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## **NOVEMBER 22, 2023**

As we prepared for the holiday break and counted the many blessings enjoyed by our school and community...

- RISE students baked cookies and <u>visited the police station</u> to thank the officers for helping to launch what we hope will become a new tradition for <u>our Unified Basketball program!</u>
- The whole school practiced its security protocols during a routine lockdown drill last Friday.
- A well-deserving HHS junior, Laura Da Silva, was named the "Opry Award" winner for November; like its namesake, our school's much-loved comfort dog, the award seeks to recognize a student who improves school climate and helps others to feel comfortable at HHS.
- The <u>dance team</u> took third place in Hip-Hop at the state dance tournament on Saturday.
- Competing as a team at <u>All-States</u> for the first time since 2016, qualifying members of the boys' cross-country team (Brendan Burm, Niko Gibson, Connor Anderson, Aaron Roberts, Gavin Anderson, CJ Boutin and Ryan Burns) delivered a strong performance against the state's top teams at Fort Devens on Saturday.
- HHS observed the <u>Transgender Day of Remembrance</u> on Monday 11/20.
- Max Papaleoni '24 became an 11-Time Photo of the Week Winner. If he can win five more, he
  will tie the all-time record (Ali Weaver, class of 2015).

### Looking ahead...

- The annual Turkey Trot 5K, which supports six HHS teams (boys' and girls' cross-country, winter track, and spring track) across three seasons, will be held on Thanksgiving morning. Runners and walkers can register here, and race-day registration begins at 6 AM.
- The HHS football team will host Scituate in the annual Thanksgiving Day football game tomorrow at 10 AM, and the award-winning dance team will perform at halftime.
- The swim and dive team will hold its annual <u>Polar Plunge</u> at the Hingham Bathing Beach on Saturday 11/25 at 9:30 AM.
- HHS students can enjoy a free game night sponsored by <u>Hingham Cares</u> on Saturday 11/25 at 7 PM.



• The Drama Club will deliver a preview of the <u>Fall Musical</u>, "Little Shop of Horrors," to the entire student body on Wednesday 11/29. The show will debut to the public on Thursday 11/30 and continue for three nights. Tickets can be purchased <u>online</u>.

As we approach the start of the winter sports season on Monday 11/27, please keep in mind that families experiencing financial difficulties can request a waiver of the user fee. Details can be found on p. 65 of the <u>HHS Student Handbook</u>.

The <u>full school calendar</u> can always be viewed on the HHS website. Look for details on the <u>website</u> and in our <u>weekly PTO newsletter</u>.

Finally, in the aftermath of the threat against Congregation Sha'aray Shalom on Sunday afternoon, I hope our families will find time to reflect on the ties that bind us as a community. I shared my own thoughts about the event in a <a href="mailto:message">message</a> to students and families on Monday morning, and I hope the subject continues to be addressed in living rooms and at dinner tables across town, both today and throughout the holiday weekend. May we all stand in solidarity with the Jewish members of our community during a very difficult time, and may we all do our best to strengthen the bonds that make Hingham such a special place to live and work.

I wish all of you a peaceful Thanksgiving.

**Principal Swanson** 



## **Cross Country**

HHS was well represented at the All State cross-country meet over the weekend!



While home from the Naval Academy, Claire Schnorr (HHS '20 / USNA '24) not only visited her sister (Maeve '25) but also one of her favorite teachers, Ms. O'Connor. HHS is grateful for inspiring young role models like Claire, who continues to make our community proud.



#### **Green Team Trivia**

The HHS Green Team held a recycling trivia contest for a box of sustainable goodies at the Holiday Fair last weekend. The lucky winners claimed a reusable bag and cup lid, a homemade bar of soap, a compostable tube of chapstick...and a lower carbon footprint!

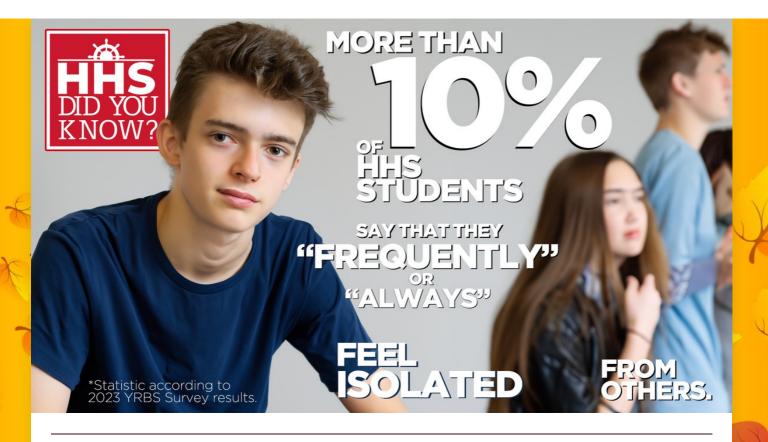


## **HHS RISE visit Hingham Police**

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# NOVEMBER SPORTS CALENDAR



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