



BEARCAT NEWS

Meet the Athletic Director! Mr. Dean Grenfell

When did you begin your job here? I began working here July 1 2016

What are the strengths of the HAHS athletic programs? Coming into the program and learning what I have so far I would say that the strength of the athletic programs right now are the students. We have a very dedicated group of students that are working hard to bring home wins day in and day out. Listening to their coaching staff and working as a group to be successful. I love seeing the support that we provide for our school. Seeing the student section at our home events has been encouraging and I would love to see more and more students, not just athletes, coming out to support their friends and classmates that wear the blue and red proudly.

What are your first impressions of HAHS sports? They are very hard working athletes. I have been to some of each teams practices, sometimes working out with the teams and they are being challenged by each other and their coaches to work hard to continue the success that we are seeing on the courts/fields. Watching tough losses and big wins shows our desire to bring home championships and engrave their year and class in the history of Huntingdon Athletics. We want nothing more at a Varsity level than to pack our gym full of banners and trophies.

What are your goals for HAHS sports? Building great programs from JH all the way to Varsity is the main goal. If we can start students in a fun environment working on fundamentals at the JH level and keep those kids involved all the way through their senior year that can help build successful programs. Successful programs help athletes improve, grow and develop a championship attitude.

What would you like to tell the community about your first months in the job? It has been a great start to a long career here in Huntingdon. I hope to continue to meet more families and learn about our amazing student athletes here at the school. Let's keep teaching hard-work, dedication, and a love for wearing Bearcat blue and red.

GO BEARCATS!!!



"It's called 'reading'. It's how people install new software into their brains"

HASD Educational Fountation

HASDEF supports the belief that everyone can benefit from learning. We fund scholarships for graduating Seniors and programs that support continuing education for staff and students. This program has paid for science materials, books, speakers, art projects, new technology and other educational based initiatives. Through our involvement in the State of Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program, we have received significant donations from businesses that have paid for the Science in Motion program provided to our schools by Juniata College. HASDEF has also been fortunate to receive several large donations that are professionally invested to fund annual scholarships.

To learn more about HASDEF, please visit the School District website (huntsd.org) and use the quick link on the left hand side.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Oct. 3—7 Homecoming Week!
- Oct. 3— Middle School Picture Day
- Oct. 5— Sophomore Mtg. re: Class Rings
- Oct. 8— Homecoming Dance 7 :30—10:30 pm
- Oct. 12— Class Ring orders due Senior Jostens Mtg.
- Oct. 19— Senior Orders due and PSAT Testing
- Oct. 20— HS Picture Retakes
- Oct. 21—ACT 80 DAY No School for Students
- Oct. 25—28 HS Vision and Hearing Screenings
- Oct.. 28— End of MP 1
- Nov. 2— Report Cards sent home

COUNSELORS' CORNER—

PSAT testing will be held on October 19th for sophomores. This is a practice exam for the SAT. More information on the PSAT will be distributed to students during homeroom. If a Junior would like to take this practice exam, please have them sign up in the Guidance Office. The fee for Juniors to take the exam is \$15.00 due on the day of testing.

NURSE'S NOOK—

Vision screening will be October 25-28 for all students. If your child wears glasses or contacts, please make sure they have them on those days. Hearing screenings for 11th grade students only will also be on October 25-28.



The Guidance Dept. will be working with the students throughout the year on various career opportunities. They will be hosting presentations and field trips for selected kids. Listed below are activities occurring in October:

- Oct. 4—Presentation at HS Guidance Office by JB Gibboney of Edward Jones Financial
- Oct. 18—Field Trip to Health Quest held at Mount Aloysius College—this is for various career explorations in the Health fields.
- Oct. 20—Presentation by Dr. Joe Sobel, Forensic Meteorologist during 3rd period and in Mrs. Wallace's Chemistry classes
- Oct. 26—Field trip to Hunny 103.5 during the morning to learn of the many aspects of a radio station.
- Oct. 28—College Fair in the HS Gymnasium

Parent Points! Important dates and information for parents to know —if you have any questions or would like to have more details, please call the HS Guidance Office at 641-2156

Financial Aid Night at the MS

Oct. 13—6:30 pm in the LGR at Huntingdon Area Middle School, there will be Financial Aid Night tailored specifically for parents of students in grades 6-8. Dan Wray, a representative from PHEAA, will provide valuable information regarding the importance of planning now, so that young adults can avoid accumulating massive college debt in the near future. Light refreshments will be served. There will be a brief Q&A period with administration on any questions regarding Middle School.

Last Call!!

Interested in Book Studies? We have two opportunities for you to participate in book studies with other parents, staff and administration. If you would like to be included in these studies, please call 641-2136.



COLLEGE CORNER—

Autumn is an exciting time in the college process! Here are the upcoming events:

Wednesday, October 5th from 5:00-6:30: Financial Aid 101 Night (open to all students and their guardians)

Wednesday, October 26th and Tuesday, November 1st from 5:30-7:30: FAFSA Completion Night (suggested for seniors) ***Please call Guidance to schedule an appointment

Friday, October 28th from 12:00-2:30: Huntingdon County College Fair

Please email Miss Sarah (College Advisor) at sscott@huntsd.org if you have any college or career questions!