

# BULLDOG BLURBS

## HANCOCK HIGH SCHOOL



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### Upcoming Dates to know:

- **Oct. 10th**—*WestPac Cross Country Finals in Negaunee*
- **Oct. 10th**—*Volleyball in L'Anse*
- **Oct. 11th**—*No school, PD for Staff*
- **Oct. 18th**—*Varsity Football @ Cal*

### HELLO FROM THE PUB CLUB!

New year, new ideas. We are the Hancock Pub. Club, a new organization this year that focuses on spreading Bulldog spirit throughout the community. We cover sports, organizations, and academics. We will post weekly news articles that will keep you up to date on what is going on in HCH. This year our club consists of a variety of members who are ready to inform the public on the great things going on in our school community. If you have any leads, ideas or news you'd like us to share—please feel free to contact one of us or our advisers: [bgoldsworthy@hancock.k12.mi.us](mailto:bgoldsworthy@hancock.k12.mi.us) or [cbudweg@hancock.k12.mi.us](mailto:cbudweg@hancock.k12.mi.us)

### Kraft Hockeyville 2019 by Marina Kero

As many of you have heard, Calumet was the winner of Kraft Hockeyville 2019. Hockey has been the pride and joy of this community for many generations, so it was quite the experience to have this take place in such a small town. The Detroit Red Wings and St. Louis Blues played a preseason game at the Calumet Colosseum on Thursday, September 26, 2019. The Red Wings won by a score of 4-1. The community thanks everyone that was involved in making this happen, and couldn't be more grateful to have been a part of such a special experience here in the U.P.



### **Hancock Driven for Success by Ellie Sturos**

Hancock fans have reason to celebrate. With a new coaching staff implemented this year, our Hancock Varsity Football team has had a successful start to its season. With wins against L'Anse, Gogebic, Gwinn, and a huge win against Munising and only two losses to Negaunee and Iron Mountain, their record stands at 4-2. The Bulldogs are led by senior Colton Salani, who is a veteran at his quarterback position. Salani says, "This is our year. I'm focused, and with a new coaching staff, we are hoping to make it back to the playoffs."

Hancock Central High School has welcomed back former Bulldog, Mason Mikesh. He has successfully filled the receiver's position which opened up after senior David Storm joined the injured reserve, along with senior Matthew Halonen who is out for the season. Senior Petr Anderson who was recently concussed, is hoping to get back on the field as soon as possible. Juniors Austin Salani, Carsen Chynoweth and Conner Laclair have been vital on both defense and offense. The Bulldogs will be on the road for their next game against a very challenging Iron Mountain team. These next couple of weeks are crucial in order to get into the playoffs. Be sure to get out and support our Dawgs!



### **Copper Bowl Spirit Start Up by Payton Dube**

**Copper Bowl 2019** is right around the corner, and the Spirit Committee is starting to prep for the week of festivities. This year, the committee of well over 20 students from all grades is preparing to make this Copper Bowl one to remember. With the help of spirit committee advisor, Madame

Smith, Principal Mr. Salani, and teachers - Ms. Grieger, Ms. Beauchamp, and Ms. Budweg, the committee is looking to implement some new ideas and old traditions that have been forgotten over the years. Copper Bowl is less than three weeks away, and there is a lot to do. The committee is starting off by organizing dress up days, and the weekly activities. We are looking to make this week one to remember, and that is only possible if everyone gets involved and gets excited. All are welcome to join, we meet at lunch about once a week in Madame's room. This week is about everyone, not just athletes, it's about coming together as a school to prove we are better than Houghton in all aspects. So everyone make sure to participate, support, and most importantly have fun!

# Copper Bowl 2019 List of Events



Mon. Oct. 21	Tues. Oct. 22	Wed. Oct. 23	Thurs. Oct. 24	Fri. Oct. 25
Social Media Day	Stoplight Day	Theme Day	Superhero vs. Villain	SPIRIT Day
Hallway/Poster Making	Downtown Decorating	Powderpuff Powderbuff @ 6pm	Powderbuff Finals	Assembly, coronation
			Short assembly 7 <sup>th</sup> hour	After School Car/Float Parade
			Volleyball vs. Houghton	Tailgate and Football game immediately after.
			Senior Staff Volleyball	

## **New Faculty, New Beginnings** by D'Andra Kero

Prior to the 2019-2020 school year, the middle and high school has gained four new faculty members. Joining the HMS staff are Mr. Dylan Meyer, Ms. Heather Impola and Mr. Steve Aho. The high school staff gained Miss Callie Budweg and Mr. Paul Smith. To help our Hancock community get to know these new members, we asked each of them a few questions. They responded to questions about hobbies, what is exciting about being a part of the faculty here, family/pets, as well as what positions they have filled.



**Mr. Meyer** is currently teaching Social Studies 8, Local History, and Evolution of Technology. His hobbies include gaming, research, and watching hockey. He has one sister and two dogs. When asked what he is excited about being a part of the faculty, Mr. Meyer says “I am excited about working with the students and some of the faculty that I knew from my time at Hancock High School.”

## New Teachers (Continued)

**Ms. Impola** is teaching all of the 6th grade math classes, one period of 7th grade, and one period of 8th grade math. She enjoys reading, playing games, doing puzzles, and being active outdoors. She especially enjoys hiking and biking. She loves playing and watching all sports, but hockey has always been a big part of her life. Ms. Impola is the second oldest of 8 kids and moved here from Minnesota. Ms. Impola is excited about being here and says “I am really enjoying in a



positive environment at Hancock Middle School. The students and faculty are great and I love having the opportunity to share my love for mathematics with them.”

**Mr. Aho** has returned to Hancock, and has taken the role of the new Middle School principal, as well as a special education teacher. His hobbies include spending time with family and playing/watching sports. He is married and has seven children, five of which are in the Hancock schools. He also has a dog named Sadie. Mr. Aho’s response to what is most exciting about being in Hancock was: “I am excited to be in a role to help support and guide the efforts of staff and students that want the best for the Hancock school community. My family is a part of this community and we love it!”

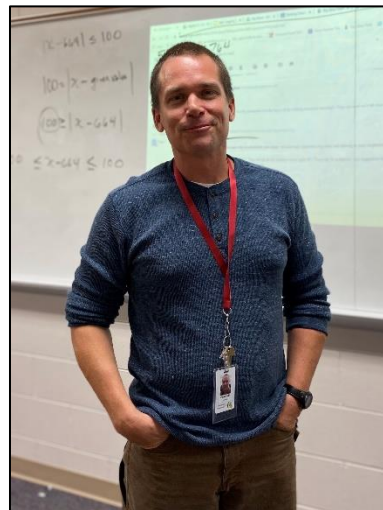






**Miss Budweg** is currently teaching 10th-12th grade English classes. She has been in the English classrooms for eight years and has taught at two different school districts prior to being here at Hancock. She is a huge fan of volleyball, weightlifting, and horseback riding. Miss Budweg has three dogs: Ripley, Millie, and Buttons. She says, “What I'm excited about the most working here at Hancock High School is the promotion of school spirit, and learning about all of my student's interests.”

**Mr. Smith** is currently teaching Algebra 1 and Geometry in the high school. In his free time, he enjoys long distance running, singing and playing the guitar, and mountain biking. The Smith family has a chocolate lab named Chico. Mr. Smith says he is most excited “to do some math” here at HCH.



**Congratulations** to our Quiz Bowl team on taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Blizzard Bowl this past weekend!

## Student Says by Sloane Driscoll

### Kami Klein (Sophomore)

- **How was your first month of school?**

“Pretty good, not very hard so far. I have a good GPA right now.”

- **Have you encountered any challenges?**

“I didn’t understand the first geometry lesson.”

- **What are you looking forward to?**

“Copper bowl, track season, and making closer friends”

### Tristin Holman (Senior)

- How was your first month of school?

“It was drowsy. Pretty good I guess”

- Have you encountered any challenges?

“Math class is a struggle. That’s it.”

- What are you looking forward to?

“I’m ready to be out of high school.”

### Mason Mikesh (Junior)

- How was your first month of school?

“It was good, I made a lot of new friends.”

- Have you encountered any challenges?

“It is my first year playing football, so I felt behind because everyone else knew what they were doing.”

- What are you looking forward to?

“Copper Bowl and WingDing because it will be my first of both, and I play football and hockey.”

### Brady Galetto (Freshman)

- How was your first month of school?

“Good, I have been getting good grades”

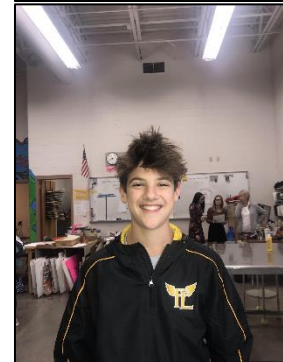
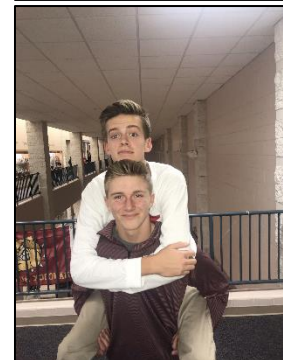
- Have you encountered any challenges?

“Not really, except upperclassmen bumping me in the hallways.”

- What are you looking forward to?

“Powderbuff (Boy’s volleyball), all the Copper Bowl and WingDing activities that they do in high school but not in middle school.”

*Student Says* is a portion of our newsletter that openly gives our student body opportunity to provide us some insight and allow them to use their own voice.





**Interact Cleans Up Community Highway** by Sophie Heinonen

On Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, members from the HCH interact club cleaned up their Adopt-A-Highway. The HCH Adopt-A-Highway is a 3 mile stretch located out in Painesdale. Members met at the school around 1pm and car pooled out to the spot. They split the roadway into 1 mile sections and groups cleaned each side of the road. The 14 member crew had the project done in 1.5 hours and collected roughly 12 bags of garbage. It was a beautiful day despite the rain. “Save the turtles!” says 2nd year Interact member Marina Kero. The Interact Club meets on Tuesdays in Mr. Smith’s room. All are welcome!



**Cross Country Team** by Sierrah Driscoll

The Hancock cross country team has been working hard. When Cayley Cunard, a sophomore varsity runner was asked what her favorite part of the season was, she answered “...the team has been really close this year.” She also mentioned that her favorite course she ran this year was the Hancock home course. “I’m looking forward to trying our best at (U.P. Finals)” and “For all of the middle school runner's futures.”

Elijah Packard, a freshman varsity runner said his favorite part of the season was, “just hanging out with the team and the feeling after you finish a race.” His favorite course that he has ran so far was the Hancock home course as well as Cayley. Elijah is looking forward to “U.P. Finals and competing against other runners in our conference”.

This year’s U.P. Finals will be on October 19th, 2019 at Presque Isle in Marquette. The Cross Country team is working hard to prepare!



# Hancock Volleyball Looks Promising by

Briana



L to R and top to bottom: Sophie Heinonen, Briana Pietila, Marina Kero, D'Andra Kero, Kyla Colombe, Alex Huotari, Ellie Sturos, Payton Dube, Jordan Pertile, Laura Fenton, and Jaycie Stukel



The Hancock volleyball team started their season with new head coach, Elle Heinonen, a former Michigan Tech volleyball player. She came into the gym with enthusiasm and energy with high hopes of bettering the team as a whole and having a successful season. The first couple weeks of practice were tough, putting in many hours in the gym, learning the basic fundamentals of volleyball. The team started off the year with a win on their home court against the Chassell Panthers, followed by a tough loss to Lake Linden-Hubbell in four sets. Coach Elle and the team were ready to get back in the gym and focus on what needed to be worked on, in order to come together as a team for the following games. The Bulldogs then took two tough losses to Jeffers and Calumet, two games in which the girls came out with a lot of grit in hopes of winning. West Iron was the next match up for the Bulldogs, and by far their best game of the season although it ended in a loss, they came out with energy and didn't let West Iron take an easy win, losing by two in the fifth set. Coach Elle gave a little recap of the season following the game, "At the beginning of the season we started out trying to figure out who we are as a team and the basic fundamentals of volleyball. We have now been able to progress our game by speeding up our offense a little bit, we're becoming a better team, figuring out we are, getting more consistent with our game as time goes on, learning how to have fun with the sport while still being competitive, and getting better every day." The girls really came together as a team during this game and had some good chemistry on the court, making them as well as coach excited for the upcoming matches. Finally, last Thursday the girl's played against Houghton and fell in a very rowdy game. The team really appreciated the support so continue to come out and support your girls as they are over halfway through the season!