

Friday, February 28, 2020

As we close the book on February...

1. Here's an important reminder for teachers regarding Friday's **assembly**, when we'll all get a sneak preview of "The Actor's Nightmare," the 35-minute play the Drama Club will perform in the annual festival this weekend. **Please follow these steps:** 1) accompany your classes to the auditorium; 2) stay with them; 3) lead students in filling in from the front; and 4) sit or stand near them in order to help provide supervision. Thank you!

2. Don't forget we have a **full day of professional development on Tuesday, March 3rd**. As a reminder: We'll spend the morning in the auditorium with staff from across the district and then everybody will continue their ongoing three-part series in the afternoon.

3. Sorry to have to bring up the subject of **MCAS testing**, but an annual Rite of March is fast approaching. Our next faculty meeting (Wednesday 3/18) will be devoted primarily to a review of the Computer Based Testing (CBT) protocols first introduced last year. We'll need most of you to play some role in administering the ELA (3/24 & 3/25), Math (5/19 & 5/20) and/or Science (6/2 & 6/3) exams, so I'd like everybody to complete the **training at the March faculty meeting**. We also need to complete an **"infrastructure trial" for MCAS testing** and will do so on **Friday, March 20th**, during **B Block**. More details to come, but please mark your calendars and expect that all sophomores will be affected by this disruption. Sorry!

4. In case you've been looking for the new **thumb locks** that were supposed to be installed during February vacation, the company began the work but didn't get very far. They promise to come back to finish the job during April vacation. Similarly, the company charged with completing the **PA improvements** did not fulfill its promise to complete the work last week. They're close but not quite there. Sigh...

5. On a much happier note: The **HHS girls' hockey team** (the #32 seed in the Division I state tournament) pulled off an **UNBELIEVABLE upset** in their first-round matchup against top-seeded (and previously undefeated) Haverhill on Thursday night. The story has grabbed plenty of [headlines](#), and rightly so. The girls gave us further proof that (with enough grit, hard work, and belief) anything is possible!

If you want to get in on the playoff fun, come out and catch a game this weekend. Lots to choose from: 1) girls' basketball at home tonight at 6:30 PM; 2) boys' hockey in Bourne tomorrow, probably at 1 PM (check the MIAA website for possible changes); 3) girls' hockey in Canton tomorrow, probably at 6 PM (again, check the MIAA website for possible changes); and 4) boys' basketball on Sunday in Scituate at 2 PM.

Have a great weekend, everybody, and try to rest up for the start of March Madness!

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