

HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Broadcast

Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

I trust that this email finds you well. Please see the below updates from around the district and have a great weekend.

Concerts

I commend our Visual and Performing Arts Department for the excellent performances this week as part of our winter concert series. The collective preparation and dedication going into these performances were apparent, and seeing our students on stage is always inspiring. We also look forward to greeting parents for our elementary school concert series.

Herren Club

We often acknowledge students for many outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements, but we also have student clubs and individuals who distinguish themselves in the service of others. Most recently, high school students Brady Eagan and Kiera Dempsey were chosen for leadership positions in the National Herren Club Youth Ambassador Program. Since Chris Herren's visit to HTHS more than a year ago, this club and students haven't stopped in their commitment to education and prevention. Now, Brady (President) and Kiera (Ambassador) can also make additional leadership contributions outside the Haddon Township Community. Here is a <u>link</u> to the Herren Project Youth Ambassador Program.

Athletics Live Stream and More

We are excited to announce that the varsity winter sports games played in the lower gym will be broadcast live-streamed via Hudl technology. Recently, a fixed camera was positioned in the gym, and our maintenance and technology teams have completed a successful implementation. Please stay tuned for updates from our athletic department on where various live stream events can be viewed ie) youtube, Hudl, etc. **There will be no cost or subscription required to watch our live-stream events**. Furthermore, our athletic department will soon sell sponsorship packages for our digital scorer's table for basketball and wrestling matches. If you happen to be part of a business that may be interested in advertising in our lower gym venue, please contact Mr. George at teqorge@htsd.us. **Note: Thank You, First Community Bank, for signing up as our first sponsor**.

Care Solace

The holiday season is a time for togetherness and joy, but it can sometimes bring unwelcome guests, like stress and grief. Some of us may be experiencing the holidays without a loved one or balancing endless to-do lists from shopping to entertainment. **We encourage you to note our Care Solace resource** so you can easily reference it should you or a family member need help. Care Solace helps locate mental health care providers, is confidential, and is free of charge to all faculty, students, and Haddon Township School District families.

Call 888-515-0595 anytime or visit <u>www.caresolace.com/haddon</u> and either search on your own or click "Book Appointment" for assistance by video chat, email, or phone.

Parking

As we approach our popular elementary school winter concerts, please consider that parking will be limited around each neighborhood elementary school. Still, everyone must be considerate of all of our safety measures and residential neighbors. At no time should anyone ever park in an area with a yellow curb, nor should you encroach on a resident's driveway. These actions will cause severe risks and blind spots for automotive and residential traffic. Most recently, I learned about a risk in the Jennings neighborhood near Craft and Cedar Avenues. When individuals with oversized vehicles park on both sides of the street, it will not leave room for an emergency vehicle to enter the area should we need one. Please note these concerns when visiting our schools this week, and plan to arrive early so you have plenty of time to find a safe and legal parking spot, which may require you to park a little further away.

Thank You- Van Sciver PTA

I am pleased to acknowledge such a significant contribution from the Van Sciver School PTA for the recent addition of new parts of our playground that have been fully installed. As part of this gift, students now have swings and other play equipment, including handicapaccessible and ADA-compliant components. Special thanks to parent Mr. Mike Luke for his meticulous planning throughout the last several years, Vice President Ms. Brooke Martin, and President Melissa Knoerzer for leadership in this area. Please see the photos attached.

Congratulations, Mr. Tom!

Yesterday, Mayor Randy Teague visited Strawbridge School and presented school custodian Mr. Tom Springer with a distinguished service award as part of a school-wide assembly. This award was unique because it was 100% student-driven and resulted from an unsolicited student letter on Mr. Tom's behalf for his positive interactions and dedication to performing his duties so meaningfully, which impacted the students. Thank you also to Mayor Teague for taking the time out of his busy schedule to visit our school and present the award.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent