

HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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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: September 13, 2021

Greetings HAHS Learners, Parents, and Guardians,

We've had a positive start to the school year thus far. Despite two Flexible Instructional Days (FID) during the effects of Hurricane Ida, we are settling into our routines and moving learning forward.

Thank you to the students and staff at HAHS for their efforts with the universal masking mandate that began last week. Ultimately, it will help us to maintain in-person instruction, which we know is a great benefit to all!

It is a pleasure to work with your children. As we move forward, we are committed to doing our best to serve our learners academically, socially, and emotionally. ***See the Updates, Announcements, and Reminders below*** that highlight some of these items and happenings within the building. Please reach out with any questions or concerns regarding your learner's educational experience.

Sincerely,

Travis R. Lee,
HAHS Principal

School Updates, Announcements, and Reminders:

- **Picture Day Information**
 - School picture day is **Thursday, September 16**
 - Inter-State Studio is our picture vendor this school year
 - You can order your pictures online at Inter-State.com/Order, using the code 61517YB
 - See the flyer in the ADDENDUM below, which is also posted to the HAHS website
- **Rachel's Challenge Presentations and Community Night**
 - Two years ago learners at HAHS saw the Rachel's Challenge presentation, a kindness campaign inspired by Rachel Scott, one of the first victims in the 1999 Columbine tragedy. The first year of Rachel's Challenge led several groups of students to develop projects and activities to help improve our school, such as Rachel's Closet - a place where learners in need can get clothing, hygiene products, etc.
 - On Tuesday, 9/14, students at HAHS will see the second presentation as part of the Challenge, known as Rachel's Legacy. We are looking forward to this event, and the positive impact that we hope that it will inspire in our learners.
 - In addition to the school presentations, a **Community Event** will be held in the **HAHS auditorium at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 14**. See the flyer in the ADDENDUM. The Rachel's Challenge Community Event introduces Rachel and her story by using her writings and stories from her life. The Community Event shows the profound positive impact we can have on those around us. It demonstrates to the listener the power of deliberately reaching out to others to start what

Rachel called a chain reaction of kindness and compassion. Childcare for the event will be provided by the Key Club.

- **STOMPER Project**

- Over the past two weeks numerous classes and student volunteers at HAHS have participated in the STOMPER project. The project has been led by the Jana Marie Foundation in order to spread awareness and education about suicide awareness in order to “stomp out” the stigma that surrounds mental health and to spark conversation within the community
- ***The unveiling of the STOMPER statue will take place Thursday, September 16, at 5:00 PM in the HS Auditorium Lobby as part of the community’s Art Walk***
- Thanks to our students and community guests that participated in this meaningful project, and for Acting Borough Police Chief Streightiff for bringing the project to HAHS!

- **Week 1 Pep Assemblies and Rivalry Game**

- HAHS was able to hold Pep Assemblies during the first week of school to welcome everyone to the school year, and to build school spirit for the opening of the sports season. It was great to hold an event like this once again! Two assemblies were held (Grades 9-10 and 11-12) in order to more safely distance within our gymnasium
- Thanks to our band for their performance and our cheerleaders for the teaching the student body a few of our Bearcat Cheers
- Unfortunately, our HAHS football team lost their bout with Mt. Union in the William Penn Highway Rivalry game. Mr. Canner and Mr. Lee owned up to their bet with their Mt. Union counterparts, and wore Mt. Union apparel in school the following Monday.
- See pictures of the Pep Assembly and additional photos in the ADDENDUM below

- **9/11 Remembrance**

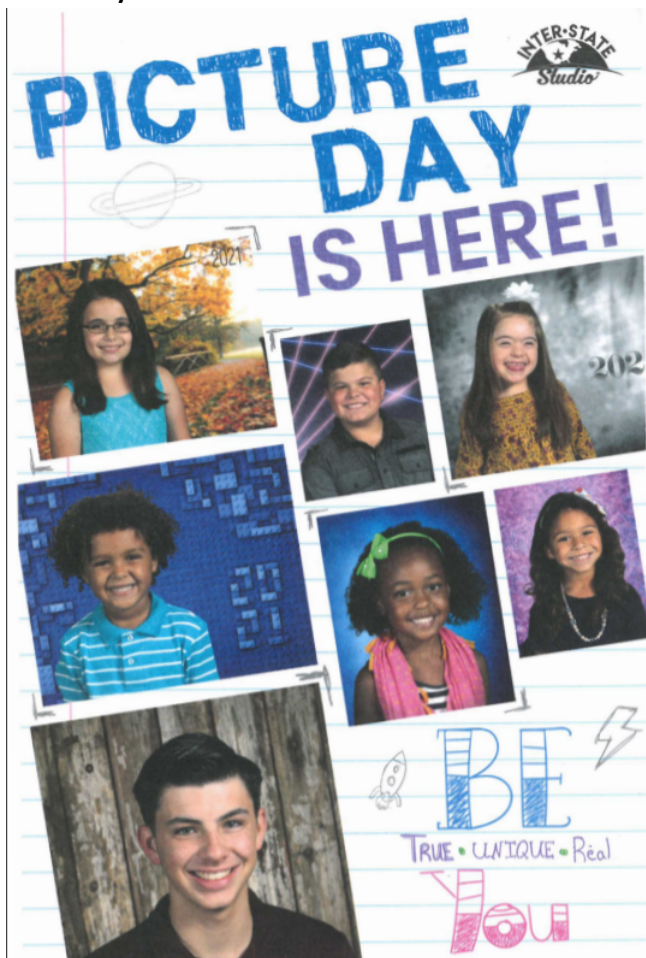
- It’s hard to believe, but as we remember the tragic events of September 11, 2001, HAHS now has a building full of students that were not even born at the time these attacks on our nation occurred
- As we honor the heroes on Patriot Day, HAHS observed a moment of silence and a brief message during the morning announcements on Friday, 9/10. Social studies classes at HAHS presented information during the day. Special thanks to Ms. McMath for curating resources that are available to learners in their Grade Level Google Classrooms

- **Skyward Grade Updates**

- Grades are updated in Skyward on a weekly basis. However, periodic 3-week notices are sent via Skyward Family Access to learners not performing at a satisfactory level. Families can control how these notifications are received in the Family Access portal
- Friday, September 17, will be the first notice that will be sent for the first marking period

ADDENDUM

Picture Day Information



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**FALL PICTURE
DAY IS HERE**

Picture Day is:

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Pictures will be taken at:

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Rachel's Challenge Information

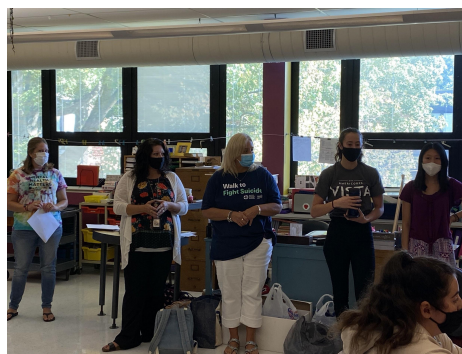


While her life was tragically cut short during the Columbine High School shooting on April 20, 1999, Rachel Joy Scott's shining example of kindness and compassion was not defeated that day. Come hear the inspiring true story of one girl's dream being fulfilled over a decade after her death. The presentation is a powerful reminder of the little things we can do every day to make our world a better place.

Recommended Audience: 7th Grade and Up

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 ~ 6:30 pm in the High School Auditorium

STOMPER Project



Pep Assembly and Photos

