

Breaking News: Long-tenured Hackensack High School Principal Harold Bloom Dies at Age 89

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**DEDICATION OF FIRST
STREET BRIDGE TO
HAROLD BLOOM**



Please join us as we honor Harold Bloom for his thirty-nine (39) years of service to the extended Hackensack community as HHS Teacher, department Chairperson, Vice Principal and Principal at a ceremony dedicating the First Street bridge classroom/media center in his name.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

10:00AM-12:00PM

HHS AUDITORIUM, First & Beech St.

Hackensack, NJ 07601

Light refreshments will be served

RSVP not necessary. Intentions to attend appreciated and/or messages/memories to share can be sent by clicking 'yes' to this event and commenting below on FB, via email: HHSBLOOMBRIDGE@aol.com, or by post to: Linda Bloom, 212 Loughlin Place, Maywood, NJ 07607.

Questions, call Linda at 201-587-9155.



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The planning of this event is a collaborative effort of the Hackensack Administration, Superintendent., Ms. Karen Lewis, the Hackensack Board of Education, Walter Fields, Linda Bloom and Heidi Bloom Cislo.

We hope to hear from you!!!!



HACKENSACK, NJ -- Former Hackensack High School Principal Harold Bloom has passed away at the age of 89. He was an HHS alumnus, and longtime Social Studies teacher and Principal of the school.

Bloom began his teaching career in Hackensack after receiving his Master of Arts from New York University. He was appointed Chairman of the Social Studies Department in 1963, Assistant Principal in 1967, and has served as Principal of Hackensack High School from 1970-1992.

The Hackensack community is grieving this loss.

“Both of my children attended Hackensack High School, and saw the impact that Principal Bloom left on the school, and our community,” said Mayor John Labrosse. “He was a dedicated educator who changed hundreds of lives, for the better. My condolences go out to his family members and friends.”

“It is with great sadness we’ve learned about Mr. Bloom’s passing. He was a beloved principal and well respected leader loved by teachers and by students,” said Hackensack Acting Superintendent of Schools Rosemary Marks. “We wish his family much strength during this difficult time.”

“By order of this Council all city flags will be flown at half-staff in honor of the passing of Harold Bloom. Rest In Peace my friend,” Deputy Mayor David Sims posted on Facebook.

In 2015, the First Street bridge connecting two buildings of the Hackensack High School complex was renamed in his honor. The building has three floors. There is a library/media center on the top floor and data processing on the bottom floor. At the time of the bridge’s dedication, his family members spoke of his commitment and passion for education.

“My dad's leadership has always been fueled by compassion, sincerity, loyalty and love,” Heidi Bloom said at the time, per the Daily Voice. “We have had the opportunity to see this first-hand and worked hard to pass that legacy along in all of the things that we do. We are so proud of our dad and feel lucky to call Hackensack High School our home and the people in it our family.”

Harold Bloom is survived by his wife, Rita, and their three children, Linda, Heidi, and Steven.