



**HOLMDEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**  
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October 21, 2022

Dear Holmdel Public Schools Community,

I hope this finds you all well and having had a good week. Enclosed, please find a number of informational items and updates which you may find informative and helpful.

Tonight at 7:00 pm is Holmdel High School's Homecoming event including Friday night lights, as our football team takes on Raritan. To all our esteemed alumni, we look forward to welcoming you back and wish you a fun and memorable evening reconnecting with friends and loved ones.

On Tuesday, October 17th, I had the privilege and pleasure of watching the Holmdel High School Girls Tennis Team clinch the Central New Jersey State Championship defeating Manasquan 5 to 0! They have since gone on to defeat Haddonfield and Demarest to earn the Group 2 State Crown! Please join me in extending heartfelt congratulations!

On a more serious note, through local and/or social media you may have been made aware of hoax telephone security threats which have unfortunately impacted a number of school districts in the state. The Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning is coordinating with the FBI, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP), and New Jersey's Regional Operations and Intelligence Center in this regard. The hoax telephonic threats involve a subject calling high schools in multiple states claiming there is an active shooter at the school.

Please know that, while our district has not been impacted, our state level law enforcement and school security partners have shared helpful information and guidelines for addressing threats of this nature. We have also coordinated with our local law enforcement partners on shared security and response protocols. Please know that student and staff safety remain a daily focus and priority for the administration and Board of Education.

**Parent Teacher Conferences** are coming up in the next few months....[here's](#) a quick glance on times and dates for each school. More information will be provided by each school.

## **ICYMI**

### **Halloween Parades**

Please find the letters previously shared by principals Vitale and Barrett regarding the Halloween parades at [Village](#) and [Indian Hill](#) Schools.

## Public BOE Meeting

This is a reminder that the board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 pm in person at the high school media center. The meeting will also be accessible via Zoom and the link will be posted to the following district [webpage](#) within 24 hours of the meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Howard will be presenting the district's HIB self assessment, as well as providing the community with a detailed and comprehensive update on the district's anti-bullying efforts, including mental health support in place for our students.

Additionally, Mr. Howard along with our district Director of Special Services, Mrs. LaMoglia have compiled a clearinghouse of helpful [mental health resources](#) and contact information. They are located on the district homepage under the Spotlight section.

The month of October, we recognize and bring awareness to Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). ADHD is one of the most common neurodevelopmental disorders that affects 11% of school-age children and is characterized as affecting attention, concentration, memory, impulsivity, hyperactivity, and social skills. It is usually first diagnosed in children and often lasts into adulthood. If you would like to learn more about ADHD, follow the links below for research, understanding, and education.

<https://www.adhdawarenessmonth.org>

<https://chadd.org/awareness-month/>

Finally, next week is Red Ribbon Week! Since its conception in 1985, the National Family Partnership (NFP) provides drug awareness by sponsoring the annual National Red Ribbon Campaign. All K-12 public schools across the country next week will participate in activities that stress the importance of living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. There are myriad acknowledgments and events occurring in the Holmdel Public Schools as well. Let us take this week as an opportunity to reinvigorate our partnership in talking to our youngsters about the perils of drug and alcohol use, and serving as strong role models of health, wellness, and sobriety. We ask that everyone WEAR RED on Friday to wrap up our observance!

I thank you for your time and consideration and wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend.

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Sincerely,



Dr. J. Scott Cascone  
Superintendent

