

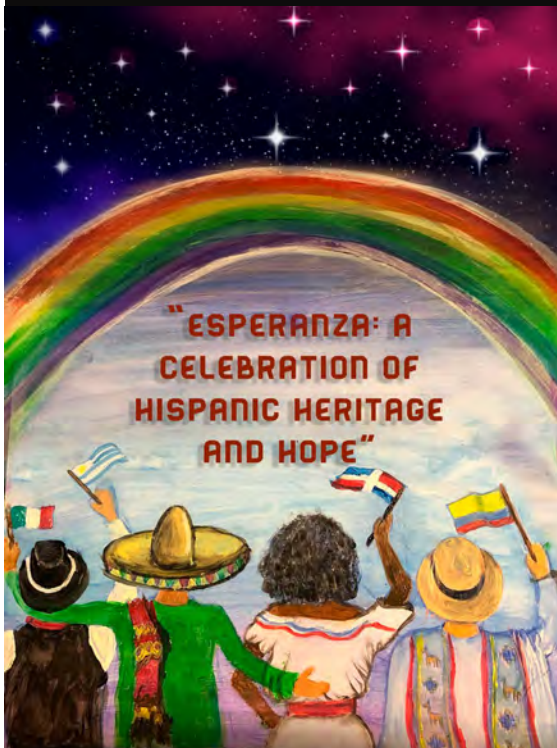
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# Red Devil Weekly



September 10, 2021

## Week in Review



*From Office of Bill Walsh*

I hope you enjoyed your Labor Day Holiday, it was a break I believe we all needed after getting back to the greatest profession, teaching.

R3 met this week to discuss the ISBE Guidance from August 31, 2021. The question we discussed and brainstormed was "What are the clock hour requirements for students who receive remote learning under Section 10-30 during school year 2021-22?"

- The remote learning requirements are the same as they were last year – specifically, five hours of a combination of instruction and schoolwork, with a strong



Academics

Eligibility reports started running Wednesday, September 8. Please ensure that your gradebooks are current as of 3:30 on Wednesdays. Many teachers currently do not have any grades in the gradebook.

As a reminder, please be sure to be using our D86 Grading Common Grading Scale. Only the marks in the scale below should be inputted for student grades. Please see your Department Chair with questions.

**The Testing Center** will be open M-F 7am-8am. (Monday late start days, it will be closed.) It is also open periods 1-10. *This year, it is also open after school M/T/Th until 4pm.* \*\*Please note this is different from the Student Handbook.

Seats are limited to about 25 students per session, so please encourage students to make up tests in a timely manner. Also, feel free to send a student to take a missed exam during your class period if you would like it made up immediately.

recommendation that districts strive to provide all their students with at least 2.5 hours of synchronous learning with real-time instruction and interaction between students and their teachers.

We anticipate this topic will be a part of the BOE Meeting on September 16.

Next week starts a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The contributions of Hispanics in the United States are many. In an effort to recognize and celebrate those who have shaped this nation, President Lyndon B. Johnson instituted National Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968. This week-long observance was expanded into a month-long celebration in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan. Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th to October 15th by celebrating the contributions and importance of Hispanics and Latinos to the United States as well as those American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. Sept. 15th is a significant date because it is the anniversary of independence for multiple Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Chile.

This year's theme is "Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope". To learn more about how you can get involved, see Ms. Holland in room 147, our Hispanic Student Association sponsor. In the spirit of Esperanza, let us reflect on how great our tomorrow can be if we hold onto our resilience and hope.

All students using the testing center during a class will require a pass from a staff member. *Detailed Testing Center info/procedures for this year are in a **shared team drive**.*



#### Operations

Thank you for your efforts in creating your videos for Curriculum Night. I am sure your student's parents enjoyed seeing and hear from you.

Some updates have occurred in HAC and [here](#) is a more complete explanation of how students and parents can view a student's overall course grade as well as their current percentage in a course in HAC. It involves clicking a single button to toggle to this view.

The first Interim Progress Report (IPR) was emailed to parents/guardians on 9/9/21. This report will be emailed every Thursday. This is another important reason to ensure that your gradebooks are current as of 3:30 on Wednesdays.

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### Staff Spotlight

#### The Illinois Art Education Association awards Ms. Laura Milas as the 2021 Distinguished Service to the IAEA

Annually, the IAEA recognizes the top art, design, and media educators for their excellence and service to the field. The IAEA awards and scholarship committee found Ms. Milas 's professional performance, service, and leadership to be exemplary in every regard and selected her for this recognition.

Please join the Illinois Art Education Association in honoring and elevating Ms. Milas for this recognition. A photo and bio are attached for distribution.

The Illinois Art Education Association (IAEA) is the premier professional development provider for art, design, and media educators in Illinois. The organization serves thousands of teachers statewide through a wide range of programs and services. Learn more at [ilaea.org](http://ilaea.org).



Congratulations again to Ms. Milas for her excellence!

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### **Hinsdale Central Good News**

PHD welcomes back Amy Carroll. PE classes are very excited to utilize the new pool to educate students on how to use water to recover from workouts, improve running form, and do some kayaking!

Social Studies - Chris Wilbur was highlighted in the Hinsdalean [HERE](#) for his PD work this summer.

World Language Teachers have been amazingly patient and flexible with all of the adjustments in our updated classrooms. Thank you B and G, Ryan Maita, and Kirsten Parsons for all of your support!

English - Katie Tosh and husband had a baby -- Bowen!

Activities - Peer Mentors and Ambassadors did a great job welcoming 9th graders and transfer students on Thursday!

Science - Brigid Walsh got married this summer, and can now be referred to as Brigid Chilow!

Math - The math department is excited to welcome two new teachers, Hannah and Lauren, to the Red Devil family!

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## What's Coming Up In The Week Ahead

Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	13	14	15	16	17
Football v. LT Dickinson Field 7:00 p.m.  Freshman Picture Day LMC Reading Lounge	MFP Discussion LMC 10:00 a.m.		First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month  CELT 8:00 a.m.  Flex Learning Day 1:00 - 3:30	BOE Meeting 6:00 p.m.	



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## DISTRICT 86 COMMON GRADING SCALE

Minimum Grading Scale & Letter Grade Option		Final Grade Semester	HAC/TAC	Notes
100 - 90	A (95%)	A	A	
89 - 80	B (85%)	B	B	
79 - 70	C (75%)	C	C	
69 - 60	D (65%)	D	D	
59 - 50	F (55%)	F	F	
Incomplete (only for use as a final semester grade)		IC		
Pass (for a Pass/Fail Class)		P		Not included in GPA
Withdraw (Fail)		WF		Included in GPA
Withdraw (Pass)		WP		Not included in GPA
Audit		AU		Not included in GPA
Missing and Essential (course team determines essential)			ME	No final grade shown: Completion Mandatory 50%
Did Not Complete (Missing)			M	50%
Excused			X	Exempt from Gradebook



### What have our school teams been discussing?

[HC Building Leadership Team Minutes](#)

[HC Department Chair Team Minutes](#)

[Building Equity Action Team](#)

[Master Facility Photos](#)

[Hinsdale Central High School Weekly eBlast](#)

[District Committee Folders \(Calendar, Handbook, LLT, PERA, R3, Workload\)](#)



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### Update on Curriculum Night

In her [Aug. 13 message to the community](#) about the district's plan for opening the 2021-22 school year, Superintendent Tammy Prentiss shared that the status of certain events would be based, in large part, on the community transmission level (low, moderate, substantial or high) for DuPage County. **Since the current transmission level for the county is high, the Sept. 9 Curriculum Night for Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South is being shifted to a virtual format.**



Each building will be providing their families with a detailed update about the event. In the meantime, please contact your child's school if you have any questions.

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### Back-to-School Survey for Families

Starting this year, District 86 will be working with [Panorama Education](#) to administer feedback surveys to our students, faculty, staff and families on an annual basis. These surveys will provide us with valuable insights and information that will enable us to build upon our strengths. They will also help us better understand our opportunities for improvement and develop strategies and solutions for addressing them. These efforts are being undertaken in conjunction with the [mission, vision, values and goals of our strategic plan](#), which include strengthening connections with our stakeholders and giving them a voice in the work we are doing to guide our students down the path toward their ideal future.



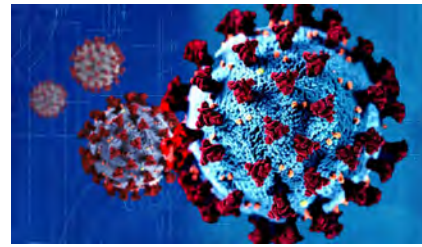
The first survey we are administering is our back-to-school survey for families. This brief survey (33 questions that will take approximately 11 minutes to complete) will give parents/guardians the chance to share their thoughts on several topics, including student needs, family-school communication and school public health measures. Participation in this process will be completely confidential - i.e., Panorama will not share people's individual responses with their child's school or the district.

Parents/guardians will receive an email on Sept. 9 that will include additional information about the survey and a link they can use to access it. The deadline for completing the survey is Sept. 24 at 4 p.m.

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### COVID-19 Data

Below is the COVID-19 data (number of positive cases, number of people in isolation or quarantine, and vaccination rates) for the district as of Sept. 3.



### Positive Cases, Isolation and Quarantine

- Current number of positive cases among students and staff - 14
- Current number of students and staff in isolation - 35
- Current number of students and staff in quarantine - 11
- Total number of positive cases among students and staff since the start of the 2021-22 school year - 15

### Vaccination Rates

#### *Hinsdale Central*

- Students - 61.93%
- Staff - 93%

#### *Transition Center*

- Students - 38.58%
- Staff - 81%

#### *Hinsdale South*

- Students - 48.32%
- Staff - 94%

#### *Districtwide Employees*

Employees who work in the administration building or are not assigned to a specific school - 98%

You can access the dashboard where this information is being stored and updated on a weekly basis by visiting <https://bit.ly/3d93aws>.

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### Hinsdale Central Athletics

Below are a few of the recent honors and accomplishments that were earned by student-athletes and teams from Hinsdale Central.

- The boys golf team won the varsity invitational hosted by Saint Viator on Aug. 28. The team was led by seniors Jack Inabnit, who was the first place medalist, and Michael Spitzer, who was the second place medalist.
- Girls volleyball came in third out of 32 teams at the highly competitive Crimson Classic Tournament hosted by Plainfield North High School Aug. 27-28. Sophomore Elizabeth Sessa's performance at the event earned her a spot on the all-tournament team.
- The Hinsdalean's first student-athlete profile of the 2021-22 school year featured a [Q&A with senior Josh Narcisse](#), who is an offensive and defensive lineman on the football team. Photo credit to Jim Slonoff from The Hinsdalean.



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### Hinsdale South Athletes of the Week

Senior Dana Euske from the girls golf team and junior Diego Castellanos from the boys soccer

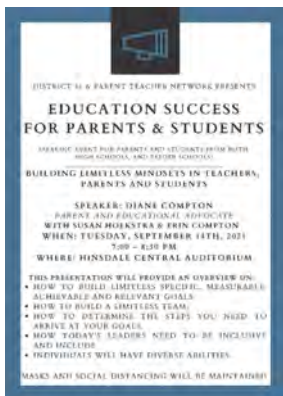


team were named the Hinsdale South Athletes of the Week for the week of Aug. 23.

Dana helped her team win three of its four matches during the week. She averaged a score of 38 for nine holes, which resulted in her being the medalist (lowest score of the match) for all four events. She also shot her career low score.

Diego played an important role in his team starting the season 2-1. In the game against Marian Catholic, he forced a turnover that led to South's first goal and scored the winner in the second half to give the Hornets a 3-2 victory. He also created a number of chances in the team's 4-2 win over Providence.

We congratulate Dana and Diego on this recognition.



### Parent Teacher Network Event - Sept. 14

Diane Compton, who is a parent and educational advocate, will be the guest speaker during an event being hosted by District 86 and the Parent Teacher Network on Sept. 14 at Hinsdale Central.

The event, which will begin at 7 p.m. in Central's auditorium, will feature information about how to build limitless mindsets in students, teachers and parents/guardians. All members of the District 86 and feeder district communities are invited to attend.

You can access a flyer for the event by visiting <https://bit.ly/3kQhkHi>. Please note that anyone in attendance will be required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing.

### Community Speaker Series

Districts 86 and 181 are teaming up again to present the Community Speaker Series, which provides families with information and advice about a variety of important issues in education, wellness and parenting.

Below is the lineup of experts for this year's series, and the topics they will be discussing.

- Jamil Zaki will present "The War for Kindness: Building Empathy in a Fractured World" on Oct. 5, 2021, at 7 p.m.

**The Community Speaker Series**  
 presented by District 86 and District 181  
 Nationally renowned experts, informing and inspiring families in their K-12 community about important issues in education, wellness, and parenting.

**2021-2022 Zoom Webinars**

**Jamil Zaki**  
**The War for Kindness: Building Empathy in a Fractured World**  
 Families, October 8, 2021  
 7:00am - 8:30am

**Ron Lieber**  
**The Price You Pay for College**  
 Tuesday, February 1, 2022  
 7:00am - 8:30pm  
**How to Talk to Your Kids About Money**  
 Wednesday, February 2, 2022  
 9:30am - 11:00am

**Jessica Lahey**  
**The Addiction Inoculation**  
 Families, April 5th, 2022  
 7:00am - 8:30pm

**District 181 Foundation**

For more information or to register for a program, visit [www.d181foundation.org](http://www.d181foundation.org)

- Ron Lieber will present "The Price You Pay for College" on Feb. 1, 2022, at 7 p.m. Lieber will also present "How to Talk to Your Kids About Money" on Feb. 2, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.
- Jessica Lahey will present "The Addiction Inoculation" on April 5, 2022, at 7 p.m.

You can access additional information about these events by visiting <https://bit.ly/2WQUK2E>.



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### First Day Photos

Thank you to everyone who shared their first day photos with us, and helped the 2021-22 school year get off to a great start. You can check out the images people sent us, as well as some of the photos we took, by visiting <https://d86.hinsdale86.org/Page/2253>.

If you still have photos you want to share with us, you can do so via Twitter ([@HinsdaleD86](https://twitter.com/HinsdaleD86)), Facebook ([@HinsdaleD86](https://www.facebook.com/HinsdaleD86)) or email ([d86-info@hinsdale86.org](mailto:d86-info@hinsdale86.org)).

### Vaccination Rates

We continue to monitor the vaccination rates for our district. These rates are based on the number of people who have provided us with proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. They also assume that any individuals who have not sent us their records are not vaccinated.



Below are the student and staff vaccination rates for each of our buildings as of Aug. 27.

#### *Hinsdale Central*

- Students - 51.13%
- Staff - 87%

#### *Transition Center*

- Students - 22.05%
- Staff - 71%

#### *Hinsdale South*

- Students - 30.94%
- Staff - 90%

#### *Districtwide Employees*

Employees who work in the administration building or are not assigned to a specific school - 98%

These rates, which are featured on our [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#), will continue to be updated on a weekly basis.

The district's human resources department will be collecting data for substitute teachers, outside coaches, student teachers, etc. The department will also be working with our outside vendors (e.g., Quest, First Student, etc.) to get the vaccination rates for their employees who are involved in the district's daily operations.

Any family that still needs to provide us with their child's vaccination record can do so by bringing a copy of it to their child's school or emailing it to our nurses via the addresses listed below.

- Hinsdale Central - [centralhealth@hinsdale86.org](mailto:centralhealth@hinsdale86.org)
- Hinsdale South - [southhealth@hinsdale86.org](mailto:southhealth@hinsdale86.org)
- Transition Center - [cbarnosk@hinsdale86.org](mailto:cbarnosk@hinsdale86.org)

If you or someone you know still wants or needs to get vaccinated, you can find the location(s) nearest you by visiting <https://www.vaccines.gov/>.

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## Hinsdale Central in the News

Last week's edition of The Hinsdalean featured three articles about Hinsdale Central.

The first one was about the dedication of the Don Watson Aquatic Center, which took place on Aug. 20. The center is named for legendary swimming coach Don Watson, who was inducted into the Hinsdale Central Foundation Hall of Fame in 2003, the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame in 2013 and the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2015. You can read about and see photos from the ceremony by visiting <https://bit.ly/3gvWQ5h>. Photo credit to Jim Slonoff from The Hinsdalean.



The second one was a preview of the Kendall Pickering Invitational, which was the inaugural event that was held in the school's new pool on Aug. 28. The event celebrated the memory and accomplishments of Kendall Pickering, the standout member of the school's swimming and diving team who was killed in a car accident in December 2020. You can learn more about the event and the indelible mark that Pickering left on the entire Central community by visiting <https://bit.ly/2USnptO>.

The third one was a story about what educators from districts 86 and 181 did over the summer. One of the people featured was Chris Wilbur, who is a social studies teacher at Central. Wilbur took part in a three-day session for a program that one of his former professors from the University of Wisconsin in Madison developed to help her colleagues guide discussions in their classrooms. You can read about Wilbur's experience and how he plans to use what he learned in his classes by visiting <https://bit.ly/3kwzq0V>.

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## Edward Thomas

Edward Thomas, who is a sophomore at Hinsdale South, has been accepted into the [U.S. Department of State's National Security Language Initiative for Youth \(NSLI-Y\) program](#). Starting in September, Edward will participate in a virtual travel abroad experience that will provide him with the opportunity to learn the basics of the Hindi language and culture.

The NSLI-Y program is part of a U.S. government initiative that seeks to foster international cooperation by ensuring that Americans have the necessary linguistic skills and cultural knowledge to effectively communicate globally.



We congratulate Edward on his acceptance into this prestigious program.

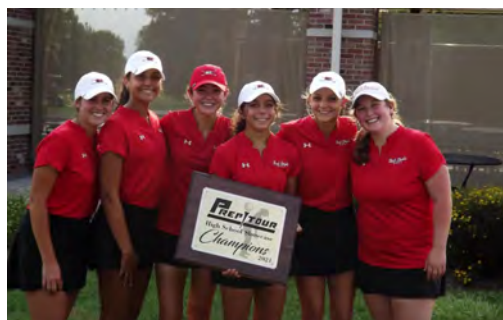
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## Hinsdale Central Girls Golf Team

The girls golf team from Hinsdale Central won the

championship at the [Prep Tour High School Girls Showcase](#) on Aug. 13. The team also had a pair of top 10 individual performances that included a first place finish by Elyssa Abdullah and an eighth place finish by Sarah Thornton.

We congratulate the team and coach Nick Latorre on their success at the tournament.



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### 2021 TASH Conference

Kristin Marks Pascavage, who is the director of special education for Hinsdale South, and Heather Stomberg, who is the assistant director of special education for Hinsdale South, have been invited to present during the 2021 TASH Conference being held Dec. 1-4. Their presentation, which is titled "Culturally Responsive Practices in IEP Meetings," will provide a framework that school leaders can use to create environments for families that will enable them to engage in IEP meetings based on culturally relevant practices. You can learn more about TASH and the conference by visiting <https://tash.org/>.



We congratulate Kristin and Heather on this tremendous honor.

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### Canvas Observer Accounts

Canvas is our district's official learning management system. It serves as an online "hub" for:

- Daily classwork
- Course assignments
- Teacher schedules and contact information
- Course descriptions
- Syllabi



Parents/guardians who would like access to this information are encouraged to create a Canvas Parent/Observer account. If you need to create a new account or would like to add students to your existing one, please follow the instructions found on <https://bit.ly/3298pZs>. Please note that you must have a Home Access Center (HAC) account in order to set up a Parent/Observer account. You can access the directions for setting up a HAC account by visiting <https://bit.ly/2yVBxXH>.

If you already have a Parent/Observer account, there is no need to create a new one. However, if you forgot your password, you can access instructions for how to reset it by visiting <https://bit.ly/338UzVV>.

Lastly, you will need a pairing code for your student in order to link your accounts. You can access directions for generating a pairing code by visiting <https://bit.ly/3bzBrV2>. This page also features helpful tutorials about Canvas Parent/Observer accounts.

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### Substitute Teachers

District 86 is seeking dedicated parents/guardians and community members who are interested in helping our students down the path toward their ideal future by serving as substitute teachers for Hinsdale Central, Hinsdale South and/or the Transition Center. These positions offer flexible scheduling, competitive pay (\$133



for a full day and \$76 for a half day) and the opportunity to work with extraordinary young adults who are passionate about learning.

If you are interested in being a substitute teacher in District 86, you can apply online at <https://bit.ly/3gkVav9>. If you have questions or need additional information about subbing, please contact Cheryl Moore at [cmoore@hinsdale86.org](mailto:cmoore@hinsdale86.org).



### Board Briefs

If you missed the edition of Board Briefs for the board of education meeting on Aug. 26, please visit <https://conta.cc/3yifsMd>.



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### Back-to-School Survey for Families

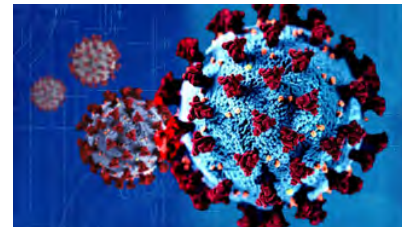
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We will send families additional reminders about taking the survey before it closes on Sept. 24.

### COVID-19 Data

We experienced an unexpected delay in the collection of some of our COVID-19 data that prevented us from updating our [dashboard](#) on Friday, Sept. 10. We are currently in the process of finalizing our data for the week of Sept. 6, and will post it on the dashboard later today (Sept. 13). We apologize for any issues or inconvenience this delay has caused.



### Wednesday Walk-Throughs

Every Wednesday, Superintendent Tammy Prentiss participates in school walk-throughs with our principals. The purpose of these visits is to stay updated on what is going on in our buildings, while also strengthening relationships with our students, faculty and staff.

During the walk-through at Hinsdale South on Sept. 8, Superintendent Prentiss and Principal Arwen Pokorny Lyp stopped by the Learning Leadership Team meeting and listened to the conversation staff members were having about teaching in a pandemic. They also visited a few math and social studies classrooms.

At Hinsdale Central, Superintendent Prentiss and Principal Bill Walsh had the chance to experience the learning that was taking place in several business classes, including Business Education, Introduction to Business, Investments, Accounting, Business Law and Marketing.

Check back here next week for a summary of the walk-throughs that are scheduled to take place on Sept. 15.



### Future Ready Facilities

We currently have EarthCams set up that feature a live time-lapse of the work that is being done on the new pool at Hinsdale South and the student services addition at Hinsdale Central.

You can access the EarthCam for South's pool project by visiting <https://bit.ly/2VsCYbO> and the EarthCam for Central's student services addition by visiting <https://bit.ly/2X3WGvy>. You can also access information about all of the district's Future Ready Facilities projects by visiting <https://d86.hinsdale86.org/Page/1509>.



### Hinsdale South World Language Department

Hinsdale South's world language department held a contest on Duolingo over the summer for students who wanted to work on their language skills; were interested in a world language, but had not taken one before; or were already taking a world language, but were considering starting another one.



Below are the students who finished in the top 10 in overall points for the contest, as well as those who earned the highest score for an individual language.

- Overall
1. Parth Joshi



2. Deston Dorchack
3. Jack Roh
4. Faith Conrad
5. Matthew Giadla
6. Luke Sadowski
7. Rachele Cameli
8. Katie Spytek
9. Fatima Qureshi
10. Alexander Brukasz

#### *Individual Languages*

- French - Duyen Millon
- German - Alexandra Cima
- Latin - Ben Poulos
- Spanish - Parth Joshi

We congratulate these students on their achievements.

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### **Hinsdale Central Athletics**

Below are a few of the recent honors and accomplishments that were earned by student-athletes and teams from Hinsdale Central.

- Boys cross country turned in an outstanding performance at the recent Hornet/Red Devil Invite. The team took first place in the open event and at the freshmen and varsity levels. In addition, junior Dan Watcke won the individual title in the varsity race.
- The girls golf team took first place at the Trojan Scramble held at the Downers Grove Golf Club, and the boys golf team took second place at the Conway Farms Invite held at the Conway Farms Golf Club.
- The Hinsdalean's latest student-athlete profile featured a [Q&A with senior Libby Larson](#) from the girls golf team. Photo credit to Jim Slonoff from The Hinsdalean.

You can access additional information and updates from Central's athletics department by visiting <https://bit.ly/38RIHLq>.



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### **Hinsdale South Athletes of the Week**

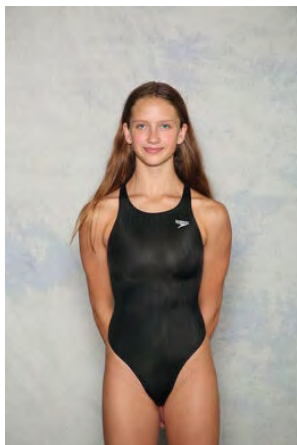
Freshman Kamile Zinis from the girls swimming and diving team and senior Billy Gneiser from the boys golf team were named the Hinsdale South Athletes of the Week for the week of Aug. 30.

Kamile was part of the team that took first place in the 400-yard freestyle relay against Riverside Brookfield. She also came in first in the individual 100-yard breaststroke during the same meet.

Billy has been a medalist in five of the team's first six matches. He took fifth place at the Rolling

Meadows Invite with a score of 71. He also helped lead the Hornets to a fourth place finish at the Willowbrook Invite.

We congratulate Kamile and Billy on this recognition.



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### Just1Mike Foundation

On Sept. 21, there will be a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony at Burns Field Park (320 N. Vine Street) at 5:30 p.m. for the outdoor [SaveStation](#) that the [Just1Mike Foundation](#) is donating to the Village of Hinsdale. A SaveStation houses an automated external defibrillator (AED) that is available for anyone to use 24/7.



The Just1Mike Foundation is seeking to raise awareness about and increase the survival rates of teens and young adults who suffer sudden cardiac arrest. It was started to honor the life and passions of Michael Brindley, a former Hinsdale Central student who died of sudden cardiac arrest at the age of 16.

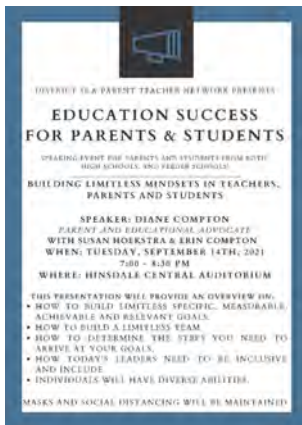
You can access additional information about the event and the foundation by visiting <https://www.just1mike.org/events.html>.

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### Transition Programs

We are excited to share that all 27 young adults from our Transition Programs were able to continue in their competitive employment positions over the extended summer break. This was due, in large part, to a Secondary Transitional Experience Program (STEP) grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services, which enabled us to meet the transportation needs of our students.





### Parent Teacher Network Event - Sept. 14

Diane Compton, who is a parent and educational advocate, will be the guest speaker during an event being hosted by District 86 and the Parent Teacher Network on Sept. 14 at Hinsdale Central.

The event, which will begin at 7 p.m. in Central's auditorium, will feature information about how to build limitless mindsets in students, teachers and parents/guardians. All members of the District 86 and feeder district communities are invited to attend.

You can access a flyer for the event by visiting <https://bit.ly/3kQhkHi>. Please note that anyone in attendance will be required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing.



### Board Meeting - September 16

The next District 86 Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 16. The agenda and packet of materials for the meeting will be posted on BoardDocs (<https://bit.ly/394u9as>) and shared via email tomorrow (Sept. 14).



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## Updates from 86

Weekly news and information from District 86

### Back-to-School Survey for Families

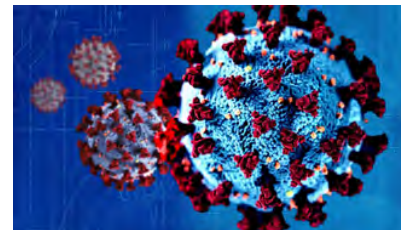
This is a reminder that the deadline for completing the back-to-school survey for families is Sept. 24 at 4 p.m.

Through this brief survey (33 questions that will take approximately 11 minutes to finish), parents/guardians will have the opportunity and ability to share their thoughts on several topics, including student needs, family-school communication and school public health measures. Participation in this process is completely confidential - i.e., Panorama will not share people's individual responses with their child's school or the district.



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### Wednesday Walk-Throughs

Last week's Wednesday Walk-Throughs took place on the district's first Flexible Learning Day of the 2021-22 school year. On this day, Superintendent Tammy Prentiss, Principal Arwen Pokorny Lyp from Hinsdale South and Principal Bill Walsh from Hinsdale Central visited the spaces in our buildings where teachers were discussing and reflecting upon the importance of using an equity lens when grading.

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### National Merit Semifinalists

We are pleased and proud to announce that 21 seniors from Hinsdale Central have been named semifinalists in the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They are among the 16,000 students from across the country who were selected as semifinalists from the more than 1.5 million individuals who took the qualifying exam last fall. They will now have the opportunity to compete for the 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million that will be offered in the spring.



The students from Central who earned this honor include:

- Arnima Agrawal
- Jackson Brown
- Morgan Carlson
- Amy Dong
- Henry Flaming
- Aishvarya Godla
- Killian Hughes
- Jui Khankari
- Maximilian Lai
- Nathaniel Lee
- Sophia Lee
- Nadir Muzaffar
- Emann Prizada
- Rishabh Ranganathan
- Shivani Rao
- Shiven Shah
- Dmitriy Shvydkoy
- Isabella Terry
- Rohan Tolani
- Emily Wang
- Grant Zhang

You can access additional information about the National Merit Scholarship Program by visiting <https://bit.ly/2Zup73M>.

We congratulate these students on this tremendous accomplishment, and wish them the best of luck in the next phase of the competition.

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### World Language Students of the Month

Each month, the world language teachers from Hinsdale South nominate individuals for recognition as the World Language Students of the Month. These students have a strong interest in a world or classical language, demonstrate the traits of being accountable, respectful and engaged, and perform actions and exhibit an attitude that exemplify what it means to have South Pride.



Below are the students from South who earned this honor for September.

- Maya Al-Ani
- Joseph Chen
- Frederick Finnegan
- Rodolfo Flores
- Alex Kantz
- Maya Molina
- Katie Mueller
- Nathan Ockrim
- Nicholas Ockrim
- Luiza Oliveira

- Isaiah Lopez
- Pauline Lyon
- Henry McCracken
- Natalie Mei

- Aryan Patel
- Sydney Pongphimkham
- Jameal Spencer
- Nicolas Villagomez

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### Laura Milas

Laura Milas from Hinsdale Central was selected by the Illinois Art Education Association (IAEA) as its Distinguished Service to the IAEA award winner for 2021.

Every year, the IAEA recognizes the top art, design, and media educators for their excellence and service to the field. The organization recognized Laura for her performance, service and leadership, which it described as "exemplary in every regard."

You can access an announcement about the award by visiting <https://bit.ly/3AcYuk1>.



We congratulate Laura on this well-deserved honor.

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### Darien 9/11 Ceremony

Members of the Hinsdale South school community, including several students, Principal Arwen Pokorny Lyp and social studies department chair Kathy Lencioni, were invited to participate in the "Darien Honors Darien, Connecticut Residents Lost in 9/11" commemorative ceremony held on Sept. 11.

We thank Mayor Joe Marchese and the City of Darien for including us in this important event.

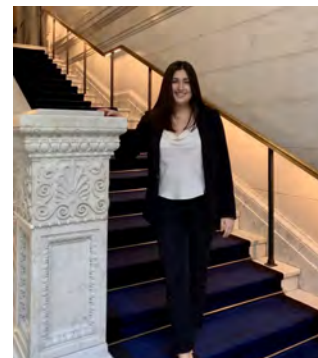


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### Anna Gruvberger

Anna Gruvberger, who graduated from Hinsdale Central in 2020, has been named a 2021 National Scholar by the James Beard Foundation. She is one of the 12 food-focused individuals from across the country who received a \$20,000 scholarship to pursue an education in culinary arts, food studies, agriculture, hospitality management or other related fields.

The Doings Hinsdale published an article last week that featured a Q&A with Anna. In the piece, she talks about winning the scholarship, her experience at Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration (she is currently in her sophomore year), her experience interning at the Kimpton Gray Hotel Group in Chicago and what she sees herself doing in the future. If you have an online subscription to the Chicago Tribune, you can access the article on its website by visiting <https://bit.ly/3nHqMjc>. Otherwise, we have scanned the [print version of the piece that you can access by clicking here](#).



We congratulate Anna on this tremendous accomplishment.

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### Future Ready Facilities

In the latest weekly video update we created about our Future Ready Facilities projects, Pete Jezyk from Pepper Construction talked about the

work that was completed over the summer at Hinsdale South, and the status of the school's new pool and fine arts addition.

You can check out the video by visiting <https://youtu.be/GPDuf2m4EbM>.



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### Hinsdale Central Athletics

Below are a few of the recent honors and accomplishments that were earned by student-athletes and teams from Hinsdale Central.

- Boys cross country came in second out of 35 teams at the First to the Finish Invitational held in Peoria. The Red Devils were led by junior Dan Watcke, who captured another individual title.
- Boys golf came in second out of 19 teams at the Batavia Invite that was held on Sept. 10. Junior Emil Riegger also came in second after shooting a 69.
- The Hinsdalean's latest student-athlete profile featured a [Q&A with senior Isabella Terry](#) from the girls cross country team. Photo credit to Jim Slonoff from The Hinsdalean.



You can access additional information and updates from Central's athletics department by visiting <https://bit.ly/3nHPRKK>.

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### Hinsdale South Athletes of the Week

Senior Peyton Wiley from the girls volleyball team and senior Logan Bryant from the football team were named the Hinsdale South Athletes of the Week for the week of Sept. 6.

Peyton, who is a captain and setter for the volleyball team, played in all 16 sets and seven matches during the week. She tallied two service aces, three kills, 66 assists (team leader) and 40 digs.

Logan played an instrumental role in the football team's 21-0 victory over Leyden. He returned a blocked punt for a touchdown to start the scoring. He also intercepted the Leyden quarterback to give the Hornets great field position. He was named captain of the week and received the coveted hitter stick award.

We congratulate Peyton and Logan on this recognition.





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Darius Junior High  
Darius Elementary
- Greer District 82**  
Greer Junior High  
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**Jamil Zaki**  
**The War for Kindness**  
**Building Empathy in a Fractured World**

Jamil Zaki is a professor of psychology at Stanford University and the director of the Bing School Social Neuroscience Lab. Using tools from psychology and neuroscience, he and his colleagues explore how empathy works and how it might be used to improve lives.

**Registration Required**  
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## Updates from 86

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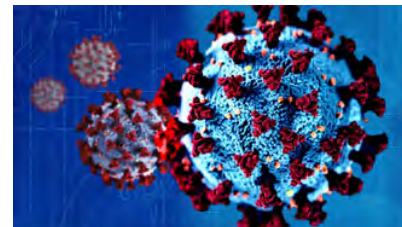


Our first installment took us inside Evan Haase's Metals, Glass and Jewelry class at Hinsdale Central where the students used different tools and techniques in conjunction with a lesson about making rings. You can access the video from the class by visiting <https://youtu.be/cbOcaEsWNas>.

We want to thank Mr. Haase, senior Annette Ciupek and all of the other students in the class for letting us be part of this incredible experience.

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### **Alexandra Collins**

Hinsdale Central senior Alexandra Collins has been selected as one of the winners of the 2021 [Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes](#). This annual award, which was established by author T. A. Barron in 2001, honors 25 outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18 who have had a positive impact on people, their communities and the environment.



Alexandra earned the award for the work she has done in her role as the co-founder of Students Against Ethylene Oxide (SAEtO). SAEtO is a nonprofit that engages youth in fighting to ban the carcinogenic gas EtO near schools and residential areas.

When asked what she has learned from her work on this important issue, Alexandra said, "I've learned that youth shouldn't be embarrassed or silenced by their lack of experience or expertise when combating issues in their community. Our voices should carry no shame, no quietness."

You can access additional information about the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes and see the full list of winners for this year by visiting <https://barronprize.org/meet-the-winners/2021-winners/>. Photo credit to Jim Slonoff from The Hinsdalean.

We congratulate Alexandra on this well-deserved honor.

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### **Hinsdale South National Merit Award Winners**

The following students from Hinsdale South were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program for their performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT):



- Blake Albert (Commended Student)
- Laura Aleksonis (Commended Student)
- Alec Andrulis (Commended Student)
- Joseph Chen (Commended Student)
- Mitchell Hanson (National Semifinalist)\*
- Elijah John (National Semifinalist)\*
- Matthew Leonardson (National Semifinalist)\*
- Andrew Metzger (Commended Student)
- Nicholas Momchev (National Semifinalist)\*
- Zaynab Rehman (Commended Student)

\*Those who were selected as semifinalists will have the chance to compete for the 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million that will be offered in the spring.

We congratulate these students on their accomplishments, and wish the semifinalists the best of luck in the next phase of the competition.

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### **Hinsdale Central National Merit Commended Students**

The following individuals from Hinsdale Central were recognized as Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Program for their performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).



- Emmelia Anderson
- Kelly Baird
- Gabrielle Becka
- Rama Bhagwat
- Louisa Brorson
- Nadia Burt
- Liam Carden
- Matthew Cihlar
- Alexandra Collins
- Kelsey Condon
- Eden Drescher
- Rana Dubauskas
- Vincent Galassi
- Elizabeth Grieve
- William Halpin
- Mia Hanlon
- Tucker Hawthorne
- Noah Hernandez
- Spencer Hogervorst
- Vincent Jia
- Sophie Kempenaar
- Brett Klovanich
- Neha Kumar
- Christine Leung
- Jacqueline Lopez
- Mateo Lopez
- Megan Lu
- Paton Mehrhoff
- Shriya Mehta
- Lucas Montesantos
- Sarah Nicholson
- Matthew Notaro
- Daniel Ortiz
- Priyanka Patel
- Parker Peterson
- Maximilian Pohlenz
- Anass Qneibi
- Zahrah Qureshi
- Abhinav Reddy
- Serene Safvi
- Mia Sekiguchi
- Mara Severts
- Rohan Shah
- Raghav Sharma
- Sairaj Shetye
- Dylan Tang
- Kyle Tausk
- Aidan Walsh
- Veronica Walsh
- Mingxiao Wang
- William Zander
- Leeland Zhang
- Carolyn Zhu

We congratulate these students on this achievement.

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### **National Hispanic Recognition Program**

Senior Mia Yen from Hinsdale South has been selected for the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program.

Students who earn this honor must meet one of the following assessment criteria:

- Take the PSAT 10 in the spring of their sophomore year and score in the top 10% by state.
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT in the fall of their junior year and score in the top 10% by state.
- Receive a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP exams by their junior year.



They must also have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. You can access additional information about this program by visiting <http://bit.ly/2nITutk>.

We congratulate Mia on this tremendous achievement.

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### **Hinsdale Central Hispanic Student Association**

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, the Hinsdale Central Hispanic Student Association (HSA) held a virtual guest speaker panel on Sept. 23.



HSA invited four panelists from different heritages and backgrounds to talk about their professions and the influence their Hispanic culture has had on their lives. They included: Valerie Insignares, who is a corporate executive in the restaurant industry; Cristina Henríquez, an author who is best known for her novel "The Book of Unknown Americans;" and Natalia Krismancich and Catherine Arrieta, who are both federal interpreters.

Senior Bella Insignares and sophomore Gaby Veliz-Hernandez served as the moderators for the event, which was attended by students, staff and community members.

We want to compliment and commend the HSA and faculty sponsor Bianca Holland for all they have done to highlight and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month this year.

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### **Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)**

Students and staff from Hinsdale South and Hinsdale Central are taking part in monthly social and emotional learning (SEL) lessons this year.

Hinsdale South's first #SouthPride lesson took place on Sept. 1 and focused on helping students identify the activities or athletic programs that might interest them. Meanwhile, Hinsdale Central's first Red Devil Reflection lesson will take place on Sept. 29 and provide students with an opportunity to reflect on how the past year has changed their perspective.



You can learn more about the district's focus on SEL by visiting <https://d86.hinsdale86.org/Page/318>.

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### **English Department at Hinsdale Central**

Two members of Hinsdale Central's English department have been invited to speak at upcoming conferences.

Teacher Jared Friebel will give a presentation titled "Honoring Our Students' Work: IATE's Young Writers Poetry & Prose Contest" at the Illinois Association of Teachers of English Conference in October. Meanwhile, department chair David Lange will be part of a group that will give a presentation titled "Creating Balance of Professional Development Between Your Staff and Yourself" at the Council on English Leadership National Conference in November.



We congratulate Jared and David on being selected for these opportunities.

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### **Boys and Girls Golf**

The boys and girls golf teams from Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South turned in outstanding performances at their recent conference tournaments.

- The girls varsity and junior varsity teams from Hinsdale Central both won their conference championships. The varsity squad turned in a particularly dominant performance as it

swept the top five spots en route to its 15th straight title.

- The boys varsity team from Hinsdale Central repeated as conference champions thanks, in large part, to junior Emil Riegger's incredible 7-under par 65.
- The boys freshman/sophomore and varsity teams from Hinsdale South finished in second and third place at their respective conference tournaments. Senior Billy Gneiser added another first place finish to his impressive list of accomplishments on the links.
- Senior Dana Euske from Hinsdale South shot an 84 on her way to an eighth place finish at the conference tournament. The team shot a combined score of 386 at the event.

We congratulate all of the teams on their success, and wish them the best of luck heading into regionals.



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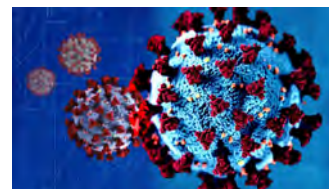
On Wednesday, Oct. 13, we will be administering the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) to sophomores and juniors starting at 8 a.m. Students will be dismissed for the day following the completion of the test, which we anticipate will take until approximately 11:45 a.m. This will be a non-attendance day for freshmen and seniors.



Please contact your child's school if you have questions about the test or the schedule for the day.

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to check out Randy Brogan's Physics in the Universe class at Hinsdale South. During our visit, we had a front row seat for a lab the students were conducting about the amplitude and speed of waves. We also got the chance to experience the camaraderie and sense of community that Mr. Brogan has created in the class, which are helping his students develop skills and form bonds that will benefit them throughout their lives.



You can access the video from the class by visiting <https://youtu.be/PvYqtw8RdXk>.

We want to thank Mr. Brogan and his students, especially freshman Samiah Pike, for giving us a glimpse into what makes this class so special.

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### Wednesday Walk-Throughs

As we have shared in previous emails, Superintendent Tammy Prentiss and our principals conduct walk-throughs every Wednesday to stay updated on the exciting things that are happening in our buildings and further foster relationships with our students, faculty and staff.



During the walk-through at Hinsdale Central on Oct. 6, Superintendent Prentiss and Principal Bill Walsh visited several family and consumer science classes, including Culinary 1 and Culinary 2. They also spent some time in the Fashion Merchandising and Design class, and were blown away by the dress a student made for homecoming.

At Hinsdale South, Superintendent Prentiss and Principal Arwen Pokorny Lyp checked out the learning that was taking place in several science classes, including Physics Honors, Chemistry Honors, AP Chemistry, Biology and AP Biology.

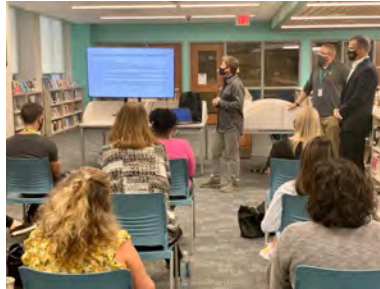
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### Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee

On Oct. 5, the department chairs for English, social studies, world languages, career and technology education, physical education/health/driver education and fine arts provided the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee (PTAC) with an update on the work their program teams have been doing to advance Goal 1 (Student Growth and Achievement) of the district's strategic plan. They also shared changes that are being recommended to help align and enhance the district's curriculum. After each department's presentation, the members of PTAC had the opportunity to ask questions and/or offer their feedback on the proposed changes. The department chairs are scheduled to share their updates and recommendations during the board of education meeting on Oct. 14.

We want to thank the members of PTAC for their valuable contributions to this important work, and for their dedicated service on behalf of our students, staff and schools.





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## Boys and Girls Golf

The boys and girls golf teams from Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South had phenomenal finishes to their seasons.

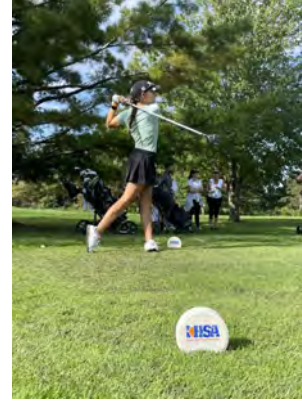
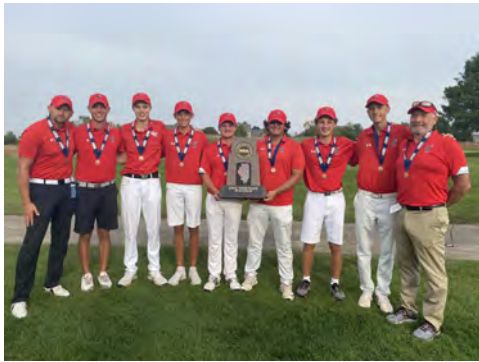
### *Sectionals*

- The girls team from Hinsdale Central continued its dominance during the postseason by adding its second straight sectional championship to the conference and regional titles it had won in previous weeks. Freshman Elyssa Abdullah led the way for the Red Devils with a score of 70, which earned her the individual championship for the tournament.
- The boys team from Hinsdale Central came in second at its sectional tournament. The team was led by junior Emil Riegger, who captured the individual championship in every tournament (i.e., conference, regionals and sectionals) leading up to state.
- The Gneiser brothers from Hinsdale South had a strong showing at sectionals. Senior Billy Gneiser qualified for state after shooting a 74 for the day, while sophomore Tommy Gneiser finished up a great season with a round of 83.
- Senior Dana Euske from Hinsdale South qualified for state following her round of 79 at sectionals, while junior Zaida Apichai wrapped up a terrific season by shooting a 97 for the tournament.

### *State*

- The boys team from Hinsdale Central followed up its second place finish at sectionals with a third place finish at state.
- The girls team from Hinsdale Central took fourth place at state. Elyssa Abdullah capped off a fantastic freshman season with a fourth place finish of her own.
- Billy Gneiser shot a 69 in round two and 140 overall to take fourth place at state. His finish was the best in South's history.
- Dana Euske wrapped up her strong senior season at South by finishing in 71st place at state.

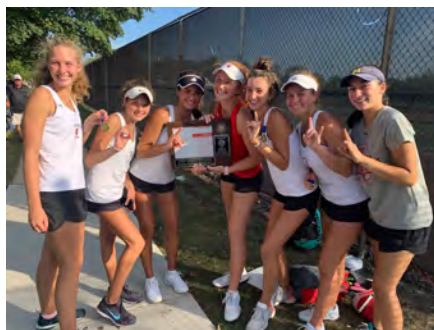
We congratulate the teams and individual student-athletes on their incredible success this year.



### Girls Tennis

The varsity girls tennis team from Hinsdale Central swept the competition in singles and doubles en route to the West Suburban Conference Silver title. Meanwhile, the junior varsity and varsity teams from Hinsdale South finished in first and second place respectively in their conference tournaments.

We congratulate the Red Devils and Hornets on their success at conference, and wish them the best of luck throughout the remainder of the postseason.



### Hinsdale Central in the News

Last week's edition of The Hinsdalean featured several articles about Hinsdale Central.

There was a story about Tomi Adeyemi's induction into the Hinsdale Central Hall of Fame. Adeyemi, who graduated from Central in 2011, is a New York Times bestselling author whose book "Children of Blood and Bone" is being made into a movie. You can read about Adeyemi's return home by visiting <https://bit.ly/2WV5S5e>.



There was a story about student-athletes from Central whose teams are coached by their fathers. In the piece, the Barbers (coach Bob Barber, junior Tessa Barber and freshman Vija Barber) talk about the special relationship they have in and out of the pool, while the McCabes (coach Mark McCabe and junior Catie McCabe) reflect on what they enjoy most about being in the cross country program together. You can read all about the family dynamic on these teams by visiting <https://bit.ly/2YyCpP3>.

There was a piece about the efforts that senior Bella Insignares and the other members of Central's Hispanic Student Association (HSA) have been undertaking to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. These efforts have included observances of Mexican and Chilean independence days; a virtual event with four panelists from different heritages and backgrounds who talked about their professions and the influence their Hispanic culture has had on their lives; and a screening of the film "In the Heights." You can read more about Insignares and the work of the HSA by visiting <https://bit.ly/3muFKH6>.

There was also a student-athlete profile that featured a Q&A with senior Kayla Teuscher. Teuscher is a captain on the diving team who will be attending the United States Military Academy West Point after she graduates from Central. You can check out the profile by visiting <https://bit.ly/3iGoFsr>.

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### **Hinsdale South Athletes of the Week**

Junior Zaida Apichai from the girls golf team and sophomore Tommy Gneiser from the boys golf team were named the Hinsdale South Athletes of the Week for the week of Sept. 27.

Zaida qualified for the sectional tournament after shooting her personal best at regionals. She wrapped up a successful season at sectionals by placing 63rd out of the 112 golfers who took part in the event.

Tommy had an incredible first season on varsity. He earned medals on two occasions, made all conference, and qualified for sectionals after tying for eighth place at the regional tournament.

We congratulate Zaida and Tommy on this recognition.



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### **Student of the Quarter**

Hinsdale Central recently recognized 12 individuals who were named Student of the Quarter by the school's various departments based on their leadership, kindness and skills as role models. Those who received the recognition included:

- Max Zhu (Art)
- Bridget Novatney (Business)
- Kaylee Akers (English)



- Jamie Konieczka (FACS)
- Sara Vladislavjevich (Mathematics)
- Xinyue Wang (Music)
- Grace Scott (Physical Education/Health/Driver Education)
- Farzeen Khan (Science)
- Alexandra Collins (Social Studies)
- Louisa Barnum (Technology Education)
- Isabella Leigh (World Languages)
- Zakaria Azmy (Red Devil Character)

We congratulate these students on this honor.

### Employment Opportunities

District 86 is looking for dedicated professionals who are interested in joining our team. Our current openings include opportunities to serve our schools and students as a [paraprofessional](#) or [nurse](#).

You can learn more about or apply for these positions by visiting <https://bit.ly/3fbBUA4>.



### Board Meeting - October 14

The next District 86 Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 14. The agenda and packet of materials for the meeting will be posted on BoardDocs (<https://bit.ly/394u9as>) and shared via email tomorrow (Oct. 12).



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