

**Friday, March 1, 2019**

**As "March Madness" swings into full effect...**

1. The **Drama Club** will perform its festival play, *Life, Off Book*, at Marshfield High School at **3 PM on Saturday** (weather permitting). Tickets (\$12) get you in to see not only that play but a full day of drama if you're so inclined. Wishing the best to **Anita Levy-Sisk** and her performers as they seek to "break a leg" on stage tomorrow.

2. What a week for **HHS athletics**! The girls' hockey team and boys' basketball teams both advanced to the second round of the state tournament with convincing home victories on Wednesday; the girls' basketball team followed suit last night; one of our wrestlers (Kaya Bogle) will compete in the New England championships later today; and the girls' ski team captured its second straight state title on Wednesday afternoon. This is almost an embarrassment of riches...and the boys' hockey team (top-ranked public school team in Massachusetts!) hasn't even started its quest for another Super 8 championship. If you want to see some of that action, please join us in Lowell on Sunday. The puck drops at 6:15 PM!

3. In case you missed it, the HHS **Quiz Bowl team** qualified for nationals last week and will be traveling to Washington DC in April. **Glenda Garland** continues to work some incredible magic with that terrific group of students.

4. Want more evidence of the exceptional commitment of HHS faculty and staff? How about **Nicole Piantes, Brendan Holleran** and **Joyce Eby** agreeing to take the "Polar Plunge" into the icy waters of Nantasket Beach tomorrow morning, alongside student members of the Best Buddies club? Awesome and inspiring.

5. My thanks, once again, to all of you for your engagement with our discussion on Wednesday afternoon. Racism remains one of our nation's most stubborn problems, and our school community is not immune to its (sometimes subtle but always corrosive) impact. As we continue striving to confront these issues in meaningful ways, please consider the attached list of resources developed by **Chrissy O'Connor, Becca Lewis**, and other members of their book group. Please contact Chrissy or Becca if you'd like to participate in the next round of discussion on the book, *So You Want to Talk About Race?* They have also designed a Google Survey ([click this link](#)) if you'd like to share any thoughts on the topic.

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Have a great weekend.

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