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Dear DPS Community,

If you happened to catch a glimpse of today's sunrise, it was absolutely glorious. The bright orange in the sky helped usher in the day and brought so much optimism and gratitude to my morning. Those feelings of optimism and gratitude apply to so many things across our wonderful district and the community we all have a hand in. A community that looks out for one another and steps in when needed. It brings me much joy to know that that sense of community continues with our students as they head into the world, but how much they look forward to coming back together again when they are here in Darien.

This is also evident through the DHS Band's collection of turkeys and canned goods for our neighbors in need - which currently stands at 170 donated Turkeys - thank you to everyone who participated. This sense of community can also be felt in the robust schedule of DHS Alumni Games that will be played this week. They are part of a cherished high school tradition that celebrates school spirit and community connection, providing a chance for former student-athletes to return, compete, and share their legacy with current students and the entire Darien community. This weekend serves as an opportunity to reinforce the bonds of the "Blue Wave Family" through friendly athletic competition. The schedule for this weekend's games are:

- Friday, November 28 at 3:00 pm Boys Lacrosse play in the center oval
- Saturday, November 29 at 10:30 am Boys Rugby play on the tennis court field
- Saturday, November 29 at 12:00 pm Girls Field Hockey play in the stadium
- Saturday, November 29 at 1:30 pm Boys Soccer play in the center oval
- Saturday, November 29 at 1:30 pm Girls Soccer play in the upper oval
- Saturday, November 29 at 4:00 pm Girls Hockey play at the Darien Ice House
- Saturday, November 29 at 5:10 pm Boys Hockey play at the Darien Ice House

As we head off for the Thanksgiving break, we wish our Varsity Football team good luck in the annual Turkey Bowl game, and wish all of you safe travels, wonderful celebrations and a very happy holiday. Thank you for your support of our schools and children and for the very warm welcome to this lovely community. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

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