

# HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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**"ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES"**

**To:** Parents and Guardians of Secondary School Learners  
**From:** Mr. Travis R. Lee, High School Principal  
**Re:** Parent Updates and Information  
**Date:** April 15, 2019

Greetings Parents and Guardians,

We are now progressing through the fourth quarter of the school year. Report cards for the third term were issued on Friday, April 5, 2019. Please review your learner's academic performance with them, paying close attention to their overall performance for the year. We hope to have a strong fourth quarter! When speaking with learners about their academic progress and grades, be sure to inquire about any special projects or reports that they have been completing. Many learners have been utilizing their iPads to create video documentaries and responses in various classes, and they have done a great job with their thoroughness and creativity! Remember that you may always monitor your learners' grades via Skyward. If at anytime that you have a question or concern, please communicate with your learner's teachers.

## **2019-2020 Course Scheduling**

The scheduling process for the 2019-2020 school year begins Tuesday, April 16. Our school counselors, Mrs. Easter and Mrs. Snare, will meet with our learners in grade-level meetings to review the process. The learners will have the Course Selection Guide shared with them during the meetings, and they will have access to this via their Grade Level Google Classroom and the HAHS website. A hard copy will be available upon request. A hard copy to complete the listing of course selections will be given and requires a parent/guardian signature. The course selection sheets are to be turned in to homeroom teachers by Friday, April 26, 2019.

## **School Canine Search Update**

On Friday, April 12, a planned, but unannounced canine search for controlled substances was conducted at HAHS. ***Our learners and school staff are to be commended for how well that they followed procedures during this process, and for their patience!*** Preventative, proactive measures such as this event are important to continue to promote a healthy and safe school environment. If at any time you have concerns for learners in need of

support, please contact the school. We have the Student Assistance Program (SAP) in place to help learners. Please also note the Safe 2 Say Something anonymous tipping system for reporting safety and wellness issues or concerns.

### **Prom**

The HAHS Prom was held on Saturday, April 13 at HAHS. The theme for this year's prom was "Rustic Romance." We hope that all learners had a fun and memorable evening. We want to congratulate the 2019 Prom Queen, Rachael Gwinn, and King, Nick Rigby.

### **April Intruder Drill**

Please review the message recently posted to the HASD website on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, in regards to an active intruder drill which will take place at HAHS during the month of April. This message explains many details about what to expect, and how communication during the drill will take place. Communication will be sent to the public when the drill begins and when it concludes.

### **Focus on Wellness**

Next year the school will be introducing the Rachel's Challenge program to our learners. This program will focus on developing a culture for kindness, and will reinforce our Positive School Wide (PBIS) BEARCATS expectations. Please see the ADDENDUM for a website link to review the program and its resources. As part of the program, a community event will be held during the beginning of next school year, for both the Middle School and High School. Information about these events will be sent during the summer - we hope that you'll join us in making this a positive program for our school and community!

In addition to the link about Rachel's Challenge, please see resources in the ADDENDUM, which were previously sent near the start of the year, that connect to promoting mental health and wellness. We continue to make significant efforts, including the addition of school social work services, to promote an overall positive and healthy environment for our learners, and these resources play an important part.

### **Tractor Day**

Thursday, April 18 is Tractor Day, sponsored by the FFA. Learners that are participating have two designated meeting areas and will then be arriving to the school at approximately 7:00 am. Tractors will be parked in the Student Parking area. This is a great event, in its second year, to promote the learning and activities provided by the FFA. A portion of the proceeds from the event will support the elementary backpack program.

### **NHS Talent Show**

The NHS Talent Show will be held during the school day on Thursday, April 18. It is always great to see the artistic talents that our learners possess! Please note that this school event is not a public show. However, parents/guardians of the performers are permitted to attend, and information for sign-in procedures will be provided by the HS Office.

### **School Calendar Update**

The updated school calendar was previously sent from the school district. Please see the ADDENDUM for the updated calendar, and please note the following:

- Graduation will remain on Wednesday, June 5, 2019
  - Seniors will report to HAHS on Saturday, May 18 and Saturday, June 1.
  - Lunch will not be served on these days, and learners are responsible for their transportation. There will be a half-day early dismissal.
  - There are important activities that will occur on these dates. Additional information will be sent to seniors about these Saturdays, as well as all End of Year senior activities!
- During the last week of school, Monday, June 3 through Friday, June 7, learners will have early releases (following the regular half-day schedule).

Thank you for reviewing this information, and for your continued support of our school and community. I hope that your learner has a productive, engaging, and enjoyable end to the year!

Sincerely,

Travis R. Lee,  
HAHS Principal

## **ADDENDUM**

### **Rachel's Challenge**

- <https://rachelschallenge.org/>

### **School Resources and Mental Health Information**

- Student Assistance Program (SAP): Please see school counselors. Forms available on school website.
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or visit [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)
- Crisis Text Line: TEXT PA to 741-741 or visit <http://www.crisistextline.org>
- Juniata Valley Tri-County Crisis: 1-800-929-9583 or [www.ucbh.org](http://www.ucbh.org)
- Aavidum: <http://aavidum.com/cms>

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## 2018-2019 CALENDAR

Approved 3/19/2018  
Revised 2/21/2019

July 2018							August 2018 T-9 S-7							September 2018 T-18 S-18							
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April 2019 T-20 S-20							May 2019 T-22 S-22							June 2019 T-5 S-5						
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