**Friday, March 29, 2019**
**As we say goodbye to March and eagerly prepare to turn the page on our calendars...**

1. A sigh of relief: We have survived the first-ever round of computer-based MCAS testing! My sincere thanks to all of you for your flexibility and help during a week that contained so many significant disruptions. A special thank-you to our MVP, **Joe Andrews**, whose unrivaled expertise and unflappable demeanor helped to pull us through the steep learning curve. Joe: We couldn't have done it without you!

2. Another star player this week: **Karen Beatty**, who executed the annual YRBS with precision and grace, as usual. This survey helps us to better understand (and, ultimately, better *serve*) our students. This is no small undertaking, but Karen makes it look easy, and our school is a better place for it.

3. In case you missed the *Sunday Globe* article about **Dr. Galo** last week, you should check it out online. And if you'd like to share thoughts of your own for a different article about Dr. Galo's career (to be written by longtime Hingham Journal contributor Carol Meyer), please contact Carol by phone (617-967-3933) or email: carolmeyer54@hotmail.com. When it's finished, Carol's article will appear online in the Hingham Anchor, a new online "Everything Hingham" news source.

4. Speaking of tributes to our legendary superintendent, don't forget we have a **Student Council assembly** (mostly devoted to a celebration of Dr. Galo's career) scheduled for **Wednesday** morning. We'll use the regular X Block schedule that day.

5. We also have one other **assembly** next week: All **seniors** will be called to the auditorium at **9:45 AM next Friday, April 5th** (the last 15 minutes of second period) to help prepare for the third annual "Harbormen Helping Hingham Day" that will take place on Friday, April 12th, the last day before April vacation. And, yes, vacation starts two weeks from today. Can you believe it?

Have a great weekend everybody!


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