



# Pirate News

Message in a Bottle  
September, 2022



## News from the Captain's Quarters:

The 2022-2023 school year is off to a great start. I am excited to join an amazing school filled with an awesome faculty, staff and students. As I told the student body on the first day of school; "we are here for you".

We hope to see you at **Back-to-School Night** (aka. **OPEN HOUSE**) on **Thursday, September 22, 2022**.

Back-to-School Night gives you an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, who will share their curriculum, homework requirements, and grading policies. This information is valuable in helping you guide your child to success.

Back-to-School-Night is **not** the time to talk with teachers about individual concerns. Teachers will be spending time with many parents and guardians in each class and will not have time for individual discussions. If you have a concern, please contact the teacher and make an appointment.

Parent/Guardian – Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

I call it "Back-To-School Night" as our parents and guardians are invited to enjoy a night of being back in school. As this year's night falls within Hull High School's "Spirit Week," I encourage our parents/guardians to wear their Blue and Gold with Pirate Pride!

## MEET NEW FACULTY and STAFF

**Dan O'Donnell** is one of the new Guidance Counselors at Hull High School. Dan received his BA in Psychology from UMass Amherst and his MEd in School Counseling from Bridgewater State University. Before joining Hull, Dan worked at Archbishop Williams and Avon Middle-High School. When he is not working, I enjoy skiing, hiking, listening to music, going to the gym, and hanging out with my friends. He is very excited to be at Hull High School and I'm looking forward to working with all of you.

**Jen Daviero (Safarik)** joins HHS as a paraprofessional. She was a previous elementary teacher, most recently at INLY in Scituate. She received her Master's in Teaching from Simmons College. She recently moved to Hull from Cohasset with her two teenage daughters and loves it here so far!

**Hannah Hutchinson** is a graduate of Bridgewater State University and one of the Social Studies teachers here at Hull High School. Hannah will also serve as the Mock Trial Advisor. She has a passion for education and for history. I am thrilled to be working in such a wonderful and welcoming community.

**Ms. Nancy A. LeBlanc** is enthusiastic to serve the students and families of Hull as Lead Guidance Counselor. Nancy has her undergraduate degree in Psychology with the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, her master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling with Assumption College and her post-master's degree in School Counseling from Bridgewater State University. She is the mom of 3 boys, two are in college, and one is a rising sophomore in high school. Nancy, with 21 years of professional counseling experience, is looking forward to being a difference maker and is excited to connect in important ways with the students of Hull.

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**Derek Skapars** is a well-recognized furniture maker with over thirty years of experience. Laying hardwood floors with his father at the age of 7 sparked his interest in woodworking. Derek graduated from Dover-Sherborn with 2 Excellence in Woodworking Awards. After High School, Derek pursued and achieved degrees in Psychology from Arizona State University (2005), Furniture Making from North Bennet Street School (2007), Counseling from The Institute of Chemical Dependency Studies (2016), and received his Massachusetts Vocational Educators license (2020). Derek is enthusiastically teaching all levels of woodworking at Hull High School with his systematic approach to teaching his craft.

## ***Join the School Council***

During Open House the PTO will be holding elections/sign-ups for the School Council. Every school in the state has a School Council. Members include an administrator, staff members, parents, and community members. At the monthly meetings we discuss and devise the improvement plan for the school. These are open meetings, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Any parent interested in serving on the HHS School Council but can't attend open house or would like more information should contact the Hull PTO Secretary, Caryn O'Connor at [Secretary@HullPTO.org](mailto:Secretary@HullPTO.org)

When you drive by HHS, you will see the POW/MIA Flag displayed under our Nation's Stars and Stripes. The 101st Congress passed US Public Law 101-355, which recognized the POW/MIA flag and designated it "the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation". The importance of the POW/MIA flag lies in its continued visibility, a constant reminder of the plight of America's UNRETURNED VETERANS. Other than "Old Glory," the League's POW/MIA flag is the only flag ever to fly over the White House, displayed since 1982 in this place of honor on National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Friday, September 16, 2022 is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. We are raising the POW/MIA flag to honor two members of the Hull High School graduating class of 1960, which were MIA/POW during the Vietnam War.

**Joseph Patrick Dunn, Commander United States Navy, HHS 1960**

**James Edward Sullivan, Lieutenant Commander United States Navy, HHS 1960**

The Flag will fly until after Veterans Day.

