Greetings Parents and Guardians; What a Fall season! The community and school staff really came together to provide much needed items after the storm to many local and county-wide residents. I am proud to be a part of the Huntington community. Please make sure you look at all the inserted flyers. I am providing some other important and relevant information so that you and your child are well-informed about the school community. Have a warm and healthy holiday season!

Reminder: Due to the loss of school days after the storm, February recess is now officially instructional time. That means school is open February 18-22 and we must be here.

National Junior Honor Society: All 7th graders are eligible for the NJHS provided that they fulfill the academic qualifications. Seventh graders who maintain a GPA of 95 or higher for three quarters and have no grade lower than 80 in any class may be invited to the induction. Student character is also one criterion.

The Show Must Go on! The Finley drama director will be holding auditions very soon for our March production. The title of the show will remain a secret until the director speaks to the students. Students interested should listen for announcements in the morning and look for flyers around the building very soon. We also need students to help with set design, lighting and sound. Stay tuned.

Time to Build Reading Stamina: The NYS ELA assessment guides have come out and we know that it’s time to build reading stamina. Just like a marathon runner must build stamina to complete that run. Readers must train their brains to complete the reading comprehension passages on the assessment. So, independent reading at home is strongly encouraged, several times per week for twenty minutes or so. Parents can visit two excellent websites to find out more about the NYS assessments: www.nysed.gov and www.engageny.org.

Parent Portal: Enclosed you will find the directions on how to register to view your child’s school report cards, progress reports and attendance on-line. We currently use the E-School student management system. Like others, it allows parents to view school reports from the web-based system. Follow the directions in the letter. You must know your child’s nine-digit student ID number, which can be found on the report card or schedule.

HFEE Gala: One of the community’s best nights is the HFEE Gala. This year HFEE is honoring Chris Bene who has served the community in many capacities over the years. Congratulations Mrs. Bene! Well deserved. See the enclosed flyer for date, time and location.

Become part of my parent e-mail group. E-mail my secretary- igurrieri@hufsd.edu.