October 30, 2020

Dear HHS Students and Parents:

Despite the stormy weather outside, the news from HHS this week is mostly good. I'm happy to report that HHS has now completed seven weeks of school (five of them in-person) without any major setbacks. This is no small feat, and I'm deeply grateful for the community-wide efforts that have made it possible.

At the same time, I want to inform you that another member of our HHS community has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual was already in quarantine before testing positive, so there has been no exposure at school. This is our eighth positive case of the year and the first in more than a week. If you have any COVID-related questions or concerns, please contact our school nurses.

A few other key points:

- We have no school on Tuesday because of Election Day.
- HHS will follow the regular "Tuesday schedule" on Wednesday but will do so remotely.
- HPS nurses updated the COVID-19 safety protocols this week. The latest versions of these documents can be found on the school website but are also attached to this email.
- Students may want to participate in an enrichment opportunity offered by Boston College on Sunday, Nov. 8th. Details can be found on the attached flyer.

Finally, with Halloween fast approaching, I want to remind everyone about the importance of continuing to follow all safety protocols, not only at school but also elsewhere in the community. We have made great strides in reopening our school but our future progress during the weeks ahead is not guaranteed. COVID remains a serious threat and we need everybody in our community to keep following the safety practices that have brought us this far. Please continue to make good decisions this weekend and throughout the upcoming holiday season. We're all tired of masks and social distancing but let's keep doing everything we can to maintain our current momentum. We've come too far together to turn back now.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Rick Swanson
Principal
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