

# 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:** October 1, 2020

Hello HAHS Bearcat Families,

We are fortunate that our County has had a low level of community transmission for COVID-19, and therefore, per Mr. Foster's district message on 9/29/20, **we will be returning to full 100% in-person instruction at HAHS on Monday, October 5, 2020.** We are very happy to have all of our learners from the Red and Blue groups be able to come back together!

We hope that this low-level community transmission trend continues. We've been fortunate to have success with our hybrid model to this point, which would not have been possible without the cooperation of all school stakeholders. However, we must stay prepared for changes to occur, and possible transitions between full in-person, hybrid, and remote learning models, should the community-level situation dictate such a move.

**With the full return, it is extremely important that everyone follows the established health and safety protocols at HAHS.** We are returning because the transmission is low, but that doesn't mean that there's no longer a risk, and we must do our best to mitigate the risk. We will be reminding our learners about our health and safety procedures and ask that you reinforce the following key points at home.

- **Face Coverings**
  - Consistent wearing of face coverings, and wearing them correctly, is imperative, and even more important with the return to 100% since there will be less space to distance in classrooms
  - Learners have been doing a great job of this, and we need it to continue
- **Lunchroom Distancing**
  - Learners must only sit in the designated areas and seats so that we can safely distance while learners enjoy the mask break and eat
- **Have School ID Each Day**
  - Learners should have their school ID with them each day for use in the cafeteria. This helps the no-touch process and will keep the line moving. Learners should see Mrs. Fouse in the Guidance Office if an ID needs to be replaced
- **Arrival Time**
  - We do not anticipate that bus arrival time to school will be impacted
  - Learners that transport themselves to school, and are dropped off by parents, should arrive to homeroom by 7:48 am

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Please see below for additional information and updates.

Sincerely,

Travis R. Lee,  
School Principal

## Updates and Reminders

- **Free Breakfast**
  - All learners are able to have a free breakfast as HAHS each morning. The grab-and-go card will be located near the front entrance. We encourage all learners to get a healthy meal to start the day!
- **PSATs**
  - The PSAT test will be held for all sophomores and interested juniors the morning of Wednesday, October 14, 2020. Interested juniors should sign up in the Guidance Office, and submit their fee of \$17. The test is free for sophomores. Please note that not only is this an important test to help prepare those seeking to take the SATs in the future, but performance on this exam could be helpful in aiding learners meet graduate requirements as an alternative Keystone Exam pathway
- **FAFSA Workshop**
  - HAHS's college advisor, Mr. Wright, will be hosting a virtual FAFSA Completion workshop on Thursday, 10/22 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Look out for more details. Learners can speak with Mr. Wright as well if interested.
- **Tutoring Update**
  - HAHS is adding another after school tutoring opportunity to learners, with the support of our high school staff
  - If learners are interested or in need of tutoring, they should speak with their specific classroom teacher about in-person or evening Zoom tutoring options
  - Please see the previous family update from 9/14/20 regarding tutoring information provided by Juniata College
- **Progress Reports in Family Access**
  - Learners and families can always check grade progress via Skyward to have an updated weekly benchmark of performance
  - As we return to full in-person learning, next week will be utilized to get both the Red and Blue groups on the same learning path moving forward, and to have an accurate assessment of progress for grading purposes
  - We are going to look to provide progress reports, via the Skyward Family Access Portal, next Friday, October 9, to those learners currently earning a D or an F in a course. There will be three weeks remaining in the marking period after that point for learners to improve their grades
  - Please note that COVID-Pass/No Pass options will not be available this school year. It is imperative that learners keep up to date with their coursework and performance, despite the learning model as we move forward
- **School Spirit for 100% Return**
  - We encourage learners to wear Bearcat colors (Red and Blue) when we return to school on Monday, October 5.
  - To celebrate the return of both of Red and Blue groups together, our Positive School Wide team will be sponsoring a "Dance Party Monday," playing songs between class transitions to welcome everybody back to school
  - Show your school spirit!

