

2025-2026 Hingham High School PTO Parent Playbook

Who we are and what we do. The Hingham High School PTO is a non-profit organization of volunteer parents and school staff dedicated to strengthening the HHS community. We fund, plan and coordinate activities and initiatives that enrich our students' educational experience. All HHS parents and caregivers are part of the PTO; we hope you get involved!

Donate. With your support, the HHS PTO provides financial and/or organizational support for programs outside of the school's annual budget. Your donation has a real impact on student life at HHS, ensuring that *every student* enjoys the “extras” that help to define their high school experience, some of which are described below.

Suggested donations are \$50 for your first HHS student and \$25 for additional students. You can send a [Venmo](#) @Hingham-HighSchoolPTO, send a check to HHS PTO via the Main Office or to Picture Day. **Please write the name(s) and graduation year(s) on your checks or Venmo note.**

Your Donation Supports Activities Like These!

- **Mini-grants.** The PTO provides up to \$10,000 in funding that supports innovative classroom programs and equipment needs.
- **Peer Tutoring.** Weekly meetings open to all HHS students to study with and get tutoring from fellow students. The PTO funds the stipend for this program's faculty advisor.
- **Staff Appreciation.** Monthly events are planned by the PTO's Hospitality Committee and funded by the PTO.
- **Senior Night.** An all-night party for seniors the evening of graduation filled with entertainment, food, and fun as the seniors celebrate together before leaving Hingham schools for their next adventure.
- **Freshman Orientation Lunch.** One of the highlights of Orientation Day, a pizza lunch is funded by the PTO and organized by Freshman Class Parents.
- **Beautification.** This committee brightens the school with seasonal arrangements at the school entrance and light gardening touches on the campus.
- **Red Carpet.** A pre-Prom tradition organized and funded by the PTO when the HHS community gathers at the Hingham Bathing Beach to see and photograph HHS seniors in their prom attire. A highlight of senior year!
- **And much more!**

Getting Involved

Attend Monthly PTO Meetings. Meetings are generally held the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM. Changes will be posted on our website and on our Instagram page. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend meetings, and to volunteer.

Volunteer. Class Parents send volunteer sign ups regularly. If there's a committee you'd like to help with, please send us an email at HinghamHighPTO@gmail.com.

Connect.

Webpage: <https://hhspto.myhalix.io>

Insta: @hinghamhighpto

Email: HinghamHighPTO@gmail.com

PTO Executive Board and Committee Chairs 2025-2026

President: Elizabeth Moulds	Vice President: Cristin Jones
Co-Treasurer: Caitlin Shea	Co-Treasurer: Katie Carolan-Fever
Secretary: Kenzie Blackwell	Hospitality: Janelle Stockbridge
Mini-Grants: Laura Accettella	Senior Night: open
Beautification: Heather Henderson	

Class Parents. These volunteers work closely with class officers and faculty advisors throughout their student's four years at HHS to help with fundraising events (Homecoming, football game concessions, etc.) and planning (Junior Prom, Senior Prom, and other senior year events). Class parents get an insider's view to key HHS activities that shape their students' HHS experience.

2026/Seniors: Wallis Bowyer, Kristin Corey, Jane McGrath, Ellie Pariseault, Julie Polmonari, Molly Sellers

2027/Juniors: Erin Childs, Cristin Jones, Amanda Joseph, Janelle Stockbridge, Amy Sweeney

2028/Sophomores: Kristen Corey, Kyra Frank, Tatiana Kiernan, Joanna Varholak

2029/Freshmen: Katty Austin, Amy Beitler, Katie Carolan-Fever, Joanna Dutra, Kelly Jones, Kate Madden, Darcy Molitor, Adrienne Sullivan

Navigating HHS as a Parent

Student Handbook & Code of Discipline. This information is subject to change—HHS’ policies and procedures are set forth in the [Student Handbook & Code of Discipline](#) (the “Handbook”). Required reading for all students prior to the academic year, the PTO highly recommends that caregivers read it as well. If you have any questions, please consult the Handbook or call the school.

Drop Off/Pick Up. Both drop off and pick up are highly congested, with peak traffic 5-10 minutes before the start of school and school dismissal. The best way to avoid traffic is to have your student take their assigned bus, if they are on a HHS bus route. If there is no assigned bus, and you must drive, you should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of school and 20 minutes after dismissal (you could otherwise sit in the parking lot for 20 minutes waiting to leave). Please be mindful of inexperienced student drivers entering and exiting the far parking lot (across from the soccer fields).

Parking. Students must display a parking placard to park in either the near or far parking lots. Placards are available for purchase. Early in the fall, a lottery is held for the “close” paid parking lot for eligible students, whereas spots in the far lot are first-come, first-served. Students must have their driver’s license to apply for a spot in either lot. Demand is typically greater than supply.

Dropping Off Items During the School Day. All items should be left at the cart at the entrance to the school. Your student can pick up the item in between classes. Sports items can be left outside the gym door (behind the school), door #8. Students are not permitted to order food for delivery to the cart during the school day.

Dismissing for an Appointment During School. Send in a signed dismissal note with your student that says why they are being dismissed and at what time they are being picked up. Your student should bring the note to the main office to get a dismissal pass and then meet you at the front school entrance at the appropriate time.

Attendance/ Absences. Review the [Student Handbook & Code of Discipline](#) for the attendance policy.

How to report an absence. Parents/guardians do not need to call the school to report an absence. Instead, on the day(s) a student is absent, the parent or guardian will receive an email which will notify you of the absence from [Ms. Griffin](#), the administrative assistant to the assistant principals. Parents do not have to respond to the email unless there is information the school should be aware of. Students absent from school may

not be on school property nor attend or participate in school events on the same day unless permission is granted by the principal or their designee.

If the absence is exempt (excused), a signed note from the qualified professional must be submitted within one week to [Ms. Griffin, the assistant principals' administrative assistant](#). Each student is allowed up to 5 unexcused absences per term (20 per year). Six or more unexcused absences can result in a loss of term credit for the applicable classes. Consult the [Student Handbook & Code of Discipline](#) for a list of absences that are exempt.

Whether or not absences are exempt, students are expected to contact their teachers to obtain information on missing assignments. Students should clarify with their teachers when the missing assignments are due. If a student is absent from school for a prolonged period of time for any reason, the school counselor should be contacted for home assignments.

School Pictures. Picture Day is held before the start of school in late August, with make up days scheduled throughout the Fall. All students must have their picture taken for their Student ID. Parents have the optional opportunity to purchase picture packages from Lifetouch. In addition to the school picture, Seniors often use private photographers for their yearbook picture submission, which is usually due in the late fall of their senior year.

Sports. Approximately 80% of all HHS students participate in at least one sport. A list of coaches and teams are found on the [Athletics](#) page of the school website. An email from the Athletic Director's office usually goes out in August with information about signing up. Fees are paid to the School Department via the [Unipay](#) webpage (with the exception of Crew, which has its own payment collection system). Most teams also have a parent-run Boosters club, which may also have associated fees.

Several HHS teams are open to all participants ("no cut" teams): cross country, crew, track and field. Some other teams have Freshman and Junior Varsity teams in addition to Varsity. Student athletes are expected to attend all team practices and events and maintain minimum academic standards (see [the HHS website](#) for more information). Sports practices are typically in the afternoon, after school. There may also be practices scheduled by the team captains. Students have the opportunity to sign up for teams at the beginning of the year in their Aspen account.

- **Impact Testing.** Every 2 years, usually in 9th and 11th grades, all HHS student athletes are required to complete impact testing at HHS. Impact testing provides

a baseline of your student athlete’s brain function, and is used to diagnose and treat a concussion.

Clubs. There are a wide variety of clubs offered at HHS to appeal to diverse interests. Club meetings are typically held before school. Please see [the HHS website](#) for a current list. Your student should reach out to the club advisor if they are interested.

Student Activities Fee: Student activities are open to all students of Hingham High School, but participation requires payment of a High School Activity Fee of \$100.00 per student, which can be paid online via [this link](#). This fee is in addition to any team/sports fees, which are usually charged by the season.

Lockers. Lockers are available but most HHS students do not use them. If a student wishes to have one, they need to reach out to their assistant principal. [Ms. Nosek](#) for students names A - K, [Ms. Piantes](#) for students names L - Z.

Schedule. HHS has a 7-day schedule with class blocks from A - G; one block is dropped daily. To find out what block is dropped on a particular day, go to the [Daily Notices link on the HHS website](#).

- **Pro Tip:** *Students can take a screenshot of their class schedule on Aspen and make it their phone background photo for the first week or two of school until they memorize their schedule.*
- See below for class block times and an explanation of the 7 day schedule:

DAILY HOURS & BELL SCHEDULE

Block 1	8:00 - 8:57 AM	
Homeroom	8:57 - 9:00 AM	
Block 2	9:04 - 10:01 AM	
Block 3	10:05 - 11:02 AM	
Block 4	11:06 AM - 12:30 PM	
	LUNCH I 11:06 - 11:30 AM >> Class 11:33 AM - 12:06 PM	
	Class 11:06 - 11:33 AM >> LUNCH II 11:36 AM - 12:00 PM >> Class 12:03 - 12:30PM	
	Class 11:06 AM - 12:03 PM >> LUNCH III 12:06 - 12:30 PM	
Block 5	12:34 - 1:31 PM	
Block 6	1:35 - 2:32 PM	

Block	Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
1	8:00 - 8:57	A	A	A	A	A	A	B
HR	8:57 - 9:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	9:04 - 10:01	B	B	B	B	B	C	C
3	10:05 - 11:02	C	C	C	C	D	D	D
4	11:06 - 12:30	D	D	D	E	E	E	E
5	12:34-1:31	E	E	F	F	F	F	F
6	1:35 - 2:32	F	G	G	G	G	G	G

HHS Calendar & Events. Upcoming HHS events are found on the [HHS website, under "Events."](#) Keep an eye out for these popular events:

Freshmen & New Student

Orientation. This is held for Freshmen and students who are new to Hingham High School the Thursday before school starts. This half day program should not be missed! Bus transportation is provided for students on an HHS bus route who elected to register and pay for the school bus transportation option for the upcoming school year.

clubs, and classes sell merchandise to fundraise for their activities adjacent to the football field. The evening of Homecoming, there is a dance at HHS for students. The Homecoming concession stand and dance are organized by the Senior Class. Spirit Week (often with themed outfits) and a pep rally precede Homecoming.

Friday Night Lights. The varsity football team and some other sports have home games on Friday evenings. This is a great opportunity to see your friends and neighbors for a fun evening. The concession stand raises funds for the group operating it that evening (usually one of the four HHS classes).

Holiday Fair. Typically held on the third Saturday of November, the HHS Holiday Fair showcases local vendors and HHS merch sold by classes, clubs, teams, and boosters. It's a great way for students and families to do their holiday shopping. The fair is an important fundraiser for the senior class. It is organized by the seniors and Hingham parent Lisa Larivieri.

Homecoming. Held on a weekend in the fall, the sports teams have home games and meets, culminating in a varsity football game. Throughout the day, all school sports teams/boosters,

Arts. There is a vibrant arts community at HHS. Typically, there is a fall musical and a spring play, and auditions are

open to all students. There are also concerts performed by the HHS Band, Orchestra, and Choruses, in addition to a Jazz Night, an Open Mic Night, and a fine arts exhibition.

Information Nights. HHS typically has information nights for relevant topics

If you have any questions please [send us an email](#). Hope to see you at our next PTO meeting!

throughout the year. Previous subjects have included a panel to discuss the college admissions process, an introduction to the Guidance Department, and information on HHS sports registration.