

**Friday, December 13, 2019**

**As we close out the penultimate school week of 2019...**

1. As you already know, **midyear exams will be pushed back one day** because of last week's weather-related school cancellation. Exams will now take place on January 22nd through the 24th. This should help maintain the full integrity of semester courses by restoring the lost day of classes.
2. The MA Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association (MSSADA) delivered some big news this week: **Maryellen Holler** was named the **Administrative Assistant of the Year**. This is a richly deserved honor for an "Unsung Heroine" who makes our school a better place!
3. Some other big news from the world of athletics: Beginning next fall, **our league (the Patriot League) will expand** to include a 12th member school. The vote became official with a vote of all league principals and athletic directors on Tuesday. HHS looks forward to welcoming Marshfield High School into one of the best leagues in the state!
4. Looking for ways to inject extra holiday cheer into your life next week? Come out to the **chorus concert on Tuesday night** and/or the **"large ensembles" concert on Thursday night**. Both events will be held in the auditorium at 7 PM. And (like last night's "small ensembles" concert) they're both guaranteed to be awesome.
5. Hope to see you at the annual **holiday party** on Thursday afternoon!

Have a great weekend, everybody!

**Rick Swanson**  
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