

HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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“ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES”

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Dear High School Parents and Guardians:

We are looking ahead to the beginning of a new school year at Huntingdon Area High School as the summer comes to a close. As your child’s principal, it is my privilege to work with your students at HAHS, helping them to grow academically and to acquire all of the skills that 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.

Beginning of the year information will be shared with students during homeroom and through principal assemblies during the first days of school. Please note that hard copies of traditional, required documents such as emergency/health information and Student Handbook/AUP acknowledgments, will be used this school year.

Please review the information below that highlights important information to start the year, coming dates, including Open House, as well as key areas of focus for the school year. As we approach the start of the year, we are sharing the information below to ensure that everyone is updated with the most current information. We appreciate your time in reviewing this information with your learner and family.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL/START OF YEAR INFORMATION

- Classes begin on **Thursday, August 25, 2022**.
- 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** and/or the **auditorium lobby**. Please note that this is a change from the past two school years. The bell to report to homeroom will ring at 7:45 am, and students must be in their assigned homerooms by 7:48 am.
- There is a new Daily Bell Schedule. The schedule is to provide students with more instructional time during each class period. The school day will end at the usual time of 2:43 pm. Please see the new Daily Bell Schedule in the Special Updates/Highlights section of this letter.
- Students should bring their **Student IDs**, issued last school year, with them on the first day of school. These will be utilized during the lunch periods. Students should also know their student ID numbers, if needed. **Breakfast and lunch will no longer be free of charge**. The cost for breakfast is \$1.30 and the cost for lunch is \$2.90. New IDs will be issued after fall school pictures.

- **Your child’s schedule for the 2022-2023 school year will be available to view via the Skyward Family Access portal next week.** A message will be sent when the schedules are ready to view. Please carefully review the schedule and note that schedules were developed in the Spring to ensure that each student has at least 6.0 credits, but not more than 7.0 credits, to align with post-secondary choices. Your student will be eating lunch during the WIN 5A or 5B period time frame. Students will receive their specific lunch time from their homeroom teacher. The 2022-2023 Scheduling Packet is posted on our website at <http://www.huntsd.org>. Click on “High School,” then “HS Guidance” to proceed to the specific page where you can find this information. Note that classes will not be dropped to add a study hall.
- 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. **Note that there will not be digital submissions this year.** The hard copy information is to be returned to homeroom teachers by **September 2, 2022.**
- The Student Handbook will be available online at the high school website. A Skylert message will be sent when the Handbook is published. 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 Tuesday, August 16, 2022. The presentation will be published under the Useful Link/Info on the High School website after the event.

NEW SCHOOL PERSONNEL

We are pleased to announce that we have current HASD teachers in new positions at our 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.

- Mrs. Charlotte Brown - Chemistry/BILD Teacher
- Mr. Corey Doyle - Health and Physical Education Teacher
- Ms. Trisha Johnson - Music Teacher and Choir Director
- Mrs. Christina Kane - Special Education Teacher
- Mr. Shane Thomas - Mathematics Teacher

We are also happy to welcome new staff to the building as part of the online Bearcat Institute of Learning and Development (BILD) program.

- Mrs. Andra Minor - Online English Teacher
- Ms. Elizabeth Sabatino - Online Social Studies Teacher
- Additional Online Teachers to be named soon!

These staff members will be working with the Online Learning Director/Principal, Mrs. Anita Young, to provide a great online learning option, in either full-time or hybrid settings, to our students. Please see the Special Updates/Highlights section of this letter for more details regarding BILD.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Freshmen and New Student Orientation**
 - Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 1:00 pm or 6:00 pm, HAHS Auditorium
 - Please refer to the August 4th memo for additional information
- **William Penn Highway Rivalry Game (First Football Game)**
 - Friday, August 26, 2022, 7:00 PM, at Mount Union
- **First Home Football Game**
 - Friday, September 9, 2022, 7:00 PM, vs. Penns Valley at War Veterans Memorial Field
- **Open House**
 - Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 PM
- **School Picture Day**
 - Friday, September 16. Make-Up Day: Wednesday, October 26
 - Inter-State Studio will be our school picture provider
- **Homecoming Information**
 - Spirit Week: October 3 - 7
 - Homecoming Football Game: Friday, October 7

In order for your student to get the most out of school this year, we all need to work together, keeping the lines of communication open between home and school. We will make every effort to keep you informed about class and school activities, and update you regularly regarding your learner's academic progress. Your student will also benefit from your direct involvement in his/her education, including creating a positive work environment within the home, and reinforcement of school expectations. We will continue to share information about the learning process and the activities involved in helping your learner to develop the skills to become college and career ready.

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 scheduled at the High School. If you have any questions or concerns you can reach me at (814)643-1080 ext 2136. We hope to see you at these coming events!

Sincerely,

Travis Lee,
High School Principal

SPECIAL UPDATES/HIGHLIGHTS



Huntingdon Area High School

**2022 - 2023
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
 - WIN 5A Lunch: Juniors, Seniors, and HCCTC students
 - WIN 5B Lunch: Sophomores and Freshmen

SKYWARD/FAMILY ACCESS USE

Please see the enclosed flier about the various information that our student information system, Skyward, can provide to your learner and family, including information about grades, notifications, attendance, and food service. **We are strongly encouraging that all families 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 upon the information supplied on the beginning of year forms at the start of the year.

HANDBOOK UPDATES

Academic Honesty/Turn-It In

Information regarding HAHS's expectations regarding academic honesty and cheating will be published in the Student Handbook. This is the same information as was presented in previous years. However, HAHS, like many schools, have experienced an increased level of academic honesty policy violations with an increased use of virtual tools and assignments. Please be diligent in reviewing expectations with your students regarding authentic work - this is important for their learning! HAHS teachers and students will have the use of the Turn-It In plagiarism checker in order to review student work for authenticity.

Academic Detention

As part of a movement to establish a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) system, HAHS will be looking at various supports for students in need of academic help, including tutoring and assigned a structured study during the WIN period. However, students that persistently do not meet course expectations, when previously offered support, may be assigned an academic detention by the Assistant Principal/Principal, on the recommendation of their teacher, if the student meets the following criteria:

- Failing quarter grade/one of the lowest in the class
- Failing quarter grade for three weeks or more
- Multiple missing assignments
- Refusal to participate in class or classroom activities (i.e. lab)
- Missing major project or test
- Refusal to attend academic support

Students who are struggling or cannot do the work are NOT assigned to Academic Detention. This program is designed to target only the most severe cases of academic non-compliance.

ATTENDANCE UPDATES/HIGHLIGHTS

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

- Learners 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. Deb Stitt, Attendance Secretary
 - Email: dstitt@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
 - Learners missing 1-2 periods of the school day will be considered tardy

- Learners that are absent between 3-4 periods will be considered ½ day absent.
- Learners that are absent 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 **learners must be in school by 9:30 am in order to participate in extracurricular contests/practices** for that school day.

WHAT I NEED “WIN” PERIOD OVERVIEW

As listed in the Daily Bell Schedule, the lunch hour consists of two Periods, 5A and 5B. See the table below for when students will eat lunch and when they will have their WIN period.

Student Groups	5A	5B
Freshmen and Sophomores	WIN Period	Lunch
Juniors and Seniors	Lunch	WIN Period
HCCTC Students	Lunch	No WIN - HCCTC Travel

The WIN period is being utilized for several reasons.

- Provide remediation and preparation for Keystone Exam courses so that students can meet their state Act 158 graduation requirements
- Provide instruction in special topics, as part of a Freshmen Academy, for our Grade 9 students to help them acclimate to the building, to high school expectations, and to life in general
- Provide students that have met graduation requirements an opportunity to explore special topics, or work on special projects, that are not associated with a specific class or course
- Provide a structured time during the day for tutoring and Tier II interventions

Assignments for remediation and seminars will be scheduled in six-week rotations. Information regarding the sessions will be reviewed with students during the beginning of the school year.

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.

Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center (HCCTC) Transportation

The HCCTC is not permitting student drivers during the 2022-2023 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. Mrs. Teeters, HAHS library paraeducator, 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/AMAvpjbzXnnGrcZ86> to fill out the interest/permission form for virtual Zoom tutoring.

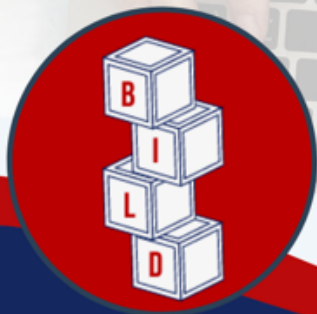


BILD ONLINE INFORMATION

The BILD program has a lot of great changes for the 22-23, and this is a wonderful opportunity for students seeking an online learning option, so I (Mrs. Young) want to personally invite you to our enrollment sessions in August. If your student will be enrolled in the BILD program, the student and a parent/guardian must attend an enrollment session before the school year begins. If you aren't sure about BILD, but still want to learn more, I also encourage you to learn about the opportunities the BILD program will offer in the 22-23 school year by attending an enrollment session. There is no required commitment to enroll. Enrollment session dates and times are posted on the school district's website: <https://sites.google.com/huntsd.org/bild/updates> If you have any questions, please contact me at ayoung@huntsd.org or (814)643-4140 (ext. 2118). I look forward to meeting you!

Check out the enrollment session dates and times here too! [BILD_Week 1 Enrollment Sessions \(1\).png](#)

ENROLLMENT SESSIONS 2022-2023



- FLEXIBLE LEARNING K-12
- SUPPORTIVE STAFF
- CONTINUE TO BE A BEARCAT

ENROLL NOW

New to the BILD Program? Are you a returning student? Attend a BILD Enrollment Session to get started! All enrollment sessions will be hosted in the BILD Classroom at the High School and in Zoom. All students interested must attend one session with a parent/guardian.

8/16/22: 9:00 AM	8/17/22: 8:00 AM
8/16/22: 1:00 PM	8/17/22: 12:00 PM
8/16/22: 6:00 PM	8/17/22: 7:00 PM
8/18/22: 12:00 PM	
8/19/22: 9:00 AM	



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