

# Echoes

October 2019

The Haddonfield Alumni Society Newsletter  
Online at [hmhsalumni.org](http://hmhsalumni.org)



The Haddonfield Alumni Society (HAS) newsletter shares information about the alumni community and their continued good work on behalf of the Haddonfield Public Schools.

## President's Message

I was asked to write something uplifting, inspiring, forward looking, and thankful.

These words bring back memories. Memories of my early days especially in our high school, but also my realization of what I have become as a person, by having the fortune to grow up in a little town, which had the guts to inspire us all by pushing us a little harder.

Little did I know that they were very forward looking, as to what could be accomplished as a person and in life by offering the quality and the means to do so.

How many of us can admit that having exposure to one of best school systems in the state and the nation, that our lives and opportunities expanded beyond the norm?

This is when I can say that I am thankful. Thankful for the chances to succeed. Thankful for the lifelong friendships. Thankful for that foundation of knowledge.

Now you can reflect back over the years, and how you may have changed the world one person and one day at a time. We can truthfully say that "I made a difference".

Share that joy and opportunity.

Wayne Hunter

## Important Dates

To view other events and reunions, see page 2 and visit [hmhsalumni.org](http://hmhsalumni.org).



### Haddonfield Fall Festival & Craft Show

Saturday, 10/12/2019, 10 am to 5 pm

### Fall Happy Hour

Wednesday, 11/27/2019

6 to 8 pm at Tavistock Country Club

### General Meeting and Lifetime Achievement Awards

Saturday, 11/30/2019

10 am - Social Hour

11 am - Meeting Starts including Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony

*Location:* HMHS Library

## Find us Online

We are on the web at [hmhsalumni.org](http://hmhsalumni.org) and also on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.





## A Seventy-Fifth Reunion

In June of 1944, when Ed Priggmeier and Jack Schneider were classmates and already longtime friends, they graduated from HMHS with their nation at war. Unlike today, when every soon-to-graduate senior is peppered with the question, "Where are you going to college?", that spring seniors faced the question, "What branch of service are you planning to go into?" Seventy-five years after their graduation, these high school buddies, members of the "greatest generation" had a reunion in Georgetown, Maine.

Before their wartime experiences, Ed and Jack grew up with a group of Haddonfield friends who were nearly inseparable, Bill Cummings, Dick McCarthy, and Mel Logan were among that group. Ed grew up just off Grove Street and Jack on Ardmore Avenue in what was then known as "Haddonfield Estates". Jack recalled being very close to Ed and his family. "I was an only child and I loved to go the Priggmeier's where Ed had four siblings and lived on what was like a farm". Both recalled growing up in the 30's and 40's as a very special time. Jack noted, "My mom would pack me a lunch in the morning and tell me to be home by 6 for dinner."

They reminisced about their high school days and going to Thor's Drugstore at the corner of King's Highway and Tanner Street to hang out; about staying out late and stopping in the Bakery on Kings Highway to buy freshly baked cinnamon buns at 2 am; and of pre-football game trips to downtown Collingswood to march in the street and demonstrate their school spirit. Both recalled their high school principal, William "Bull" Reynolds, who according to Ed, "could freeze a whole auditorium with a glare". Jack's most unpleasant memory of high school was the sound of squealing pigs. He noted, "Across Kings Highway from the high school beyond the Baptist Cemetery, there was once a pig slaughterhouse and when the school windows were open, the sound of the squealing pigs could be heard."

After graduation, Jack and Ed stuck together, joined the U.S. Navy and headed to boot camp. Once their eight weeks of initial training was complete, the Navy sent the boys on their separate ways. Jack spent the last months of the war in the Pacific on a troop landing craft ferrying troops to Guam and the Hawaiian Islands. Unfortunately, others from their class including their close friend, Mel Logan did not return home. Mel was lost at the Battle of the Bulge.

After leaving the service both Ed and Jack returned to school. Ed attended Pennsylvania Military College now Widener University and Jack attended a dual program at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and the University of Pennsylvania that allowed him to take his fine arts classes at one school and his academic classes at the other. Ed pursued a career in business with Sun Oil Company where he became a corporate credit manager and continued executive training in the summers at Harvard University. Ed's work took him from Philadelphia to the Tulsa, Oklahoma area where he settled, raised his three daughters and continues to live with his wife of 67 years. **Continued on next page**

## Reunions



Full details can be found online at [hmhsalumni.org](http://hmhsalumni.org)

### Class of 1969 50th Reunion

Saturday, 10/12/2019, 6 - 11 pm

### Class of 1964 55th Reunion

10/27/2019 - 10/30/2019

### Class of 1989 Reunion

Friday, 11/29/2019, 7 - 10:30 pm

### Class of 1954 65th Reunion

Wednesday, 10/16/2019, 1 - 4 pm

### Class of 1979 40th Reunion

Friday, 11/29/2019, 8 to Midnight

### Class of 1970 50th Reunion

Sat., 10/10/2020, 7 - Midnight



### A Seventy-Fifth Reunion (continued)

Jack spent six months living in Mexico, painting and following his bliss. He returned and worked as a graphic designer for the Air Force at the Pentagon. He pursued a career as an artist working in both oils and sculpting. He has enjoyed a career as both a renowned oil painter and sculptor of wood and ceramics and as a professor and chair of the Art Department at the University of Maine, Farmington. He and his wife raised a daughter and a son and were married for 66 years before her untimely passing a year ago. Ed explained that, "Jack and I had stayed in touch through the years and attended reunions organized by our classmate, the late Bill Cummings." In the past several years, the Priggemeier family has held an annual family reunion. Each year one of their daughters chooses the location and four generations of the family assemble for a week. This year daughter, Betsy Nye, chose York Harbor, Maine. Needless to say, these two men who had enjoyed an enduring friendship for 80+ years did not waste this golden opportunity. Ed and Jack agreed that this was a perfect time to meet as York Harbor is about 90 minutes from Georgetown. These hale and hearty 93 year old gentlemen gathered at Jack's home in Georgetown and reminisced about their days in Haddonfield, the Navy, mutual friends and family. When asked about their enduring friendship, Ed responded, "You know we just meshed".

2019 Georgetown, ME Jack Schneider and Ed Priggemeier, HMHS Class of '44

Haddonfield, 1944: Ed Priggemeier, Mel Logan (killed in action) and Jack Schneider

Ed's Gang: (l to r) Jack Schneider, Bill Cummings, Halsey Holmes, Ed Priggemeier, Mel Logan and Jake Chambers

Class photo: Jack Schneider (3rd row, 3rd from left), Ed Priggemeier (4th row, 4th from left)



### 2019 HAS Scholarship Recipient

Maxwell Norton graduated from HMHS in 2019. During his time at Haddonfield Memorial Maxwell was a member of the lacrosse and soccer teams, received the offensive MVP award from the HMHS Lacrosse club and a varsity letter.



Maxwell is fluent in German and has been playing piano for over 12 years. He volunteers his time participating in mission trips with Appalachia Service Project and coaching younger lacrosse players in the Haddonfield Lacrosse Club. He was also a peer tutor and peer leader at HMHS, which means that he helped underclassmen navigate and adapt to the changes of high school, and he would also tutor other students in certain subject areas. Max is currently in his first semester at Villanova University and is majoring in chemical engineering.







## Superintendent's Message

Dear Members of the Haddonfield Alumni Association:

First and foremost, let me take this opportunity to thank you all for the wonderful work you are doing to assist the District and your home community with the beautification of our schools. Your work and contributions are GREATLY appreciated by everyone in the school system and everyone in the community. Without you, we would not be successful. Period. Thank you again.

To provide a backdrop on the concept of "successful" in Haddonfield, let me point you to a web site you may or may not have seen. Niche.com (see link below) is a national organization who ranks schools and communities throughout the nation. They say, "Niche is the best place to research US colleges, schools, neighborhoods, and companies."

If you access the link (see below) you will see the 2020 rankings of our Haddonfield public school system. Simply those rankings are as follows: nationally (87th of 10,815), in New Jersey (9th of 243), in the Philadelphia area (5th of 104), and Camden County (1 of 21). This simple breakdown of a whole lot of information into these rankings tell a wonderful story about your home town schools. That is, Haddonfield is one of the very best school systems in the region, in the state, and the nation. So congratulations to you! You define us. Thank you!

Since we are just starting a new school year, here's wishing you a wonderful year ahead. Thank you again for all you have done for us through your countless contributions and wonderful plans. Your efforts do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. In fact, it's exactly the opposite.

Sincerely,  
Lawrence J. Mussoline, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

\* [www.niche.com/k12/d/haddonfield-public-schools-nj/rankings](http://www.niche.com/k12/d/haddonfield-public-schools-nj/rankings)

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## Lifetime Achievement Awards and Annual Meeting

Since 1994, the H.A.S. has honored over 102 former students and 38 teachers from the Haddonfield school system by bestowing a Lifetime Achievement Award upon each of them. Come see the recipients for 2019 as well as attend the Annual Meeting.

The HAS Annual Meeting and Lifetime Achievement Awards ceremony will be conducted in the HMHS Library commencing at 11 am, Saturday, 11/30/2019. Alumni and the public are invited.

**Note:** Prior to the Annual Meeting there will be a social hour from 10 to 11 am.

Photo at right:  
2018 Recipients



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## Haddonfield Football Records State Leading 20th Straight Win

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There are guys in new roles. There are fresh faces stepping into big shoes. But the bottom line remains the same ... and so have the results.

"Everybody on this team wants it and we all know what we're capable of doing," said senior Alex Kadar. "We have each other's backs no matter what. "It's not who we play. It's about how we play and we have that mentality every game."

The defending South Jersey Group 2 champion and winner of last season's inaugural South/Central bowl game, Haddonfield continues to win each week. The game plan is laid out. And while there may be a tweak here and there, it's executed.

Senior quarterback Jack Narducci connected with senior receiver Kyle Garstkiewicz on three touchdown passes Friday night as Haddonfield extended its state-leading winning streak to 20 games, overwhelming Cinnaminson 28-0 in a West Jersey Football League inter-division matchup.

"The faces change but the 'H' doesn't. The standard doesn't, the culture here doesn't," said coach Frank DeLano. "These kids sit in the stands when they're five, six years old and hopefully aspire to play on Friday nights under the lights.

"We weren't real good offensively in the first two weeks. This was a great showing tonight. I'm really proud of our guys. This was a dominating performance in three phases against a really good football team. They pass the eye test. That's a really good win against a really good football team."

Haddonfield prepares to run a play during the first half of Friday's WJFL game against Cinnaminson.

The Bulldogs (3-0) haven't lost since dropping a 37-19 decision to Sterling on Nov. 4, 2017. They ended that season on a four-game winning streak, starting with a 17-7 victory the following week over the same Sterling squad in the first round of the sectional playoffs and ending with the first of back-to-back championships.

They went 13-0 last year, knocking off Camden in the SJ Group 2 final and beating previously undefeated Hillside in the South/Central bowl game at MetLife Stadium.

"We were the guys on the scout team last year helping those guys get wins," said Narducci, a first-year starter at QB who completed 8-of-14 passes for 124 yards and scores covering 6, 46 and 13 yards. "As long as we have kids who want to play and execute, we can be a really good football team.

"The day after MetLife, we had receivers on the turf getting ready because we knew it was our turn to step up. We really worked hard in the offseason. Overall, we just have guys who care about the game, care about winning."

While Haddonfield took advantage of its scoring opportunities, its defense was equal to the challenge. The Bulldogs had 10 tackles for loss and held Cinnaminson (1-2) to three yards or less on 25 plays.

The Pirates finished with minus-33 yards on 23 carries. They ran 38 plays resulting in minus-44 yards.

Kadar had an interception that led to what proved to be Haddonfield's game-winning touchdown in the first quarter, while collecting his first career sack in the fourth. Brandon Collins, Sean LaBrie and Jack McNamara also contributed sacks as part of a dominating effort.

Tommy Batson accounted for Haddonfield's other touchdown, a 1-yard run in the third quarter.

"A lot of people are looking to step up and prove they are good enough to play varsity," said McNamara, another first-year starter. "Defense has been pretty dominant in past games. It's been getting it done.

"We're not really thinking about the wins we had last year. We're just focused on what we can do this year, thinking about the next game and prepping as hard as we can."

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Spring & Fall Happy Hours  
Lifetime Achievement Awards  
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In recent years, costs have exceeded donations that the Alumni Society has received. We firmly believe that these activities are worthwhile endeavors and would like to continue to offer all of them. However, we will not be able to do so without adequate funding.

We ask that you donate generously to help us to continue to serve you and the friends that you went to school with. We also welcome your input on ways to provide higher and broader levels of service.

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