

Friday, December 14, 2018

As we head into the home stretch before vacation...

1. The **relocation of 488 Foster Elementary School students** (and their teachers) to our building on Tuesday was something I'll never forget...and mostly for good reasons: above all, the vivid example of genuine **teamwork**. Countless people asked, "How can I help?" and then found a meaningful way to do so. Not only our teachers, but especially our department directors, secretaries, custodians and kitchen staff all went above and beyond that day. One more example of what makes this a special place.

2. Speaking of HHS staff coming together: A big thank-you to **Shawn Nugent** for again spearheading the annual holiday party. Not sure how Shawn finds the time to make this happen year after year (when he's not teaching, coaching the debate team, or running the drivers' education program) but one key is a top-notch team that includes **Courtney Bruno, Paula Flanagan, Alec Porter, Katie Sassorossi** and **Denise Stanley**. Special recognition should also go to **Pam Graham** for exceptional initiative and hard work with the raffles. Thanks to their efforts, a great time was had by all!

3. The **winter concert season** kicked off in fine style earlier this week with the band concert. If you missed that, you've still got two more chances to witness the incredible strides being made by our music students and their teachers. You can see the chorus on Tuesday and the orchestra on Thursday. Both concerts begin at 7 PM in our auditorium.

4. The "**Extreme Coupon Challenge**" (an annual labor of love for **Sarah Jacobson** and now **Jaclyn Leitao**) reached new heights this year. With help from a PTO grant that was later matched by **Brendan Holleran** and his family, HHS math students figured out how to get \$2000 worth of food for \$1000. A full team (including **Tara Blake, Jerry Ford**, and a number of students and parents) helped to haul the huge piles of food from Stop & Shop to the Hingham Food Pantry last week. It's a feel-good story that makes a powerful difference in the lives of many local families.

5. Best news of the week: **Brian Cincotta** and his wife recently announced that they're expecting a baby in April. There is no question about it: This world needs as many Cincottas as it can get. Congratulations, Brian!

Have a great weekend, everybody!

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