

SEPTEMBER 08, 2023

As HHS closes out the first week of a new school year, optimism abounds, and for many good reasons:

- Our Class of 2027 has arrived and taken the first steps of what promises to be an amazing high school adventure;
- More than eleven hundred students in grades 9-12 began classes on Tuesday, and they're already forging meaningful connections, both with each other and with members of a top-notch faculty; and
- Our outstanding staff draws energy from a new art teacher, a new special educator, two new English teachers, a new Health teacher, and three new paraeducators.



This is a time of positive change and renewal, not only for our school but for the entire district. As we enter the second year of [our district's strategic plan](#), we could not be more excited or hopeful about what lies ahead for all of us.

Parents and guardians: Please be sure you're connected with HHS through the Aspen Family Portal. If you need help logging in, please email aspenhelp@hinghamschools.org.

As HHS students returned to the cafeteria this week, they were able to take advantage of the free-meal policy that is available to all public school students across the state. Because of renewed funding in the state budget, all students are entitled to one free meal in the morning and another at lunch. This program is now expected to be permanent. Meanwhile, here in Hingham, another notable change comes as the result of a new town-wide policy, approved last spring by the Select Board, that restricts the procurement, sale, and distribution of single-use plastic water bottles, as of 9/1/23, in the schools and municipal buildings. Therefore, the HHS cafeteria will no longer sell single-use plastic water bottles. In keeping with our school's commitment to sustainability and environmental consciousness, we encourage students to bring their own reusable water bottles, which can be filled at a regular water bubbler or at one of our five hydration stations.

In other news, the Make-A-Wish Rhode Island and Massachusetts is recruiting students to engage with its Youth Leadership Council (YLC). Interested students can learn more about the YLC by clicking [this link](#).

Finally, the HHS campus is already abuzz with activity, and we've got plenty to look forward to, including:

- The first "Friday Night Lights" of the season when our football team plays Hanover, and the dance team performs at halftime, next Friday 9/15 at 7 PM;
- Ninth Grade Parents' Night - Tuesday 9/19 at 7 PM;
- Open House for Parents/Guardians of all students - Thursday 9/21 at 6:30 PM; and
- Homecoming - Saturday 10/21; festivities begin at 9 AM and continue throughout the day.

The [full school calendar](#) can always be viewed on the HHS website. Look for details on the [website](#) and in our [weekly PTO newsletter](#).

HHS has long been a place of welcome for our entire community, and we hope to see you here soon!

Principal Swanson



Opry's First Day

First-day-of-school photos like this one will never go out of style!



Activities Fair

Last week at the Activities Fair, upper classmen provided incoming ninth graders with information about the many clubs and activities offered at HHS.



GRAPHIC & DESIGN PHOTOGRAPHY

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ADD
AN AWARD-WINNING CLASS
TO YOUR SCHEDULE!**



In the past fourteen years, HHS Graphic Design & Photography Students have been awarded 360 times for their work in the state-wide Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition. In the past 10 years, HHS Graphic Design & Photography students have been awarded 14 times nationally for their work.

It's not too late to switch that study out for a graphic design or photography course!

TUES SEPT **12** HHS MUSIC
COMMUNITY
CELEBRATION

FRI SEPT **15** FIRST DAY
HISPANIC
HERITAGE
MONTH

MON SEPT **18** FALL MUSICAL
AUDITIONS
2:34 - 5:15 P.M.

TUES SEPT **19** FALL MUSICAL
AUDITIONS
2:34 - 5:15 P.M.

TUES SEPT **19** COUNSELING
DEPT. 9TH
GRADE
PARENT NIGHT
7 - 8:30 P.M.

WED SEPT **20** EARLY
RELEASE
11:30 A.M.

THURS SEPT **21** FALL
MUSICAL
CALLBACKS

THURS SEPT **21** OPEN HOUSE
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

FRI SEPT **22** VETERAN'S
SUICIDE
AWARENESS &
REMEMBERANCE
DAY



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