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While turning the calendar page to [Black History Month](#) and completing the first full week of the second semester...

- We learned on Wednesday that HHS has been named the [2024 AFS-USA Global School of the Year](#). If that sounds like a big deal, well, it is. Each year, [AFS](#) recognizes one school “that demonstrates a commitment to cultural diversity, global competence, and curriculum internationalization as these practices are in alignment with the AFS-USA mission of creating a more just and peaceful world through intercultural learning and exchange.” Chosen from a national field, HHS can take great pride in an honor that reflects well on our whole school and community. This award belongs to all of us!
- [24 HHS students](#) participated in the [Harvard Model UN](#), the nation’s “oldest, largest, and most prestigious UN simulation for high school students” over the weekend. For three days, they represented China and Pakistan, while further developing their skills as leaders and peacemakers!
- A well-deserving HHS sophomore, [Ethan Warhaftig](#), was named the “Opry Award” winner for January; 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.
- Report cards were posted this morning.
- [Laura Da Silva](#), a junior, became the first HHS student nominated for “[Student of the Week](#)” honors in the Patriot Ledger’s new weekly poll.
- The music department delivered a terrific all-town chorus concert last night.
- There is no Photo of the Week winner to announce this week since this will be the first survey of the semester. [Please vote for your favorite photo!](#)



Looking ahead: Next week marks the third annual [HHS Unity Week](#), which will feature...

- Daily dress-up themes, including red-white-and-blue on Monday; purple (for [Maddie’s Promise](#)) on Tuesday; turquoise or blue (for the [Anna Quinlivan Scholarship](#) Fund) on Wednesday;

- orange (for [Nephcure](#)) on Thursday; and red on Friday;
- a visit from motivational speaker [Earl Granville](#), who will deliver whole-school assemblies on Monday 2/5;
- an Open Mic Night, sponsored by our music department, at 7 PM that evening;
- a special Ninth Grade Advisory session, delivered by older peer mentors, on Tuesday 2/6;
- a series of “Breathe Out” events, organized by a student club that focuses on mental health awareness, throughout the day on Wednesday 2/7;
- a presentation (“Allyship 101”) from our GSA after school on Thursday 2/8;
- HHS students visiting elementary schools to serve as guest readers on Friday 2/9;
- food drives to benefit the Hingham Food Pantry at home basketball games on the evenings of Tuesday 2/6 (the boys’ team vs. Silver Lake) and Friday 2/9 (the girls’ team vs. Duxbury); anyone who donates at least one non-perishable food item will be admitted to the game for free; and
- a movie night (free for HHS students) after the basketball game on Friday 2/9.

These events, planned by HHS students in several clubs, reflect the overarching vision of the HHS Unity Project, a student group that strives to ensure that our school community is characterized by its core values of Respect, Inclusion, Safety and Equity (RISE) for everybody.

Not to be overlooked:

- Next week is [National School Counseling Week](#) and, therefore, the perfect time to say THANK YOU to the incredible crew of [counselors](#) here at HHS.
- HHS will deliver its annual “Program of Studies Night” on Monday 2/12 at 6:30 PM. After introductory remarks about course selection in the auditorium, parents will have an opportunity to meet with department directors and coordinators in the school cafeteria. Student volunteers will provide building tours for any interested parents.
- Students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM on Wednesday 2/7 so teachers can spend the afternoon in professional development workshops.
- [Registration is open](#) for the preschool program run by the HHS Child Development classes. We still have a few openings, but they won’t last long!
- Seniors should take the time to explore the [many Town of Hingham scholarship opportunities](#). Applications must be submitted by 3 PM on Friday 3/8.

Registration remains open for the SAT, which will be offered at HHS during the school day for the first time on Friday 4/12 from 8 - 11 AM. The “SAT School Day” is for juniors only, completely optional, and requires an [online signup](#). Juniors who do not take the SAT that day will attend their regular classes; meanwhile, class absences for those who take the SAT will be considered exempt.

A reminder for parents about the [dismissal procedure](#) at HHS:

- If your student needs to be dismissed from school, please send them into school with a note that specifies the time of dismissal.
- Before school, your student should bring that note to either Ms. Griffin (located by Ms. Piantes’s office) or Ms. White (located by Ms. Nosek’s office) in order to acquire a dismissal slip.
- If there is an unexpected dismissal, you should 1) call Ms. Griffin (x2001) and 2) confirm the request in writing via email (pgriffin@hinghamschools.org) so she can then give the student a dismissal slip.
- At the appropriate dismissal time, students may leave the building after showing the dismissal slip to their teacher. It is not necessary for parents to come into the building to sign their

As announced last week, our counseling department has developed a [new infographic](#) that summarizes the many supports available to HHS students. Be sure to check it out!

Finally: With support from the [Gilder-Lerhman Institute of American History](#), HHS opened a [new pop-up exhibit](#) ("Frederick Douglass: Advocate for Equality") in the main lobby yesterday. May it inspire all of us to take up the unfinished work of a great freedom fighter, not only during Black History Month, but always.

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

Principal Swanson



Model UN

As the Harvard Model UN concluded, these HHS delegates represented a new generation of peacemakers. This should fill all of us with hope!



New Hockey Stick Rack

Reese Pompeo and her teammates are sure to score many goals with the sticks pulled from this new rack. All design and construction completed in the HHS woodshop, by HHS students, with expert supervision from a master craftsman and teacher, Mr. Malerbi!



Register to Vote

Among our School Improvement Goals this year: "Promote civic engagement for HHS students." Kudos to those who are answering the call!



Wrestling Recyclables

At HHS, it's always a bad idea to throw away something that could have been recycled or composted. Especially when the wrestlers are leading "Slash the Trash" efforts at lunch. This is what a Green Ribbon School looks like!



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HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL PHOTO OF THE WEEK FALL/WINTER



URBAN



BACK BAY



HEAVEN'S GATE



RED SNOW

CLICK TO VOTE

-UNITY WEEK 2024-

FUNDRAISING ALL WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL & AT LUNCH!

M
2/5

USA DAY!
WEAR **RED, WHITE, AND BLUE**
*In-school Earl Granville assemblies
and Open Mic Night at 7PM!*

TH
2/8

NEPHCURE / ALLYSHIP DAY
WEAR **ORANGE**
GSA presentation after school

T
2/6

MADDIE'S PROMISE
WEAR **PURPLE**
*9th grade advisory &
food drive at boys' basketball!*

F
2/9

HINGHAM PRIDE!
WEAR **RED**
*Reading to elementary schoolers,
food drive at girls' basketball!*
8PM Movie night in the auditorium!

W
2/7

ANNA QUINLIVAN / BREATHE OUT
WEAR **TEAL/BLUE**
Breathe Out Half-Day

PRIZES

FOR LUNCH TABLES WITH THE MOST SPIRIT!

**HINGHAM**
HIGH SCHOOL

Open Mic
NIGHT

MONDAY
FEB. 5TH
7 P.M.
HHS AUDITORIUM



MON **FEB 05**

OPEN MIC NIGHT

HHS AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M., GRADES 9-12

THURS **MARCH 7**

ALL-TOWN ORCHESTRA CONCERT

HMS AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M., GRADES 5-12

WED **MARCH 13**

ALL-TOWN BAND CONCERT

HHS GYM, 7 P.M., GRADES 5-12

TUES **MARCH 19**

HHS CHORUS TALENT EXPO

HHS AUDITORIUM, 7 P.M., GRADES 9-12

Need ACADEMIC HELP?

TRY PEER TUTORING

Click through to see a guide to all onsite and offsite *supports available* to Hingham High School Students.



TUES FEB **06** **MCAS**
BIOLOGY
RETEST

WED FEB **07** **EARLY**
RELEASE

WED FEB **08** **PTO**
MEETING

FEBRUARY **SPORTS CALENDAR**



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