

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Haverhill Public Schools

2019-2020
Fall

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR. MARGARET MAROTTA

We are so very fortunate to have a strong base of parental support in our school district. This shared responsibility for student success is the foundation of all that we do.

Parental involvement is highly encouraged and is truly valued by all staff. The National Education Association (NEA) once stated in a policy brief that *"The research is clear, consistent, and convincing: Parent, family, and community involvement in education correlates with higher academic performance and school improvement. When schools, parents, families, and communities work together to support learning, students tend to earn higher grades, attend school more regularly, stay in school longer, and enroll in higher level programs."*

The digital tools we have to keep the lines of communication open are vast. Our parent portal, the School Messenger system, website, email and newsletters are just some of the tools used to communicate home. However, this remote method of communication shouldn't replace the parental involvement and engagement needed at the school level.

There are many opportunities for families to get involved and be part of the educational conversation. Please consider joining the PTO, the school Site Council, chaperone a school event or field trip, attend each parent teacher conference, be on the sidelines of a school sponsored sporting event or in a seat at school play or concert. Please know that I understand the challenges that families face every day. The demands of work and family obligations don't always give us the means and opportunity to participate.

There are other ways to show your support. I encourage you to ask open ended questions to your child about their day. *Who did you sit with at lunch today? Tell me about the best part of your school day today! What made you feel proud today? What are you reading in school? What kind of questions did you ask today? Tell me something you learned today that you didn't know when you woke up this morning.*

Please continue to support the efforts of our schools and teachers to grow what I hope will be your child's lifelong love of learning.

I thank you in advance for your support,

Warmest Regards,

Margaret



Team Building

The students in Ms. DiTonno's 3rd grade class at Pentucket Lake Elementary School participated in a team building activity on August 30th where they learned about the connections they share with each other.

Featured Artists



Lilliana
Tilton Elementary School - K



Kasey
Haverhill High School—Grade 11

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MCAS ANNOUNCEMENT

The results of last spring's Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exams have been released. In Haverhill and across the state there are improvements over last year. I am proud to announce that for the first time since the revised accountability system in 2012, every school in our district is recognized as meeting targets. What that means is not one of our schools was deemed to be in need of intervention or state assistance or oversight by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). While there is still work to do, I am pleased with our new status and I truly thank our teachers and students for their hard work and effort.

Parents/Guardians will be receiving their child's scores by late October. For more information on the next-generation MCAS, please visit

www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/parents/results-faq.html.

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Senior Events
Class of 2020

Kindergarten Registration
Class of 2033

ALICE Training

Special Education PAC

Gold Club Card

Commissioner Riley Visits Hillie Nation!

Every day we come to work to provide our students the best experiences we can to engage them and provide them access to the skills and opportunities necessary to reach their dreams. I want to thank Commissioner Jeffrey Riley for visiting Haverhill High School to discuss his plans to support teaching and learning and leverage the state's resources to provide all students a world class education.

Commissioner Riley has proposed a set of plans described as **Deeper Learning** that provide real world learning experiences for all students. This initiative is to secure partners who will support teachers in building partnerships. It is his hope, that fully implemented, this plan will reenergize schools, inspire teachers and excite learning for all students.

Many of these experiences already exist in pockets in our schools and across the state. Commissioner Riley is looking to support teachers and administrators through partnerships that will grow these experiences so that every student is engaged and has access and opportunities to prepare them for their college and career choice.

We were positively thrilled and honored that he chose Hillie Nation to share his initiative!

For more info:
www.doe.mass.edu/deeperlearning/



Left to Right: Mr. Glenn Burns, Representative Christina Minicucci, Ms. Megan DesAutels, Attorney Richard Rosa, Ms. Melinda Barrett, Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardiello, Mayor James Fiorentini, Commissioner Jeffrey Riley, Dr. Margaret Marotta, Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, Representative Andy Vargas, Ms. Gail Sullivan



Commissioner Jeffrey Riley

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education



Did you know we have 759 students participating in our English Language Education program?



Their native languages are Albanian, Chinese, Dinka, French, Greek, Gujarati, Hindi, Khmer, Filipino, Pushtu/Pashtu, Quechua, Shona, Somali, Arabic, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Portuguese and Spanish.

Communications

Parent & Student Portal Login

The Parent Portal is an excellent resource for students, parents and guardians. Once in the portal you will be able to view: Current Assignments, Attendance, Behavior, Class Grades, Report Cards, Progress Reports, Calendar, Schedule and more. Please be sure your contact information is accurate with your children's school(s) **prior** to emailing the address below, as the Portal Support staff does not have the ability to verify and add contact information to the system. Each school has direct access to both verify and validate your contact information. Login information can only be sent to the email address on file.

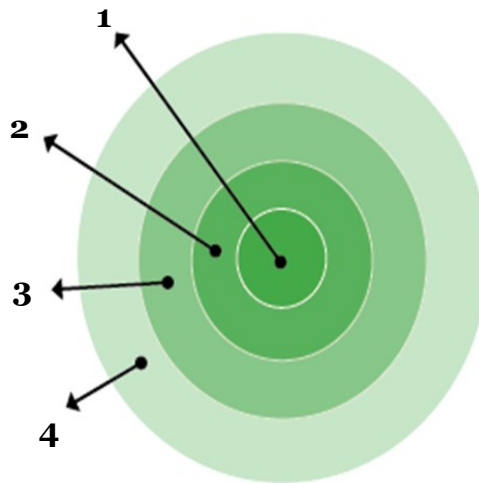
Need help? Email Support at portalsupport@haverhill-ps.org. Please have the following included in any email to Portal Support:

1. Parent/Guardian Full name
2. Full name of child(ren)
3. Full email address (be sure to contact Portal Support from this same email)
4. Your child(ren)'s Grade Level(s) and School(s)
5. Detailed explanation of issue

Attendance Matters

My Family's Help Bank—Who are they?

1. **My Family:** List who lives in your house.
2. **Everyday Helpers:** Identify who you can call on to help drop your child off or who can pick him or her up when you cannot. These are people like friends, neighbors and relatives who can help regularly.
3. **Occasional Helpers:** Identify people who probably cannot help every day, but can help in a pinch. Maybe it's a godparent, a relative or a friend who lives outside your neighborhood but can be there for short stints.
4. **Potential Helpers:** Identify people who are part of your school community, church or neighborhood who are able to help—if you ask.



Pre-planning:

Life is unpredictable and that is why we should always plan for the unexpected. Please take a moment to identify individuals who can help ensure your student gets to school even when emergencies come up.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

BRADFORD K-4
978-374-2443

CONSENTINO MIDDLE 5-8
978-374-5775

GOLDEN HILL K-4
978-374-5794

GREENLEAF ACADEMY 6-12
978-374-3487

HHS 9-12
978-374-5700 MAIN

HUNKING K-8
978-374-5787

MOODY PRE-K
978-374-3459

NETTLE MIDDLE 5-8
978-374-5792

PENTUCKET LAKE K-4
978-374-2421

SILVER HILL K-5
978-374-3448

TEACH AT BARTLETT K-12
978-469-8735

TILTON LOWER K-3
978-374-3475

TILTON UPPER 4-6
978-374-3482

WALNUT SQUARE K-2
978-374-3471

J.G. WHITTIER MIDDLE 5-8
978-374-5782

**CENTRAL OFFICE
AT CITY HALL**
978-374-3400

SPECIAL EDUCATION
978-374-3435

**REGISTRATION CENTER
AT BURNHAM**
978-420-1951

**TRANSPORTATION DEPT.
AT BURNHAM**
978-420-1921

UPCOMING EVENTS:



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
BRADFORD ELEMENTARY PICTURE DAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
HHS TERM I PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED IN PARENT PORTAL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH THRU FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
HHS SPIRIT WEEK

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
CONSENTINO FALL DANCE 6:00 –8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
EARLY RELEASE STUDENTS
STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
K-8 PROGRESS REPORTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
NO SCHOOL—COLUMBUS DAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
HHS SUPPER CLUB

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
SITE COUNCIL TRAINING
ALL SCHOOLS
HHS LIBRARY 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
TILTON UPPER AND LOWER SCHOOLS
FAMILY NIGHT
AT CRESCENT FARMS
5:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.
RAIN DATE: OCTOBER 28TH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
HHS TERM II BEGINS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
ELECTION DAY
STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
HHS TERM I REPORT CARDS
ISSUED IN PARENT PORTAL AFTER 3:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH 7:00 P.M.
SAT., NOVEMBER 9TH 2:00 & 7:00 P.M.
HHS FALL PLAY
THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH
RUN TO OVERCOME 5K
GREENLEAF ACADEMY—10:00 A.M.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
NO SCHOOL - VETERANS' DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
HHS PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 6:00 P.M.—7:30 P.M.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
HHS WINTER SPORTS SEASON BEGINS

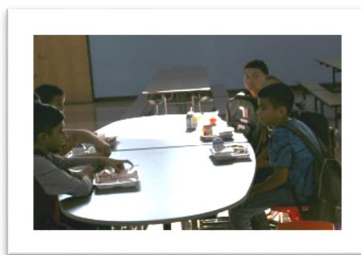
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH
EARLY RELEASE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
NO SCHOOL
THANKSGIVING RECESS

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR SCHOOL AND ON THE DISTRICT WEBPAGE CALENDAR FOR ADDITIONAL DATES AND EVENTS

FREE MEALS

ALL STUDENTS, ALL SCHOOLS 2019-2020



We are pleased to inform you that Haverhill Public Schools will be providing ALL students with free lunch and breakfast this school year. We are able to do this because we have a large percentage of students that qualify for Free and Reduced Price Meals and this allows us to implement a new program called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Studies have shown that children who are not hungry perform better in school. By providing lunch to all children at no charge, we are hoping to create a better learning environment for our students. The school breakfasts and lunches that we serve follow U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME AND MY STUDENTS?

All students enrolled in HPS are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the 2019-2020 school year. No further action is required. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application.

DO I STILL NEED TO COMPLETE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE LUNCH FORMS?

No, but we are asking you to complete a new form. Our school is eligible to receive additional state and federal funds based on the number and/or percentage of students enrolled who reside in households that meet established federal income guidelines. We use the CEP Alternate Household Income form or CEP Alternate Household Income form – Spanish to collect relevant information. The application also helps our district qualify for education funds and discounts, please help our district by completing and submitting the form. The School Breakfast and Lunch Programs cannot succeed without your support; please encourage your children to participate in the school meal programs. We are particularly hoping to increase participation in the breakfast program. Mornings can be hectic and making sure your kids eat a healthy breakfast can be difficult in the thick of the A.M. rush. Fortunately, a nutritious, balanced and free meal is offered in school at the start of each day! It's fun, easy, and provides your children with the fuel they need to energize their day and perform their very best. So don't let them run on empty...give school breakfast a try today! If you have any questions about the program please feel free to contact us at 978-374-3423.

TOM O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

It is an exciting time for Haverhill High School Athletics. The fall seasons are off to a great start and there are over 400 student-athletes participating on 22 teams.

For the first time in 20 years, Haverhill High School is not charging a fee to participate in sports. Since 1999, there have been user fees in place and in some years the fee was as high as \$300. This was a burden on families and as a result students often did not participate. With no user fees, it is anticipated that participation rates will increase and more students will be involved.

There have been significant upgrades to the athletic facilities. The Charles C. White pool received over \$20,000 in upgrades including a new diving board and starting blocks. In May, the new softball/multi-purpose field opened at the high school. This is a state-of-the-art, synthetic turf field that is home to our soccer and field hockey teams this fall. It is also used by our physical education classes and community groups. This fall, construction will begin on a new track and field complex at the high school.



Haverhill High School sponsors a broad-based athletics program, offering **36** sports programs and fielding over **57** different teams. All programs are also governed by rules of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA).

Fall Season

Cheerleading (Football)	Cross-Country, B/G
Crew, B/G	Football, (V/JV/FR)
Field Hockey, (V/JV)	Soccer, B/G, (V/JV)
Golf (V/JV)	Volleyball, G (V/JV/FR)
Swimming, G	

Winter Season

Basketball, B/G (V/JV/FR)	Wrestling (V/JV)
Ice Hockey, B (V/JV), G (V)	Skiing, B/G
Swimming, B	Indoor Track, B/G
Cheerleading (Basketball)	Gymnastics

Spring Season

Baseball, (V/JV/FR)	Softball, (V/JV/FR)
Tennis, B/G	Track and Field, B/G
Volleyball, B (V/JV)	Lacrosse, B/G, (V/JV)
Crew, B/G	

Unified Basketball and Unified Track and Field– Co-educational

Haverhill High School sponsors a Unified Basketball team and a Unified Track and Field team. These teams are supported by the MIAA and by the Special Olympics, and brings together students with and without intellectual abilities. These teams will be competing against other schools in the Merrimack Valley Conference.



Photos Courtesy of Marilyn Caradonna

Haverhill Public Schools Mission Statement

The Haverhill Public School system is dedicated to ensuring each learner meets or exceeds rigorous academic standards to become citizens with integrity, skills, and the resources to succeed in the global community.

Employment Opportunities

- ⇒ **Haverhill-ps.org**
- ⇒ **Departments**
- ⇒ **Human Resources**
- Current Job Postings**

Job vacancies and postings for all positions are available on our website. Job opportunities are posted as vacancies become available and will remain on the website until positions are filled. Applicants may access application information and forms from our website or visit the Human Resource Office at the School Department located at 4 Summer Street Room 104, Haverhill, MA 01830

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HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Haverhill School Committee Approved Meeting Schedule

Thursday, October 10th

Thursday, October 24th

Thursday, November 21st

Thursday, December 12th

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr., City Council Chambers, City Hall, Four Summer Street, Room 202, Haverhill, MA



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