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Week 3 of the school year is almost over, and it looks like we're hitting our stride. Here are a few quick points for Friday...

1. Early indications are that the **hallway pass system** is being implemented with good consistency so far this year. A sincere thank-you to all teachers who are making this happen and, as a result, keeping our school a little more orderly and a little more safe.
2. Speaking of school safety, please consider joining the new **school security committee** that we mentioned at the faculty meeting yesterday. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 1st at 2:45 PM in Room 289. We expect this group to meet about two or three times per year.
3. Have you been in the restrooms next to the cafeteria lately? Thanks to fundraising by the HHS Green Team, these restrooms now have **hand dryers** instead of paper towels. This is a first for HHS and, we hope, the start of a trend that will promote even greater sustainability in our building.
4. You won't find many schools that have made the **Boston Globe's Top 20** rankings in both [boys'](#) and [girls'](#) soccer so far this season...but HHS has accomplished that difficult feat. Our student-athletes (and their coaches) set a terrific example by constantly striving for excellence and so often getting there!
5. As a teacher, I always loved **greeting students at the door** on their way into the classroom. Now, as a principal, I still enjoy doing the same thing in the front lobby in the morning. Here's an [interesting article](#) that endorses the value of this practice...and even backs it up with research. I've always believed it makes a difference, and now we've got some data to help prove it! Food for thought...

Have a great weekend, everybody, and I hope to see some of you at the football game tonight!

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