

# BULLDOG BLURBS



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## Day of Giving Back Success

On behalf of the school, and your Publications club here at Hancock High School, I would like to genuinely thank each and everybody for the tremendous success on the day before Christmas break. It was truly a great time to be had by all, and the students were so well-behaved. The interactions amongst peers and teachers was joyous and allowed most of us to release a little positive energy into the air.

During the afternoon, it was overpowering to see how many students were excited and looking forward to going out into our community to help give back during the holidays. Many of the students took part in the following: delivering gifts, helping families pick out Christmas gifts, helping out at Canal View with the Christmas parties, visiting with the elderly at Portage Pointe and The Bluffs, helping Ms. Bonnie Roth recycle old library books and helping Mrs. Menigoz with stuffing envelopes. The contribution to the community was a wide success. People were very happy with the engagement, and were thankful for all the help the students here at Hancock provided. Overall, the day was a great note to end the 2019 year and I cannot thank you enough for all the help that was given during that Day of Thanks.—Ms. Callie Budweg



# Library's Corner

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **February 5th and 19th**—Early Release Days
- **February 21st**—Mid-Winter Break
- **February 3rd**—Girl's Basketball vs. Calumet
- **February 11th**—Boy's Basketball vs. Gwinn
- **February 10th-14th**—**WING DING 2020**
- **February 14th**—Boy's Basketball @ Houghton/Boy's Hockey @ Houghton
- **February 17th**—Board of Education meeting

The Hancock District library has a welcoming new face to help students out. Her name is Lauren Isbell. She has a bachelor of Arts degree in Physics and she comes to us all the way from Kalamazoo. The simple reason why she is here is, "Adventure." Her favorite book is "Brave New World" by Aldus Huxley. She thinks the best part of working here is the variety of things she gets to do and the interaction with the students. Some of her hobbies are ice climbing, cross country skiing and being with her two dogs. Welcome to Hancock Schools, Lauren! Also, remember that the library hosts a children's story time on every first Friday of the month, the next one coming up on **February 7th** at 10:15 a.m!



On Friday, January 24th, students and staff across Hancock Central High rallied together to show support for their colleague and teacher Jennifer (Madame) Smith, (English and French Depts.) who was diagnosed with colon cancer at the end of December. Her surgery was scheduled for the middle of January, which was a success. In exchange of a royal blue ribbon, the students donated cash to Madame's cause. They were able to wear hats and jerseys around the school all day to show their support. Madame Smith would like to thank the students of Hancock High for "thinking about her, praying for her, making the card, organizing the fundraiser and overall making her loved and appreciated. The Bulldog love was a huge comfort. You guys are awesome," says Smith. The group raised nearly \$300 for the cause.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

### SENIORS

- Hancock Award Applications are due at Finlandia by March 01st, 2020. Absolutely NO exceptions. This means who must have applied to Finlandia, Filed the FAFSA and listed Finlandia as the first school, had Mrs. Menigoz send your transcript, filled our award application and submitted a \$200.00 deposit. If you have any questions please see Mrs. Menigoz.
- Please check school email regularly as Scholarship opportunities will be posted as they are received. A copy of each will be available in the guidance center.

### JUNIORS

- The SAT Test is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th. Now is the time to start using your KHAN Academy accounts to prepare. Remember 20 hours working on Khan Academy raises scores significantly.

**Any High School Girls** interested in a University Summer Program there are scholarships available through the Joyce Ivey Foundation, [www.joyceivyfoundation.org](http://www.joyceivyfoundation.org). If you go on this site, it will list the Universities that this scholarship will cover. It includes travel, room and board, as well as the cost of the program. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Menigoz.

Students who have failed a class and have credit to recover, please make sure you meet with Mrs. Menigoz to make a plan of how this can happen.

# Student Spotlight



Our Student of the Month for January is Eleanor (Ellie) Tchida. Ellie is a sophomore here at Hancock, and is a great and friendly student. She's very helpful in all of her classes and although she is not a peer mentor this year, she never hesitates to go where assistance is needed. Her effort goes above and beyond in all classes, but particularly art. If you look at the middle stairwell, near the office and the elevator, you can see an amazing mural being painted by Ellie and Jenny Erickson. Ellie is a joy in the class for all. She participates in band (flute), and extra curricular art projects. Ellie is also a member of the Interact Club, and enjoys learning about space and theatre. If you catch her with some down time, you'll probably find her nose in a book. Great job, Ellie!

# New Faces

## As a Bulldog



To start our 2020 year off, Hancock High School is welcoming a few new faces to our faculty. This semester, there are two new student teachers that are ready to take on a few classes under the guidance of some of our own teachers here. We would like to welcome Mr. Jason Sutherland and Mr. Tyler Sykes to our team this semester. **Mr. Jason Sutherland** graduated from Lake Linden-Hubbell in 2017 and has attended Michigan Tech for the past 2.5 years. “I was able to get through college quickly with dual enrollment credits, so I have the unique perspective of being 20 years old while being a teacher,” says Mr. Sutherland. He was raised by his father, Leon Sutherland and mother Danielle and has three other siblings: older sister Abby, younger brother and sister Marcus and Megan. He’s formerly coached football at Lake Linden-Hubbell, but has had experience with our own Hancock Junior Varsity squad. In his spare time, he likes to lift weights and play video games. Mr. Sutherland is excited to get started in the way the teaching world works. “I’m most excited to not have a standard, cookie-cutter day. I look forward to having to make adjustments as problems arise. You can find me in Mr. Griffith’s room and I’ll begin teaching 7th hour World History, and then 5th hour Economics, and slowly absorb the rest of the sections after that.” He is excited to get to know everybody here, to learn how to teach and get ready for his career.

**Mr. Tyler Sykes** is also a new face! Mr. Sykes hails from Grand Rapids, MI but has been in the area for eight years now. He graduated from Michigan Tech with an engineering degree and returned to Tech for his teaching certificate. “I used to study engineering, but personally found it unfulfilling, despite really enjoying math and science. I wanted to become a teacher because it allows me to combine my passion for science for working with and guiding others,” says Mr. Sykes. He is currently teaching Mrs. Laakonen’s 9th grade Biology, and Mrs. Lurn’s 7th grade science classes. His mom and dad still live in GR, and has a brother in Phoenix and a sister living in Miami, FL. When he’s not here, he loves kayaking, mountain biking, surfing, running, skiing, and is getting into hockey. When asked about being here, Mr. Sykes says. “I’m most excited about just being apart of this community. Every day I have something new to learn from both a great staff of experienced teachers as well as the students here. I love being able to see students progress as they acquire new skills and knowledge throughout the course of a unit, semester, or year. I get really fired up about that whole process.



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**Ms. Madeline Huhta** is our new Middle School Educational Resource Room teacher up here in the high school wing. She was born and raised in Chassell, MI. She graduated from NMU with an elementary Special Education degree. She grew up with 8 sisters and 2 brothers and has recently gotten engaged! Ms. Huhta says, "I am excited to give the students the resources they need to help them become successful. When I was in the 2nd grade, I knew I wanted to be a teacher. School didn't come naturally for me, I had a lot of teachers who helped along the way. I wanted to help students the way they helped me." She enjoys snowshoeing, skating and watching sports. She also loves setting goals, and has set a goal for the Canal Run half-marathon in July. About being a Bulldog, she says, "Both of my parents graduated from HCH, and some of their teachers are still here. I can see a sense of pride in the students when I walk the halls, and I'm thrilled to be a part of it."



## Students Excel at HOSA Conference

The Health Careers and Nurses Aide CTE classes attended the HOSA Regional Leadership Conference on Friday, January 9th. HOSA is Health Organization for Students interested in health professions. A few of our students from Hancock competed in several events, and were successful. These students qualified for the State Conference in March and will travel downstate to compete. These students include: Mandy Levanen, Brianne Hammerstrom, Ellie Sturos and Alexandra Huotari for their PSA video, Tristin Holman and Hannah Bastian in the category of Public Health, Jaycie Stukel, and Jari Junnti in CPR/First Aid. We are proud of their success and wish them good luck at states!



## Bulldogs Bounce Back

The hockey team had a rough go at the beginning of the season and they have finally got into the groove in the past couple weeks, taking five wins in a row. Those wins being have been against Northville, Novi, Negaunee, Bayport and once more against Negaunee in over time. In other new additions for the hockey team, they have added Hannah Impola to their coaching staff. She has put in many hours helping out with the team not only during practices, but also outside of practice working with the goalies to develop their skills. A special thanks goes out to her for all of her hard work and time she has given to the hockey team, it doesn't go unnoticed! Let's keep the momentum going!



# Bulldog Basketball

## Remains Optimistic

PC: Mike Croze

The girl's varsity basketball team is now at the halfway point in their season, looking to turn things around. A team with more potential than their 7-6 record shows, is trying to figure out how they can be successful as they look forward to the district tournament. Being in a big conference, the team has faced and will continue to see some tough competition. They've had their ups and downs, but after a recent, what appeared to be easy, win over Jeffers, and GREAT wins against Houghton and Iron Mountain, the girls could be taking a step in the right direction.



The senior-led team saw solid performances from their youth as well, who have been improving as the season continues. The Bulldogs are taking that confidence and trying to find some consistency going into the next few games, one of which is a rivalry against the Gremlins. The varsity team will continue working through the second half of their season, striving for a winning record, and a strong postseason run.



The Hancock Boy's Basketball team came out to a rough start this season. With a young team, many coming straight from 8th grade, they are now starting to adjust to the quicker pace game varsity plays. They are also learning how to play as one as the team's confidence continues to build. "We hope to improve and get a few wins in the second half of the season, and then really surprise some people in the postseason. Hopes are very high for the following year and years to come!" Said junior Carsen Chynoweth, who has been a major factor in leading the team on both ends of the floor as he's averaging 13 points a game. The boys are still looking for that first win of the season and getting closer with each game.

# Holladay Represents Ski Team



John Holladay is our only bulldog on the Houghton/Hancock Ski Team this year, but that doesn't hold him back from having a good time. His favorite things about skiing are going fast and the people he gets to be with. People may think that skiing isn't a real sport, and there isn't much effort involved, but he does a lot of training and there is a lot more to it than going down a hill. The ski team recently had a meet down in Marquette and John placed in 12th and 14th out of 26 racers. Since John is a senior, we could really use more people to represent Hancock's ski team next year!

## Wing Ding 2020 Schedule Set

Wing Ding is quickly approaching! The Spirit Committee has finally come out with the set dress up days. Now that you know well in advance, try your best to promote school spirit! Here are your dress up days:

**Monday, February 10th:** 'Merica Monday

**Tuesday, Feb. 11th:** Class Color Day

**Seniors**—Blue

**Juniors**— Black

**Sophomores**— White

**Freshmen**— Red

**Wednesday, Feb. 12th:** Beach Day

**Thursday, Feb. 13th:** Twin Day

**Friday, Feb. 14th:** Spirit Day!

The Coronation will take place during 6th hour of Friday, February 14th, as well as the assembly.

