

**Friday, December 20, 2019**

**As we wrap up a memorable 2019 and look ahead to the start of a whole new decade...**

1. When you get around to looking at that 2020 calendar, please add these items:

- On the next "half day" for professional development (Jan. 8th) we will experiment with the idea of holding all six classes. The survey results showed that teachers favored this by pretty wide margin (65% to 35%) so we'll give it a try and evaluate afterward. Stay tuned for details of the bell schedule.
- All students will attend newly-scheduled **whole-school assemblies on Tuesday, Jan. 28th** (the second day of the Semester 2). [Kevin Flike](#), a former Green Beret who was severely wounded in Afghanistan, will address all freshmen & sophomores during B Block and then meet with all juniors & seniors during C Block. I apologize for the disruption but I believe the speaker will deliver a powerful message that is likely to resonate with our whole school community. The event will be co-sponsored by the Hingham Sports Partnership and the Hingham Education Foundation.
- All juniors and select others (TBD) will see a performance of "[Thurgood](#)" (a one-man play about the life of Thurgood Marshall) as a kick-off to Black History Month on **Monday, February 3rd**. That assembly is scheduled for 9:30-11 AM.

2. The National Science Teacher Association Convention will be held in Boston in April, and HHS will be VERY well represented, since **Livvy Kates**, **Becca Lewis** and **Katie Roberts** were all selected to deliver presentations. Those attending the conference from across the country will soon understand what our students already know: These three teachers are amazing!

3. Congratulations are in order for **Monica Black**, whose son Ian (HHS '06) and his wife welcomed twin boys (Dylan and Nolan) into the world on Monday morning. So awesome!

4. And Monica is not the only new grandmother, as **Marybeth Robinson** joined those ranks earlier this month when her stepdaughter had a baby boy.

5. The exciting baby news continues! If at any point you find your holiday spirit fading, the photo below is guaranteed to deliver the remedy. Congratulations to **Ben Louchheim**, whose wife delivered their second child (**Catherine Frances Louchheim**) last Thursday!



I hope you all have a WONDERFUL vacation!

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