



# HADDONFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

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### Tuition Program Open House

Recently, the Tuition Program had its Open House at HMHS. This was the most successful one yet where close to a hundred people were in attendance. Students, administration, and teachers were all present to provide an overview of the school's programs and to answer questions. Students also presented and gave tours of the high school facilities. Overall, there was much positive feedback in regard to our schools and Open House program.

### Girls' Tennis Team Wins State Championships- Make History



Last week, Haddonfield's Girls' Tennis Team made History, winning both the singles and doubles state titles. This was the first time any school in New Jersey has won both these championships in the same year. Junior, Taylor Ng won the state singles title while senior,

Catherine Senopoulus and sophomore, Victoria Martinez won the doubles state championship. Along with this momentous achievement for Haddonfield's Girls Tennis, Coach Jeff Holman also had his own historic moment. Coach Holman was inducted this past weekend into the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Hall of Fame for his achievements as a scholastic tennis coach. The USTA sanctions tennis tournaments such as the U.S. Open. Congratulations Girls Tennis team members and Coach Holman!



### Faculty Achievement

On November 5, 2011, Mr. Chuck Klaus will be enshrined into the South Jersey Wrestling Hall of Fame. This is a prestigious honor that few in the wrestling community receive. Mr. Klaus is being honored for his successful coaching career in wrestling for Haddonfield School District and his success as a wrestler for Haddon Township and Boston University.

### Romeo and Juliet- Great Performance!

This past weekend the Haddonfield Drama students gave great performances of an adaptation of William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. The students excelled with their passionate displays of Shakespearean verse. Many people commented about the



outstanding, in-depth character acting and how the students stayed within their individual roles. A job well done by Ms. Cindy Lefler, who wrote the play, Mr. Glading and the Drama students.

## Exploring Engineering Partnerships

The school district is exploring University Engineering partnerships with both Drexel University Engineering School and Rowan University Engineering School. The District is in the process of expanding its partnership with Drexel University whereby Haddonfield students will have the opportunity to go through an *Introduction to Engineering* course/program. This university level engineering program will prepare high school students to become successful college/university engineering students along with providing a setting in which they can learn about various engineering careers. Part of this program will involve an on-line component (hybrid course) in which students will study on-line along with attending lectures and participating in field studies. In addition, the district is investigating partnering with Rowan University Engineering School. Some of the areas being explored include a possible Summer Engineering Camp for Elementary and Middle School students along with an integration and enhancement of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) curricula into various grade levels. Also, collaboration with possible community entities in regard to Engineering Applications and Designs are being discussed.

## Lockdown Drills/Emergency Procedures

Due to a couple of incidents at the beginning of this school year, please be advised that in future Lockdown situations there will be ONE message sent out as to the nature of the Lockdown via text messaging. In this initial communication, you will be directed to our District Website for more information. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL or APPROACH THE SCHOOL BUILDING during a Lockdown. This interferes with the safety of our students and staff and the Lockdown procedures that are in place, including the involvement of emergency personnel and communications. If you have not yet signed up to be a part of the text messaging emergency notification or you are having issues receiving these messages, please contact your building principal.

The Tiers of Lockdowns are the following-

- **Tier I** The School Buildings are Locked Down. No one can either enter or leave the school buildings. However, normal operations occur with the school buildings.
- **Tier II** The School Buildings are Locked Down and students remain in their classrooms. No one is permitted in the hallways. Instruction still occurs within the classrooms.
- **Tier III** The School Buildings are in FULL Lockdown. No one enters or leaves the buildings. Students and staff follow Lockdown procedures within their classrooms.



## **Professional Development Week**

This is a reminder that schools will be closed the week of November 7-11. During this week, teachers will be engaged in a variety of professional development opportunities in order to support school district goals. In-district training includes advanced Critical Thinking teaching strategies, technology learning, school climate, HIB, and respective curricular seminars.

## **Anti-Bullying Legislation**

October 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> was designated by the State of New Jersey as *Week of Respect* as per new Anti-Bullying legislation. Parent visitations occurred during this week in addition to student activities at various building levels, involving accepting diversity and encouraging positive choices. Students and staff have been updated in regard to the new legislation that requires schools to investigate and report bullying alleged incidents. Anti-Bullying liaisons have been appointed for all of the schools including a liaison for the entire school district. Incidents of alleged bullying incidents are being reported via new mandated policy forms. Our HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying) Policy can be found on our district's website.

## **No Place for Hate- High School and Middle School**

HMHS and HMS were recently named *No Place for Hate* schools by the Anti-Defamation League, recognizing the schools' commitment toward promoting respect for diversity and implementing anti-bias initiatives. Students had to complete three projects over the 2010-2011 school year in order to receive this

recognition. HMHS and HMS are only the second and third schools in South Jersey to be designated as *No Place for Hate* schools.

## **New BOE Member**

We would like to welcome Dr. Andrew Berlin to the Board of Education. Andrew is the husband of Dorit Berlin and the father of two children who attend school in the district. The Berlin family relocated to Haddonfield in January, 2010 from San Jose, California. Dr. Berlin is an entrepreneur who develops software and biomedical devices, and is the owner of the software development company Applied Voices LLC. As an inventor, he holds 67 U.S. patents and has worked in areas ranging from cancer research to DNA sequencing. He has served on boards in both government and corporate settings, including the board that oversees the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the board of directors of the Micro Electro Mechanical Systems (MEMS) Industry Association, and various non-profit and corporate boards in the electronics and biotechnology industries.

## **Future Board Meetings**

October 27, 2011 - HMHS Library, 7:30 p.m.

November 17, 2011- HMHS Library, 7:30 p.m.

December 15, 2011 – HMHS Library, 7:30 p.m.