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# HALDANE HORIZONS

*A newsletter of the Haldane Central School District*



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### *Message from Dr. Benante*

Dear Haldane Community,

I think October brings out some of the best that Haldane has to offer our community. School activities are in full swing, including Homecoming week. Our students begin to venture out to local sites as a means of enhancing their classroom experiences.

And it's a time for us to begin to celebrate our students' extraordinary achievements - both from past and present.

Please enjoy this month's issue of Haldane Horizons - filled with several highlights and images from October.

Sincerely,

Phil Benante, Ed. D.

Superintendent of Schools



## Lit Week Book Fair & Author Visits

By Tess Hereford, 7th Grade

Unlike the traditional book fair, the Haldane PTA decided to add engaging activities to promote books, authors, libraries, book stores, and the joy of reading! Beginning with a virtual author visit, our middle school classes met Chris and J.J. Grabenstein, co-authors of the book *Shine*. Chris and J.J. explained their entire writing process from start-to-finish, or draft-to-draft-to-draft-to-finish, as they would say.

When it came to the book fair, the PTA implemented a “book swap” where if you brought a book you didn't want anymore, you would be able to trade it for a different book. The book fair was also where students handed in their tickets for the week-long scavenger hunt/raffle. This raffle was designed to encourage students to visit their local and school libraries, read more books, and listen to more poems. The winners of the raffle received many prizes, the top prize being a beanbag chair. You can see why this year's book fair stood out as one of the most interactive and novel to date.





## The Haldane Scoop

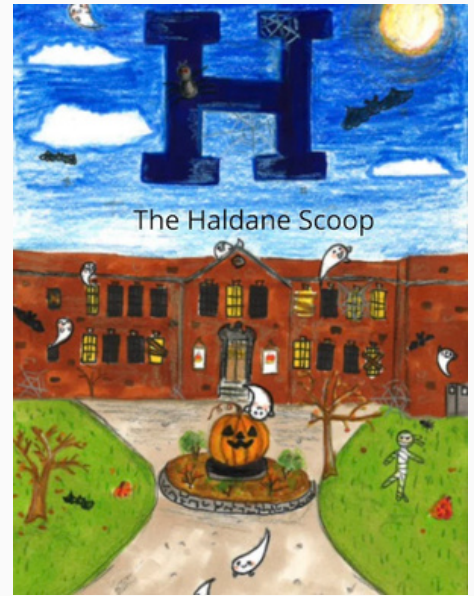
*First issue of Middle School DCI newspaper covers Haldane sports, book reviews, original comics, puzzles, and more.*

**By Rita Edwards-Salas, 7th Grade**

My team and I set out to do a school newspaper when school started. And we succeeded and did much better than I thought we would do. I (the editor) had the luck of putting all the pieces everyone did, together. When we started everyone had certain categories to write about or take pictures of. Since this was our first newspaper, some of the categories we didn't do and we added new ones. But once everyone was certain on what they wanted to do, more work got done and it was very productive. Some people finished first, and with that I started putting those pieces together.

At first it was a mess but I learned and more things were put in it to make it look neater. And soon the newspaper was done. We added a couple pictures and edited it a bit more and when we finished it, we loved it. It was way better than I thought it was going to be.

Everyone in the team was very proud and happy, and (spoiler) we started working on a new one right away. There are certain things that we can do better and will definitely work on, but we just started and will definitely become better. I loved the process and the results and I'm very happy with how it turned out!



*Enjoy the October issue.*





## Sixth Grade In the Sun

*Days at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center build bonds and memories courtesy of a grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation.*





# HALDANE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 INDUCTEES



On Saturday, October 9, 2021, during Homecoming Weekend, the Haldane Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its fourth class of outstanding athletes and coaches at a brunch reception at the Hotel Thayer at West Point.

***Roger "Hoot" Gibson '46***  
***Football Team '45***  
***James Budney '74***  
***Tom Nastasi '01***  
***Robert Nappi, Coach***

***Girls' Soccer Team '14***  
***Peter Hoffmann '15***  
***Alexandra Monteleone '15***  
***Kelly Vahos '15***  
***Ralph Paonessa, Athletic Director/Coach***

The Haldane Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes the accomplishments and contribution of Haldane athletes and coaches. Nominations can be made through the [Haldane website](#).



## Traditions Return for Homecoming 2021

Spirit Week and Homecoming Weekend brought the return of school spirit and a full calendar of athletic competitions, with perfect weather for the outdoor Pep Rally and Homecoming Dance.





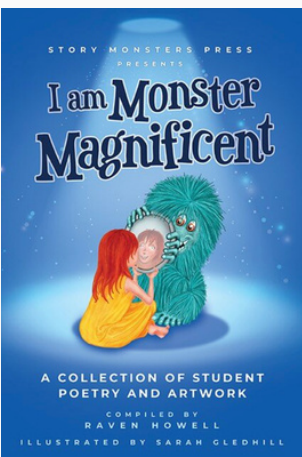
## Board of Education Recognizes 2022 National Merit Scholars



On Tuesday, October 19, 2021, the Haldane Board of Education recognized three Haldane Seniors for their scholastic achievements as Commended National Merit Scholars in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. Congratulations to Matthew McCoy, Owen Carmicino, and Marcel Schwarz.

Over 1.5 million juniors entered the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

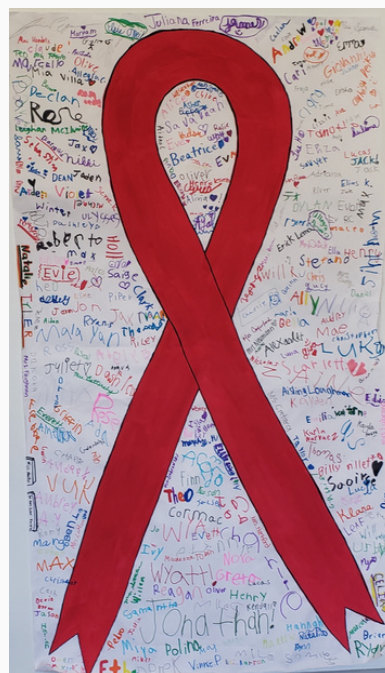
## Haldane Monster Magnificent Authors Now In Print



Last Spring, Haldane Horizons featured a collection of 17 poems written by Haldane fifth graders. Their work was part of a poetry unit and an invitation by Cold Spring resident, Raven Howell, to participate in a STANZA BONANZA poetry contest.

The work of these young authors is now available in print in a collection of *I Am Monster Magnificent* student poems.

## Red Ribbon Week



Haldane students signed the Red Ribbon Week banner demonstrating their pledge to be drug free.



# NOVEMBER 2021

**TUE**  
**2** Superintendent's  
Conference Day  
**No School**

**THU**  
**18** High School  
Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

**THU**  
**11** Veterans Day  
**No School**

**WED**  
**24** Thanksgiving  
Recess  
**No School**

**FRI**  
**12** Middle School/  
High School  
Quarter 1 Ends

**THU**  
**25** Thanksgiving  
Recess  
**No School**

**MON**  
**15** JV/Varsity  
Winter Sports  
Begin

**FRI**  
**26** Thanksgiving  
Recess  
**No School**

**WED**  
**17** Elementary School  
1st Trimester Ends

**MON**  
**29** Modified  
Winter Sports  
Begin

**THU**  
**18** Elementary School/  
Middle School  
Picture Retakes

**TUE**  
**30** Elementary  
School  
Report Cards

Watch for Tickets!  
Haldane High School  
Drama's Production of

*Jane Austen's*  
**Sense and  
Sensibility**

December 3, 4 and 5





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