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As we closed out the last week of the month...

- HHS officially received its [2024 AFS-USA Global School of the Year award](#) at a [ceremony in Washington DC](#) on Monday 3/25.
- All HHS students attended grade-level assemblies in conjunction with our third annual [Hingham CARES](#) Day on Tuesday.
- The Drama Club held auditions for its spring play, "*Much Ado About Nothing*," on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- All sophomores completed two days of ELA MCAS testing on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- The counseling department hosted its annual "[College Admissions Panel](#)" on Tuesday evening.
- All ninth- and eleventh-grade students completed the [Youth Risk Behavior Survey](#) (YRBS), administered annually, both here at HHS and at many other schools across the country, on Tuesday.
- [Ryan Chang '25](#) became the first HHS student in 15 years to compete as a finalist in the MA Association of Mathematics Olympiad Contest. Our school's impressive roster of semi-finalists included Tori Dell '26, Gabe Synnott '24, Ethan Warhaftig '26, Matteo Cobin '25, Parker Bradl '25, Tala Sanford '25, and Aidan Blanch '24.
- Max Papaleoni '24 won the Photo of the Week award for the theme Portraits. This was his 14th win, two away from the record of 16. If you have a moment, [you can vote in this week's survey for the theme "Second Nature."](#)



Looking ahead:

- Our athletic director, Jim Quatromoni, will be awarded the [NFHS](#) Citation Award at the annual [MSSADA](#) conference tonight.
- HHS will commemorate the annual Transgender Day of Visibility with a moment of silence on Monday 4/1.
- Our school will honor two of its most essential leaders, Mrs. Nosek and Mrs. Piantes, throughout Assistant Principals Week.
- Most of our spring sports teams will begin regular season play next week.

- HHS will pay tribute to some of its unsung heroes and heroines during Paraprofessional Appreciation Day on Wednesday 4/3.
- Students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM on Wednesday 4/3 so faculty members can spend the afternoon in professional development.
- The HHS math team will engage in playoff competition on Thursday 4/4.
- Our [PTO](#) will meet on the evening of Thursday 4/4.
- The fourth term will begin on Friday 4/5.
- The Student Council is planning a lip sync contest on Thursday 5/2 at 6:30 PM. Students who wish to participate can sign up [online](#). Proceeds will benefit [Maddie's Promise](#) and the [Anna Quinlivan Memorial Scholarship Fund](#).
- Although course selection is now behind us, there is still plenty of time for HHS students to explore participation in the [Global Citizenship Program](#) or one of our other "Pathways" programs in [Fine Arts](#) or [Technology Engineering](#) next year.
- Students looking for local community service opportunities can find many of them at [this website](#).

A message from AFS:

Join us on Tuesday, April 2, at 6:30 PM, in Room 103 at Hingham High School for an AFS Information Night. High school students and parents interested in learning about study abroad programs, or hosting an exchange student, are invited to attend. Local students who have participated, international students currently living in the area, and AFS volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions. It is a particularly exciting year as AFS has awarded HHS its prestigious Global High School distinction. Come learn first-hand how you can participate in some of their amazing programs. AFS is a leader in international student exchange with more than 75 years of experience. AFS offers more than 100 school year, semester, and summer programs in over 40 countries around the world and brings over 1200 students from 80 different countries to study in the US and live with local families for a semester or school year. AFS is a world-wide, nonprofit, volunteer-based organization with more than 3,000 US volunteers and 40,000 worldwide dedicated to the mission of building a more just and peaceful world through international, intercultural learning experiences. The event is free and open to the public. For more information on sending a student abroad, contact Kai Guo (kai.guo96@gmail.com) or Amy Hamilton (thehamiltonfamily@verizon.net). For hosting and general information, contact Deb Gallagher at dgAFS@yahoo.com or visit www.afsusa.org.

As noted in recent newsletters, our counseling department has developed a [new infographic](#) that summarizes the many supports available to HHS students. Be sure to check it out.

Finally, as we confront an ongoing mental health crisis that impacts all of us, students and families should know about the many options of support that now exist. For example: Anyone can 1) call or text the MA Behavioral Health Line (833-773-2445) to get connected with a trained clinician or peer coach; or 2) walk into a Community Behavioral Health Center (CBHC) to access immediate mental health crisis support, even without insurance. Learn more about these and other options [online](#).

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



Leaders In Global Education

A view from the stage in Washington DC, where Mrs. Pollard and Ms. Roth helped to explain how HHS became the 2024 AFS-USA Global School of the Year. Nobody has done more to bring home the award than these two superstars!



Hingham CARES Day

We're grateful to our Hingham CARES partners for making "Hingham CARES Day" an important HHS tradition. This week, all HHS students attended a grade-level assembly connected to health and wellness.



College Admissions Panel

Kudos to our counseling department for assembling a great panel of admissions counselors to speak at HHS. Among the key take-aways: It's not about the name or the prestige of the institution; it's about fit!



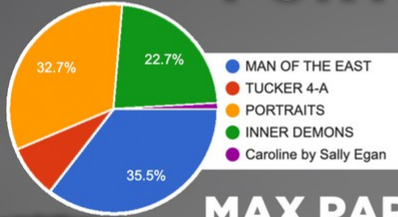
Ryan Chang

Congratulations to Ryan Chang '25, who recently competed as a finalist in the MA Association of Mathematics Olympiad Contest. He's the first HHS student to compete in the finals in 15 years, so this is a big deal!

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

PORTRAITS



MAX PAPALEONI has won the Photo of the Week for the theme **"PORTRAITS."**

This is MAX'S **15th** win.



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PHOTO OF THE WEEK SECOND NATURE



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SECOND NATURE

CLICK TO VOTE

Do You NEED TO TALK?



SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Counselors are trained to help students deal with issues that arise during high school. A counselor is there to listen and help you find answers to any question.

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

FRI	MAR 29	GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL	WED	APR 03	EARLY RELEASE 11:30	WED	APR 03	MARKS CLOSE TERM 3
THURS	APR 04	MUSIC DISNEY TRIP	THURS	APR 04	TERM 4 BEGINS	THURS	APR 04	PTO MEETING

MARCH SPORTS CALENDAR

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