

Week of 11/28/11

Food for Thought –

Those who won our independence valued liberty as an end and as a means. They believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty.

- Louis D. Brandeis

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend with family and friends. The Thanksgiving holiday always provides a nice recharging opportunity as we enter the heart of the second marking period and plunge head first into the holiday season. The next four weeks will include some exciting activities and we will work to balance the inevitable high energy level with the importance of instructional time. We look forward to this pre-holiday build up and know that the members of our high school family will make the absolute most of the special season.

Congratulations to alumni Tim Gibbons and William Walsh on their successful work in organizing the Jacob Neumann Memorial Flag Football Tournament. These dedicated graduates joined forces with our Booster Club and High School Leadership Class to host one of the most successful fundraisers in school history. Our fields literally sprang to life on the Friday after Thanksgiving as hundreds of students and alumni played in the exciting tournament and visited the carnival and rides. It was truly a Harborfields moment as the members of our learning family banded together to honor the memory of a very special young man. Thanks to our Leadership Class students and their advisors Greg Taylor and Tim Russo for their work with this exciting new tradition. The countless hours of planning and post-Thanksgiving day supervision helped create a scholarship that will endure for years to come. Special thanks, as well, to the many graduates, current students, parents, and faculty members who volunteered their time and brought their families to support this annual memorial tournament. The Neumann's were effusive in their praise of the warm support that our faculty, students, and staff have provided the family.

Thanks to our senior class and their advisor Julie Rosen for their outstanding work with this year's Senior Butler Day. Ms. Rosen and her team attended to every detail of the activity and provided an important outlet for our students' pre-holiday energy. The 2011 Senior Butler program is yet another example of the wholesome projects that enhance the culture of the school. Thank you, as well, to all of our teachers for being flexible and managing the increased activity that accompanied the Senior Butler Day.

Congratulations to our athletes and coaches on last week's successful Fall Sports Awards Night. Our athletes and coaches carried themselves with the class and dignity that characterized their efforts throughout the season. The countless playoff appearances, post season awards, and scholar athlete designations speak volumes about the quality of our athletic program. Our coaches and students maintain a standard of competitive excellence on the courts and fields while simultaneously earning accolades that extend far outside the athletic arena.

