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Dear Darien Community,

I have had enough of winter already. While the snow on Monday did not impact the school calendar as it was a professional development day, Tuesday's closing did. It is time for the snow to stop and spring to get going! Just 21 days and counting ...

I have been asked if we can have remote learning for any future snow events this year. The simple answer is no as remote learning is not an approved option in CT. If we have another snow event that requires a school closing then we will need to make up the day later in the school year. As of today, our last day of school will be Thursday, June 18.

Representative Tracy Marra

Representative Tracy Marra is hosting a ZOOM webinar on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 pm to discuss the upcoming Connecticut legislature's public hearing on the bill she introduced to strengthen state law regarding notifications to school boards and administrators when a teacher is being considered for a position in a school district in more detail, including the process on how to sign up to testify before the legislature either in person or online. I encourage people to [sign up](#) for this webinar and learn how to support this effort.

Author Visit

On Thursday, March 5, our district welcomes [Jennifer Wallace](#) (*Never Enough & Mattering*) to the DHS Auditorium at 6:30 pm. Jennifer will discuss the pressures of modern achievement and offer guidance on fostering a "culture of mattering". Parents of children of all ages, please join us to learn how centering a child's inherent value can combat the rising trends of student loneliness and anxiety. This is a wonderful opportunity as a valued member of our community to submit questions in advance that will be addressed during the discussion. Please submit questions via this [form](#) by Monday, March 2 at 3:00 pm. We hope to hear from many of you and see you there!

The World Famous Harlem Wizards are coming back to Darien on Sunday, March 1

The Blue Wave Booster Club is excited to announce the return of this three-time sell-out event taking place at DHS on Sunday, March 1 at 2:00 pm! Come out for an afternoon of hilarious, great fun as The Harlem Wizards are taking on the Blue Wave Home Team! The lineup features our very own talented Darien teachers and administrators. This basketball extravaganza is loaded with laugh-out-loud audience participation. Never in the history of sport will the losing team have so much fun! We do expect this event to sell out quickly yet again. Click [HERE](#) to buy tickets now!

Byrne's Book Club

Join us at The Depot on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm for our second book club. We'll be discussing *More Than Just a Game*, an insightful look at the high-stakes world of modern youth sports. It's a must-read for parents and coaches alike—hope to see you for the discussion!

The February Darien Difference

The February issue of The Darien Difference is [here](#). See the Vision of the Graduate in action through the stories of our students and staff across the district! Missed an issue? You can also find all published issues posted on the school district website under News & Announcements.

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DHS Sports

It's going to be a high-stakes weekend for our athletes! Today, the varsity wrestling team heads to the Floyd Little Athletic Center for Day 1 of the girls state open championship at 3:00 pm and later tonight, boys junior varsity hockey takes on Fairfield Prep at the Stamford Twin Rinks at 8:30 pm. The action continues tomorrow, starting with girls varsity wrestling returning for Day 2 of the state opens at 10:00 am. Boys indoor track heads to Boston for the New England High School Championship at the Reggie Lewis Center at 1:00 pm. Our girls varsity gymnastics team will also be competing in their state opens at New Milford High School. Over at the Darien Ice House, girls varsity hockey faces New Canaan for the FCIAC championship at 12:20 pm, followed by the boys varsity hockey team facing off against Greenwich High School in the FCIAC semifinals at 6:40 pm. Go Blue Wave!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric A. Byrne". The signature is fluid and cursive, starting with a large "E" and ending with a long, sweeping tail.

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