



## HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### Broadcast

Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

Good afternoon,

I trust that this email finds you all well. Please see below updates from around the district and have a great day. Please also enjoy a very Happy Thanksgiving. School will return to session on Monday, November 28th.

#### **Illnesses**

Last Friday, I met with representatives from the Camden County Health Department, and while COVID data was not reported as an area of concern, there are alarming rates of flu transmission across the county. We will continue to be vigilant in our cleaning procedures, but **I would like to ask for your assistance** when calling your child out of school due to illness. When reporting your child, **please indicate their illness or type of symptoms such as Respiratory, GI, Flu, Covid, etc.** Providing this information will help our nursing staff continue to track health data internally and maintain proper anonymous reporting. A lesson learned over the last several years is the importance of school districts, families, and local agencies working together to share information so we can better monitor and track diseases.

#### **Community Engagement**

Finding ways to engage all parts of our community is a point of emphasis for the school district and the Board of Education. **Beginning in January 2023, all senior citizens (ages 65 & older) will be eligible for a lifetime all-access pass for all Haddon Township School District home events.** Senior Citizens can **register** for their pass by stopping at the Board of Education Building at 500 Rhoades Avenue between 9 am and 3:30 PM starting this Monday, November 28th. A driver's license or government ID must be presented to register for the pass, **providing cost-free admission to any home sporting event, musical, or type of production where admission would normally be charged.**  
(note: passes will not provide for high school graduation)

#### **Bond Referendum Update**

The Board of Education met several times last week to discuss plans for the bond referendum. After touring the facilities on foot, we decided that completing a more thorough "space study" would be helpful in determining our next steps. Essentially, **we want to ensure that we maximize the space we have before planning major construction projects.** Furthermore, we are engaging in discussions with the Diocese of Camden and have continued interest in acquiring the Holy Savior property for Prek-K Expansion. If we acquired and renovated Holy Savior, additional classrooms would not be planned at Van Sciver or Strawbridge. Lastly, because of some of the planned water remediation, additional steps may be required to ensure that projects are completed respectfully from an environmental standpoint. These steps can potentially push our timeline back, but we must

be diligent and thoughtful in our approach to exploring all options before committing to a scope of work planned. I appreciate your patience in this area and will keep you updated.

### **Thanksgiving**

Please consider joining us tomorrow at 11 am at Audubon High School to support our football team, cheer squad, band, and dance team as we take on the "Green Wave" in the 60th annual "Curley Cup." Our high school student body enjoyed a pep rally today to prepare for the game, and the team will aim for an upset victory after being inspired last night by the high school juniors' victory over the seniors in a competitive powder puff contest.

### **Midsummer Night's Dream**

On Saturday Evening, I had an opportunity to attend our Fall Play, a Midsummer Night's Dream. I want to take a moment to recognize the students who participated in this production and the staff who worked tirelessly to create another successful show. Our visual and performing arts department ("the department of awesome") continues to be a point of pride in Haddon Township, and it is always a pleasure to see the passion and dedication put forth in virtually every single stage production. Please join me in supporting the arts in December by attending our winter concert series.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent