

#### HOBOKEN HIGH SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

OCT. 31 -NOV. 4 2016

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Hoboken High School is never too old to celebrate Halloween! On Monday our students and staff were all decked out in their scary, funny, crazy and creative costumes. It was a fun day, and everyone enjoyed showing off their costumes, which just goes show that you are never too old for Halloween.

On Wednesday we hosted Challenge Day for the high school and we had 100 student participants and over 20 faculty and staff from the building on board. Challenge Day is focused on breaking down social, emotional and racial barriers. Students share with staff, staff share with students, and students share with students. The positive feedback that I received from this event was overwhelming. Students stopped and shared with me their experiences, and I also received emails from parents thanking the school for hosting such a great event. I want to personally thank Dr. D'Elia and the entire student center staff for hosting and arranging this powerful event.

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Noteworthy Events

Nov. 5 Sierra Club Hike

Dumont Theater Club Competition

Nov. 9
PTO Meeting

@ 6pm

Scary Facts!

Book Club Field Trip



Primary
Docs!





We are excited to share with the Redwing community our athletic website -- www.hobokenredwings.org. On it, you will find schedules, directions, rosters, pictures and other great information regarding your favorite Redwing sports. You can get alerts to schedule changes and score updates! On the website, there is a link to our Facebook page and remember to follow us on Twitter @hobokenredwings.

Additionally, there is a new app for this website for your mobile device -- just type in "VNN" to Google Play or the Appstore and download it for FREE. You will have everything you need regarding the Redwings at the touch of your fingers!!!

Football, with a 4-4 record, finishes its regular season with a game at Glen Ridge on Saturday.

Girls Soccer lost a heartbreaker in the state playoffs falling to New Providence 2-1 in overtime. However, they captured the 2016 HCIAL White Division Championship and with 14 wins are having one of the best seasons in program history. Way to go girls!

Boys Soccer also lost a heartbreaker in the state playoffs to Secaucus, 4-3. However, the boys really turned their season around by playing over two weeks without a loss.

Girls Volleyball wrapped up its season with an emotional senior day match vs METS

# Book Club Visits Pearson

The Pearson Book Club field trip was a great success! Eleven students and Mrs. McGreivey embarked together on a reading journey culminating in a book discussion with Pearson employees on November 3rd. Traditionally, November 3rd is Pearson's volunteer day, on which their employees participate in a variety of projects to help in the community. When Pearson staff approached Superintendent Christine Johnson about a project at the high school, she suggested a literature circle or book club.

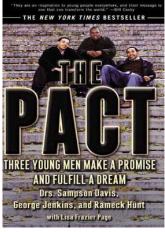
We are thrilled that she did, because



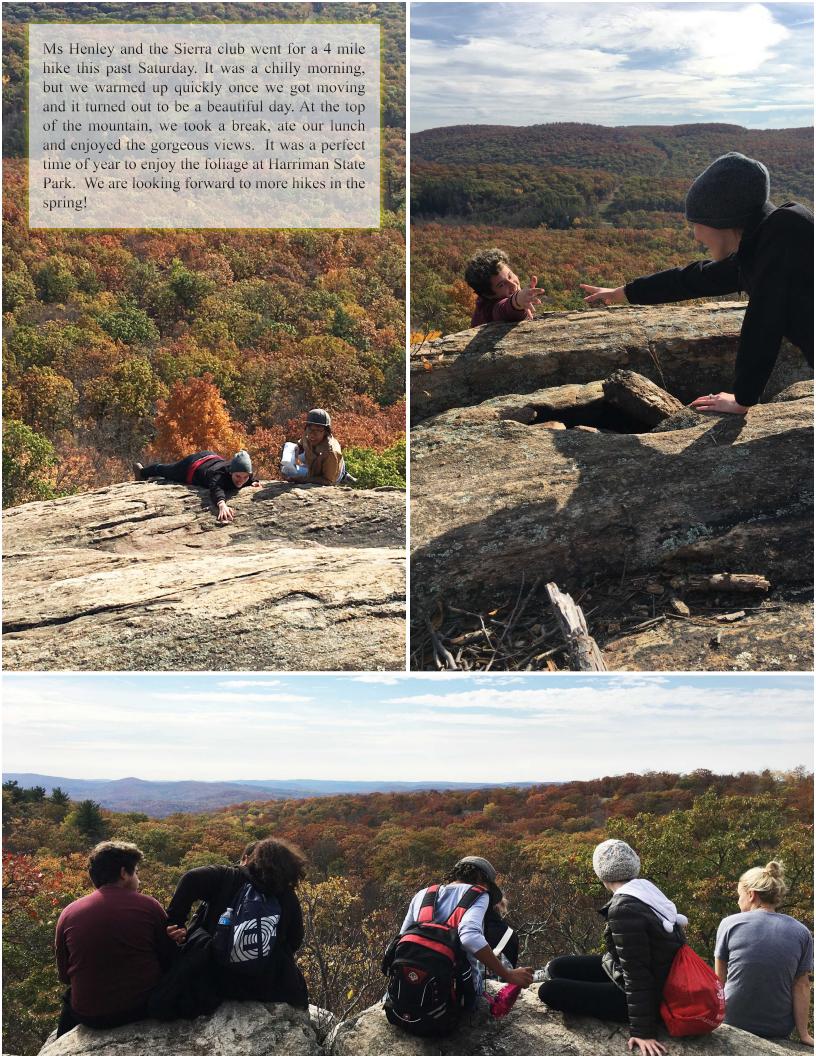
we thoroughly enjoyed *The Pact*, a non-fiction tale of three young men who grew up in poverty in Newark, but made a pact in their last year of high school to become doctors. They supported each other through the arduous process of completing college and medical school and now have successful careers as doctors. What is remarkable about the three, though, is that they also started a foundation to inspire and motivate youth through education, and to help young people in communities to form positive peer and mentor

relationships. They regularly go together on speaking engagements to schools and other types of community gatherings.

We had a great time at Pearson, getting to know some of their staff, and sharing our love of this inspirational story. They served us a fantastic lunch and we all came away a little more connected and committed, both to reading and to community service. We would like to thank the Pearson staff very much.









#### GET THE SCOOP ON THE SCARY FACTS ABOUT DRUGS

This week Hoboken High School students celebrated Halloween by "Getting the Scoop on the Scary Facts about Drugs."

Students who participate in the Teen Task Force dressed as zombies and provided their peers with a pamphlet of information regarding the harmful effects of drugs, tobacco and underage drinking!

After students received their "Scary Fact" from the Teen Task Force, they were offered a "Scoop" of Italian Ice! Students embraced this opportunity to learn that life is sweeter drug free!











### Principal's Update

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of Nov. 7:

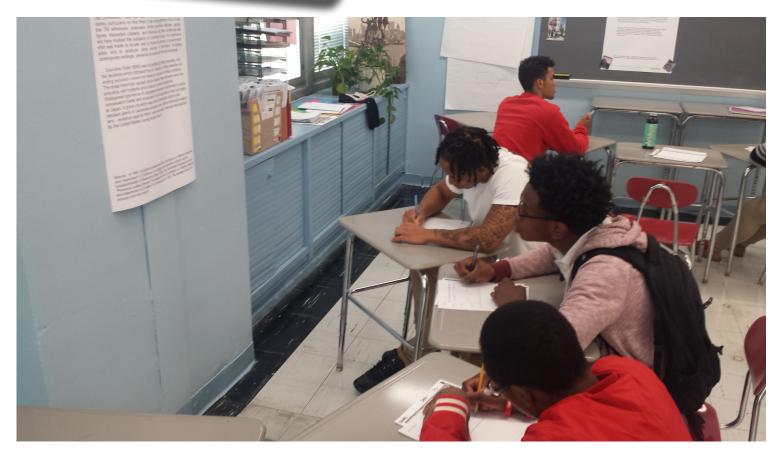
11/7/2016 11:00 **Shippensburg University (PA)** @ HHS 11/7/2016 12:00 University of Maine @ HHS 11:00 11/9/2016 Lincoln University (PA) @ HHS 11/9/2016 12:00 Ithaca College (NY) @ HHS 11/9/2016 3:30 **Rutgers University Pre Medical Honors Program** 

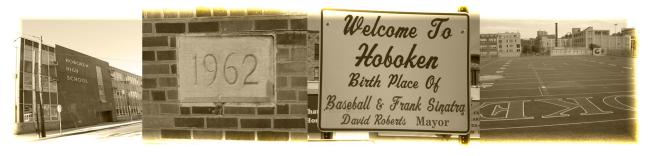


Parents, please ask your child what they are attending during our PGP period. With only 10 days left in the first marking period, this is the final push towards a successful first quarter.

# Primary Documents

In History, Ms. Grygiel's students are using primary documents to learn about the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II (see picture below).





#### **OUR SCHOOL TEAM**

Principal: Robin Piccapietra, Vice Principal: Anna Gullo Dean of Students: Derek Piccini & Stephen Dickerson Supervisor of Student Services: Michael Saulnier

School Counselors: Stacie Gleason, Susan Wiener, & Damien Arnone

SBYSP: Cecilia D'Elia, Chanta Blue, Stephanie Guiler CST: Patricia Drumgoole, Lisa Allgaier, David Antunes SAC: Gina Mattera, School Nurse: Renee Turonis

