

# *The OWL*



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## Dr. Abitabile Interview

By Rida Farzana

### **How long have you been working at Hudson High? Teaching? Vice Principal? Principal?**

One of my first jobs as a kid was lining the baseball and softball fields during the summer. After that, I was a substitute teacher while in college, taught high school math for 7 years, Associate Principal in all buildings for 3 years and am now in my 8th year as Principal at HHS. All told, this is my 18th year in the district.

### **Do you have a favorite memory you'd like to share?**

I think my favorite memory is the day we found out we were no longer going to be classified as an underperforming district by the NYS Education Department due to low graduation rates. We celebrated at a faculty meeting by giving each teacher a cookie in the shape of a green check mark to signify all of the green check marks we received on our state report card, rather than the red X's from previous report cards.

### **What is the new district that you are going to as Superintendent?**

I am heading north to be the Superintendent of the Lansingburgh Central School District, beginning November 23rd.

### **Is the new district similar to Hudson in any way?**

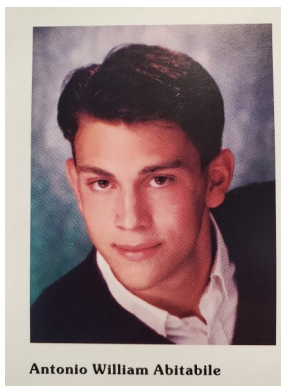
Lansingburgh is the most similar district that I could find compared to Hudson. We've used Lansingburgh as a measuring stick over the years to compare our progress because of their similarities to Hudson.

### **What will you miss the most about Hudson High?**

In a word, relationships. I've developed quite a few over the years. Whether students or staff, I enjoy the people here the most and it is what makes HHS so unique to any place else.

### **What is some advice that you would like to leave with students? Staff?**

My best advice to our students is to dream big and follow your passion, even if it means taking a risk. We have tried to create an environment that encourages students to do so by putting supports in place that allow them to be more successful and I hope more students take advantage of them.



Antonio William Abitabile



## GSA Halloween Party By Subrina Huda

This year, Hudson High School had hosted their annual Gay Straight Alliance Halloween Party sponsored by the Gay Straight Alliance Club. The members of the party had a blast organizing the event. During the party, everyone had a fun time wrapping themselves up in mummy wrap, as well as receiving certificates for their costumes. Additionally, there were all types of refreshments and snacks such as soda, Halloween themed brownies and cupcakes, as well as chips and candies. If you don't want to miss the fun, come and join the Gay Straight Alliance's annual Halloween Party next year. It's a great way to divert your mind and relieve all the stress you had during the day!





## A Historic Soccer Season By Osman Gofran

The Boys' Varsity Soccer recently finished a historic season with a record of 11-4-1. The Bluehawks finished 3rd in the Patroon Conference just barley behind Patroon Conference winner Maple Hill and runner up Greenville. With a historic record this season, the Bluehawks landed in Hudson's record books with the soccer team's best record ever!

The team started off the season strong winning away at their first game against Maple Hill 3-2. From there, Hudson was neck and neck with Maple Hill and Greenville throughout the season, each fighting for the top spot. The difficulties came when Hudson cut short their wins, fighting hard and barley losing to Greenville and Maple Hill at home, and coming away with an unlucky loss to Cairo Durham. Though there were a few losses, there were more victories to celebrate, most notably the Bluehawks defeating the local rivals Catskill both times during the season, including winning at their homecoming!

The team finished the regular season on a good note and drew Catskill for sectionals at home. Hudson went on to dominate Catskill defeating them 7-1 and for the first time ever won a sectionals game at home and historically for the first time went past the first round and on to the quarterfinals facing Mechanicville. Fighting hard till the final whistle, the Bluehawks had their hopes shattered when they lost the hard fought battle to Mechanicville 1-0. Though it was a good run, Hudson finished their season having made history in more ways than one and with one of the best squads Hudson has ever seen!



## Music Theory and Technology Class

### By Arianna Camacho

As the holiday season approaches, the Hudson High School's Music Department is getting ready for all sorts of fun activities. The band and choir are rehearsing merry tunes, and the Tri-M music honors society is getting ready to sell treats! Every year a Cinnabon fundraiser is held to benefit the music department. The funds help pay for field trips like Six Flags' Music in the Parks, where students from all over come together to play and then spend the day at the park.



This year, the Music Theory and Technology class decided to advertise in a fun way. Using their knowledge of sound recording, the class put together a musical audio commercial. The class worked collaboratively brainstorming ideas, writing a script, and playing music. They used the Soundtrap app to manage keyboard and voice recordings and together they produced a final product that was hilariously effective.

When not making commercials, the Music Theory and Tech class study music theory and music engineering. The class learns how to write and read chords, develop melodies, and analyze music. As for technology, they learn the difference between different types of microphones and sound systems.

The fundraiser ends November 25th, so be sure to see a band or choir student before then! Cinnabons will be delivered on December 17th.



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