Autumn 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am delighted to announce that seven Hastings High School students have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students scored in the top 5% of all students who sat for the PSAT test in the fall of 2019. They are:

- Caroline Anderson
- Bryce Jacobs
- Benna McDermott
- Malcolm McNulty
- Frederick Muench
- Arden Pochna
- Emma Rabinowitz

Three students have been named Semi-Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. They are:

- Adam Oppenheimer
- Caleb Painter
- Jacob Prisament

In addition, six students were selected as participants for the 2020 NYSSMA All-State Virtual Concert. These students are:

- Arden Pochna – Soprano 1 – Treble Chorus
- Jacob Prisament – Double Bass – Symphony Orchestra
- Atri Ray – Bass 1 – Mixed Chorus
- Dahlia Seidel – Trumpet – Symphonic Band
- Beatrice Seidenberg – Violin – Alternate
- Madeline Sledge – Alto 1 – Mixed Chorus

Congratulations to all!

An edited, streamed version of the High School Play, Caryl Churchill’s “Love and Information,” will be presented on November 20th and 21st. Check the Hastings Daily for further details, as they become available.
We will be e-mailing our **ANNUAL DIRECTORY** in November. Parents who **DO NOT** wish to be included in this directory need to request this, in writing, by November 13th, to Nancy Gagliardi at gagliardin@hohschools.org. The directory will include your child’s name, grade, primary address and phone number. If you child has two residences, please advise us if you want both listed.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Individual Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on the following dates and times:

- November 3, 2020 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- November 3, 2020 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
- November 12, 2020 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Individual conferences will be 5-minutes in length. Please allow time in your schedule to log on to each teacher’s Zoom link. This year the High School will, once again, utilize an online reservation system for arranging conferences. The site will be available beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. Please go to the following link:

  https://ptcfast.com/schools/Hastings_High_School
  (please note: between Hastings & High, and High & School, is an underscore)

Follow the procedures to register and have the names of your child’s teacher ready. Pick your dates and times. This link can also be found on the Hastings High School homepage.

Please be reminded that these conferences are brief visits with your child’s teacher to check in and make sure that what you are viewing on the Parent Portal is correct. If there are any other concerns to address, the teacher will ask you to schedule a longer meeting at a different time.

A separate notification will be sent, closer to the dates, with the Zoom links for each teacher.

Any questions should be addressed to Nancy Gagliardi at gagliardin@hohschools.org, or by calling 914-478-6252.

**REPORT CARDS:** The first marking period will end on November 13, 2020. Report cards should be available on the Parent Portal on or about November 20, 2020. Any concerns or questions should be directed to the individual teacher or your child’s school counselor at 478-6260.

Please stay well and let me know if there is anything I can do to help your child.

Sincerely,

Louis A. Adipietro
Principal