

HEBRON HIGH SCHOOL

August Newsletter



High School News and Announcements

By Max Pastrick and Patrick Adamczyk

Picture Day was on August 19th, and despite COVID regulations went relatively close to normal.

Students had to purchase parking tags before Friday, August 28th, or else they will have to pay a \$10 fine. Students who were unable to purchase one before the deadline may contact the office about doing so.

So far the only two clubs that have announced call out meetings are BPA on Monday, August 31st, and those interesting in participating in Spell Bowl need to see Ms. Vendl for information. Listen to announcements for information about further call out meetings.

Shutdown dates have yet to be announced, but listen to the announcements and check your email for important updates and information regarding virtual days.

Upcoming holidays include Labor Day on September 7th and Patriot Day on September 11th.

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COVID-19 HS Procedures

by Tahseen Syed and Meadow Fornuto

As we have all come to know this pandemic is no joke. The spread of this disease is immense and as a whole Hebron Schools have been and are continuing to make drastic changes to assure everyone's safety. Some safety precautions specifically that Hebron High School has implemented since the beginning of school are:

- Face masks are required to be on in the facility and at all times even when social distanced.
- All students are separated at 3-6 feet in each classroom depending on the class size.
- We have also been making sure that everyone stays sanitized by adding different hand sanitizer dispensaries around the school.
- Faculty have put different signs and stickers all around the school to make sure that students and staff are not accidentally breaking CDC guidelines and are continuing to stay socially distanced.
- They have also made sure that there are more lunches because masks can not be on during that time. So students are split off into 4 different lunches and only 3 students per table and those students are also distanced by 3-6 feet.
- After every class teachers are to sanitize desks before the next class period is to come in to prevent any extra exposure.
- New touchless water bottle refill stations have also been put around the school to make sure that there isn't any germ spread while staying hydrated.
- Some teachers take their students outside so that they can take "Mask Breaks", because it gets difficult at times to have a mask on for several hours.

A Word to the Wise: Freshmen Advice from a Senior

By: Kaylee Nees and Sophia Galetti

What I did to prepare myself for freshman year is to come with an open mind. I had no idea what high school had to offer, so I knew if I came open-minded, I would be ready for anything. My best advice for managing multiple activities is to try to find your best routine. I've had to change my routine millions of times before I found a system that works best for me. To get more involved in school, you can't be afraid of throwing yourself out there. This probably will involve stepping out of your comfort zone, but if you find something you like, it will be worth it.

- Patrick Adamczyk

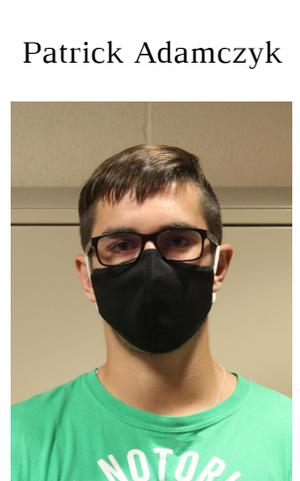
I wouldn't say there's any real way to "prepare" yourself for your Freshman year of high school. Once you get here, everything falls into place (for some, quicker than others). I'd say come into high school having a positive attitude and be willing to put in effort. Don't bite off more than you can chew -- if you can't juggle coursework as well as extracurricular activities, that's ok!

If school work is more your thing you should shift your focus on academics and get involved in sports later when you have a better handle on the coursework and have learned to balance sports and other activities.

- Kaitlyn Baker



Kaitlyn Baker



Patrick Adamczyk

Bittersweet: The Hiltons Send-Off

Students and faculty lined the road connecting the elementary and high school to wave goodbye to Mrs. Hilton, Maddie, and Katie. Cheers arose as the Hiltons rounded the corner, escorted by the Hebron fire and police departments. The Hiltons are departing for New York and will be missed by everyone. Good luck Hiltons!



Farewell from Mr. Hummel:

"After my last day (August 21), I plan on playing a lot of golf and pickleball plus getting some jobs down around our house.

My favorite part about being a teacher at HHS is definitely the students.

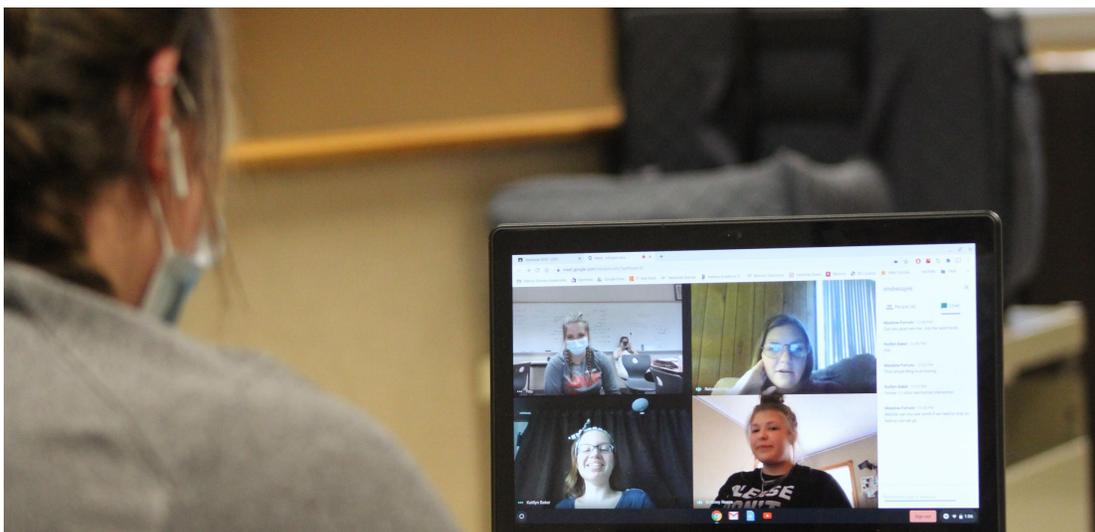
Students here, for the most part, work extremely hard and are polite and well behaved.

I have taught 3 years at HHS. This would have been my 4th." -Mr. Hummel

A Look into Virtual Learning

by *Brittney Reece and Madalyn Molnar*

Hebron schools have offered in-school learning and virtual learning. Because of Covid-19, many students were/are worried about going to school and worried about their safety. That is why many students have chosen to switch to virtual learning. In-school is definitely risky, even with the social distancing and masks, there are many who have chosen to not come back in-school. A lot of students have chosen to do virtual since the beginning of school, starting on August 12, and a lot of students have switched to virtual throughout the 2 and a half weeks. There are many reasons why people have chosen to go virtual, but whatever reason it is, we miss having everyone in school. Here are a few responses from people who have gone virtual or been virtual for whatever reason/however long.. "I like in-school learning for every class" - Rebekah Hays, 11 "I like virtual more because you have more time to work, and you're at home to get help also." - Isabella Reece, 9 "Virtual learning is different and totally was not within a lot of our comfort zones at first, but it is now the 'new normal' and now is the time to make the best of it until it is safer to return." - Kaitlyn Baker, 12





“Cooper is such a good boy and he brings a smile to everyone he meets. If you are having a bad day, you need to say hello to Cooper and it gets instantly better. I love having him in the building and he even knows if he stops by my office, I have treats for him.” - Mr. Owney



Staff Spotlight: Meet Cooper

by Kaitlyn Baker

Hebron High School has a new furry friend this year! Mrs. Klenk recently began training for Cooper, a 6-month-old golden retriever to have him working at the school in the resource rooms as a service dog for the 2020-2021 school year. Here is a word from Mrs. Klenk herself about Cooper as well as what Mr. Owney has to say about the newest “staff” member.



“Cooper is a 6 month old Golden Retriever. He was one of a litter of 8 that was bred by friends of mine. I was at the vet when he was born and my husband and I picked him out just hours after he came home. When I started thinking about getting a dog, I knew that I wanted one that I could bring to my classroom. I have worked with Mrs. Noland since I started here, and I know how much good the dogs do at the middle school. The timing worked out for this to be the year. Because of virtual learning in the spring, I was able to be home with Cooper and train him. We have completed one of three official training sessions with Stoney Run Canine Camp. We start our next session

in September. Until he finishes that session, he only works a couple of days each week. We received a grant from the Hebron Schools Education Foundation to help pay for his training, and we are very grateful! I am finding that Cooper is very intuitive. He seems to know when someone just needs to pet him. Everyone smiles and relaxes when he is around. With all that is going on, he makes people happy.” -Mrs. Klenk

Seniors Speak Up

Senior students disclose their thoughts on the new school year

By: Kaitlyn Baker and Emma King

The Senior class of 2021 is going through a unique challenge that no other Senior class has faced before, and that is attending their Senior year of high school during a global pandemic. Whether attending virtually or in-person, every Senior has an opinion on how their own Senior year is going so far. A few Seniors were handpicked to be asked one sole question:

“How is your Senior year going so far, and what is it like having Senior year during the Coronavirus craziness?”

Halley Michalak

“So far, my Senior year has been going great! Crazy to think that I’m a Senior. It feels like yesterday I was just a Freshman. I was nervous about coming back to school this year with the Coronavirus situation, but I’m so happy I did! I’ve enjoyed being able to see everyone at HHS and start a new year. I’m so excited to see what the rest of the year is going to bring and what amazing things will come for the class of 2021.”



Owen Thomas

“My Senior year has been going great, as I’m slowly feeling more free from this place. The only thing I didn’t expect was how the lunches were separated [due to COVID-19 protocol.]”



Rebecca Gill

“My Senior year is going good so far. Having my Senior year during the Coronavirus craziness isn’t something that I wanted, and it sucks, but I take it day by day and see where that takes me.”



Hawk's Nest Grand Opening

The official student store, The Hawk's Nest, run by the Business Professionals of America and organized by Mrs. King will finally open its doors again! Students can purchase snacks, beverages, and supplies. BPA members are also working hard to ensure social distancing and other COVID safety procedures are being followed. The store will open its doors before school **this Friday, September 4th.**

GETTING GAME READY

August sports highlights

by Myah Donovan and Rebekah Hays

Girls Soccer:

So far the lady hawks have played in two games. Their very first game of the season was August 19th against Marquette and had a great victory winning 6-0. The goal scorers were Maas with 3, Babiak with 2, and Vincent with 1. Their next battle was against Wheeler on August 22nd which was a tough match that sadly ended with 3-0 loss. The lady hawks are looking to give it all they have at their next match, verses Andean.

Boys Soccer:

Just like the girls team, the guys have played two games. The first was against Wheeler on August 22nd, and the second was August 24th against Washington Township. Both were hard fought games that unfortunately ended with a loss. The score verse Wheeler was 1-0 and verse Washington 7-0. There is still hope that the Hawks can play more games and finish their season on a high note.

Girls Volleyball:

The Lady Hawks volleyball team has been able to play in 4 games so far this season. They kicked off their season against Rensselaer on August 18th with a loss, 3-0. Their next match was super close on August 24th against Lake Station with a loss of 3-2. The third game of the season was against South Central with a loss of 3-0 on August 27th. Finally, their most recent game against Covenant, was also a loss of 3-0 on August 28th. Hopefully the girls can come back stronger and get some fantastic wins for the season.

Boys Volleyball:

For the hawks, their very first game of the season was a really close battle against Washington Township. Thankfully, with it being a back and forth game, it ended in a victory of 3-2 on August 18th . Next on August 21st the guys played against Kouts with the score of 3-0 set loss. They also had a tough match against Boone Grove with a 3-0 set loss on August 25th. They also played Lacrosse and Westville on the 27th and 28th.

Girls Cross Country:

The girls first meet was the Dave Walker Invitational on August 22nd. The team placed 6th overall and one of their top runners was Madison Elijah (25th). Sadly their next meet, Hammond Gavit, on the 29th was canceled, but their next scheduled meet is September 1st the PCC Round Robin race. You got this ladies!

Boys Cross Country:

The boys first meet was also the Dave Walker Invitational. The team placed 4th over. Hebron's top runners were Connor Williams (29th), Noah Weaver (26th), Cody Noel (23rd), Axiel Rodriguez (21st), and Jacob Stewart (16th). Their meet at Hammond Gavit on August 29th was canceled, however their next meet is September 1st for the PCC Round Robin race. Good luck guys!



Yearbook Photo Corner

The yearbook staff would like to share their favorite photos they collected during August.



Senior Splits

Patrick Adamczyk (12) splits mid-air while posing for yearbook photos.



Fresh(man) Face

Scotty Eriks (9) during a soccer game.



Take Ten

Halie KinKade (9) focuses on listening to Coach Zach during the April 28th volleyball match.

Under New Management

Meet your newsletter staff

The Student Publications class at Hebron High School has taken on the duty of publishing the monthly newsletter. Under the supervision of their teacher, Ms. Vendl, students interviewed, photographed, and wrote about their first month back to school. The staff looks forward to bringing new publications each month to the community!

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