

Hardyston School District

Weekend Update October 2, 2022

Week of Respect, October 3-7



October 3-7 marks “Week of Respect” in the Hardyston School District and in schools throughout New Jersey. Hardyston School District will observe this special week by providing age-appropriate instruction and activities that focus on respecting others. Through this effort, our teachers and staff will continue to foster and sustain a positive school climate that promotes student learning in a safe and secure environment.

Monday, October 3rd: “BLUE SHIRT DAY” – All staff and students are asked to wear a *blue shirt*. Blue Shirt Day, World Day of Bullying Prevention is a national initiative held on the first Monday of October. STOMP Out Bullying created this exciting initiative where people are asked to wear a blue shirt in an effort to join together in solidarity to stop bullying and cyberbullying.

Tuesday, October 4th: “Pajama Day- Put Bullying to Bed!” - Staff and students encouraged to wear *school appropriate pajamas*. Hardyston will promote respect for others by teaching our students about Random Acts of Kindness. These simple tasks include smiling at someone, giving someone a compliment, visiting a sick friend or sharing. All are easy and quick to complete.

Wednesday, October 5th: “School is a Safe Place to Be Yourself!” - Show Off Your Uniqueness: Students and staff encouraged to sport their *wackiest hair style!* Allow children to look forward to being in an encouraging environment that promotes social and creative learning and embraces everyone to be themselves. Rejoice in what makes us each wonderful and different! Students and faculty have the option to display and celebrate differences.

Thursday, October 6th: “Stand Up Against Bullying” – United we stand! Team up against bullying by having everyone wear their *school spirit wear* or favorite team jersey. Encourage students, staff and community members to take the pledge to create a world without bullying through kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Friday, October 7th: “HERO Day” - Ask students and staff to dress up as their favorite super hero. Students will be encouraged to write thank you letters to the local police, firefighters, and EMTs, to thank them for their service!

Important Events

10/3 - 10/7 - WEEK OF RESPECT

10/5 - MS Progress Reports on Portal

10/10 - Columbus Day - Teacher In-Service - School Closed for Students

10/11 - BOE Meeting, 7 pm, Middle School

10/24 - Picture Re-Takes

10/28 - PTA Trunk or Treat, 6 pm, MS Parking Lot

Please visit www.https.org to access the District Calendar for all events!

Start Strong Assessment

Start Strong assessments are state-required assessments for grades 4-8 that provide schools with the opportunity to assess students' needs at the beginning of the school year.

Below is the Start Strong Assessment schedule:

- Monday, Oct. 3: grade 4 ELA and math
- Thursday, Oct. 6: grades 5-8 ELA and math
- Tuesday, Oct. 11: grade 6 science

State Assessment Schedule

This document serves as notification of any statewide student assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year.

2023-2024 School Year School Choice Information

If you know of anyone wishing to attend school at Hardyston in grades 3 - 8 and live out of district, please share the information about us!

Ski Club Information

Sussex County and Warren County elementary, middle and high school students are challenged to a

competition for a cause!



Area schools are collecting donations of *new, unwrapped* gifts and gift cards for children of all ages to be distributed to local families in need through the **Season of Hope Toy Shop**.

The competition will take place **October 1 through December 12.**

HOW IT WORKS

Project Self-Sufficiency staff will collect donations from all participating schools. Then, our elves will tally the donations from each school. The winning school will claim the **Stuff the Stocking** trophy from the 2021 winner, Pope John Middle School.



PLEASE NOTE –

Only **NEW, UNWRAPPED** items will be accepted.

There is a great need for **Gift Card donations**, which are an option for those who want to contribute but don't want to shop.



Bringing Holiday Toys to Sussex & Warren County Children in Need

For more information go to www.projectselfsufficiency.org or call **(973) 940-3500**.

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Nominate Your Educator Now!

The New Jersey Department of Education aims to recognize educators who have gone above and beyond their service to New Jersey's students. Hardyston is asking our district families to take the time to complete the Google form which is accessed by the link below, to highlight a staff member who has made a difference in their child or children's education experience. All staff members are notified if nominated; I hope you find time to let these teachers and educational services professionals know about the difference they have made.

All submissions are Due October 28, 2022.

Educator of the Year

Click here to nominate your favorite educator!

Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Hardyston middle schoolers in grades 5-7 are invited to participate with Franklin Borough middle schoolers, and Walkkill Valley high schoolers serving as mentors. Please read!

Tech Trek Information

Sussex County Technical School November 19, 2022, 9am - 1pm 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students

Paraprofessionals Wanted!

We are currently looking for paraprofessionals to assist students at all levels in our district.

Basic Qualifications:

- High School diploma, fingerprint/background check

Preferred Qualifications:

- 60 college credits- eligible for substitute certification

If you or anyone you know is interested, please share this information and email Dr. Maffia at gmaffia@https.org

**PTA SPIRIT WEAR IS EXTENDED THROUGH OCTOBER 3!!!
PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY!**

PTA Needs YOU!!!!

Become a volunteer today! Click on the Google form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSelSCrZ-7yEFRTbparm1sLuMwr6fZ4ulfY019ulyvUuDL1LQ/viewform>

PTA NEWS - Click here for the latest happenings!

"BEE"come a member today! Go to <https://hardystonpta.memberhub.com>

YMCA Sports

2022-2023 Student/Parent Handbook

Click here for the full calendar and handbook!

2022-2023 School Year Calendar

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