

Friday, September 27, 2019

Catching our breath and regrouping after a very long Thursday...

1. Some of you may remember the late **Michelle Vazquez**, a longtime foreign language teacher who worked at several schools in the district. South Union Congregational Church (25 Colombian Street in South Weymouth) will host a [memorial service for Michelle](#) on October 27th at 2 PM.

2. As you already know, **Dr. Austin** has scheduled a series of monthly walk-through observations at every school in the district. His first such visit to HHS is set for Tuesday, Oct. 1st, at 12:30 PM. Don't be surprised to see him walking the halls or taking a seat in the back of your classroom!

3. At your convenience, please take a few moments to complete the **self-paced online training modules** (related to various items such as policies on restraint, bullying, confidentiality, etc.) now available in Aspen. These items must be completed annually by all faculty and staff. Here are the instructions:

- Staff View

- Pages Top Tab

- Annual Employee Training Packet Widget

- Start a new Annual Employee Training Packet workflow

- Click Initiate

- Click the magnifying glass next to Staff – your name should appear – click OK

- Click Next

*- Work through the Top Tabs, selecting yes or no and putting in the date (**The first tab (Mission) does not have a place to put yes or no nor a date. Do not click next. Scroll up to the top of the page and select the next top tab (Equal Employment Opportunity).** Do not click next after putting in the yes no and date for any of the tabs except the last one. Then click Finish*

- When all Top Tabs are done, click Next at the bottom of the page, then click Finish

4. When picking out your clothes for next week, make sure to select something **purple** for next Friday. That's the day the boys' and girls' soccer teams will be working to raise awareness about [Maddie's Promise](#), an organization that raises money for cancer research in memory of an eleven-year-old Hingham girl who died last spring. The **soccer doubleheader next Friday** promises to be especially memorable. Hope to see you there...clad in Maddie's favorite color!

5. I spent a lot of time in the halls chatting with parents last night. And be assured: You got them feeling good about the place where they send their children every day. Over and over, I heard variations on one major theme (and sometimes in these exact words): "**Your teachers are amazing.**" I totally agree.

Thanks for going the extra mile throughout a very long Thursday. Have a fun and restful weekend; you've earned it!

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