomplishments and special events that make Haldane such a remarkable school district. We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to our partner organizations and community volunteers for their invaluable support, which has greatly enriched our students' experiences.

On Tuesday, November 19th, our district will hold a Capital Project Bond Referendum Vote on a \$28.4 million proposal. This project addresses critical safety upgrades, site enhancements, and infrastructure improvements. It also adds essential classroom and faculty spaces to support collaboration among students and staff. With over 20 years since our last major capital project, this decision represents an important opportunity to proactively address facilities needs and shape our district's future.

In the next two weeks, we will provide additional details about the project.

OCTOBER 2024

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This Month in Middle School

Snacks, Safety, and S'Mores

PE at Pelton Pond

Halloween Parade & Trunk or Treat

Haldane Athletic Hall of Fame

Homecoming 2024

Mark Your Calendar: November

2024 Capital Project: PLEASE VOTE

Lori Isler Outdoor Classroom

Haldane Outlook on Newsstands Now

For more information, including FAQs, architectural renderings, and videos, please visit our district's website at haldaneschool.org.

We appreciate the community's continued support and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming fall events!

Sincerely,

Carl L. Albano

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Big Fun at the Big Apple Crunch

On October 10, Haldane Elementary School headed outdoors to create a giant apple-shaped group of students and teachers participating in the New York State Big Apple Crunch. The statewide program began in 2012 as a partnership between nonprofit group GrowNYC and the NYC Office of Food Policy. Over 2.3 million New Yorkers participated in 2023, vying for a chance to win \$1,000 toward a school garden.

With the help of Haldane parent, Aaron Ernst, volunteers worked the day before to clean 350 New York apples donated by Fishkill Farms. Mrs. Jamin prepped the space by outlining a giant apple on Haldane Elementary's lawn where students and staff met to take a synchronized apple bite.

Hard to say if the students were more excited about the apples or Mr. Ernst's drone footage of the event, but the crunch heard 'round the campus was definitely a fun little break for all. Still waiting to hear about the chomping champs.

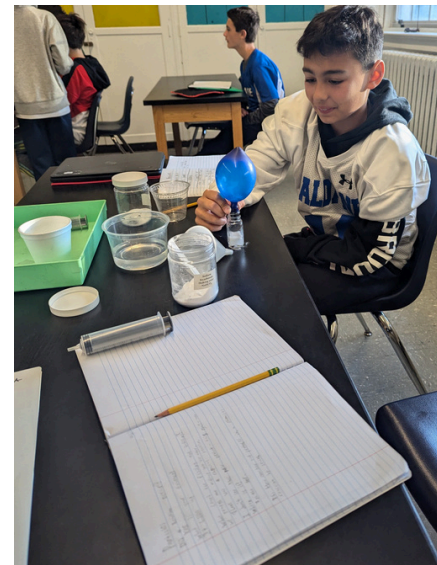


This Month in Middle School

This month, 7th grade ELA sections competed against each other in Booktober. Once a student finished a book from any genre and wrote a book review, they helped advance their class closer to the ultimate prizes - a class party and braggin rights!



Mr. Douglas' 7th grade science class explored physical reactions versus chemical reactions. Here Benjamin Lemon is testing the impact of pressure and temperature on the rate of the reactions.



Congrats to October's Students of the Month: Lughan McIllwaine (8), Vincenzo Pidala (7), and Dean Webb (6).

Guidance Counselor, Ms. Amato, in conjunction with the Elks Club, recognize three students each month based on character and academics. Winners receive local pizza prizes, and at the end of the school year a Student of the Year will be recognized at the Elks Club Flag Day celebration.

Snacks, Safety, and S'mores

Mrs. LeMon's kindergarten class had a busy month of making apple treats, walking to the Cold Spring Fire House to learn about safety, and hosting a publishing party complete with a (pretend) campfire and (real) s'mores.



PE at Pelton Pond

Middle school physical education classes have been enjoying morning hikes with Mr. Caldiero around Pelton Pond in Fahnestock State Park. This month's sunny weather gave them the perfect opportunity to build toward the lifelong fitness benefits of exploring our natural surroundings.



Haldane Bachelors' Club 1958

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

Marched on by the Haldane Middle 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.



Annual Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat



HALDANE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 INDUCTEES



On Sunday, October 20, during Homecoming Weekend, the Haldane Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its seventh class of outstanding athletes and coaches at a brunch reception at Cortlandt Colonial. Read about the successes of this year's inductees on the [Haldane website](#).

John Zuvic '69

Mary Zuvic '77

Kristen Faust '96*

Girls' Volleyball Team '11

Girls' Softball Team '11

Theo Henderson '16

Sam Giachinta '19

Thank you to the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, the Blue Devil Booster Club, the Haldane Athletic Department, and our many local sponsors.

*Inducted in 2023, celebrated in 2024

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](#).

Homecoming 2024

Haldane celebrated Homecoming with Spirit Week themes, the traditional Pep Rally, Scoop the Loop, and a full sports schedule. New this year: Haldane kindergartners and first graders were invited to meet our seniors at center court where they received Haldane cups and special notes passing on the Blue Devil school spirit to the next generation.



NOVEMBER 2024

SAT
2 Haldane School Foundation
Casino Royale

FRI
8 Middle/High School
End of Quarter 1

**2024 CAPITAL
PROJECT
BOND REFERENDUM
VOTE**

MON
4 Haldane PTA
EDI Committee
Dia de los Muertos

FRI
8 Middle School Dance
7:00-9:00PM

**TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 19
7:00AM - 9:00PM**

TUE
5 SCHOOL CLOSED
Superintendent's
Conference Day

FRI 8 - SUN 10
Model UN Trip to UCONN

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LIBRARY**

TUE
5 2024 Capital Project
Q&A w/ the BOE
6:30pm
MS/HS Library

MON
11 SCHOOL CLOSED
Veteran's Day

MON
25 National Honor
Society Induction
5:30PM

WED
6 Garrison & Manitou
Student & Parent
Visits

TUE
12 Capital Project Tour
via RSVP
6:00pm

TUE
26 Haldane Arts
Alliance Meeting
7:00pm

THU
7 Student/Faculty
Volleyball
& Ice Cream
Fundraiser 6:00pm

TUE
12 Blue Devil
Booster Club and
PTA Meetings
7:00pm

WED 27 - FRI 29
SCHOOL CLOSED
Thanksgiving Recess

THU
7 Capital Project Tour
via RSVP
6:30pm

THU
14 High School
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
by Appointment

THU
28 Haldane
School Foundation
Turkey Trot

FRI
8 Capital Project Tour
via RSVP
8:45am

FRI
15 PTA Movie Night
Elementary School
Inside Out 2

SAT
30 Alumni
Basketball Game
4:30pm

2024 Capital Project Bond Referendum

PLEASE VOTE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 7:00AM – 9:00PM

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY



**SAFETY & SECURITY UPGRADES
HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION**

**INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS
NEW STUDENT PROGRAMMING**

WHY IS THIS PROJECT IMPORTANT?

**VISIT [HALDANESCHOOL.ORG](https://www.haldaneschool.org)
FOR INFORMATIONAL VIDEOS, FAQs,
PROJECT RENDERINGS, AND MORE**

Lori Isler Outdoor Classroom



On October 22, Haldane students and faculty gathered for the dedication of the Lori Isler Outdoor Classroom. Thank you to all who made this beautiful space come to life: Lori's sister, Jeanne, John Lee & Dan Upham who designed and constructed the classroom, Haldane's facilities department, Dain's Lumber for donating the mahogany, Katie Robertson for creating the plaque, Haldane students who shared memories of Ms. Isler and performed, and Lori's many coworkers and friends who returned for the event. The outdoor classroom is already providing the perfect place for learning, reflecting, gathering, and celebrating Lori.

Haldane Outlook on Newsstands Now



Last week, Haldane High School launched a new student newspaper, *The Haldane Outlook*. The first issue is the significant effort of many energized students, supportive parent volunteers and faculty, and experts at *The Highlands Current*. It is jam-packed with articles sharing what they have dubbed, "The Student Perspective from Two Hundred Feet Above the Hudson River." Sections include News, Features, Sports, Opinion, Arts, and Originals.

In case you don't come across a printed copy, you can [enjoy their articles here](#).

The group plans to publish a new issue each quarter, thanks to support from the Haldane School Foundation, with content varying from print to online. Check it out; they have a lot of thoughtful things to say.

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