

# HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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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:** March 2, 2021

Good evening learners, parents, and guardians,

We've now surpassed the midpoint of Marking Period 3 at HAHS. It's hard to believe that March is upon us and that we're approaching a year of learning through the Covid-19 pandemic.

As we move into the last third of the school year, we hope that the **full in-person instructional model, which begins tomorrow, Wednesday, March 3**, will provide learners with increased opportunities for learning and to end the year on a positive note.

Please review the general school update information below

Thank you for your continued support!

Travis R. Lee,  
HAHS Principal

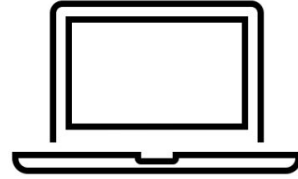
## Notes:

- **Midpoint of Marking Period 3**
  - The midpoint serves as a reminder to utilize the Skyward Family Access portal, and monitor learner's grades
  - If learners are not currently performing satisfactorily in a course (current grade of a D or F), deficiency notices were automatically generated on Friday, 2/26. These notices are in the form of a letter, and can be accessed from the Family Access portal
- **March Kindness Campaign**
  - HAHS is partnering with the Huntingdon County Prevention Network (HCPN) and area schools for a county-wide Kindness Campaign. Our County commissioners have even proclaimed March to be Kindness month.
  - Please see information in the Appendix for information shared with learners about how to acknowledge this effort, with two examples from our senior class members, and a calendar with ideas
    - Look for the "Be the 'I' in Kind" screen within our community as well!
  - Positive School Wide team will be continuing to promote kindness throughout the school, as part of our BEARCATS - Care About the Team expectation
- **21-22 Course Scheduling**
  - The course scheduling process for next school year is beginning soon!
  - The Course Selection Guide will be shared with families at the end of this week, along with a memo explaining the process for scheduling
  - Counselors will provide an overview to learners next week, and scheduling will begin the week of March 15

- **Tutoring Available!**
  - Information regarding tutoring services available through the Juniata College PALS program was shared with learners in their grade level Google Classroom
  - Please see registration information in the Appendix of this memo
- **Community Mental Health survey** - on district website
  - A message from Mr. Lee was posted on the HASD website on 2/16 with information regarding a county-wide mental health survey, conducted through a collaborative effort with Penn Highlands Huntingdon and Juniata College
    - The survey can be accessed at the following link:  
[https://juniata.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0prU3b4WabOh8gZ](https://juniata.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0prU3b4WabOh8gZ)
  - This survey is for those 18 years of age and older, and takes approximately 10 - 20 minutes to complete, depending upon the answers that you select. See the website letter/message for specifics about the survey, as well as the attached flyers with info regarding a \$100 gift card opportunity for participation.
  - The more data that is submitted, the better that needs can be identified and prioritized, and services to address these needs targeted in a strategic manner.
- **FFA Week**
  - February 22-26 was FFA week at HAHS, which included a visit from a state FFA officer
  - See the pictures in the Appendix which show the weekly theme, agricultural facts, and pictures of learners creating cards for local nursing homes
- **FAFSA Information**
  - The completion rate of the FAFSA by high school seniors, for college federal student aid, is down across the country
  - Seniors and families can access the FAFSA checklists, deadline information, and more at FSA's <http://studentaid.gov>. There's even a mobile app via myStudentAid for information on the go
  - The FAFSA is critical for defraying the costs of postsecondary education. Encourage your students to take advantage of these resources!
  - Please see our college advisor, Mr. Wright, for additional information
- **Return to 100%**
  - As we return to full in person instruction, learners must follow our health and safety expectations
  - Our Positive School Wide team made a video at the beginning of the year to help learners understand the protocols. This will be shared with learners this week as well
  - We know that mask compliance is very important. We do have one mask that we've seen recently that is not permitted, a plastic chin shield. A picture of this is included in the video for learners
- **Updated quarantine guidelines (10 days)**
  - The CDC has revised quarantine guidelines for close contacts, reducing the timeframe from 14 to 10 days
  - Should your learner be deemed to be a close contact to another individual (in or outside of school), our school nurses or administrators can guide you through this process

## PALS Program

*“Preparing All Learners for Success”*



### Virtual Tutoring & Mentoring Provided by Juniata College

Juniata College students will provide group tutoring and mentoring for K-12 students in local school districts. We will be working with students 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. At the end of each session, tutors/mentors will send a progress report to teachers, as well as parents/guardians. There is no cost to participate in this program.

Contact Sarah Worley at [worley@juniata.edu](mailto:worley@juniata.edu) for additional questions.  
Scan the QR-Code or use this link <https://forms.gle/4LZeYUDPGQgisMFo6> to fill out the permission form.



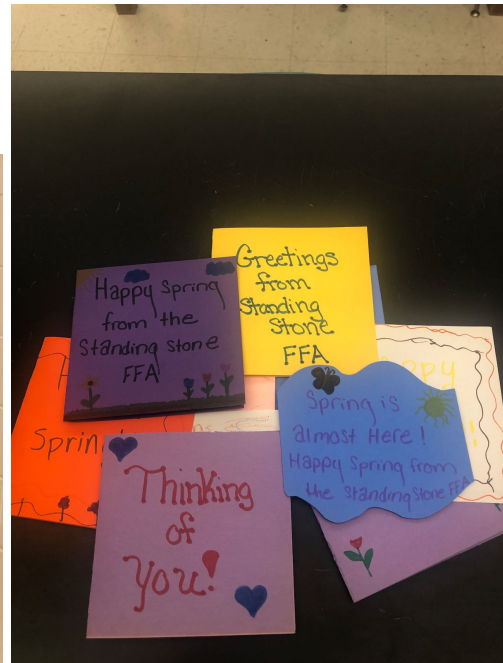
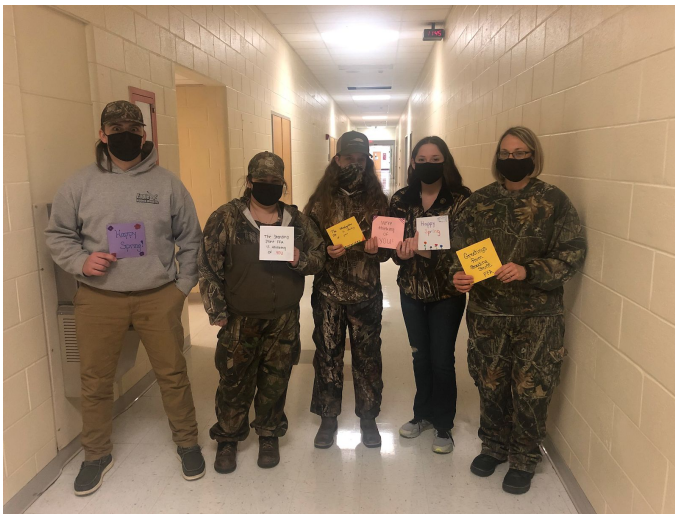
### FFA Week Info

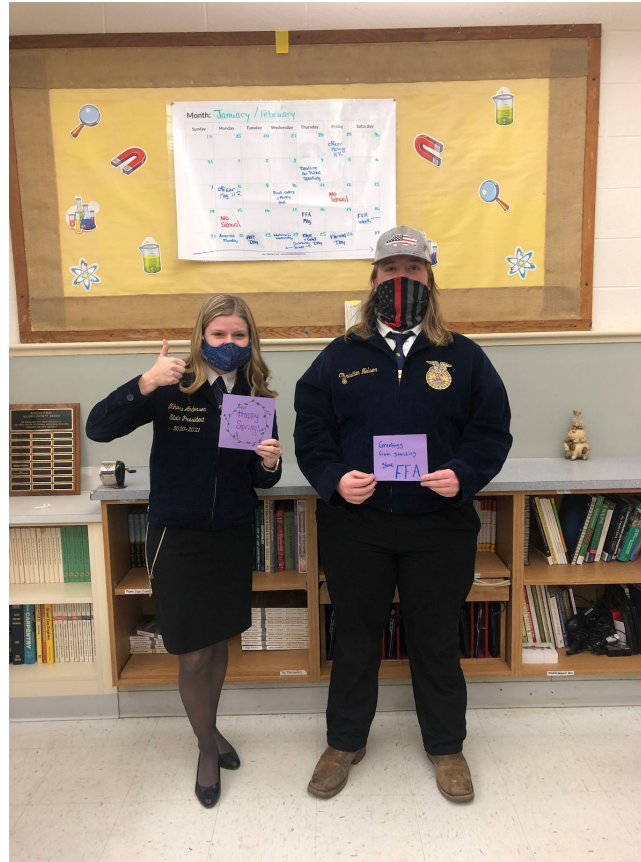


FFA week Monday 22nd - Friday 26th

## Facts about Agriculture

1. Illinois is the top producer of soybeans in the United States.
2. The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds long.
3. About 30% of farmers are women.
4. Cattle eat about 40 pounds of food per day.
5. The average farm is about 435 acres.





## Kindness Campaign

### Info shared in grade level Google Classroom

HAHS is partnering with the Huntington County Prevention Network (HCPN) to sponsor a Kindness Campaign.

We want you to "Be the 'I' in Kind"!

See the attached pictures below for the Kindness Screen that is in the auditorium hallway lobby (special thanks to artist Ellie Kyle). We would like you to participate too!

To do so, please make a copy of the Google Slide below, and include your picture in front of the "Kind Screen." Edit the slide to include something kind done for you, and something kind that you intend to do for others. Then, email or share your slide with Mr. Lee - and your slide may end up on the school monitors, HAHS social media, or HCPN (sharing indicates implied consent to do so). We want you to "Be the 'I' in Kind" and show others acts of kindness that you can do!

In addition, a monthly calendar is shared below, with daily ideas and acts of kindness.

Remember our BEARCATS expectation of Caring About the Team and spread kindness!





## CARLEE HESS

SENIOR

**Something kind done for you:**  
A teacher helped with study strategies

**Something kind to do:**  
Compliment people more



#CareAboutTheTeam  
#HAHS  
#BeThe-I-InKind



## ANDREW CUNNINGHAM

SENIOR

**Something kind done for you:**  
Someone held the door for him

**Something kind to do:**  
Say "good morning" to others each day



#CareAboutTheTeam  
#HAHS  
#BeThe-I-InKind

