Haddam Killingworth High School
March | April 2025 Newsletter



From the Principal:

There is a tremendous amount of energy at HKHS as spring gets into full swing and we approach a much-needed break.

We are heading into the "home stretch" of the 2024-25 academic year and student learning is at its peak. We are beginning to plan end of year celebrations which will be here before you know it. Seniors have finished presenting their senior portfolios, having come to know themselves better as learners and are poised to take that raised awareness with them to their next ventures. **I am delighted to share this update on a myriad of HKHS activities and accomplishments and hope that you can appreciate the Cougar spirit in these pages!**



The HKHS junior prom will be held at Wesleyan's Beckham Hall in Middletown on **Friday, April 25th at 7pm** with a theme of UNDER THE SEA! Ticket sales ran from March 31st through April 4th and all Outside Guests Forms should have already been turned in by March 28th. **No late submissions will be accepted.**

The HKHS senior prom is set for **Friday, May 30th** at St. Clements Castle! The theme will be ENCHANTED FOREST and tickets will be on sale May 12th-16th. All Outside Guest Forms for senior prom are due **no later than April 30th** and should be turned into either Mr. Myers or Mrs. Webster. **No late submissions will be accepted.**

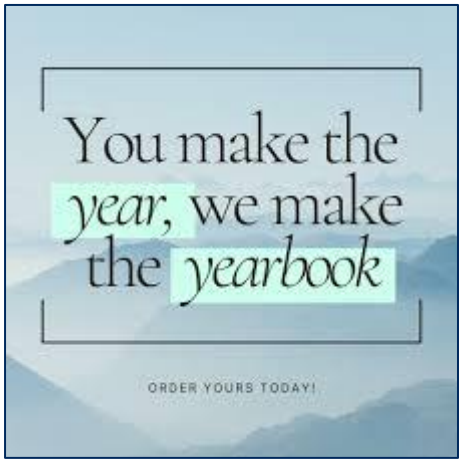
Please note that all UFOs must be cleared before students can purchase prom tickets!

LAST CALL for YEARBOOKS!

Yearbook sales are ongoing but time is running out! ALL students who want a yearbook must order one as senior dues no longer include a yearbook. There is a finite number of yearbooks available so once those have all been spoken for, no further orders can be placed.



Don't wait! Click HERE to our yours today!



Congratulations to our Honor Society Inductees!

The purpose of the **National Honor Society** (NHS) is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to recognize outstanding students, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. **HKHS is proud to announce the 2025 National Honor Society inductees are:**

Delaney Aronson, Lily Austin, Jack Bailey, Stephanie Coleman, Jameson Conte, Julia Downing, Chloe Felder, Emma Giaccone, Tetsuya Imai, Ashley Kelly, Dina Kilroy, Magdalen Miller, Catherine Nguyen, Finnegan O'Hanlon, Briella Ortega, Amelia Riggs, Mikayla Ruggiero, Jonathan Saraceno, Spencer Savoy, Emily Spong, and Ivy Zheng

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The **Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica** (SHH), or Spanish National Honor Society, is an academic honor society for high school students focused on Spanish and Portuguese language excellence, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP). **The 2025 inductees to the HKHS Spanish National Honor Society are:**

Zi Abbott, Audrey Bailey, Charlotte Behnke, Alexandra Catalano, Ryleigh Degnan, Peyton Dixon, Brody Ferguson, Ava Geissler, Juliette Harriman, Safina Hussain, Elna Krasniqi, Camryn Lisitano-Rode, Gabriella Lopez, Audrey Macy, Mia McLaughlin, Ava McNamara, Cameron Moore, Adalyn Proulx, Aaron Richwine, Mikayla Ruggiero, Madelyn Ruocco, Emilia Schweitzer, Aoife Sidlow, Bella Sperrazza, and Emily Spong

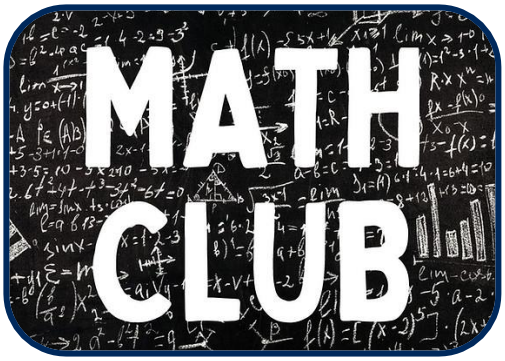
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The **Société Honoraire de Français** (SHF) is the National French Honor Society for high schoolers. High school chapters provide a vehicle to focus activities around French language and Francophone literatures and cultures, and to encourage participation in the annual writing contest and travel grant competition. In addition, students can acquire leadership skills by serving as officers, directing the initiation ceremony, or leading other chapter events. **The 2025 inductees to the HKHS National French Honor Society are:**

Chloe Abarientos, Dylan Brown, Maizie Irons, Sophia Langer, Audrey LaRosa, Mia Lomuntad, Bruce Peese, Frieda Petersen, Isla Poapst, and Wyatt Voegtli

Both the SHH & SHF held their induction ceremony on Monday, April 7th and the NHS induction is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9th. Congratulations to all!

The International Culture Club and the Environmental Club joined forces to raise money for the **Connecticut Foodshare** program. Club members sold "Sham Grams", which students and staff could purchase to send good luck messages and tasty treats to others! Connecticut Foodshare serves both individuals and families in order to end hunger; distributing nutritious, fresh food through local partner programs in an effort to alleviate hunger. Both clubs enjoyed working together for this very important cause. **To learn more, please visit https://www.ctfoodshare.org/!**



HKHS Math Team Dominates!

The HKHS Math Team had a fantastic season this year as part of the Greater Middlesex County Math League that includes 10 area high schools. The end-of-season awards banquet is the culmination of 10 meets throughout the school year and HKHS brought home MANY honors including team and individual awards.



The **Junior Varsity Team** (pictured →) took **FIRST PLACE** as a team and includes Chloe Abarientos, Dylan Brown (*Team High Scorer & Highest Scoring Sophomore in the League*), Emma Castiglione (*3rd Highest Scoring Freshman in the League*), Audrey Macy, Tyler Medina, Bruce Peese (*2nd Highest Scoring Sophomore in the League*), and Owen Voegtli (*Highest Scoring Freshman in the League*).



The **Varsity Team** (pictured ←) took **SECOND PLACE** as a team and includes Chloe Abarientos, Dylan Brown (*2nd Highest Scoring Underclassman in the League*), Jameson Conte, Tetsu Imai (*2nd Highest Scoring Junior in the League*), Elias Lowrey, Bruce Peese (*Team High Scorer & Highest Scoring Underclassman in the League*) and Owen Voegtli (*3rd Highest Scoring Underclassman in the League*). **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

HKHS advanced to the State Match on April 1st where they placed 4th for Small Public Schools! They will continue on to the New England Championship for the first time ever which is hosted by the New England Association of Math Leagues held on May 2nd.

CSAML
Connecticut State Association of Math Leagues



HKTV is on the MOVE!

On March 7th, HKTV students had the exciting opportunity to visit the University of New Haven for the **Fox 61 Student News Bootcamp**. During this immersive experience, students engaged with Fox 61 TV News professionals, gaining valuable insights into industry expectations, storytelling techniques, and best practices for producing compelling news segments. They also learned key strategies for creating impactful stories.







In addition to the bootcamp sessions, students were given an exclusive, behind-the-scenes tour of the University of New Haven's state-of-the-art Media Center, including its TV studio and control room. This hands-on experience provided them with a deeper understanding of the technical aspects of broadcast journalism and the skills needed to succeed in the field.



On March 28th, HKTV students visited Quinnipiac University to attend **Media Meetup Day**, where they participated in mini college media sessions focused on TV production, motion graphics, and podcasting. During the event, students took part in producing a commercial, gaining hands-on experience with TV production crew positions and equipment. Students also got a firsthand look at what it takes to produce a podcast on the fly.







Additionally, they learned how to create a lower third in After Effects, enhancing their motion graphics knowledge. Students who take the **QU Event Broadcast Production** class also have the opportunity to receive Quinnipiac University credit, further enriching their media education at HKHS!

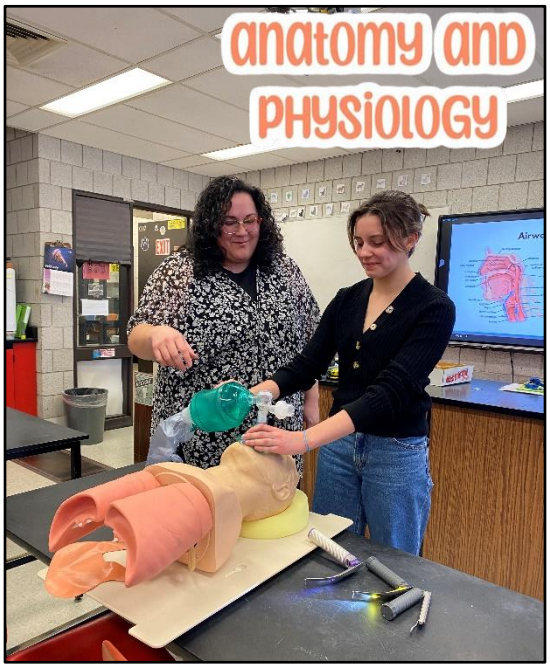
Speaking of the QU Event Broadcast Production class…they successfully completed their [The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST)] and officially earned their drone licenses!



The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) wrote the online training and test content for TRUST. It is a collaboration between the FAA and the industry to provide educational safety material to recreational flyers.

CLASSROOM VISITS

Our **Anatomy & Physiology** students have benefited from several speakers coming in throughout the year to talk about their careers in the healthcare industry and to learn about new technology.



Erin Saglimbeni spoke to the class about her pathway to becoming a nurse anesthetist. She walked the students through how to intubate a patient and then the students were able to try it out on the mannequin themselves!

Ted Dinesmore, a resident of Killingworth, came in to share his **Augmented Reality** software with us. The students were able to use the equipment to visualize and manipulate three-dimensional representations of anatomical structures, allowing for a more comprehensive understanding of the human body. The software is used at universities and colleges all over the world for students studying medicine, physical therapy, radiology, and other health care services. The software is also being used to help input information into AI systems and is helping schools screen for dyslexia.



Thank you to Erin & Ted for volunteering your time!

The annual **Mr. HK talent show** took place on March 13th, delivering an unforgettable night of entertainment and school spirit! Students showcased a variety of talents, including interpretative dance, singing, and guitar playing — keeping the energy high throughout the event.



Hosted by Lindsay Blade & Gabriella Lopez, the evening's standout moment came from Jeffrey Schull, whose show-stopping performance — a personalized rap about HKHS — had the crowd on their feet! **Jeffrey's creativity and energy earned him the top prize as the night's winner.**

Other impressive performers included William Lirot, Joseph Jacobs, Paul Birkmeyer, Zachary Goldfarb, and Nick Stegman, each showcasing their unique talents and making the event a true celebration of creativity.

The judges for the night were Ms. Maselli, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Keck who had the tough job of selecting a winner from such an impressive lineup. ***Congratulations Jeffrey!***





NAHS PAINT NIGHT!

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

The National Art Honor Society held its first ever Paint Night event Friday, March 21st. It was an amazing time with close to 50 participants from the community taking part in a fun painting led by Lily Austin and supported by members of NAHS. The funds that were raised will go towards NAHS and students in the art department taking a field trip to the Yale University Art Gallery. **Thank you to everyone who came out to support the arts!**

Please join us for the **Haddam Killingworth Art Show** on **Wednesday, April 23rd** from 5pm-7pm at the Westbrook Outlets with the NAHS induction ceremony to follow from 7pm-7:30pm. Refreshments from our culinary arts department will be served!







HKHS Engineering Taking Flight!

HKHS engineering students have been working hard this winter and spring on their **Senior Engineering Design** projects. Our American Rocketry Contest groups have been designing rockets and logging lots of test flights and data in preparation for the contest deadline. The top 100 teams from across the nation will win a trip to Washington D.C. to compete for this year's title!



HKHS Robotics Club Qualifies for States!

The HKHS Robotics Club competed in the 2nd annual Connecticut State Robotics Championships at the Bridgeport Total Mortgage Arena on February 24th & 25th. Students competed in head to head competitions, programming skills, engineering notebooks and professional interviews. There were over 80 high school teams competing for 10 slots to attend the Vex Robotics World Championship in Dallas, Texas this May. This annual event brings together the top VEX IQ Robotics Competition, VEX V5 Robotics Competition, and VEX U Robotics Competition teams from around the globe to celebrate their accomplishments.



HKHS students placed 10th in the Head to Head competition (***our best finish ever!***) had strong showings in all other competitive categories. The Head to Head competition is a game-based engineering challenge, with two teams (alliances) of two robots each facing off in a match to score points by completing tasks and objectives on a field. **You can watch them compete here!**

Please congratulate Chloe Abarientos, Dylan Brown, Mathias Carroll, and Wyatt Voegtli on an exceptional performance!

The **Shoreline Arts Alliance** has recognized several talented HKHS students from our visual art classes. For over 40 years, the Future Choices High School Visual Arts Competition has recognized and celebrated the talent and passion of our region's high school students. In this art contest, student work is submitted from 24 designated towns in ceramics, drawing, mixed media, painting, photography, prints, sculpture, digital art, and/or video.

Over 30 works of art from Haddam Killingworth students were accepted into this year's juried show! The following students received awards for their creative talents:

2025 Award Winners

Bas Relief

3rd Place:
Multi-Level Drawing
by Seth Coulombe
(pictured far right)

Honorable Mention:
Sect
by Emmerson Goeden
(pictured center)





Mixed Media

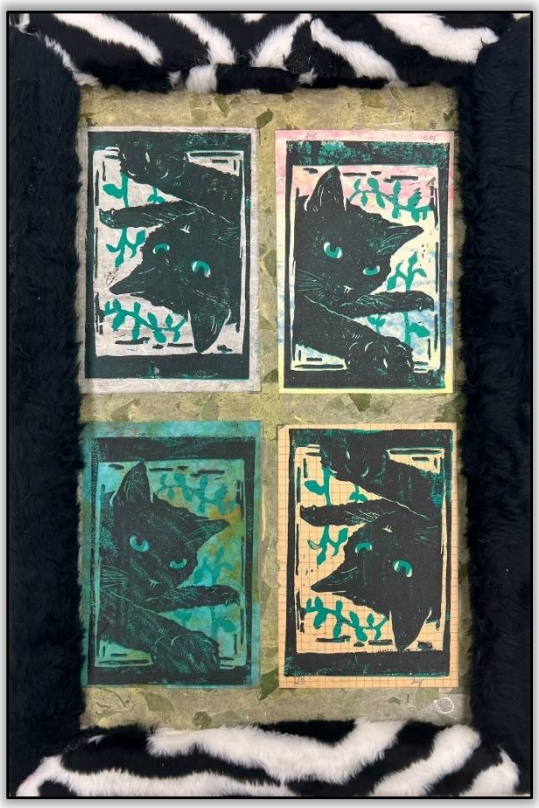
2nd Place:
Star Pupil
by Ryleigh Degnan
(pictured below)



Ceramics

Honorable Mention:
Art Nouveau Vase
by Taylor Prue
(pictured below)

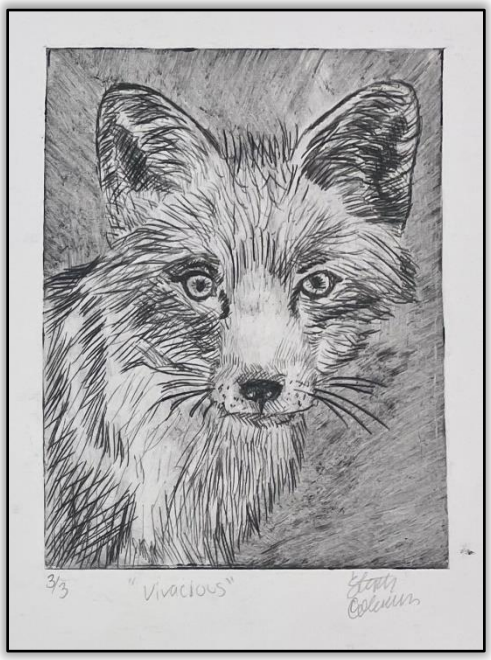




Printmaking

2nd Place:
Baby
by Ivy Zheng
(pictured left)

Honorable Mention:
Vivacious
by Stephanie Coleman
(pictured right)

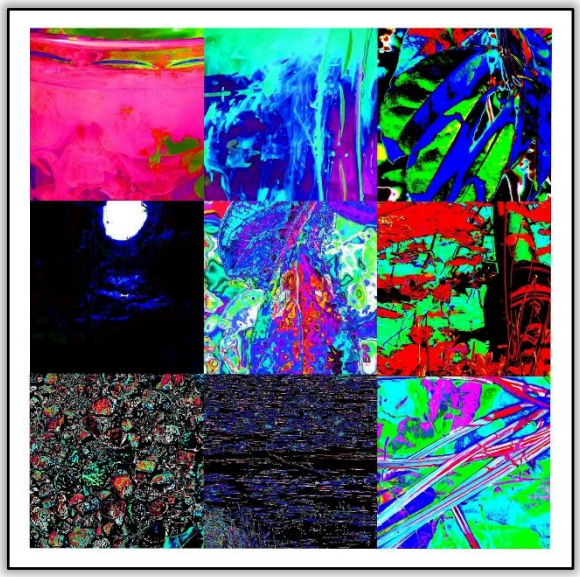


Video

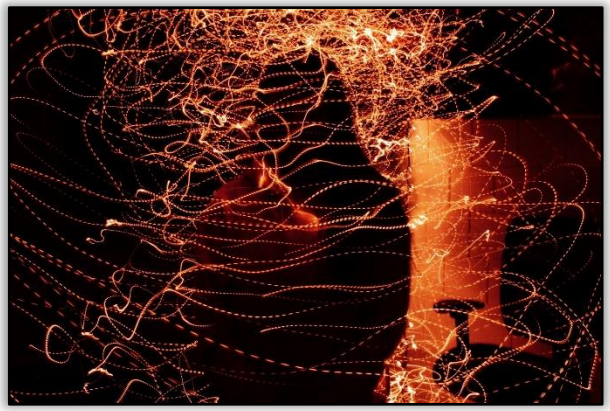
Honorable Mention:
Michigan
by Larson McLaughlin
Watch it here!

Photography

2nd Place: *Abstractions*
by Dante Gartner *(pictured below)*



Honorable Mention: *Phoenix*
by Liam Rauscher *(pictured below)*



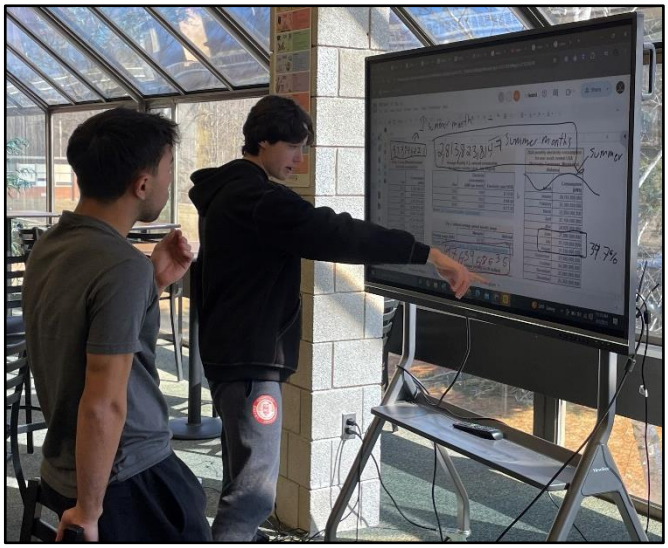


Honorable Mention:
Untitled
by Adam Stall-Ryan
(pictured left)

This year's award recipients were honored at the 2025 Future Choices Artists' Reception held on March 29th. **Please show your support for our students by visiting the Future Choices Art Exhibition** held at the Flat Rock Gallery (*314 Flat Rock Place in Westbrook, suites F135 & F140*) which is **open through April 11th and again from April 16th - 27th**. Hours are Wed-Fri from 3pm-6pm, and Sat & Sun from 12pm-4pm.

NEWS FROM THE MATHEMATICS DEPT

On March 2nd, ten HKHS students (2 teams of juniors and seniors) participated in the MathWorks Math Modeling Challenge. This is an award-winning international high school math competition that provides an opportunity for students working in small teams to use math and data to represent, analyze, make predictions about, and provide insight into a current world issue. This year's challenge, titled "**Hot Button Issue: Staying Cool as the World Heats Up**", focused on global warming.





Past challenges have had students address issues such as the transition of trucking from diesel to electric, the affordable housing crisis, availability of internet access, and viability of recycling programs.

At the end of the 14-hour day, and after developing a well-designed mathematical model, the students submitted their proposal – **a 20-page paper**!





The first round of judging is complete and, although they were not chosen to move to the next phase of judging, the students report that it was a great experience. In fact, our juniors are already planning to give it a go next year!

MathWorks Math Modeling Challenge
A program of SIAM

Mu Alpha Theta

HKHS Math Honor Society = DYNAMIC

On March 6th, the HKHS Math Honor Society traveled to NYC to visit the MoMath National Museum of Mathematics. MoMath is an award-winning museum that highlights the role of mathematics in illuminating the patterns and structures all around us. Its dynamic exhibits, galleries, and programs are designed to stimulate inquiry, spark curiosity, and reveal the wonders of mathematics.

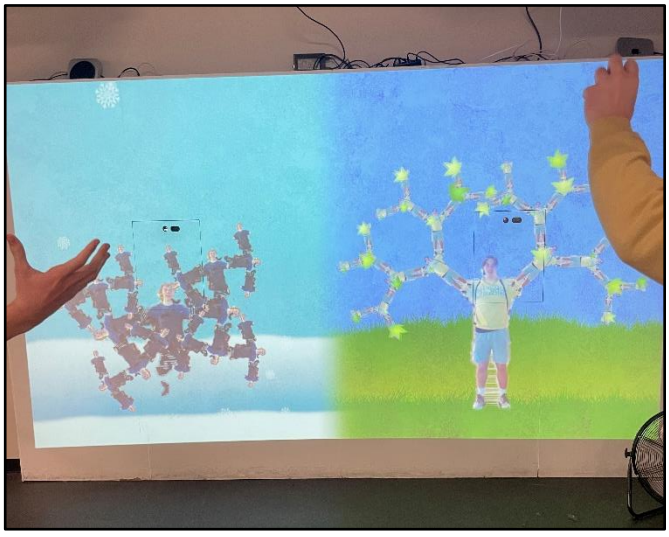




The adventure began with a train ride from Clinton to Grand Central Station — an exciting highlight for some students!

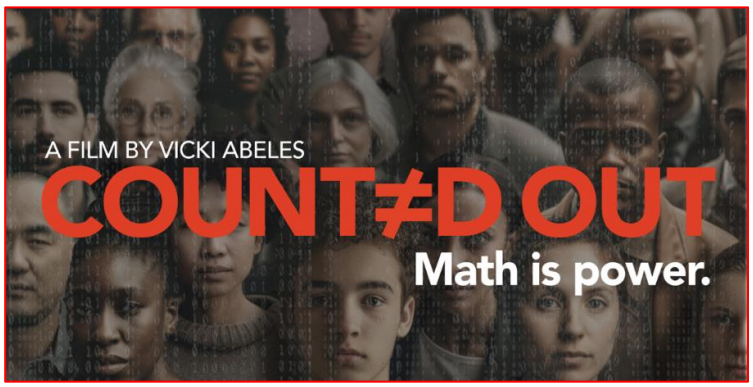


At the museum, they explored interactive exhibits, including riding a bicycle with square wheels and seeing themselves transformed into a fractal design.



Before heading home, they took a quick detour to Rockefeller Center and enjoyed a meal at Grand Central.

MOMATH
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MATHEMATICS



On March 12th, the Math Honor Society sponsored a screening of the 2024 documentary, "**Counted Out**", during Advisory for interested students. This is documentary highlights the importance of mathematics by examining its connection to our world outside of the classroom. **Mathematics is more than numbers - *it is the foundation of opportunity, democracy, and social equity*.**

The film is an eye-opening documentary shining a light on the imminent need to understand mathematics to tackle the significant challenges we face – racial and income inequality, climate change, and political polarization. Student feedback was positive and several students, so moved by the message, shared that they felt that all students should see this film.

Click here to watch the trailer, read more about the film, and find local showings.
Click here for FREE tickets to the next showing happening on Thurs, May 1st in Glastonbury!

HKHS Math Honor Society celebrates Pi Day on 3/14 with Pi for Pie event!

On March 13th, the Math Honor Society hosted the 2nd annual **"Pi-Day Pi-K"** walk around the track during lunch. The sun was shining and over 90 students and teachers participated. Once the Pi-K (3.14 km) walk/run was completed, each participant received a mini pie!

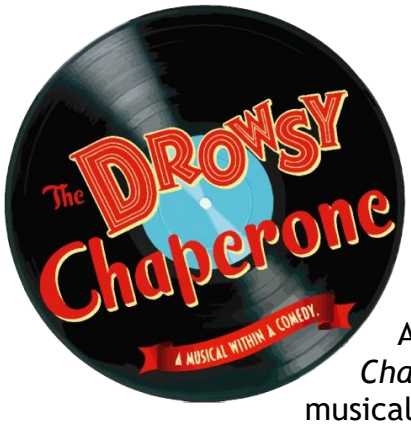






Pi Day is an annual opportunity for math Enthusiasts to recite the infinite digits of Pi, talk to their friends about math, and of course – **EAT PIE.**





News from the Stage

The Haddam Killingworth High School Drama Club is thrilled to present the Tony Award-winning musical The Drowsy Chaperone on May 2nd & 3rd at 7pm in the HKHS auditorium.

A delightful love letter to the Golden Age of Broadway, *The Drowsy Chaperone* is a hilarious and heartwarming tale that unfolds as a musical theater fan plays his favorite cast recording, bringing the show to life in his living room. Audiences will be transported to the dazzling world of the 1920s, filled with show-stopping songs, energetic dance numbers, and larger-than-life characters.

Don't miss your chance to experience this unforgettable production! Tickets are $15 and can be purchased digitally using this link or by scanning this QR code, through cast & crew members, or at the door. To guarantee your seat, we highly recommend purchasing tickets in advance.

Join us for an evening of laughter, romance, and toe-tapping tunes as the HKHS Drama Club brings The Drowsy Chaperone to the stage. We can't wait to see you there! For more information, please contact Marcy Webster via email at MWebster@rsd17.org.

Scan the QR code to buy your tickets!



HK Music travelled to Boston on April 5th & 6th to participate in the "Festivals of Music" showcase as a Concert Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Choir, Concert Choir, and Treble Choir. All of our ensembles received wonderful feedback and great ratings in their respective categories!

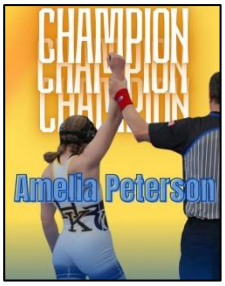


In addition to their performances, students attended "The Blue Man Group", ate at Faneuil Hall, shopped at Quincy Market, spent time in the Boston Aquarium, rode the Duck Boats for a city tour and much more! It's been an exciting year full of performances for our groups. In addition to our winter concert & upcoming spring concert, HK Music has performed at a Wolfpack hockey game, Club 60 Senior Center event, "Lunch with Santa" community sing-along, Middletown's Evening of Harmony charity concert, and a variety of school athletics events.



TRAILBLAZING on the MAT

Amelia Petersen came out on top at the 2025 CIAC Girls State Wrestling Championship on March 1st at the Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven. *She is the FIRST HK female wrestler to win a State Championship!*







Amelia (18-0) won her fourth girls' tournament of the season by pinning Stratford's Winner Tshibombi in 3:29 in the final match of the 138 lb. class. She also won the "Queen of the Mat", "Queen of the Hill", and the Brookfield girls' tournament this winter. Her teammates were beyond thrilled to cheer her on as you can see. **Please join us in congratulating her for this major achievement!**

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50 Years and Still Coaching at HKHS

"History has shown that Haddam Killingworth High School's first administrative team of Superintendent Roland Jolie, Principal George Fitch, and Athletic Director Patsy Kamercia made some wise personnel choices…"

Read more about our very own Mark Brookes and Dick Dupuis in this wonderful article by Joanne Nesti [available on HK-now.com](HK-now.com).



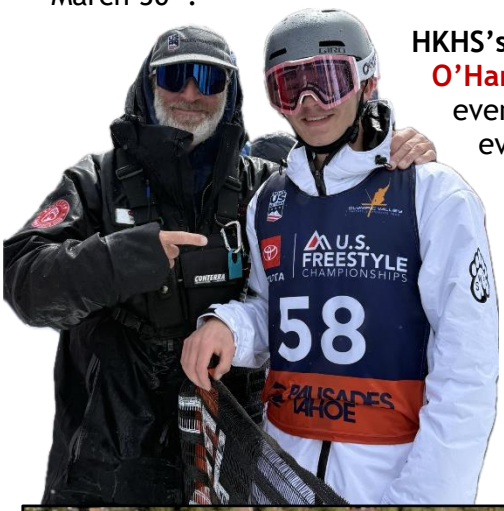


Thank you to both Mark & Dick for their many decades of dedication to the HK community!

SUCCESS on the SLOPES!



The Toyota U.S. Freestyle National Championship is a premier event that brings together the nation's top freestyle skiers to compete for national titles in moguls, dual moguls, and aerials. This year's event took place at Palisades Tahoe in Olympic Valley, CA from March 27th to March 30th.



HKHS's very own Finnegan O'Hanlon competed in two events at his national event! First - the **singles mogul** event - where he skied down a mogul field by himself focusing on his turns and line, aerials, and speed. Finnegan came in 38th out of 75 athletes in this event. This finish lit a fire and determination for his next event: the dual mogul competition. **Dual moguls** is when you ski side-by-side with another athlete based on a predetermined bracket until eliminated via sudden death.



In this event, Finnegan finished 6th overall out of 40 athletes of all ages (including athletes on the U.S. Ski team) from all across the country! The U.S. Ski & Sport Team also evaluates these scores for athletes 18 years old or under. Of this subset, Finnegan was 2nd which is a huge accomplishment as his goal is to try and qualify for the 2026 FIS Freestyle Junior World Championship next year.

Finnegan had the option to attend a winter sports boarding school to pursue his athletic skiing goals but he was adamant that he wanted to be part of the HK community. Balancing his ski aspirations without giving up HK soccer, HK lacrosse, or the various clubs and committees he participates in with his friends was important to him. **Finn is an amazing student athlete and we are proud to have him call HKHS home!**



Photos are courtesy of Hank Kozinski, a U.S. Ski Team photographer! You can watch Finn ski here!

Time to Honor Athletes & Artists Alike!

The **Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Scholar-Athlete Program** annually recognizes two high school seniors from each member school whose academic and athletic careers have been exemplary, whose personal standards and achievements are a model to others, and who possess high levels of integrity, self-discipline and courage.

Since its inception, the annual Connecticut High School Scholar-Athlete Awards Program & Banquet has honored over 4,000 outstanding graduating seniors in Connecticut high schools. It has become the premier annual event in Connecticut's education community, looked forward to by the member high schools of Connecticut as the opportunity to recognize student excellence in academics, athletics and school and community leadership. In excess of 1,600 people attend the banquet each year! More details and a list of all-time honorees can be found on the CIAC website.



Michael Perry



Ava Mazzotta

HKHS is proud to announce the 2024-2025 CAS Student-Athlete winners are Michael Perry & Ava Mazzotta!

The **Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) High School Outstanding Arts Awards Banquet** was held for the 30th year on April 1st at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville. This acclaimed recognition dinner honors high school seniors who excel in the performing and/or visual arts, i.e., art, photography, poetry, dance, drama, or music.



Jayani Bennett



Amelia Petersen

Outstanding ability in the performing and/or visual arts paired with scholarship and leadership are the primary criteria for those selected for this honor. Each CAS member high school is only able to select two 12th grade students for this recognition. Honorees received plaques in recognition of their excellence in the arts and positive contributions to their schools.

HKHS is proud to announce the 2024-2025 CAS Outstanding Arts Award winners are Jayani Bennett & Amelia Petersen!

Click here to view the event program for a full list of award winners!



Standardized Testing Dates

Please make sure you are familiar with these important testing dates! Note that all juniors will have completed their state testing by April 2nd with the exception of a few students completing makeups.

2024-2025 TESTING DATES

PSATS October 23, 2024 Grades 9th-11th *[seniors stay home for post-secondary planning]*	**SATs** *[11th graders only]* **Practice SATs** *[9th & 10th graders]* March 26, 2025 *[in the morning]* *Make-Up Testing: April 9, 2025*	**NGSS** *[11th graders only]* April 2, 2025

SENIOR DIGITAL PORTFOLIO PRESENTATIONS
March 26, 2025 [in the afternoon]

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS

Mon, 5/5/2025	Tue, 5/6/2025	Wed, 5/7/2025	Thu, 5/8/2025	Fri, 5/10/2025
Biology (@ 8am)	Human Geography and Chemistry (@ 8am) United States Government & Politics (@ 12pm)	English Literature & Composition (@ 8am)	Statistics (@ 8am)	United States History (@ 8am)
Mon, 5/12/2025	**Tue, 5/13/2025**	**Wed, 5/14/2025**	**Thu, 5/15/2025**	**Fri, 5/16/2025**
Calculus AB and Calculus BC (@ 8am)	French Language & Culture (@ 8am) Physics 2 (@ 12pm)	English Language & Composition (@ 8am) Physics C: Mechanics (@ 12pm)	Spanish Language & Culture (@ 8am) Computer Science Principles and Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism (@ 12pm)	Physics 1 (@ 8am) Psychology (@ 12pm)

ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) EXAMS
May 20, 2025 - May 22, 2025
[applicable to some but not all upperclassmen World Language students]

Quarter 3 report cards are ready!

Parents & guardians will be emailed their student's report cards this week and Honor Roll will be available on the HKHS website (under the Home & Info tab) by the end of the week. Please remember that you can log into your PowerSchool Parent Portal account at any time to check on your child's grades. The last grade check-in before final report cards will be Q4 Progress Reports which will be ready in early May.

If you have any questions, please reach out to individual teachers. The format for teacher email addresses is firstinitiallastname@rsd17.org. **If you need assistance setting up or accessing your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, please email agiarnella@rsd17.org.**



Emergency Contact Info

It is vital that we have accurate demographic and emergency contact information for our students. "Student Information" forms are being mailed out over spring break with the current information we have on file in PowerSchool. Please review them carefully for any inaccuracies and return them before the end of the school year, ***even if no changes are needed***. If you have moved, please note that you will need to submit proof of residency for your new address, even if it is still within the district.

Missed out on previous newsletters?



You can find them on the HKHS website under the School Bulletins tab! Please remember that most important communications from the school, such as report card notifications, newsletters, parent/teacher conference information, etc. are sent out through PowerSchool Parent Portal accounts. Any parent or guardian can set up an account but you will need your child's access details which can be obtained by contacting guidance secretary Amy Giarnella at agiarnella@rsd17.org.



- **World Language Trip to France** | *Spring Break 2025!*
- **Spring Break** | Monday, April 14th to Friday, April 18th - ***No school for students!***
- **Project Graduation Salsa Fundraiser Ends** | Monday, April 21st
- **Project Graduation Senior Yard Sign Fundraiser Begins** | Monday, April 21st
- **8th Grade Visit to HKHS** | Tuesday, April 22nd
- **Art Show + Art Honor Society Induction** | Wednesday, April 23rd
- **Junior Prom** | Friday, April 25th
- **Q4 Progress Reports** | Friday, May 2nd – ***Check PowerSchool for grades!***
- **Spring Musical ~ The Drowsy Chaperone** | Friday, May 2nd & Saturday, May 3rd
- **SATs** | Saturday, May 3rd
- **Advanced Placement Testing** | Monday, May 5th through Friday, May 16th
- **2024-2025 Awards Night** | Monday, May 19th
    - *If your student will be receiving an award an invitation will be sent*
- **AAPPL Testing** | Tuesday, May 20th through Thursday, May 22nd
- **Senior Outing!** | Friday, May 23rd
- **Memorial Day** | Monday, May 26th – ***District closed!***
- **STREETFEST** | Wednesday, May 28th
- **Senior Prom** | Friday, May 30th
- **Class of 2025 Scholarship Night** | Monday, June 2nd
    - *If your student will be receiving a scholarship an invitation will be sent*
- **Quarter 4 Ends** | Tuesday, June 3rd
- **Final Exams (tentatively)** | Wednesday, June 4th through Tuesday, June 10th
- **SATs** | Saturday, June 7th
- **½ Day** | Monday, June 9th & Tuesday, June 10th – ***Dismissal at 11:55am!***
- **ACTs** | Saturdays, June 14th

We look forward to seeing you at our school events and around campus.
Thank you so much for all you do to support our students!

Respectfully,

Donna L. Hayward,
Principal

◦ Guidance Counseling Dept Update ◦

Senior Families!

We have many scholarship opportunities for our students! Scholarships sent directly to our office are posted in Naviance. Students should be sure to read all scholarship directions carefully and request any needed documents (like transcripts or letters of recommendation) from Mrs. Giarnella in the Counseling Office as early as possible to allow time for processing.

It is vital that students and parents/guardians understand that all available scholarships are **not** going to be listed in Naviance (only the ones we are told about) and that we do the best we can to update deadlines, requirements, etc. as we find out more information. Students have been told that it is **their** responsibility to review and confirm scholarship details. Many scholarships are available to apply to online but many others can only be completed on paper and mailed or handed in to the school directly. It is important that students take the time to read the requirements ahead of deadlines, many of which are 4/15 or 4/30. **PLEASE encourage your student to apply for scholarships!** We have found in recent years that many scholarship committees receive few to no applications so there is money being left on the table. Seniors interested in scholarships should be checking Naviance regularly and all seniors are encouraged to explore BigFuture.org for career, college, and scholarship opportunities.

FAFSA® Federal Student Aid
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

Starting with the Class of 2025, all HKHS graduates are required to have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you have not completed the FAFSA, a waiver will be emailed to you. Please complete the waiver and return it to your counselor.

REMINDER: Seniors are required to document 30 hours of community service in order to graduate from HKHS. If you have not yet documented ALL required hours, please complete your community service forms and turn them into your school counselor **as soon as possible**.



Junior Families!

School counselors have been holding Junior Planning Meetings this semester. Families are invited to attend, whether in person or virtually. If you have not already had a meeting, please reach out to your student's school counselor to set up an appointment.

Students who are applying to college typically submit their applications in the fall of their senior year. Below are a list of suggestions for your student to work on this spring and summer in order to help them navigate application season successfully:

- **Finish Junior year STRONG!** The grades earned this year will be the most recent shared with colleges as part of the initial application.
- **Sign up for a Saturday administration of the SAT!** Many students take the SAT more than once in order to try to improve their scores. Students can sign up for additional sittings through their College Board accounts. Students may also consider signing up for the ACT.
- **Make time to work on your college applications!** Most students apply to college through the Common App, which allows them to submit one application to multiple colleges. This also includes writing a first draft of your college essay and asking for feedback!



HKHS held our annual

College & Career Fair

on Thurs, April 3rd from 10-11:30am. We hosted representatives from nearly 60 colleges and universities, as well as representatives from local trade schools and employers, and various branches of the military. Students in grades 9th-11th attended with their advisory groups along with any undecided senior students.







The counseling office has also sent out information about other local upcoming College Fair opportunities. This is a great time of year to learn more about college options, including visiting college campuses while students are still on campus this spring!

Advanced Placement Students!

Students who are scheduled to take an Advanced Placement exam who have not yet submitted payment for that exam must provide a check (made payable to HKHS) to Ms. Stone in the school counseling office **as soon as possible**. Each exam is $100 and students who do not submit payment will receive a UFO. Multiple exams can be paid for with a single check.

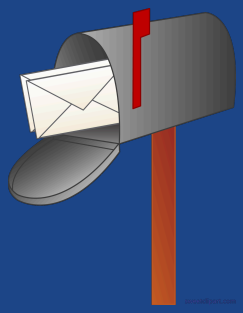


8th Grade Visit!

Eighth graders from Haddam Killingworth Middle School will be visiting the high school for building tours during the school day on April 22nd. This is a great chance for them to get a feel for what high school will be like and get a look at their future classrooms!

April 2025

Project Graduation Newsletter



Annual Appeal

Our annual appeal has been mailed. It costs approximately nearly $25,000 to host this event. This equals over $150 per senior! Please support the cause to the extent that you can, as this is the only fundraiser where we are able to use 100% of the proceeds.

Checks: HKHS, 95 Little City Rd., Higganum 06441 (Attn: Project Graduation)

Venmo @hk-projectgraduation

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, May 14th
7:00 p.m., lower media center

Contact Us:
hkprojectgraduation@gmail.com

Happy Spring HKHS Families!

Graduation is only two months away! We have lots in store for our graduates to keep them entertained and their bellies full.

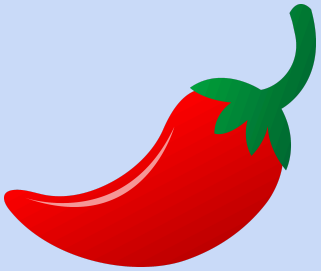
Even if you do not have a student in this class, your student will one day become a graduate who will be part of this memorable experience. There are many ways to help, including chaperoning, set up, decorating, cleanup, or by supporting a fundraiser. A volunteer registration form will be emailed soon.

Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month in the lower media center at 7:00 p.m. Even if you can't commit to every meeting, feel free to pop in to say hi. We are always welcoming new members to share their ideas and talents with us.

Thank you for your support to help keep our kids safe on graduation night!

Cindy Pitts and Keryn Felder, Co-Chairs

Salsa Sale April 9 - April 21
delivery by Cinco de Mayo



Jose Madrid Salsa offers 25 flavors of hand-crafted, gourmet salsas. 50% of your purchase supports Project Graduation! **See page 3 for details.**

Visit Jose Madrid Salsa Fundraising to order.

Photos Needed

Senior parents/guardians - we will have a senior photo slide show at the Project Graduation celebration. Please email all photos to hkprojectgraduation@gmail.com. Ideally, photos of your graduates from school age and up .... no baby photos! Group photos are welcome. 3 - 5 photos per family is ideal.

Follow Our Socials

Facebook: HKHS Project Graduation

Instagram: hkhsprojectgrad

Web Site: Project Graduation

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PROJECT GRADUATION SPRING FUNDRAISERS



SALSA

APRIL 9-21, DELIVERED BY CINCO DE MAYO
Jose Madrid Salsa Fundraising

Details on next page



SENIOR YARD SIGNS

ORDER APRIL 21 - MARCH 23



FLAMINGO FLOCKING

COMING SOON
APRIL-JUNE



DINO'S DINNER NIGHT

MAY, DETAILS TO FOLLOW

FOLLOW OUR SOCIALS FOR MORE INFORMATION:

FACEBOOK: HKHS PROJECT GRADUATION
INSTAGRAM: HKHSPROJECTGRAD
WEB SITE: PROJECT GRADUATION



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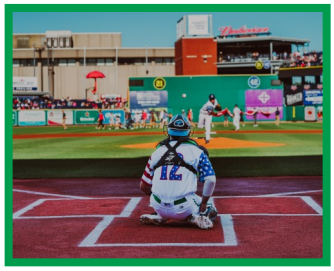
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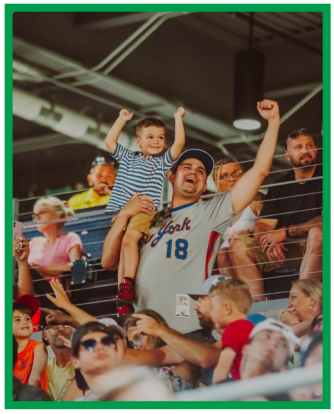
1. **Visit https://josemadridsalsafundraising.com/ .**
2. **Click on "Shop" at the upper Left to begin**.
3. Scroll through the flavors and add your desired choices to the cart.
4. **During checkout, in the "Shipping" section, be sure you select "Haddam Killingworth Project Graduation" in the box titled "Fundraiser Group".**
5. **Add the name of the individual who contacted you in the "Salesperson" box.**
6. Finish your checkout and **Project Graduation will receive $4.00 for each jar** purchased.

Questions? Email: Fundraising@josemadridsalsa.com, Phone: 740-521-4304.

Hartford Yard Goats

Haddam Killingworth High School Choir Night at Dunkin' Park





Wednesday, May 28th 2025

GAME TIME: 7:10 PM | GATES OPEN: 6:00 PM

NEW HAMPSHIRE FISHER CATS (AA-BLUE JAYS) vs
HARTFORD YARD GOATS (AA-ROCKIES)

Spend an evening at the ballpark with friends and family from Haddam Killingworth High School!

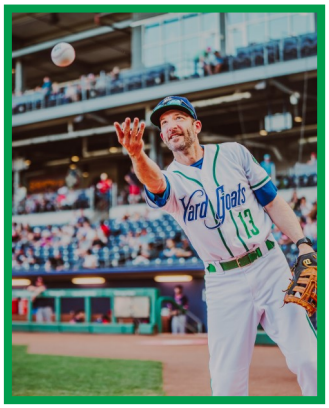
National Anthem Performance

Arrive early to support Haddam Killingworth High School students singing the National Anthem

Ticket Order Deadline: May 9, 2025

(Limited Number of Tickets Available)

Parking is an additional fee day of game





YardGoatsBaseball.com | DUNKIN' PARK | 860-246-GOAT (4628)

Haddam Killingworth High School Night at Dunkin' Park

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 2025

GAME TIME: 7:10 PM—GATES OPEN: 6:00 PM

TICKET TYPE	PRICE		NUMBER		TOTAL
Field Box	$17.00	X	_____	=	_____

Children 3 and under are free if sitting on a parent's lap during the game.
Please note any handicapped tickets needed.

STUDENT: _____ **GRADE:** _____ **CLASSROOM:** _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS ***(tickets will be sent here)*****:** _____

PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM TO THE SCHOOL
WITH CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO **HADDAM KILLINGWORTH HIGH SCHOOL**
PLEASE NOTE "YARD GOATS TICKETS" ON THE ENVELOPE.
QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT **MARCY WEBSTER** at **mwebster@rsd17.org**