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The Hyde Weekly #1: Welcome to a Year of Discovering Unique Potential

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This is an informal e-communication from the Hyde School campus, intended to share highlights, signs of growth, issues that are being addressed, and moments of joy. Its purpose is to bring the Hyde School parents and the larger community into the school culture.

They're Back!

The 2018-19 school year has gotten underway, and the excitement is palpable. As one senior said in our first senior meeting, *"There is a great new energy and synergy which is contagious!"* The first few days of the school year were filled by Hyde Introductions, sports double sessions, and "mandatory fun" meetings where students learned the names of their peers and faculty members.

Now, after a week on campus, it is clear that this school community is building on the spring of last year and that the seniors are working hard to establish their leadership. They are already making their impression on the school. When faced with a group who made some poor decisions during the Senior Retreat, the class met and faced this head on. Also during the Senior Retreat, they resolved that they want to take ownership for establishing the September rigor and have asked faculty to support their efforts.

One concrete result of this resolution is a set of working agreements the seniors came up

with to help the underclassmen understand Hyde ethics and to help create a foundation of rigor in the first month. The group then met with the school to go over each expectation and share their vision for a great Hyde year. These working agreements are:

Boys Dress Code: -Khakis, dress shirt, tie, belt, respectable shoes

Girls Dress Code: -Dress slacks or dress

Dorm (Home Life): -Respect and support your peers!!! -Dress code checked by seniors before leaving the dorm -Inspection - bed made, folded clothes, neat desk, lights/fans turned off, open door, and be in the lounge at 7:20

Technology (don't be a screenager!): -Tech Free Zones include dining hall, classroom, PA and School Meeting -Headphones are not a facet of the academic day so please keep them in your room -Keep your speakers at a reasonable volume

Athletics (Embrace The Communities Best): -All athletics are MANDATORY because it is the most sure fire way to foster great new connections with teachers and peers alike -You don't need to consider yourself an athlete to compete -Much of Hyde's character philosophy can be seen in the foundation of athletics here September Rigor: Setting the foundation for a great year!

Performing Arts (Get Into It!): -This is another example of MANDATORY fun -The more attentive/respectful you are the better the sessions will be -Performing arts is entirely what you make of it -KEEP SMILING

Academics (Your Intellectual Best): -Phones go in the front of the classroom -There is no excuse for tardiness -Chose to take full advantage of your learning opportunity -Be attentive and show the respect teachers deserve -Teachers have the right to implement any measures necessary to ensure the success of each student -REACH OUT FOR HELP... It's never too late to change the direction your going in

Brothers/Sisters Keeper (Love Your Neighbor): -Look out for each other in the same sense any sibling would -Hyde is not just a community but a family -The more brothers/sisters keeper is used, the less faculty intervention will be needed -Resist immaturity and help your peers face their problems! -Be there for anyone who needs you - Help your friends and your peers make the right choice before it's too late

Ethics (Developing a Moral Code): -Get in touch with your conscience and find a better sense of self by always being HONEST -Never let your friends make the wrong choice -No substance free environment!! You have no idea who is or is not struggling with this and the repercussions can be life long -We encourage healthy relationships with self and peers, without the pressure of sex. Respect the sex ethic. -Absolutely no cheating — take pride in your work knowing it's authentic -Don't steal from your neighbor! -These ethics aren't solely a safety precaution but the more you practice them the more authentic you will become. Think of these as a moral compass to guide you through this year, and for years far beyond Hyde.



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Ropes Course Training – Surprises, Challenges, & Team Building

By Faculty Matt Kinney



Hyde faculty spend the week before school begins training on the new ropes course

When the builders and engineers broke ground on the Phoenix Nest in July, I quickly became excited. As we carried out a majorly successful Summer Leadership Challenge program this summer, the entire community was able to observe and watch it take shape. This small corner of our campus quickly turned into what appeared to be one of the nicest looking, well-built challenge courses I had ever seen.

And then I stood underneath it. My jaw dropped and my excitement quickly turned into nerves, despite years of experience high in the trees.

On August 27th, a courageous group of ten faculty, veteran and greenhorn, showed up to training. When I received the opportunity to volunteer back in May, I quickly jumped at it expecting a few hours of training and a tour of the new facility. None of us knew at the time that we would be undergoing a rigorous 40-hour training that would occupy the entire week. The time had arrived for us all to face our fears and conquer the challenges and obstacles that lay ahead.

Our instructor was Phil Brown, a trainer and course designer with High 5 Adventure Sports, who traveled from Brattleboro, VT to quite literally show us the ropes. Within an hour of our start, Phil and his curriculum captivated all of us. **We quickly learned that this training was going to be far more than just training on ropes, but rather a total overhaul of our team building programming at Hyde.** Students and parents will recall the icebreakers and name games, often played in the Sunken Garden, that define the first days of school, Summer Challenge or any Family Weekend. **By lunch on day one, we had played and tweaked nearly all of these often monotonous activities, making them more engaging, fun, and challenging.** All of this and we still were standing on solid ground.

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Preseason - Laying the Foundation for a Great Fall Season

By Faculty Ethan Morrow '13



The boys soccer team practices on the field

Hyde School's fall preseason began simultaneously across the campus last Saturday. Football kicked off preseason with the first practice, a fitness session beginning at 5:30 AM, setting the tone for a challenging preseason campus-wide. Later that morning, Boys Soccer gathered at the back 40 fields as the girl's teams headed for the Gym Field.

The student-athletes battled for varsity positions by showcasing their work ethic and talents throughout the weekend. The Cross Country team began their training while charting out their mile-long course through the woods surrounding campus.

Temperatures throughout the next few days would reach 90 degrees in Bath. Hyde endured the summer heat with mandatory hydration breaks led by Hyde's new trainer Chris Sanborn.

Over the weekend, blisters were taped, ice was applied, and the fit prevailed. In the end, the final varsity cuts were made and the bonds between teammates began to form.

Looking forward to an exciting Fall season! Roll Hyde!

Preseason Photos

Welcome Chef Mo Kenney!



Hyde School is happy to welcome Mo Kenney from Pawtucket, RI as the new Food Services Director. Mo joins us from the Hyde-Woodstock campus, where she previously was the Food Services Director. When the campus passed hands to Woodstock Academy in 2017, she stayed on as the Food Services Director for Woodstock Academy until she got a call this past spring from Hyde's Head of School Laura Gauld.

"I was honored to get the call from Laura," Mo says. "When I was working for SAGE Dining Services at Hyde in Connecticut, I felt like I couldn't have landed in a better place. While I understood the consolidation of campuses, it was still tough. I am very excited for the challenge of starting a new year at Hyde in Maine, where I will have the ability to make decisions and adjustments to keep the Hyde dining experience one of the attractions of the school.

Mo believes all foods have a place on a carefully constructed, balanced menu and subscribes to the philosophy "everything in moderation." "I want everyone to come in and find something they will enjoy," she says. She always has a protein-filled vegetarian dish, as well as multiple options for discriminating tastes. For example, if she is serving fish and chips, there will always be a baked as well as a fried option. She will have two soup options available each day, with one being gluten free, in addition to a well-stocked salad bar and sandwich station.

Mo is determined to make as many food options from scratch as possible. She cites salad dressing as something that they can easily make, and thereby surpass all the unpronounceable ingredients in the processed varieties. She is starting with making a Hyde Dining Hall variety of Ranch, Honey Mustard, and Blue Cheese. These will sit next to the phenomenal dressing supplied by alum Jimmy DiBattista '94, who makes Jimmy's Milan salad dressing out of Philadelphia.

While Mo is busy creating school-year menus, whipping up condiments from scratch, and setting up the dining hall, she is also busy with having a new house built. She and her partner are currently renting an apartment in Portland but plan to move in to their brand new house in Woolwich this fall.

"Portland is a lovely city," Mo says, "but our dog Ayla can't wait for the open space to run around in. We're big hiking fans and looking forward to getting back to small-town living."

Hyde School is very pleased that Mo decided to make the big move north and are looking forward to a wonderful new year with her heading up Food Services.

You made all of this possible! Thank you!

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Hyde School's founder, Joe Gauld, recently stated that together, in supporting Hyde School, we are ***"a community - one like a large family - whose commitment will ultimately change American education."***

Thank you for doing your part to sustain Hyde School and its mission!

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