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As we prepare mentally for the resumption of World Series games and hope for two big wins in Los Angeles...

1. The **HHS girls' soccer team** was the subject of a terrific profile in the [Boston Globe](#) on Wednesday. Commitment, teamwork and resilience continue to define this special group of student athletes.
2. As much as I liked the Globe feature about our soccer players, the [best article](#) I read this week appeared in the **Hingham Harborlight**. Claire Taylor's interview with David McCullough belongs in a "Greatest Hits" compilation of our school newspapers's most memorable columns. Every HHS student and teacher ought to read it...and (heeding some of our most famous neighbor's best advice) **THINK** about it!"
3. A lot of our **lanyard hall passes** have gone missing in the past week. Please do your best to keep track of them. It is important that teachers communicate consistent expectations and hold students accountable for following our school policies regarding hall passes.
4. I need to collect some feedback from faculty and staff as part of the evaluation process and my own self-assessment. At your convenience, please take a moment to complete [this anonymous ten-question survey](#). Your input is much appreciated!
5. The Homecoming Dance last Saturday night was the most well attended HHS dance (excluding proms) in more than a decade. That's a testament to the school spirit that exists in our student body, but it couldn't have happened without the hard work and leadership of our senior class advisors, **Pat Doerr** and **Libby Perkins**, as well as the generosity of the **twenty other chaperones** (teachers, coaches, secretaries and para-educators alike) who agreed to spend Saturday night with 600 of their favorite high school students. As students left the dance, exhausted but happy, many of them exclaimed, "That was the best homecoming dance ever!" and almost all of them followed up by saying, "Thank you SO MUCH!" I would like to echo those sentiments. Thank you so much!

Have a great weekend, and make sure you take time to enjoy the World Series!

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