

HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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"ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES"

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Dear High School Parents and Guardians:

Summer is passing, and we are looking ahead to the beginning of a new school year at Huntingdon Area High School. As your child's principal, it is my privilege to work with your learners at HAHS, helping them to grow academically and to acquire all of the skills that they need to become college and career ready. Our staff is working hard to make this a productive and challenging school year for your learner.

As we approach the start of the year, we are sharing information below to ensure that everyone is updated with the most current information. Classes begin on Wednesday, August 22, 2018. On the opening day of school, learners may enter the school at 7:30 am. The bell to report to homeroom will ring at 7:45 am, and learners must be in their assigned homerooms by 7:48 am. Homeroom assignments will be listed in The Daily News "Back-to-School Issue." The school day will end at the usual time of 2:45 pm. Your child's schedule for the 2018-2019 school year will be released within the coming week. Learners will be notified via Skyward when the schedules are released. Please carefully review the schedule and note that schedules were developed in the Spring to ensure that each learner has at least 6.0 credits, but not more than 7.0 credits, to align with post-secondary choices. Your learner will be eating lunch during the 4th period time frame. The 2018-2019 Scheduling Packet is posted on our website at <http://www.huntsd.org>. Click on "High School," then "HS Guidance" to proceed to the specific page where you can find this information. Note that classes will not be dropped to add a study hall. The Learner Handbook will be available online at the high school website. Please review the contents of the handbook with your child and return the Handbook Review Sheet, which your learner will receive on the first day of school.

The coming school year will be exciting for the High School because all learners will now have access to an iPad to help enhance their learning! This will not be new for the freshmen, as they were accustomed to this at the Middle School. Our upperclassmen increased their use of technology last year with chromebooks, and with teachers utilizing Google Classroom. Now, with iPads, we can further enhance learning through an emphasis on the 4Cs (Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Creativity), by presenting learning opportunities that reinforce the development of our learners in ways that reach beyond the classroom, and by helping them to become college and career ready. It's important to note that it's not just simply having the technology in a 1:1 environment that is important - it is how the tools are utilized to enhance learning, while also being mindful of the balance with engaging instructional strategies. Additional information about the iPads will be sent with learners during the first day of school.

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In order for your learner to get the most out of school this year, we all need to work together, keeping the lines of communication open between home and school. We will make every effort to keep you informed about class and school activities, and update you regularly regarding your learner's academic progress. Your learner will also benefit from your direct involvement in his/her education, including creating a positive work environment within the home, and reinforcement of school expectations. In addition, we will be increasing the amount of information shared about the learning process, and the activities involved in helping your learner to develop the skills to become college and career ready through a developing, personalized learning environment, aiming to create the ideal learning experience. Our learners, under the guidance of our staff, are doing great things, and we want to share this information with you!

Please note the following upcoming important dates that our building will be open to parents and guardians:

- **9th Grade and Parent Guardian/New Learner Orientation**
 - Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM - HAHS Auditorium
- **Open House**
 - Our annual Open House will be held for parents and learners of all grade levels. This will begin at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 in the HAHS Auditorium

We are also pleased to announce that there are several new faculty members at our High School this year. We are looking forward to working with the following new people as they serve your children.

- Mr. Sean Meily - Chemistry/Physics Teacher
- Mrs. Anne Millar - English Teacher
- Ms. Rebecca Solarczyk - Learning Support
- Ms. Heather Wasson - Agriculture Teacher

We hope you and your learner(s) have a wonderful school year. Please check with your learners daily for news and information about upcoming events scheduled at the High School. If you have any questions or concerns you can reach me at 814-643-1080 ext 2136. We hope to see you at these coming events!

Sincerely,

Travis Lee,
Secondary Principal