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The Hyde Weekly

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.

Student Voice and Commitment



Students returned to a snowy campus this week

School got underway this week as students returned to a snowy campus and the buzz of excitement was back. The concept of partnership with seniors and faculty is important in the Hyde education and each week, there is a partnership meeting where topics range from both internal and external issues. This week, PG student **Jake Vasapolli '18** took the floor to inspire his peers to make a difference in the school culture. As Hyde Founder Joey Gauld said to the students, "*We have critical mass this year and the student voice can have a real impact.*" Students and faculty brainstormed ideas to help move the community forward:

- Helping younger students who need a mentor
- Taking on the role of a teacher's aid to assist in a classroom and gain leadership experience
- Running a community meeting on sportsmanship
- Weekly dorm check-ins
- Setting up concern meetings for struggling students and leadership meetings for those who need a challenge
- Creating a peer study group
- Community service
- Creating opportunities for fun around the holiday season
- Bringing underclassmen leaders into the partnership meetings

Veteran faculty member and Senior Class Leadership Adviser Jenn Loboza was excited about the willingness of the senior class to both envision their best as a school community and then want to step up to make it happen. She said, "*There was great energy this morning and now the next step is action. Where can you focus your energy and attention to take an idea and advance it forward? Who do you partner with and what are the first steps? Thanks to Jake for getting the ball rolling!*"

The meeting was a powerful reminder of the potential for improvement when one person finds the courage to step up and then others find the humility to work together. The winter term at Hyde School is all about synergy and this was the first step. Here we go!



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Thanksgiving Break and Gratitude Through Hyde Student's Eyes

By Gaby Hirsch '20



Author Gaby Hirsch '20 with her parents during Fall Family Weekend

On November 16 at 7 AM sharp, buses rolled off campus filled with eager students headed for home. Since we've been back, I took the time to interview students of different ages and backgrounds to talk about their break and what they are grateful for this Thanksgiving.

Pilgrims and Natives aside, Thanksgiving to me is about reflecting upon my year and what I am thankful for. I spent my Thanksgiving with my family at my aunt's home in New Jersey. I was not able to be home for the holiday last year due to being at a wilderness program, so this year I had a lot to be thankful for.

Spending time with family seemed to be the gratitude trend at Hyde. **Ingrid Schroeter '19**, is thankful for being able to see all her sisters since they all live in different states. Thanksgiving is the only time they are all able to be together. This year, Ingrid's sisters surprised her with loads of love when she got home from school.

Madi Mckusick '22 was also grateful for her family, because being at boarding school makes her appreciate her time with them even more. Madi really enjoyed getting to sleep in and eat some good home-cooked food.

Logan Truluck '20 spent her break in South Carolina with her extended family. Logan is grateful for her health, family, and friends. A highlight of her break was hearing stories of her grandparents when they were her age.

Zach Lindstrom '19 spent his Thanksgiving at his cousin's house in Long Island. Similar to Logan, Zach was happy to see his friends and family and is grateful to have their love and support.

As for **Jaden Stout '20** and **Miranda Cully '20**, the opportunities they have had this year are something they are particularly thankful for. Jaden is aiming to be a professional lacrosse player, and shows thanks to his family for helping him reach that goal. Miranda struggled last year, and is thankful for the leadership opportunities Hyde has given her to help her take steps in a better direction.

I think we sometimes get lost in our own heads and forget about all of the things we are thankful for, which is why I like Thanksgiving so much. Thanksgiving brings light to those people and those things that have really impacted our lives, especially for those of us at a school like Hyde where support is constantly around us. Thank you to parents, students, and faculty for doing what you do everyday.

Hyde Brings Biggest Job to China

By Faculty Fan Luo



This November, Laura Gauld, Malcolm Gauld, Haze Liff, Fan Luo and Lindsey Mischel traveled to China. Other than doing Admission work, Development work, and meeting current and alumni Chinese parents, our team had a special mission, which was to promote the Hyde Biggest Job Parenting Program and Hyde's unique character education program.

We were fortunate to receive support from Green Bean Publishing house that was founded by one of our Chinese Alumni parents Su Yuan (Jack He's Mom, class of 2018). She and her team published the Chinese simplified version of the book *The Biggest Job We'll Ever Have: The Hyde School Program for Character-Based Education and Parenting* (Scribner 2002) and brought Hyde character education to their readers.

The Hyde team gave six lectures and two two-day workshops in four different cities. In each lecture, between 100 to 300 parents and educators participated. In a short two weeks of time, Hyde character-based education philosophy was able to connect over 2,000 families and educational organizations.



We noticed there is a movement awakening among Chinese parents. At the second US-China Education forum the Hyde team participated in, a well-known psychologist pointed out that over the past 10 years, there has been a significant increase in mental disorders among young people, mostly students who just got into top Universities. Those students were raised under the impression that the main purpose of their life is to get into a top school. Once they got into their dream school, they felt their life no longer had any meaning. A group of parents saw what is happening and initiated the movement of demanding a balanced education between achievement and character.

During this trip, the Hyde team was also able to meet a few schools who share the “rebel” spirit of Hyde, letting us know that we are not lonely on the journey of searching for a balanced education between character and achievement.

Overall, it was an inspiring and yet humbling experience for us. We saw thousands of diligent parents and educators in China, who are eager to learn and willing to try. Schools are hosting regular parenting workshops on the weekends and evenings. Parents have support study groups. All the hard work goes into one goal, that is to be the best they can be at their jobs, whether it's parenting, teaching or administrating.

[See photos from the China trip](#)

Community Meeting Performance

Magical moment in this morning's community meeting! **Shelby Hondo '20, Martin Liu '20** and **Jasmine Lam '19** perform.



Staff Feature: Shawn Johansen



Pelham, NH native Shawn Johansen is in his third year as Director of Facilities here at Hyde. He has a Professional Certificate in Facilities Management from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, MA and his Bachelors of Science with a major in Criminal Justice from Hesser College in Manchester, NH. We caught up with him and asked our favorite questions;

What most interests you in your current position?

I find my position at Hyde to be exciting, enjoyable and challenging. My interests come from my love of problem solving and drive to make things better! Hyde has a slogan to leave things better than you found them and I love that!!! I am interested in providing the best experience for all students, faculty, staff and guests who have the opportunity to live, visit and enjoy our beautiful campus here in Bath, Maine.

What do you find most rewarding about your job?

This is one of those questions that is hard to sum up with one answer. So I won't.... I find many aspects of my job to be rewarding! To name a few... helping others, standing back and looking at a completed project, building lasting and professional relationships, and assisting with the planning and development of our beautiful campus.

Have you ever worked at any other schools?

Yes, prior to Hyde I worked for NH SAU 28 in a similar capacity. I have enjoyed all of my experiences working with educational institutions and I feel privileged to have and still work around so many good people dedicated to today's youth!

What makes working at Hyde unique?

This is another question that I will touch on with multiple answers...first being...Community. We all play such important roles at Hyde and our uniqueness comes from our diverse community. It is so special to have so many individuals joining together from different

backgrounds with different personalities and different loves and/or hobbies. Second, we have the unique opportunity to spend time in and enjoy a wonderful historic estate in Bath, Maine. I find our inventory of facilities to be unique with buildings ranging from the 1800s to current construction. A great place to live and work!

Alumni Development Update



Wow! Hyde School Alumnus Andrew White '03 has issued an End of Year Challenge!

Andrew will make a gift of \$100 to Hyde School for each person who makes a gift to Hyde over \$25 between now and the end of the year (up to 150 gifts). Thank you, Andrew!

[Watch His Video Message](#)

Andrew White '03

End of Year Giving Challenge



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Thank you!

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- USA TODAY: [Bath makes #20 of 50 Best Cities to Live in America](#)
- [InstaHyde](#)
- [Parenting Center on hyde.edu](#)
- Joey G: [To Build a Greater America, Transform American Parenting](#)
- Malcolm's Blog: [Small Animals - Parenthood in the Age of Fear](#)
- Parenting: The Biggest Job: [Deborah Roffman: Becoming Your Kids' 'Go-To' Person about Sex, Part 2](#)
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