

Friday, October 25, 2019

As we enter the final week of October and the final week of the term...

1. This news has been mostly under the radar so far but deserves greater attention: The HHS **field hockey team** has cracked the [Globe Top 20](#)! Congratulations to head coach **Susan Petrie**, assistant coaches **Molly Baggott**, **Betsy Smith**, and **Maureen Bonner**, and the rest of their hard-working team. Keep it going!

2. Anybody want to join me in the "**No Shave November**" [fundraiser organized by the Hingham Police Department](#)? In recognition of Veteran's Day, all proceeds will benefit the Home Base program that helps veterans and their families heal from "invisible wounds" like post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injuries. Tom Ford put his razor aside last weekend, so he has a bit of a head start, but I'm confident we can catch up.

3. **Rae Sullivan** had some big news earlier this week: Her son **Ben** (HHS '14 & Syracuse '18) enlisted in the **US Navy** on Tuesday. Upon his graduation from Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, Ben will be commissioned as a flight officer in the US Navy. Rae and her family (along with all of Ben's teachers here at HHS) can take pride in Ben's courage and willingness to serve.

4. If you missed the **Fall Concert** on Tuesday night, I want you to know that the shout-out on the morning announcements the next day was not mere hyperbole. Because **Brian Cincotta**, **Phaedre Sassano** and **Joe Young** continue to inspire such great work from their students, a (true) standing-room-only crowd was treated to a terrific concert. And as Brian reminded the audience while introducing the final piece, "In band, as with the chorus and the orchestra, *nobody* is on the bench." What a great line...and it's so true!

5. The **Fall Musical** ("Mamma Mia") opens in four weeks. [Mark your calendars and get your tickets now](#). It's going to be awesome!

Have a great weekend, everybody!

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