

# 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  
**Date:** April 12, 2021

Greetings HAHS families!

We're now in the fourth quarter of the school year! It's certainly been a challenging year as we've navigated various learning models and as we've coped with aspects of living and learning through the Covid-19 pandemic. However, we believe that our return to 100% in-person instruction has had an overall positive impact on student learning, and our learners. We must keep up this momentum, though, and have a strong finish to the school year.

Please see below for updates and reminders about school activities and expectations.

## Notes and Updates

- **Course Grades/Credit Reminders and Summer School**
  - MP3 grades were released over the spring break. It's important that learners and families review grades not only for MP3, but also performance during MP1 and MP2, in order to gauge performance for the year
    - As listed in the Learner Handbook, a final yearly average grade of 60% or above must be achieved in order to earn credit for a course
    - Teachers have worked with learners by adapting content and assignment pacing and expectations, being as flexible as possible while still moving learning forward, and by issuing incomplete grades for certain circumstances. The expectations for performance and grades have been consistent throughout the various learning models, so this is a reminder that there are no covid-specific grading adjustments
  - Learners that do not receive credit for a course may have to take a summer school course or make up the course within their schedule in future years in order to stay on track to graduate
  - **It's important for learners that may have struggled during the year to have a strong finish during MP4**, and take advantage of the in-person learning model
    - When making credit recovery/summer school decisions, **we have the ability to issue 0.5 credits for semester performance** (for the 20-21 school year only) for a course
    - Learners that will benefit from this option must participate in summer school this summer to take advantage of this opportunity
  - **Summer school information will be included in a future update when plans are finalized.** We are working to enhance the methods and offerings to learners
    - Learners that may need summer school will be sent information at the end of the school year
    - MP4 performance can be the difference for some learners in earning credit for the school year!
- **Senior Information**
  - Seniors and their families will be receiving a principal update regarding senior activities, including information regarding prom and graduation, in the coming days

- **Keystone Exams**
  - The Keystone Exams for Algebra I, Literature, and Biology are scheduled to take place in mid-May
  - Learners currently enrolled in Algebra I, Biology, and 10th grade English will be taking the exams for the associated course
  - Learners that are taking the exams will be receiving a mailing with information about the exams approximately two weeks before the exams
  - Scoring at a proficient level on the exams is a graduation requirement for the Class of 2023 (current sophomores) and beyond
- **Course Scheduling Update**
  - Learners were able to submit their course requests for next school year in mid-March during sessions with the school counselors
  - Thanks to learners and families for being prepared on to utilize the new scheduling format via Skyward
  - The master schedule for next year will soon be developed. However, there is not a timeline to release schedules. This typically happens during the summer, and with the unpredictability of the pandemic, changes may occur
- **Earth Day and Go Green Week**
  - Next week, Mrs. Conaway and the environment and sustainability learner ambassadors are sponsoring Go Green Week
  - There will be a theme, accompanied with educational information, each school day April 19-23
  - Plans are being finalized and will be shared with learners at the end of this week
  - Earth day is Thursday, April 22
- **Learner Recognitions**
  - All State Concert Band - Alex Robbins
    - Alex also qualified for All State Choir
  - All State Orchestra - Merritt Leidy
  - All State Choir - Taylor Peterson and Taran Pelkey