



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Broadcast

Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

Good Morning; I trust this email finds you well and that you enjoyed another productive week. It is my pleasure to provide you with the following updates below to summarize information shared at last night's meeting of the Board of Education. The meeting can also be viewed in its entirety on our youtube page or by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYUqFOoU0KY>

Retirement

After 38 years of excellent and dedicated service to students, the Board accepted Mr. Jon Gluckman's notice of retirement, effective at the end of this school year. Please join me in applauding Mr. Gluckman's career and a cohort of his high school colleagues in their final year of service. Attached to this email is a recent photo of the majority of this year's HTHS retirees from last week's retirement celebration. It has been an honor working alongside such as group who have dedicated their professional lives to our school community (missing from the photo are Steve Cossaboon and Mary Ellen Nardi)

Herren Wellness Walk

HTHS student Brady Eagan has organized a Wellness Walk scheduled for June 10th at 10 am at the Haddon Township High School Track. Following last year's student assembly, Brady was selected as a Herren Wellness Ambassador and has organized this walk as part of his passion project. Please consider joining us and bringing the family. Food, drinks, and activities will be included. Congratulations to HTHS students and staff recently featured in the Herren Project's National Newsletter; great job, folks!

<https://herrenproject.org/haddon-township-school/>

Thank You

Many parents of incoming kindergarten students joined us on Wednesday Evening for an informational session. Special thanks to Mrs. Shorter and Kindergarten staff, represented by Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Royster, who spoke about next year's program. A video recording of the presentation and discussion can be found below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkS9yFfXEY0>

Special thanks also to volunteers from the Philadelphia Office of the Secret Service, who presented to elementary and middle school parents this week on the topic of internet safety.

Rohrer Middle School Planning

Members of the middle school administration continue to plan for the end-of-year promotion ceremony, where all families will receive (4) tickets to the promotion to avoid overcrowding. Tentative plans and discussions regarding next year's structures are also occurring. After receiving feedback about how students can often feel isolated on teams, **we are strongly considering eliminating the teaming structure in 7th and 8th grade to provide the most inclusive school environment possible for all students.** The teaming structure will continue for incoming 6th-grade students to assist with a transitional year into middle school.

World Language

As you may be aware, we have an HS staff vacancy for the position of Latin teacher, which is proving extremely difficult to fill with a quality candidate. **As an alternative to Latin, we are considering transitioning to offer Mandarin as the 4th language.** Mandarin may provide opportunities for students who aspire to a career in international business, and some other south jersey schools have moved in this direction with recent success. However, please be assured that if we make this transition, arrangements will be made to facilitate Latin for remaining students through an online or alternative platform, so please stay tuned.

Artificial Intelligence In the fall, I plan on assembling a focus group of teachers and community members to discuss how artificial intelligence will influence the future of education. **ChatBots such as ChatGPT and other online options can significantly enhance learning and careers but represent significant risks to many traditional components of conventional schooling,** such as homework, assessment, creative writing, etc.

What's Ahead/Check Our Website/Mark Your Calendars

May 18, 2023- Promenade/ Prom

May 23, 2023 - Academic Dinner

May 25, 2023- Health Standards Meeting

May 25, 2023- Elementary Spring Concert

May 30, 2023 - Middle School Concert

June 1, 2023 - HS Arts Senior Banquet

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June 2, 2023 - 8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance

June 6, 2023 - Art Extravaganza

June 7, 2023 - Rise Up Softball Tournament

June 8, 2023- Pride Parade/ Sports Awards

June 9, 2023 - Senior Awards Assembly

June 10, 2023- Herren Wellness Walk

June 12, 2023 - Baccalaureate

June 15, 2023 - 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

June 15, 2023 - BOE Meeting

June 16, 2023 - 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

June 16, 2023 - HS Graduation

June 19, 2023- Juneteenth/School and Central Offices Closed-Summer Rec Begins

Have a great weekend, and thank you very much for your continued support!

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent