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"ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES"

To: Learners, Parents, and Guardians
From: Mr. Travis Lee, High School Principal
Re: HAHS School Update
Date: April 21, 2022

Greetings HAHS Learners, Parents, and Guardians,

We are quickly approaching the end of the school year. We hope that all students are able to stay focused and finish their academics on a positive note as the weather becomes warmer and our school activities increase. Please see below for updates, reminders, and announcements regarding school activities and end of year events. There will be additional messages and reminders shared, especially regarding end of year events, at the start of May.

Sincerely,

Travis R. Lee,
HAHS Principal

Updates and Information

- **22-23 Scheduling Update**
 - Our students and families did a phenomenal job of completing their course selection sheets. Students did a great job of entering their selections into Skyward as well.
 - The next steps of the process will be for counselors and administrators to develop the 22-23 master schedule based upon the course requests and the number of sections needed to ensure that students earn their graduation requirements. This process will take time, and there are always adjustments and changes that are made during the summer months. The goal, however, is to have a master schedule by the end of the school year
 - Students will not have access to their schedules until early to mid-August
- **Senator Ward and Representative Irvin School Visit**
 - HAHS, in collaboration with PSBA, hosted Senator Judy Ward and Representative Rich Irvin, our local state legislators, for a school visit on Friday, March 25
 - Students from two of Ms. McMath and Mr. Foster's classes did an excellent job researching and asking questions related to current topics
 - Mrs. Buckley and Mrs. Shaffer hosted the visitors to see how four students, Caleb Dickson, Cheyenne Dunsmore, Tessa Haffey, and Sara Steeg use the skills learned from Visual Arts and Graphic Design and other advanced art and technology electives. Their creativity and skill was certainly on display! The teachers and administrators explained the importance of technology in the classroom, and the steps taken, and hardships experienced by the district in order to make this type of education possible
 - See the ADDENDUM for pictures from the event

- **Grading Updates**
 - Marking Period 3 grades were released to families via Skyward on Monday, March 28
 - The first MP4 benchmark for grade deficiencies were posted to the Skyward Family Access portal at the end of last week
 - School counselors and administrators will work closely with students that need to finish the year strong in order to earn their credits for the school year
 - Summer School notices will be shared with students and families in mid-May, though final determinations for specific courses cannot be made until end of year grades are finalized
- **Keystone Exams**
 - The Spring 2022 Keystone Exams are scheduled as follows:
 - Algebra I: Tuesday, May 17; Literature: Wednesday, May 18; Biology: Thursday, May 19
 - Students that are enrolled in these courses are expected to take the exams for accountability purposes, which also helps with school curriculum and instructional planning
 - Students that have previously not scored at a proficient level on these exams will be expected to retake them, which is an important part of satisfying the Act 158 Graduation requirements. School counselors and administrators will be working closely with the Class of 2023 in this manner. This is a new process and framework for these students
- **HAHS Technology Update - Chromebooks for 2022-2023**
 - We are very pleased that we will be able to refresh our 1:1 devices. Next year we will begin to utilize Chromebooks, which are more compatible with our use of Google Classroom and the Google Suite for Education
 - As we make this switch, it is imperative that students return their iPad and charger during the designated collection times at the end of the year
 - Students/families will be responsible for missing and damaged iPads
 - HAHS will also be working with students to upload any information from their iPads to their Google Drive so that they will still have access to this information next school year
- **Student Survey Support**
 - HAHS is assisting the Policy and Community social work class from Juniata College. During the end of this week, students in Study Hall and Covid-ER will be taking a survey regarding use of Study Hall Time and Cell Phones
 - The surveys will be optional, but we encourage as many students to participate as possible
- **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Planning**
 - A team of staff from HAHS, including Mrs. Snare, school counselor, Mrs. Havird, ELA teacher, Mrs. Ardrey, special education teacher, Mrs. Heller, ESL teacher, and Mr. Lee, principal, attended a workshop facilitated by Dr. Timothy Eatman, an educational sociologist and publicly-engaged scholar, on Thursday, March 31. This event was hosted by the department of Community Engaged Teaching and Learning at Juniata College, as part of their Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion week
 - This event was great as it brought multiple stakeholders together from across the Huntingdon County community in order to openly discuss EDI related issues, and how we can continue to collaborate for the betterment of our schools, our businesses, and the community
 - One of our PBIS expectations at HAHS is to “Care About the Team.” We want all of our students to feel welcome in, and contribute to, our school community
 - The team from this meeting will continue to work and incorporate ideas with this mission at HAHS

- **PBIS Banner Status Recognition**
 - HAHS's Tier I PBIS program was evaluated by IU11 staff, using the Tiered Fidelity Inventory, or TFI, on March 24
 - We are happy to report that with a score of 90% on the TFI, HAHS has once again earned banner status for our fifth consecutive year!
 - We will continue to strengthen our Tier I program. However, our current work largely focuses on the Tier II level and coordinating these services and interventions in accordance with the district's MTSS approach
- **Senior Information**
 - The commencement ceremony for the HAHS Class of 2022 is less than two months away!
 - Seniors and their families will have important information shared in the coming weeks regarding expectations for this milestone, as well as a listing of senior activities and events
 - **Senior Symposium** will be hosted on Thursday, May 12. This is where seniors present their graduation projects and have an interview with local community members. This is always a highlight of the senior year, and we look forward to having this back in person
- **Introduction to Business Classroom Networking**
 - Mrs. Bucynski's Introduction to Business class hosted local business professionals on Friday, April 8
 - This was a great opportunity for our students to meet and network with approximately 15 community members that have expertise in our students' career interests
- **CHAMP**
 - Friday, April 22, is the annual CHAMP event
 - We are anxious to see the final numbers raised this year for this very meaningful cause. Special thanks to our CHAMP captains for their continued work to make this event a success
 - Please see the ADDENDUM for the daily themes for this week
- **NHS Canned Food Drive**
 - A small group of NHS members will be hosting a Food Drive throughout this week
 - Canned food items will be accepted from the public on Saturday, April 23rd from 11 am to 2 pm at the HS Office
 - NHS members will also be conducting door to door collections in certain community neighborhoods
 - Donations collected will be supporting the food pantry at the Main Street United Methodist Church
- **ACHIEVE Summer Academy**
 - Juniata College will be hosting a 3-day Summer Academy for students in Grades 9-11 interested in creating an impact for community health and wellness
 - Please see the ADDENDUM for an overview of this academy
 - Students can also see this information posted in their Google Classroom

ADDENDUM

Legislative Visit Pictures



CHAMP Spirit Week



ACHIEVE

Brought to you by Juniata College and our
Huntingdon County Community Partners



ADVANCING



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HEALTH



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ACHIEVE Academy

Empowering youth to advance health in their communities

Overview: The ACHIEVE Academy is a three-day summer day camp for 9th-11th grade high school students in central PA that runs from June 14th through 16th. We aim to inspire the next generation of community health leaders by introducing participants to the various factors that affect health, including healthcare and education access, the environment, social connections, and economic stability. All these elements will be viewed through the lens of the local rural community to demonstrate that students can impact health and wellness right where they are! Participants will have opportunities to explore various aspects of community health.

Program Highlights:

- Interactive workshops and lectures from professors and community partners
- Introduction to various career paths
- Hands-on projects
- Teamwork training and leadership skills building
- Unique insights into improving health and wellbeing outcomes in rural communities
- Mentoring by Juniata students
- Program completion certificate

2022 Camp Date & Location: June 14th-16th from 9 am to 4:30 pm at Juniata College

Eligibility: The camp is open to students going into grades 9-11 in the fall. Because this is a day camp, participants must also be able to coordinate their transportation to and from the camp. If necessary, overnight accommodations on campus can be arranged and will be offered dependent on interest.

Registration: Space is limited and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, visit the Juniata College "Camps and Conferences Schedule" using the QR code below.

Cost & Scholarships: Tuition is \$200 per student, which includes lunch and snacks each day. Thanks to a grant from the Penn Highlands Hospital Foundation, students who are Huntingdon County residents will receive full-tuition scholarships. Remaining scholarships will be distributed based on family need. Payment is due 2 weeks prior to the start of camp. A cancellation within 10 days of the camp is non-refundable.

Please contact achievehealthliteracy@gmail.com with any questions.

LINK TO REGISTRATION:

https://more.juniata.edu/conferences/registration/form.html?camp_id=349

