

# HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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**"ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES"**

**To:** Students, Parents, and Guardians  
**From:** Mr. Travis R. Lee, High School Principal  
**Re:** HAHS September Family Update  
**Date:** September 28, 2022

We have had a very positive start of the year thus far at HAHS. Please take time to review the updates and information below regarding various school and community activities - there's a lot of positives to share!

We are very excited to be hosting Spirit Week and Homecoming next week. We hope to see you at the parade on Friday, October 7, and then come to the game to support our school, band, cheerleaders, and football team.

It's great to be a BEARCAT, and we're looking forward to continuing this great start through the year.

Sincerely,

Travis R. Lee,  
HAHS Principal

## School Activities

- **Spirit Week and Homecoming: October 3 - October 8**
  - Next week is Spirit Week at HAHS! This year's theme is "As Seen on TV"
  - Please see the ADDENDUM for information regarding the daily themes, the parade which will be held on Friday, October 7 at 5:30 PM prior to the homecoming festivities at the football game, and the dance, which will be on Saturday, October 8. Come to the game to support our school, our band, our cheerleaders, and our football team!
  - During the day on Friday, October 7, HAHS will be hosting a Pep Rally in the Mr. Huntingdon competition in the afternoon
- **Great Start to the 2022-2023 School Year!**
  - HAHS had a great start to the school year!
    - The first days of school were spent reviewing expectations and sharing new information, including information about the WIN period
  - Thank you Aaren Sellers and Mrs. Shaffer and the HAHS Art Club for a "**Chalk the Walk**" evening to help greet students as they entered the building on the first day of school. See pictures in the ADDENDUM
  - A special thank you to our **cheerleaders** for **decorating our hallways and for organizing a Pep Rally** on our first Friday of the school year. See pictures in the ADDENDUM
- **Breakfast update: Free Breakfast**
  - The Huntingdon Area School District is proud to officially announce that as of **October 1, 2022, and through the end of the 2022-2023 School Year** we have had a change to our School Breakfast Program. **All students can receive a school breakfast at no charge**
  - This change is only applicable to the School Breakfast Program in the 2022-2023 School Year and does not affect a student's eligibility status for lunch (free, reduced, and paid, respectively)

- **Tutoring Update**
  - The PALS tutoring program, in partnership with Juniata College, will return to HAHS beginning Monday, October 17, 2022
  - There will be options for tutoring during the school day as well as after school
  - Students/families interested in seeking out tutoring should contact Mrs. Ramona Teeters, school library paraeducator, at [rteeters@huntsd.org](mailto:rteeters@huntsd.org) or by calling the school office. Mrs. Teeters will connect with the student to scheduling tutoring sessions
- **Financial Aid Night**
  - HAHS will host a Financial Aid Overview Night for students and families on Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 PM, organized by College Advisor Ms. Repetz
  - A representative from Juniata College's Financial Aid Office will facilitate the session
- **BILD Recognition**
  - Check out who got recognized today on the PSBA Hats Off to You story . . . .
  - Our Online Learning Program (BILD) is Awesome! If you are interested in Online or a Hybrid Learning Model your public school can meet your needs in your local school district. Check out the article: [PA Public Schools Success Starts Here](#)
- **United Way Day of Caring Update**
  - Thanks to the HAHS NHS, Student Council, and AP/Honors Gov. classes for their participation in the United Way's Day of Caring. See the before and after photos in their support of a Huntingdon Borough project in the ADDENDUM. Great work!
- **Picture Day**
  - School picture day was held on Friday, September 16. Please visit the HAHS website for picture ordering information through Inter State Studio
  - Picture retakes will be held on Wednesday, October 26
- **September Art Walk**
  - Art Walk was held on Thursday, September 15, in the HAHS Auditorium Lobby, as part of the community Art Walk with local businesses throughout Huntingdon. The Advanced Art students hosted a pin making activity
  - See posters in the ADDENDUM, that were designed by HAHS students Cade Zerbe, Hope Stubbs, and Rosemary Plane, and our student liaison, Olivia Weidel
  - October's Art Walk is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, with the theme of "Spill the Tea." This month come visit our Senior Studio artists in their debut art sale. Eva Morris will feature original nature photography, Rebecca Swartz will showcase a variety of painted magnets, and Gracie Hobbs will produce wearable pin art. All artwork will be available for purchase. Come see us at Standing Stone Coffee Shop for some good drinks, tasty eats, and beautiful art
- **Spotted Lantern Fly Education**
  - Julie Peoples from the Penn State Extension and Jack Johnson from the Conservation District presented information on the invasive Spotted Lantern Fly to all of Mrs. Conaway's and Mr. Gabriel's Environmental Science & Ecology classes on Friday, Sept. 16. After an informative PowerPoint, students viewed actual samples of all of the life stages of SLF learning how to distinguish males from females. Next, they learned how to make circle traps for trees to catch the insects. One student promptly took the information to his boss at Dairy Queen where they have been experiencing an infestation. His boss constructed a trap right away and hung it this past weekend
  - Please see pictures from the activity in the ADDENDUM

### **Student Recognitions**

- **NHS Induction Ceremony**
  - The Fall National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held the evening of August 31st
  - Thanks to our NHS Officers: Isaac Cummings, Delaney DeHart, Maria Miller, and Maiya Linn, our advisors, Mrs. Werner and Ms. McMath, and our guest speaker, Mrs. Buckley, for a great evening
  - Congratulations to our **21 new inductees** to this prestigious organization: Shelby Beaver, Lily Borger, Allison Cantrell, Eli Ehresman, Isabella Fortney, Allyse Garner, Morgan Guisler, Morgan Heffner, Anna Heller, Anna Hockenberry, Henry Kyper, Allison Lynn, Nathan Mathur, Wyatt Millar, Kaylee Querry, Bethany Rolley, Alissa Sentman, Ryder Sheffield, Ada Stapleton, Olivia Weidel, and Catherine Weld
  - Please see a picture of our entire NHS in the ADDENDUM
- **National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist**
  - Huntingdon Area High School is pleased to announce that senior Aiden Kelsey is being recognized as a semifinalist for the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. This is a prestigious honor, as only 16,000 students nationwide have the opportunity to compete for the National Merit Scholarship. HAHS wishes Aiden good luck in this process! Please see a picture in the ADDENDUM
- **National Merit Scholarship Commendation**
  - Senior Brandon Stuber has been recognized as a Commended Student for the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. Only 34,000 students (top 50,000 students nationwide) earn this recognition. Great work Brandon!
- **College Board Recognition**
  - Congratulations to Colleen Isenberg, Brandon Stuber, Maiya Linn, and Catherine Weld for earning the Rural/Small Town Recognition as part of the College Board's Academic Honors College Recognition Program. Great work!
  - See their picture in the ADDENDUM

### **Community Updates**

- **HCCTC Open House**
  - The Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center will host an Open House on Tuesday, October 11, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Please see the flier in the addendum
  - The HCCTC provides a great career readiness opportunity for students, and is one pathway to meeting Act 158 graduation requirements!
  - The HCCTC offers 12 programs where students can earn industry certifications to enter the workforce, or use their training and apply their schools at the collegiate level through articulation agreements with local universities
- **September Community Mental Health Updates**
  - **Recovery Month and Suicide Prevent Month Community Event - Sponsored by Mainstream Counseling**
    - Thursday, September 29. 5:00 - 8:00 PM, at Bryan Park (Downtown Huntingdon)
    - See the flier in the ADDENDUM
  - **Out of the Darkness Walk**
    - This Sunday, October 2, at Detwiler Park will be the Out of the Darkness Walk starting at 1pm. There is still time to register and donate. You can find information at [www.afsp.org/huntingdoncounty](http://www.afsp.org/huntingdoncounty).
  - **HAHS Mental Health Resources**
    - HAHS will be sending an updated listing of mental health resources that the school and community can provide. Please be on the lookout for this message!

## ADDENDUM

### Homecoming and Spirit Week Information



# AS SEEN ON TV

**Monday**

Stranger Things  
(80's)  
Or  
**PINK OUT**

**Tuesday**



Outer Banks  
(Beach)

**Wednesday**

The Office  
Dress as Your Future  
Career  
or  
Teacher-Student Swap



**Thursday**



Yellowstone  
(Western Day)

**Friday**

Friday Night Lights  
(RED AND BLUE)



**Saturday**

HOMECOMING  
DANCE  
7 pm  
Semi-Formal Attire







HUNTINGDON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S

# ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE

A special event for the whole community to enjoy!

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**Friday, October 7 | 5:30PM**  
**Washington Street Parade Route**

Interested in becoming part of this year's parade?  
Please fill out the participant registration form on  
HAHS website by September 30th.





Tickets can be purchased beginning 9/27 through 10/7. Tickets will be \$5 each and sold outside the auditorium lobby until homeroom, and in the cafeteria during lunch

Tickets will not be sold at the door

Guest permission forms must be submitted by 10/7



#### Chalk the Walk



#### Hallway Decorations





Pep Rally Photos







Senior Pictures

