



HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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August 5, 2024

Dear High School Parents and Guardians:

As the summer comes to a close, we are looking ahead to the beginning of a new school year at Huntingdon Area High School. As your child's principal, I am privileged to work with your students at HAHS, helping them grow academically and acquire all the skills they need to become college and career-ready. Our staff is working hard to make this a productive and challenging school year for your students.

Information about the beginning of the year will be shared with students during homeroom and principal assemblies during the first days of school. Please review the information below, highlighting important information to start the year, upcoming dates, and key areas of focus for the school year.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL/START OF YEAR INFORMATION

- Classes begin on **Wednesday, August 21, 2024.**
- On the opening day of school, students may enter the school through the main entrance at 7:30 am. Upon entering the building, students should report to the **cafeteria** or the **auditorium lobby**. The bell to report to homeroom will ring at 7:45 am, and students must be in their assigned homerooms by 7:48 am. The daily bell schedule is provided below.
- **Your child's 2024-2025 school year schedule will be available to view via the Skyward Family Access portal next week.** Please carefully review the schedule and note that schedules were developed to ensure that each student has at least 6.0 credits, to align with post-secondary choices. Your student will eat lunch during the WIN 5A or 5B period. Students will receive their specific lunchtime from their homeroom teacher.
- Students will receive the beginning of the year (BOY) forms and emergency information on the first day of school. This information will also be posted in a digital format on the High School website.
- The Student Handbook will be available online at the high school website. Please review the contents of the handbook with your child and complete the Student Handbook/Acceptable Use Policy acknowledgment with the BOY forms.
- Freshmen and New Student Orientation will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2024.

NEW SCHOOL PERSONNEL

We are pleased to announce that we have new staff joining us in the High School this year. We are fortunate to welcome these teachers, all with years of experience, and we are looking forward to working with these individuals as they serve your children.

- Mr. Ian Kidd - STEM/Media Specialist
- Ms. Nicole Houck - English Teacher
- Mrs. Jazmine Miller - Front Office Secretary
- Rebekah Faust - College Advisor



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Freshmen and New Student Orientation**
 - Tuesday, August 15, 2024 at 1:00 pm or 6:00 pm, HAHS Auditorium
- **Start of Fall Sports**
 - Monday, August 12, 2024
- **First Home Football Game**
 - Friday, August 23, 2024, 7:00 PM, vs. Philipsburg at War Veterans Memorial Field
- **First Home Varsity Girls Soccer Game**
 - Monday, August 26, 2024, 6:00 PM, vs. Bellefonte at Detwiler Field
- **First Home Varsity Boys Soccer Game**
 - Thursday, September, 5, 2024, 6:00 PM, vs. Penn Cambria at Detwiler Field
- **First Home Varsity Girls Volleyball Match**
 - Thursday, August 29, 2024, 7:00 PM, vs. Bishop Guilfoyle at HAHS Gymnasium
- **First Home Varsity Girls Tennis Match**
 - Monday, August 20, 2024, 4:00 PM, vs. Central at HAHS Tennis Courts
- **School Picture Day**
 - Thursday, August 29, 2024
 - Manning Photography will be taking all the pictures. These can be purchased online at <https://www.manningphoto.net/>
- **Homecoming Information**
 - Spirit Week: September 30th - October 4th
 - Homecoming Football Game: Friday, October 4, 2024

We hope you and your student(s) have a wonderful school year. Please check with your students daily for news and information about upcoming events at the High School. If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach me at (814)643-1080 ext 2138 or scummins@huntsd.org. We hope to see you at these coming events!

Sincerely,

Sean Cummins,
High School Principal



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SPECIAL UPDATES/HIGHLIGHTS

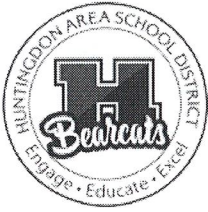
2024 - 2025

Daily Bell Schedule

Class Period	Time
Office Opens	7:00 am
Students Enter Building	7:30 - 7:45 am
Homeroom	7:48 - 7:55 am
Period 1	7:58 - 8:44 am
Period 2	8:47 - 9:33 am
Period 3	9:36 - 10:22 am
Period 4	10:25 - 11:11 am
WIN 5A	11:14 - 11:44 am
WIN 5B	11:46 am - 12:16 pm
Period 6	12:19 - 1:05 pm
Period 7	1:08 - 1:54 pm
Period 8	1:57 - 2:43 pm

Notes

- 46-minute class periods
- Students will eat lunch during one of WIN Periods



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SKYWARD/FAMILY ACCESS USE

We are strongly encouraging all families to revisit their Skyward Family Access portal and if one is not set up, to contact the High School Office. It is very important that the contact information in Skyward for your family is current and updated. We will update information in the system based on the information supplied on the beginning-of-year forms at the start of the year.

ATTENDANCE UPDATES/HIGHLIGHTS

Please review the attendance procedures within the student handbook. Consistent attendance is extremely important for student academic success, growth, and development. Listed below are important attendance notes.

- Students have 3 days to turn in an excuse (form, handwritten, doctor's note, email, fax)
 - Excuses are to be submitted to the High School Office
 - Direct excuse to Mrs. Jazmine Miller, Attendance Secretary
 - Email: jamiller@huntsd.org Phone: (814)643-1080 Fax: (814)643-3800
- After 10 cumulative days of absences, a medical excuse must be provided for future absences
- Unexcused absences can lead to a Student Attendance Improvement Conference (SAIC) and proceedings with the District Magistrate.
- Partial Day Absences
 - Students missing 1-2 periods of the school day will be considered tardy
 - Students who are absent between 3-4 periods will be considered ½ day absent.
 - Students absent for 5 or more periods will be considered absent for a full day.
 - Please note that tardy and early release periods will be totaled toward total days absent, and excessive tardies and absences may result in truancy proceedings.

In addition, please note that **students must be in school by 9:30 am to participate in extracurricular contests/practices** for that school day.

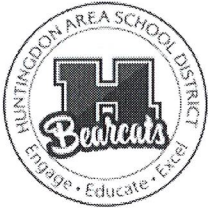
TRAFFIC INFORMATION

Morning Arrival

Information regarding morning arrival and traffic routines will be sent prior to the start of the school year. This information will be regarding student driving expectations and parent drop off of students.

Student Driver Expectations

Driving to and from school is a privilege. Outside of the school campus, local law enforcement will be ensuring that student drivers are driving their vehicles in a safe manner. There have been concerns brought to the school regarding the driving safety of our students, especially when exiting the school campus and/or neighborhood and traveling on Moore Street near Juniata College. This will be monitored.



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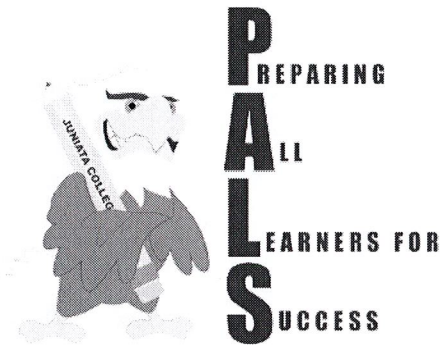
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Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center (HCCTC) Transportation

The HCCTC is not permitting student drivers during the 2024 - 2025 school year. All HCCTC students will be assigned to a bus for transportation to and from the HCCTC to HAHS.

TUTORING INFORMATION

HAHS is fortunate to be continuing with Juniata College's "Preparing All Learners for Success" PALS tutoring program. There will be tutoring sessions scheduled for interested students during the WIN Period, and after school tutoring will be available as well. Mr. Ian Kidd, HAHS media specialist, will be working with students and the PALS tutors to schedule tutoring sessions. Please see below for additional information regarding PALS tutoring options.



In-Person and Virtual Tutoring & Mentoring Provided by Juniata College Students

Juniata College students will provide group and individual tutoring and mentoring for K-12 students in local school districts. We will be working with students in-person at the schools through after school programs and study halls or remotely through Zoom. During the tutoring/mentoring sessions, K-12 students will have the opportunity to receive help with homework, to read out loud, or have a buddy/mentor to check in with them. Subject-specific tutors will also be available for the middle and high school

levels. **There is no cost to participate in this program.** For in-person tutoring during or after school please check with your specific school about options.

Contact Sarah Worley at worley@juniata.edu for additional questions. Scan the QR-Code or use this link <https://forms.gle/AMAYpibzXnnGrcZ86> to fill out the interest/permission form for virtual Zoom tutoring.

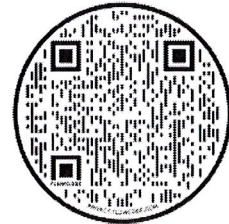


BILD ONLINE INFORMATION

Any student wishing to take one or more online classes during the 24-25 school year through BILD must attend a required virtual enrollment session with their parent/guardian. Information on those dates and times can be found at www.huntsd.org/bild. You can also contact Mrs. Young, the Online Learning Director, at ayoung@huntsd.org if you have any questions.