

# Bulldawg Blurbs

## WingDing Edition!

February 28th, 2020

Wing Ding Week 2020 quite possibly surpassed all other Wing Ding week's thus far! The week was filled with events and activities that allowed the students to come together and do what they do best, celebrate their Bulldog pride with their HCH family. The dress up days were well received as students battled for top dress-up points throughout the week against the other grades. The sophomores constantly pulled ahead with the top spot, earning them points toward their class total. Monday morning kicked off the week with hall decorating, each class plastering their walls with their assigned class color. The effort was phenomenal. Tuesday morning allowed the Bulldog family a rip around the ice when they joined together for an open skate at our very own home rink, The Hoco Arena. All ability levels came together for exercise, snacks, music and fun! Wednesday afternoon allowed us to showcase the talent we have in and around our school. Top performers were awarded prizes for their outstanding talent displays. Even our teaching staff performed a rap to the tune of *Ice Ice Baby*, featuring the girls basketball team.

Thursday afternoon of Wing Ding was very special for HCH. For the first time, we were given the privilege to host the Unified Special Olympics Basketball game. The turnout from the community, local universities, athletes and staff alike was nothing short of amazing and we are very proud of those who participated in the event! Spirit Day Friday closed out our week with coronation and a pep assembly. Queen Gia Guidotti and King Tobit were crowned royalty. The pep assembly included: friendly competition amongst classes, sports teams, and teachers, along with laughs, excitement, cheering, and encouragement for our sports teams competing in the nights matches against Houghton - a forever-long rivalry with the "other competing in the nights matches against Houghton- a forever-long rivalry with the "other side."



*WING DING 2020  
Brings Back Old and  
New Traditions*



# Unified Basketball Game

## Huge Success



“It was really fun. One of the most fun games I’ve ever played,” says sophomore Kenny Ericson. On February 13th, Hancock High School held its first ever Special Olympic basketball game. Hancock is one out of two Unified champion schools in the UP. There was a large crowd full of students, community members, and both tech and Finlandia coaches and players. The art classes decorated the gym with red and yellow signs. We had the participation of about 15 Unified athletes and 15 Unified partners. We also had cheerleaders, band, video board, and student refs to make the day even more special. In total, all of the points, except one basket, were scored by unified athletes. “Seeing all the kids so excited to play and the community support in the audience was really what made it special to me,” says junior Sophie Heinonen. “I am so happy I got to be a part of this. I know it means a lot to the kids and they did a really great job!” There is a special shout out going to Mrs. Maren Rouleau, who poured lots of her time into the whole day. There is hope to do another game in the spring and continue this as a yearly tradition.



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# Starr Scholarship

## Winner From HCH

The Starr Charitable Foundation Scholarship was set up by an anonymous donor to give high school seniors in Wyoming or the Upper Peninsula an opportunity to go to Michigan State free for eight semesters. It includes all basic costs along with books, and room and board. To be able to receive this type of scholarship the recipient must be an outstanding student, demonstrate ambitious, talented, and enthusiastic characteristics, show leadership traits, and also have extraordinary skills that distinguish them from their peers. Along with needing to meet all of these expectations the person has to go through a difficult application process that includes writing four essays, and getting interviewed if you are selected.

This year, the winner of the Starr Scholarship is Willard Bal. He is the only student from Hancock High school to ever win this specific scholarship. Willard is a great student and has participated in many school activities like SLACK, Interact, and football.

To prepare for applying for this scholarship Willard got involved in as much as he could, and made sure to practice answering questions before his interview. Once at Michigan State, Willard will study to become some form of doctor. For the upcoming seniors, preparing to apply for scholarships, Willard offered some advice: "Make sure to join as many clubs as you can, don't wait until the last minute to apply, and make sure to be honest on the applications."

Winning this scholarship is a great achievement, and Willard deserves it after all of the hard work he has put into his high school career. Hancock would like to take this time to say congratulations Will, and good luck in your future endeavors!



## And That's a Wrap

The Hancock Hockey season quickly came and went this year. This month alone, the Hancock Hockey Team has played seven games. They have beaten: Utica Eisenhower, Jeffers, Escanaba, and Marquette. It was a confidence booster when the Bulldogs beat the Marquette Redmen in their conference considering Marquette was tied for first place in the conference, so it was a big win for the Bulldogs. Unfortunately, the stars did not align for us this season against the Gremlins, falling to them on Thursday, February 27th during our Regional game. Colton Salani scored our only goal as we fell 8-1 against the Gremlins, ending a solid season and the last season with Coach Rouleau. We will surely miss Petr Anderson, Colton Salani and Paul Lorenzetti next season and would like to wish them the best as they move on through the rest of their senior year. Thanks for a great season, boys!

### Important Dates:

- \* **March 4th and 18th** —Early Release Day/PD
- \* **March 21-30th—SPRING BREAK!**
- \* **April 2nd**—1/2 Day; Parent Teacher Conferences

## Student of the Month

Our February Student of the Month is Mason Ollanetto. Mason was chosen by his teacher because he does an amazing job stepping up with all the students in the classroom during his peer mentoring hour. He is very patient, kind, and respectful. Often times we can find him helping out wherever he is needed, and was a big asset to the Wing Ding hallway win. Mason is always looking to do his very best and makes sure he's on top of his grades. He loves playing hockey and volleyball, snowboarding and hanging out at the mall. Mason is currently exploring his options, thinking he may go to school or to be an electrician for Erico Electric. His favorite subject is math, because he likes to figure things out.



The girls basketball team is coming off of a big win against Houghton and feeling confident heading into districts. With senior night against Ontonagon on Thursday, the lady Bulldogs are looking for another win. The district games start on Monday at home against Ironwood. We are hosting districts this year so make sure to get out and support your Bulldogs! After a few tough losses, our basketball boys are looking to take two big wins next week. With Lake Linden and Calumet on Tuesday and Thursday, two wins would be huge for the boys. Districts start here at home against Ironwood on March 9th. Good luck to both teams!

Both district games will be played here at home so Bulldog fans we would love your support. Playoff time is a whole new ball game. Anything can happen.

**Basketball Teams  
Ready for New Season**

# Busy Band As Spring Nears

The Hancock Band programs have been awfully busy these past couple of months. They have been practicing and working hard to do their very best during their performances at the District Band Festival in



Houghton. Back in February, many individual band members performed at Solo and Ensemble, an event that emphasizes skills and allows students to demonstrate their talents by either playing a solo, duet, trios or quartets to judges. This year those students traveled Lake Linden to play, and many of them did extraordinarily well. Austin Jordan, Ellie Tchida, and Vanessa Dulong all earned a 1st Division, or Superior, for their performances. Since they all earned that rating, all three students are qualified to attend the State Solo and Ensemble festival.

Along with single performances, just this past week the Hancock Bands competed at the local

District Band Festival. The band played on Thursday, February 27th and at the end of the day, came back with a 2nd Division rating out of 5, which is still very great. Finally, the band has been doing an amazing job with helping with all of our assemblies, and during our basketball games. The band will now be starting to prepare for their spring performances that are coming up very quickly!

## Bulldog Athletes

### Make Big

### Commitments

Five more seniors have committed to take part in athletics at the college level, signing letters of intent these past few weeks.

Two players from the girls basketball team have committed to play at Finlandia University on the women's basketball team to continue their basketball careers. These athletes are Taylor Sebbas and Jordan Pertile. Taylor Sebbas is going to play as a guard and is "excited to make new friends". Jordan Pertile is going to play as a guard as well and is "excited to travel with the team".

Hancock football team's Colton Salani has committed to play at Michigan Tech University on the football team to continue his football career. He is going to play safety and is "excited for the opportunity and making new friends".

One of UP's top highschool golfers, Payton Dube has committed to Northern Michigan University. After being runner up freshman year winning the U.P. championship both following years, Payton is continuing her golf career. Payton is most excited that she can experience a true golf team, because she has not had the chance to have a real "team" score.

And finally, Makenna Nutall has committed to running for Lake Superior State University on their track team and cross country team. Makenna, "Being able to continue to run and having that family aspect as a team." She is most excited to run the two mile. Your Bulldog Family is so proud of you all!

