

**Friday, February 1, 2019**

**As we count the minutes until kickoff...**

1. The next **Freshman Advisory** session is scheduled for **Tuesday** (Feb. 5th) during the **second half of E Block**. At that same time, all **juniors** will be called to the auditorium for an annual **counseling assembly**. Teachers of juniors should accompany their classes to the assembly to help provide supervision. The advisory schedule was sent out to advisors (and others directly impacted by it) earlier in the week but is also attached here.
2. Next **Wednesday** is a late start for **professional development**. As you may recall, we'll get to welcome two speakers (Kimm Topping and Jason Wheeler) from DESE's "**Safe Schools**" program. They'll offer strategies for helping us to ensure that HHS is a safe and welcoming place for LGBTQ students.
3. Two of our seniors, **Billy Johnston** and **Kira Maguire**, traveled to HMS on Wednesday morning to speak to the entire sixth-grade class on the subject of determination. Later that day, a middle school teacher had this to say: "I can not tell you how impressed I am with Kira and Billy!!! Those two are everything that you want in your school, your community and the Class of 2019. They spoke about being determined.....and they have me ready to run through a brick wall for anything right now!!!! Hingham High School should be proud to have such great role models and leaders! Thanks for sending them down, it was amazing!" To all the HHS teachers who have helped and inspired the two of them along the way: Well done!
4. In case you missed the biggest (and best!) news of the year: **Rorie Malerbi** proposed to **Lora Kelley** last weekend...and Lora said yes! There's plenty of magic in the air around here, and this is the latest evidence. Congratulations to two of the nicest people we'll ever have the privilege to know. They make an amazing couple! (And, yes, this section of the memo required three - well, make it four - exclamation points!)
5. It's a **No-Homework Weekend** for the kids...and I hope it's one for you, too. Give yourself a break and take some time to relax. You deserve it.

**Go Pats!**

**Richard Swanson**  
**Principal**  
**Hingham High School**