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Summer 2022 Newsletter

Congratulations, graduates!

HHS SENIORS STEP INTO THE FUTURE

The Friday, June 10 Hockinson High School commencement ceremony celebrated the school's 17th graduating class. Below is a profile of 148 students of the Class of 2022.

This fall:



82% are heading to 2- or 4-year college



5% are starting trade or technical school



13% are going straight to work or other



2% are entering the military

Other facts:

- **\$2.3 million** awarded in scholarships
- **16%** named Washington Scholars (Top 10% of all graduates in the state)
- **11%** of graduates are scholar-athletes and will be playing sports at the collegiate level
- **11%** of graduates are National Honor Society members
- **9%** of graduates earned both a diploma and AA Degree

TK LAUNCHES INTO KINDERGARTEN

HSD's first-ever Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Graduation ceremony on June 14 celebrated an exciting year of learning with students and their families. Teacher Sean Sears shared that nearly all students were graduating to Kindergarten with 55 Kindergarten-ready skills sets, which include: Knowing all numbers (1-30), uppercase and lowercase letters, letter sounds, and even demonstrating the ability to read a book!



View more photos of our Spring events!
We had too many memorable moments from the end of the year to fit in this flyer. Scan the code to view them online.

Making school transitions smoother for students

Transitioning to a new school can be a little scary, but our schools provide support for students to help them to get excited about the next chapter.

HMS HORNET ACADEMY

For students starting middle school this fall, HMS will host Hornet Academy on August 29, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. During this event, students will meet their teachers, participate in a pep assembly, run through their daily schedule, and enjoy a snack break in the cafeteria. In each class, students will complete a different activity designed to help them get to know their school and prepare for their first day as a middle schooler. These activities will include taking their photo and getting their school ID card, getting their school Chromebook, and more. The academy will also include parent information sessions.

HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION

On June 1, future 9th grade Hawks visited HHS for student-led tours and the opportunity to meet current students, staff, and administrators.

Before school starts in August, HHS leadership students will host all 9th graders for a day of orientation to help them get comfortable with their new school and connect with one another. Students will get their schedule and learn where their classes are, take care of administrative tasks, learn the HHS fight song and cheers from cheerleaders, band, and leadership students, and cap it all off with a BBQ!



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the performance!

Hockinson tribute song finally celebrates 150 years after pandemic delay

At the June 7 District Band Festival, our HHS Wind Ensemble played a special piece of music that was originally written to be played in 2020 to celebrate Hockinson School District's 150th anniversary. The tribute song, The Hockinson Sesquicentennial Saga, has Native American and Scandinavian influences that make it a special way to acknowledge the district's past.

We are so appreciative of composer John Neumann for creating a song to commemorate Hockinson's history and to HHS teacher Corey McEnry and his students for learning its complexities in just a couple of weeks.

Superintendent's Message

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOCKINSON CLASS OF 2022!



All of us at Hockinson Schools are very proud of what our students achieved this year, especially our Class of 2022 graduates. After learning more about this resilient and talented group of students, I am confident the Hockinson community will feel the same.

Our students and families experienced highs and lows this school year, but our highlights were as numerous as they were inspiring. We launched our Transitional Kindergarten program, offered a mixture of traditional and new opportunities for our staff and students, and celebrated an array of achievements in academics, athletics, and activities.

I am so thankful our students can look back on a year of memories created by in-person instruction and activities. These experiences would not have been possible without the support of our School Board, our families, our staff, and all Hockinson residents. The HSD slogan "The Heart of the Community" speaks to the role our schools play in connecting Hockinson and contributing to its activities and overall identity. I want to clarify, though, that it is our community that keeps us moving forward without skipping a beat.

With appreciation and excitement,
- Steve Marshall

Mark Your Calendar



The first day of school is Wednesday, August 31.
Have a wonderful summer break!

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