

June 12, 2020

As we wrap up the final week of the school year...

1. We will hold our **last faculty Zoom meeting** of the year on **Wednesday**, June 17th, at **10 AM**. Sadly, there will be no food truck after the meeting this year. Remind me next year that I owe you (among other things) a few tacos!

2. File this in the "Better Late Than Never" category: The annual "**Junior Awards**" ceremony will happen in virtual fashion on **Tuesday** night, the last "school night" of the year. The ceremony has been pre-recorded but will be [broadcast live](#) from the HPS YouTube station at **7 PM**. Hope you get a chance to check it out.

3. Here's some important ["Recommended Reading"](#) for the weekend. I hope "**Reflections from a Token Black Friend**" generates some reflection and gets all of us started on additional summer reading about these issues.

4. The Hingham Anchor published a [wonderful tribute](#) to **Jim Kirkcaldy** earlier this week, and it captures all that our school will be losing when Kirk teaches his last class. How I wish we could keep him around for *another* 48 years...

5. And as if losing **Kirk**, **Kathy Kerr** and **Brian Heffernan** (not to mention **Collin Shattuck**) in the same year were not enough of a challenge...wait...there's more: **Pat Tomecek** has announced her retirement. Like the others who are bidding farewell to HHS in the next week, Pat has been a tremendous contributor to our school and community for many years. Needless to say, she will be greatly missed, and her inimitable style cannot be replaced!

So, if anybody else is contemplating a departure, *please* forget all about it. Our roster can't take any more hits. Rest up, everybody, have a great weekend...and, then...**THREE MORE DAYS!!**

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