



# HYANNIS LONGHORNS



*Staying in the loop with Hyannis Area Schools*



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## **IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!**

*By Juliana Merrihew*

This December, a winter storm kept many students home from school for what felt like an early Christmas break! The snow started Monday evening. Athletes got released from practice early so they could get home safely. There was no school on Tuesday, and it snowed the whole day. The basketball game against Gordon Rushville was postponed. School was called off on Wednesday also as it continued to snow. By Thursday, the storm had stopped, but the wind was blowing. Several students reported getting up to 2 feet of snow! To keep students safe, school was canceled on Thursday and Friday. Everyone was back at school on Monday, but the buses did not run due to road conditions. There were huge snow drifts around the school, and many students described icy roads on the drive into town. The week-long break was a surprise, and one thing is for certain: It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Hyannis!

## PERSONAL FINANCE TEAM TAKES FIRST PLACE

*By Juliana Merrihew*

As part of the graduation requirements, the seniors took a semester-long personal finance class. The class was taught by Vicki Morrell. They learned about mortgages, insurance, and taxes. As part of the class, some of the students participated in a Personal Finance contest in December. The students on the team were Max Kostman, Wyatt Phillips, Ezekiel Heaton, and Rylee Anderson (12). The team took an online test at the school. They placed 1st in the state! As a reward, they each received certificates and \$30. Next, the team will compete at the Regionals in Kearney, NE, on April 14th. They will be given a hypothetical family situation, and they will have to make a presentation outlining their financial suggestions for the hypothetical family. Congratulations to the team, and good luck at Regionals!



L to R: Wyatt Phillips, Max Kostman, Rylee Anderson, and Ezekiel Heaton.

## ONE ACT SEASON WRAPS UP

*By Juliana Merrihew*

On November 22nd, the Hyannis One Act team held a performance for the community. Before the show, a delicious soup supper was provided for the audience. There were also free-will donations. At six o'clock, everyone made their way to the lecture hall. They were able to admire the new improvements, such as the new stage and curtains. Before the show, Head Coach Jeanne Gentry was awarded a plaque in recognition of all of the hard work she has done for the team. After the show, the seniors, Emily Gentry, Wyatt Phillips, and Ezekiel Heaton, stood up to a standing ovation. Next, the team competed in Districts on November 30th. The competition was held in Chapel, so the team started the long drive the night before. They stayed in Ogallala overnight, and then finished the drive in the morning. They performed around 10 am. Although the team did their best, they were unable to pull through for a win, and their season sadly came to an end. Notably, all of the Hyannis actors received acting awards at districts for their outstanding performance. The team has faced many challenges this year, from a lack of participants to injuries and illnesses. Overall, they have overcome so much and Hyannis students and staff are so proud of all of the hard work they have put in this year and wish them the best of luck next season.



Back: Molly B, Jeanne G, Kylee L, Trevor K, Zeek H, Natasha H, and Ami E. Front: Wyatt P, Emily G, and Orabella H.



## THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IN 2022

*By Kadon Woerner*

Elementary students have been researching different projects this year. On the last day of school, each student presented to the elementary students about what they had learned in a variety of formats such as a book or a slideshow. It was a great day of learning for the students to be able to present and listen to the presentations. The students worked hard to create their projects and have learned a lot through the process.

Grades 7-12 took finals for the last two days of school. They were hoping for a Christmas party but it was cut a little short due to Winter Storm Elliott appearing before the forecasted time. After the students ate lunch they exchanged a Christmas gift with their peers. School ended at 1:00 and we are thankful that everyone was able to make it home safely.



Third grader, Sierra Hampton presents her research on blizzards in the kindergarten classroom to a variety of students.

## ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

*By Ben Connell*

On Wednesday, December 20th, the elementary had a holiday bash! After a long semester of schooling, the elementary is excited to have a little fun and celebrate before Christmas break. The kids participated in many Christmas-themed activities. There was hot chocolate and popcorn for the kids, and they also got to watch movies. It was great for the kids to be able to have half a day of school to prepare for the holidays and ring in a new year. We can't wait for our students to return for the second semester of school on the 5th of January!



The first grade class shows off their holiday glasses.



Kindergarteners enjoy the hot chocolate provided by the Student Council.

## CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

*By Juliana Merrihew*

The students and staff at Hyannis High School have many Christmas Traditions.

Kylee Lee, a junior, starts off by giving each other pajamas and eating Mexican food on Christmas Eve. The first thing they do on Christmas morning is to watch the Polar Express and eat french toast and cinnamon rolls. Then, they open presents from youngest to oldest.

Emily Gentry (senior) goes to midnight mass in Anselmo on Christmas Eve. She goes to her Aunt's house and has a Christmas party. The next day, they drive home and celebrate Christmas at home. They always watch the movie "It's a Wonderful Life."

Lauren Hollenbeck and her family start Christmas with stockings. They have Christmas dinner and open their presents. Often, they decorate sugar cookies together.

Jax Ayer's family puts up their tree the day after Thanksgiving. They open their gifts on Christmas eve with their grandparents and eat a big meal. On Christmas Eve, they open their stockings.

Hyannis Area Schools wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful Christmas Break!



## WRESTLING SEASON IS ON A ROLL

*By Danny Taylor*

The wrestling season is off to a great start. A few medals have been brought home. We wrestled at Mullen our first meet on December 3rd, next, we went down to Twin Loup on December 9th, then finally we went to Anselmo Merna on December 10th. The team has several tough meets coming up, they will be January 5th in Tryon, then on January 6th we will wrestle at Dundy County, then last on our back-to-back we will be wrestling at Garden County. Leading the team is Ezekiel Heaton wrestling at 152. Other standout wrestlers include Trevor Kohl wrestling 145 and finally, Danny Taylor wrestling 138. Ezekiel Heaton's record for this season so far is 10-2, Trevor Kohl is 6-6, and Danny Taylor's record is 4-6. We have many more wrestling meets coming up and hope to see everyone there.



Ezekiel Heaton wrestles his way to the top at Anselmo-Merna.



## GIRLS BASKETBALL KICKS OFF THEIR SEASON

*By Dom Boppre*

The Hyannis Girls basketball team has had a challenging start to their season. The girls beat Creek Valley in the season opener 39-29 but lost to Hemmingford 39-18. The girls starting five are Ami Evans, Rylee Anderson, Julianna Merrihew, Regan Anderson, and Faith Ferguson.

The girls have a young team this year. Ami, Rylee, and Juliana are Seniors, but Regan is a Junior, and Faith is a Freshman. The girls have ten total on the roster this season. "I think the season is going to go very well, there are a lot of younger girls stepping up, and I am excited to see how the season goes." - Senior Ami Evans. Best of luck to the Lady Longhorns this season!



Regan Anderson, Bailee Leonard, and Juliana Merrihew fight for the rebound.

## BOYS BASKETBALL BEGINS

*By Dom Boppre*

The Hyannis Boys basketball team has had a great start to their season. They have beaten Creek Valley, and Hemmingford. They are showing great teamwork and putting on a good show. The boys are playing great defense and having no problem running an offense. The starting five for the boys are Max Kostman, Wyatt Philips, Jake Connell, Lane Anderson, and Rylee Anderson. Max, Wyatt, Jake, and Layne are all seniors and Rylee is a junior. Hyannis has a deep bench and a lot of young men that can also sub in to give the starters a break. The boy's JV team beat the Creek Valley team and lost to Hemmingford JV. The boys beat Creek Valley 74-33 and Hemmingford 53-35. The boys still have a lot of time to get better and hopefully make a good run at the state tournament. Best of luck to the Hyannis Boys basketball team.



Max Kostman goes in for a layup.

## TEACHER'S CORNER:

### THE MAD DASH TO THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*By Mrs. Ellie Anderson (K-12 Music)*

After pulling off a successful Veteran's Day Program in November, one might think that a music teacher could take a little breather and relax for a bit. This is definitely NOT the case because now there is the mad dash to the Christmas Concert! With only one month to be concert ready in 8 classes, there is much to be done.

After spending many hours selecting music for each class and enduring the inevitable complaints of "I don't like this song" and "why do we have to sing this song," we started learning the music for the Christmas concert. There have been several moments of panic wondering how some of my classes would ever be concert ready, but after several adjustments and some extra practice time, we are as ready as we can be. I am very proud of all my students for their hard work and willingness to try new things.

Let's just hope that the weather clears in time for the concert because the weather outside is frightful and our dreams of a white Christmas are coming true!



## TEACHER'S CORNER:

### 2ND GRADE HAPPENINGS

*By Mrs. Amanda Rath (2nd Grade)*

We have been working hard these past couple of weeks to finish writing our first book of the school year. 2nd graders researched 'Bugs in Their Ecosystems' and wrote books responding to six different research questions. We learned about researching our topic and choosing which information is most relevant to our topic and of course the writing and editing process.

In Math, we have been working on fractions and telling time. Ask your favorite second grader to read a clock for you! We finished our first Chapter in Social Studies, in which we studied Citizenship and American Symbols.

In Science, we also finished the first large unit for the school year. We learned all about Matter and its state. We did experiments such as melting butter and watching as it cooled and changed back into a solid, making pancakes, and we made a prediction and are now observing how long a paper clip placed into water takes to rust—We are at day 47 and counting...



**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:  
ZACHARY LEE**

*By Ami Evans*

Zackary Lee is a Senior at Hyannis High School and is 18 years old. He has “grown-up” in many places such as being born in North Carolina, living in Washington State for 5 years, and now he lives in North Platte NE. His family consists of his mother Veronica Lee who is our Guidance counselor here in Hyannis, his father Mike Lee, and his sister Kylee Lee.

Zack has many pets consisting of 6 dogs and 8 cats. Zack’s hobbies include drawing. Something Zack likes about school is in his words “the people.” Zack’s future plans include going to College in Curtis for a degree in veterinary science, then going up north in the cold and opening a vet clinic.

Zack participates in many activities here at Hyannis High School and that consists of FFA, Aca Deca, Quiz Bowl, and throwing in track. Zack’s favorite movie is The Fifth Element. Zack’s favorite place is Norway. We are very happy to have Zack here in Hyannis and looking forward to seeing how the rest of his year is at Hyannis High School.



Photo by Kelly Stahl

**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:  
JULIANA MERRIHEW**

*By Jorja Grover*

Juliana Merrihew is the daughter of Craig and Erin Merrihew. Juliana is the oldest of 5 siblings: Evan (Freshman), Levi and Joia (7th), Jett (5th), and Piper (1st). Juliana was born on August 21, 2005. Juliana was born in McCook, Nebraska and her family moved here in 2017. The sports she is very dedicated to are volleyball and basketball. She has been accepted into college at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, NE. She wants to study political science and attend law school to become a lawyer. Being a lawyer is her dream job.

A few fun facts about Juliana are: Her favorite show to watch is ‘The Office’. Juliana's favorite color is blue. Her favorite food is pasta. She doesn't have a favorite drink. Vanilla ice cream is her favorite dessert and her favorite candy is either Twix or Kit Kats. Juliana’s favorite subject is currently Art!



Photo by Audrey Powles

## LUNCH MENU

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

JAN. 5 - ENCHILADA CASSEROLE, SMILEY FRIES,  
LETTUCE SALAD, FRUIT

JAN. 6 - SAUSAGE GRAVY OVER BISCUITS,  
CORN, FRUIT, COOKIE

JAN. 9 - BEEF & BEAN BURRITO, POTATO OLES,  
FRESH VEGGIES, FRUIT

JAN. 10 - CHICKEN ALFREDO, GARLIC BREAD,  
GREEN BEANS, APPLE CRISP

JAN. 11 - FRENCH DIP ON BUN, TATER GEMS,  
CORN, FRUIT

JAN. 12 - MINI CORN DOGS, MAC & CHEESE, BBQ  
BEANS, FRUIT

JAN. 13 - RIB-E-QUE ON BUN, TRI-TATER, MIXED  
VEGETABLES, FRUIT, COOKIE

JAN. 16 - CHICKEN NUGGETS, MASHED  
POTATOES & GRAVY, CORN, DINNER ROLL, FRUIT

JAN. 17 - CHILI, DONUT, CRACKERS, FRESH  
VEGGIES, FRUIT

JAN. 18 - PIGS-IN-A-BLANKET, SMILEY FRIES,  
BROCCOLI, FRUIT

JAN. 19 - CHICKEN FAJITA, SEASONED RICE,  
GREEN BEANS, LETTUCE & CHEESE CUP, FRUIT

JAN. 20 - PHILLY STEAK SANDWICH, CURLY  
FRIES, COOKED CARROTS, RICE KRISPIE BAR,  
FRUIT

JAN. 23 - SPAGHETTI WITH MEAT SAUCE,  
LETTUCE SALAD, PEAS, GARLIC BREAD, FRUIT

JAN. 24 - BEEF STICKS, MASHED POTATOES &  
GRAVY, CORN, DINNER ROLL, FRUIT

JAN. 25 - ITALIAN DUNKERS, MEAT SAUCE,  
LETTUCE SALAD, HASH BROWN ROUNDS, FRUIT

JAN. 26 - CHICKEN CRISPITO, POTATO OLES,  
GREEN BEANS, PEACH FLUFF

JAN. 27 - TACO BURGER, NACHO CHIPS & SALSA,  
LETTUCE & CHEESE CUP, BABY CARROTS, FRUIT

JAN. 30 - SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN, RICE, EGG  
ROLL, BROCCOLI, FRUIT

JAN. 31 - HAM & CHEESE ZOMBIE, TRI-TATER,  
CORN, FRUIT

Menu items subject to change upon availability



# January Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> No School	<b>2</b> No School	<b>3</b> No School	<b>4</b> Teacher's Work Day No School	<b>5</b> Students Return Wrestling @ Sandhills Valley	<b>6</b> HS Bball @ South Platte Wrestling @ Dundy Co.	<b>7</b> HS Bball @ Banner County HS Wrestling @ Garden County
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Bball vs. Twin Loup @ Hyannis	<b>11</b> District FFA Speech JH Bball @ Minatare	<b>12</b> HS Wrestling @ Home	<b>13</b> HS Wrestling @ Mullen HS Bball vs. Crawford @ Home	<b>14</b> HS Wrestling @ Sandhills Thedford HS Bball vs. SVM @ Home
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Science Fair	<b>17</b> JH Bball @ Cody-Kilgore	<b>18</b> Blood Drive FFA @ North Platte JH Bball vs Arthur @ Home	<b>19</b> HS Bball @ Sandhills Thedford	<b>20</b> HS Bball vs. Arthur @ Home HS Wrestling @ South Loup	<b>21</b> Bball MNAC (TBA)
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Bball MNAC (TBA) JH Bball @ Mullen	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> FFA CDE @ North Platte	<b>26</b> JH Bball vs. Creek Valley @ Home	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> HS Wrestling @ Plainview MNAC Championship Game (TBA)
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> JH Bball @ Sandhills Valley Christmas Concert	<b>31</b> HS Bball vs. Cody- Kilgore @ Hyannis				