

**Friday, September 20, 2019**

**As we finish out the third week of school...**

1. We picked a time for next week's "**stay-in-place**" drill: Wednesday, September 25th, at about 10:15 AM.
2. The results are in on the dinner survey for **Open House**. Most respondents expressed a preference for sandwiches, roll-ups, and salads, so that's what our amazing PTO will provide for everybody who plans to eat dinner at school that night. Also: If you plan to take advantage of this opportunity and have a food allergy that we should take into consideration, please let me know before Monday.
3. I hope many of you will heed the call below from our Senior Class Advisors and help to chaperone the **Homecoming Dance** on Saturday, October 12th. It's a great way to help us advance a positive school climate...and it promises to be a good time!

*Hello Faculty,*

*Recently, the class advisors met to discuss upcoming events for the 2019-2020 school year. One of the greatest challenges over the past four years has been procuring faculty support for chaperoning Homecoming. Homecoming is one of the largest fundraisers for the Senior Class, in addition to being one of the only dances that the entire school is invited to attend. Looking ahead, the dance is the Saturday of a long weekend this year - October 12th.*

*The Homecoming dance is so meaningful to the HHS community. For new teachers or para-educators, it is a wonderful way to get to know other faculty members. It is also an opportunity to interact with your students in a more social setting. We would greatly appreciate it if you could consider donating your time to this important event. Please email one of the senior class advisors if you would like to "sign up early" to chaperone!*

*Sincerely,*

*Emily VanLeuvan and Kate Tortola  
Senior Class Advisors*

4. In case you're interested, here are some additional opportunities to get involved with addressing important school-wide issues: A) the committee working on expansion of the **advisory program** will meet on Tuesday 9/24 at 2:45 PM in the LMC conference room; and B) the **school security team** will meet on Monday 9/30 at 2:45 PM in the main office conference room.
5. As we look ahead to "**Start with Hello**" festivities inspired by the Sandy Hook Promise initiative, please join me in [greeting students at the door](#) of your classrooms next week. As the research (not to mention our own experience) has demonstrated, this is a great way to set a positive tone, establish connections and increase engagement. It helps to make our students feel good...and it makes us feel good, too, while doing it. These are important preconditions for learning....and important preconditions for having fun here every day.

Have a great weekend, everybody!

**Rick Swanson  
Principal  
Hingham High School**