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"ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES"

To: Learners, Parents, and Guardians
From: Mr. Travis R. Lee, High School Principal
Re: HAHS School Update Memo
Date: December 22, 2020

Learners, Parents, and Guardians,

With one more half day before our winter break, we're sending this update to provide reminders as well as to highlight some recent accomplishments of our learners.

We hope that everyone can enjoy the holiday break, stay safe, and return in January 2021 well rested and ready to complete the first semester with remote learning on a positive note.

Sincerely,

Travis R. Lee,
HAHS Principal

Updates, Reminders, and Recognitions

- **Wednesday, December 23 Half Day Schedule**
 - There are no live sessions or a modified schedule that will be used tomorrow, Wednesday 12/23, for remote learning
 - Learners may still reach out to teachers with questions, can work on and submit independent work, and can schedule sessions with teachers if needed
- **Positive School Wide Remote Learning Expectations**
 - The Positive School Wide group is focusing on promoting positive academic behaviors, especially attending live remote sessions and completing assignments well, and on time
 - Please see the message at the end of this memo with what was shared with learners via their Grade Level Google Classrooms. A special thank you to the HAHS staff for making family contacts to learners that have been struggling. Teachers and counselors have committed a great deal of time to helping our learners succeed during this challenging time
 - Over the past week, teachers made over 150 nominations for those that have been meeting these expectations. ***We are pleased to announce that Faith Gutshall (Grade 10) and Julia Zauzig (Grade 11) are the winners of this Positive School-Wide holiday contest!***

- **Learner Recognitions**
 - **Students of the Month**
 - HAHS would like to recognize a Student of the Month for each grade level, for the months of November and December. This recognition is to honor learners for consistent and high performance throughout the year, enhanced performance, or for their contributions to the school
 - **November: Henry Kyper (9), Jenna Hicks (10), Savannah Fiscus (11), Marissa Low (12)**
 - **December: Shelby Beaver (9), Faith Edwards (10), Nathan Wiser (11), Brandon Cordle (12)**
 - **Art Recognitions**
 - Three HAHS learners were chosen as winners of the Daily News Christmas Eve Edition contest.
 - **Overall Winner: Olivia Weidel (Grade 9); School Winner: Kayden Riley (Grade 9); Honorable Mention: Jessica Heffner (Grade 10)**
 - All three learners are part of the Visual Arts and Graphic Design class, led by Mrs. Shaffer and Mrs. Buckley. Olivia's work is hand drawn digitally, and Kayden and Jessica utilized the Adobe Spark application on the iPad. Look for these in the December 24th edition of the Daily News! Their work is also shared at the end of this memo.
 - **Voice of Democracy Winners**
 - The Voice of Democracy speech competition is a yearly competition sponsored by the local VFW Post 1754. HAHS usually has a strong showing in this competition, and this year was no exception. This year's theme was: "Is this the Country our Founding Fathers Envisioned?"
 - **The winners of this competition, all HAHS learners, include: Ali Hemcher (Grade 11) - 1st Place; Carly McKellop (Grade 11) - 2nd place, and Carley Mykut (Grade 11) - 3rd place. Great work!**
 - **Eagle Scout Recognition**
 - Congratulations to Nathaniel McClain for recently earning his Eagle Scout honor
 - Nathaniel devoted time to a great project, a Sensory Walk at Standing Stone Elementary. His commitment to this project is appreciated, and we congratulate him on the Eagle Scout honor!

Art Contest Pictures

Jessica Heffner



Olivia Weidel



Kayden Riley



Remote Learning Expectations Google Classroom Post

(Sent Monday, December 21, 2020)

Good morning,

As we approach the holiday break, please note the following reminders and updates:

1. Do your best to get caught up prior to the holiday break.

There will be a Positive School Wide drawing for learners earning Bearcash cards prior to the break. We are focusing on the positive behaviors of attending live sessions and assignment completion.

Focusing on these areas will continue after our break until the end of the first semester too. There will be another Bearcash drawing in January.

In addition, these academic behaviors are key to "Being Engaged," a core tenant of our BEARCATS expectations.

The next reminders are important parts of Being Engaged as well.

2. Remember that deadlines are important.

We know that learning during the pandemic can be challenging, so don't let yourself fall behind! Keeping up with deadlines is important so that you can keep up with your work on a day-by-day and week-by-week basis, and not get overwhelmed with missing work. Work that is not submitted by deadlines may not receive full credit.

3. Learner and Family Grade Notifications

Teachers are reaching out to families for learners that are not performing well. In addition, the school counselors and HS Office may be sending letters and making phone calls regarding performance.

We are sending these messages now so that you can get on track to do your best to finish the second part of MP2 on a strong note.

Remember that you must earn passing grades to earn credits in courses, which then impacts graduation. Do your best to keep focused!

4. We're here to help you!

If you are encountering issues with your learning, please let us know! There are several ways that we may be able to help you out, but we need to know what challenges that you may be facing first. Please communicate with your teachers or call the HS Office. Again, we're here to help you!

Stay focused over the next couple days, and then enjoy your holiday break!

Mr. Lee