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Superintendent Newsletter “Under New Management”!

As of the 7th of April, the superintendent newsletter has a few new faces joining the team. Going forward, the Superintendent Newsletter will be run by the superintendent’s new communications interns! The newsletter will have a new lens on the topics discussed and (hopefully) a fresh and exciting new writing style. The goal of the new help is to assist in the modernization of the newsletter and to make it more exciting and interactive for readers.

A New Way to Receive/Read Superintendent Newsletter!

As of the 7th of April, two new ways of receiving the Superintendent Newsletter will be made available. The Newsletter can be accessed through Instagram by searching @hps.newsletter and through Facebook by searching HPS Newsletter. The social media account’s direct messages will be open to the public so that new ideas can be shared. The new accounts are run by the superintendent’s communications interns and managed by the superintendent.

HES 5th Grader Zachary Bisson Places First in Geography Bee - Heading to National Competition in Virginia

5th grader, **Zachary Bisson**, competed in the regional geography bee in Bedford, New Hampshire this weekend and placed 1st for his grade level. The program, run by International Academic Competitions (IAC) is a worldwide competition whose international finals are held in Quebec. As a result of his success in NH, he'll be headed to Virginia this summer to compete in the US national competition. Zachary's mother was overjoyed by his success. "He rarely shows pride in himself, winning the bee got him to say that he's proud of himself," she said. Competing against students from all over New England, Zachary's victory is certainly a shining reflection of his abilities. When interviewing Zachary's social studies and English teacher, Mr. Joshua Driver, he said that Zachary's 4th-grade teacher told him about his unprecedented knowledge of world geography. "I immediately thought of Zachary, and contacted his mother to see if this would be something he'd be interested in," said Driver when he was informed about the competition. Of course, Zachary was interested, after all, he had, "been a geography 'wiz since he was 2 years old," said Zachary's mother. The first step, a qualifying online pre-test, took him a total of 8 minutes, he said. "If I took it on my own computer it would've only taken seven minutes," Zachary said jokingly. Driver told us that almost as soon as he aced the pre-test the organizers contacted him to tell him that Zachary was going to move on to the next round. Both Zachary's mom and Mr. Driver are very proud of him and all of his accomplishments. We all wish him the best of luck in Virginia!



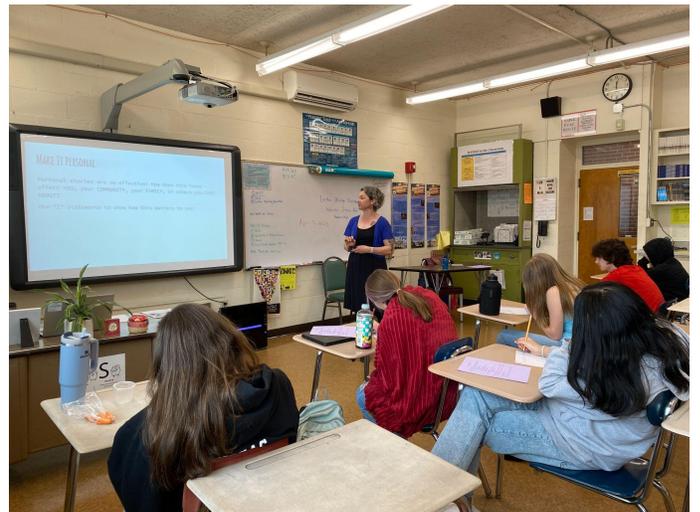
HA Spanish Teacher Goes the Extra Mile

At the start of the 2022-23 school year, a new Spanish teacher joined the Hopkins community. **Camillo Fiore**, simply known as Profe to the student body, has been an amazing new addition to the school. Senora Fitzgibbons, Hopkins' previous full-time Spanish teacher is moving on to bigger projects. She was promoted to head of the World Language Department and is starting elementary programs to begin teaching younger children a new language earlier. "Profe has been a great addition to our staff. I am very excited about the upcoming course, Spanish language for service learning," Fitzgibbons said. Profe has stood out to students as well. "He is a teacher that you can trust with anything," said one of his Spanish III students. His classroom is often seen as a "safe space" for anyone, whether they're a seventh grader finding their footing, or a senior just dropping by. Another described Profe as approachable and "like a friend." Profe has already made a great impression on the school and is surely a valuable addition to Hopkins Academy.



Hopkins Academy Welcomes Amherst College Writing Center Director for Yearlong Civics Project

As part of this year's Civics Project, the 8th-grade civics students participated in a letter-writing workshop led by **Jessica Kem**, the Director of the Writing Center at Amherst College. Students learned how to write official-sounding letters during the workshop, and by the end were formatting their letters to government officials with ideas about how to make Route 9 safer for the community. Thanks to Jessica Kem for helping to build real-world skills that students can now use to better the world around them! If you would like to learn more about the program, feel free to reach out to the 8th-grade Civics teacher, Mrs. Ruth Barba.



HA Drama Students Wow Audience With Their Performance of *The Revolutionists*

The HA Drama Club this week proudly put on their rendition of *The Revolutionists*. The play, a witty, inspiring, and thought-provoking piece, uplifted audiences to standing ovations Friday and Saturday night. Actors **Rocky Bouthet**, **Priscilla Cruz**, **Alma Gorman**, and **Lucy Howard** impressed audiences with their dramatic and superb performances. “When you are getting ready to perform you are putting hours and hours into memorization,” said Cruz. “Not just the words but also who your character is. Initially, it was hard to get into the character but when I got the costume it clicked.” Cruz, who played the character of Marianne, had practiced alongside their colleagues after school almost every day for months leading up to the performance. “There is a lot of pressure going into the performance, especially on opening night. You don’t know how the audience is going to react, but the experience is totally worth it.” These actors definitely have a future in theater if they choose to pursue it. In addition to the acting, drama club students handled lighting, refreshments, and set design under the direction of stage managers Sara Wright and Ri Horgan. Drama club co-advisors, Ms. Lanham and Ms. Sylvia coached the students to success. Well done HA Drama Club!



Rocky Bouthet (left), as Marie Antoinette and Priscilla Cruz (right), as Marianne



Priscilla Cruz, Alma Gorman, Lucy Howard, and Rocky Bouthet

Positive Feedback

An HES parent sent the following email to STEAM Lab teacher, **Ms. Krishnan**:

I just wanted to reach out to tell you all about my child's excitement and enthusiasm regarding the Math group. They're very thrilled to be challenged and very happy about getting to learn more about complicated fraction operations. They were so hyped up that they couldn't stop wondering about what other challenges will be there in that paper/assignment that they still haven't completed.

I am very thankful for your efforts and initiative once again. Not to mention the challenge word tests in the class and especially the STEAM Lab on Mondays.

All this keeps them upbeat and gives them a lot of motivation and confidence. Thank you all again. It means a lot to us as parents to see your interest in our child's well-being. Greatly appreciate your hard work and passion.

Check Out the HA Library Newsletter

Learn about happenings at Hopkins, book clubs, and great book recommendations in the [HA Library Newsletter](#)

Exciting Opportunity for HA Juniors and Seniors

The Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts will be hosting its annual Careers in Accounting and Management Professions (C.A.M.P) program from **Sunday, July 23 through Friday, July 28, 2023**. This is a 1-week program to help introduce the various careers in accounting and other management-related fields to underrepresented high school students in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The program is free to all accepted students, including on-campus housing in the Commonwealth Honors College Residential Area as well as meals.

Enclosed please find an informational [flier](#) including a QR code to access the online application. Please note that completed applications should include a letter of recommendation, and the student's most recent high school transcript. The online portion of the application is due by May 22, 2023, and all other materials needed to complete the application should be emailed to jgreen@isenberg.umass.edu no later than May 30, 2023.

Stop by Ms. Cyr's office for more information.

Hadley Mothers' Club Updates

Hadley Mothers' Club meeting on April 12th, 6:30, Hadley Library, childcare available on site. Topic will be our own Jennifer Lapis, U.S. Fish and Wildlife. She will be speaking about the Fort River division and ways people can use the area, and bring examples of educational resources that people can use with kids.

HES Student Council Updates

Monday, April 24th through Friday, May 5th the HES Student Council will be running a collection for Dakin Humane Society. They will be collecting new toys and treats for cats and dogs. Students can put any donations in the collection bag in their classrooms. The class that collects the most donations will win free time in the gym. The student council thanks all donors for helping animals in need.

Edward Hopkins Foundation Open Houses

Join the Edward Hopkins Educational Foundation at the former Goodwin Memorial Library on April 15th from 11 am to 1 pm to view Hopkins Academy history. Please see the attached [flier](#) for more information.

Support the Friends of Hadley Preschool!

Silent Auction & Raffle and the Preschool Show

The Friends of Hadley Preschool is hosting a Silent Auction and Raffle on May 18, 2023. We are seeking donations from our school community. We are accepting donations in any form: sentimental items, gifts of services or experiences, gift certificates or a monetary donation.

Not sure what you would like to donate? Check out our [list of basket ideas](#)! Making a donation to this event will raise money to keep tuition rates low, help families that may need financial assistance, and provide supplies and enrichment for the preschool students.

All District Notifications Made Possible through the Generosity of the Hadley Mothers' Club

The **Hadley Mothers Club** provides funding every year for the district notification system. Their generosity makes it possible for the district to provide important messages to students and families via email, phone, and text messages. Thank you Hadley Mothers Club.



Town News and Events

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