

Howard High School Pop Newsletter

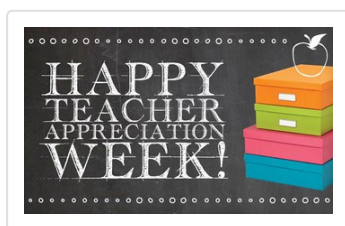
We are ALL IN - Academics/Arts/Athletics/Leadership

Dr. LaToya Smith, Principal

Mr. Marcus L. Lawson, Assistant Principal

Mr. Grant Bray, Dean of Students

Weeks of April 25 - May 6, 2022



TEACHERS

We Appreciate You!



HHS

#EducatorExcellence
#LeadingthePack



Happy School Nurse Day!

We Appreciate you Ms. Wright!

May Events

Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-6)

Mother's Day (May 8)

National Mental Health Awareness Week (May 10-16)

National School Nurse Day (May 11)

Last Day of School for Students - Half Day (May 25)

Howard High School Graduation Ceremony May 25 - 7:00 pm

@ Macon Centreplex - For Information on viewing live ceremony click below:

<https://www.smores.com/bvexa-bibb-graduations?ref=email>

Memorial Day (May 30)



School	2021	2020	2019
Central	85.47%	82.4%	80.5%
Howard	85.44%	82.7%	82%
Northeast	81.72%	80.1%	80.8%
Rutland	81.36%	77.8%	82%
Southwest	74.27%	67.8%	80.9%
Westside	75.00%	70.7%	70%
District	80.67%	76.1%	79.4%
State	83.7%	83.8%	82.0%



Howard High School

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Welcome to Our Last POP Newsletter for the 2021-2022 School Year

We Honor the Pack



KEEP CALM
AND
BE BALANCED

THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNET SAFETY AND DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

The Internet is so easy and fun to use that we can easily spend too much time on it. It is important to disconnect from the Internet regularly and spend time on other activities you enjoy such as hobbies, sports, or planning special activities with friends.

Daily students will be reminded to stay safe during the school day!

Be SMART When Using the Internet

Stay safe on the Internet by not sharing personal information or downloading files without permission.

Manage your digital footprint by not oversharing information, because once it is on the Internet you can't get it back.

Act responsibly by standing up to cyber bullies and reporting them to adults.

Respect other people's ideas, thoughts and personal beliefs.

Take regular breaks from technology and the Internet to spend time on other activities and interests.



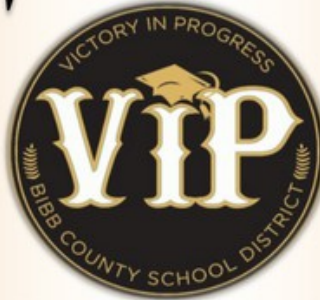
For more information on Internet safety, go to <https://staysafe.org/teens/>



"Don't Be Late; You'll Miss Something Great"

What is Tardy?

A student arriving to school after the bell, chime or buzzer has sounded



If Tardy...

A student receives an entry pass after being signed in at the front office

Leadership, Scholarship, Citizenship

If your student is late only...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of school
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 and a half weeks per school year	Almost half of a school year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 and a half weeks per year	Nearly 1 full school year

Classroom time is critical and we need our students to be present and on time daily!

What Can You Do to Help?

- Wake up early enough to get ready and arrive to school 20 minutes early to avoid long carpool lines, allow your student time to enjoy breakfast, and get ready to start their school day off right!
- Utilize District bus transportation to make sure your child arrives to school on time.
 - Set a regular bedtime schedule and morning routine.
 - Prepare clothes and book bags at night.
- Communicate any issues you may have arriving on time with school personnel.

The Time Is NOW– Help Us Make Every Minute Count!

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming Testing Dates

AP Testing - May 2 - May 13

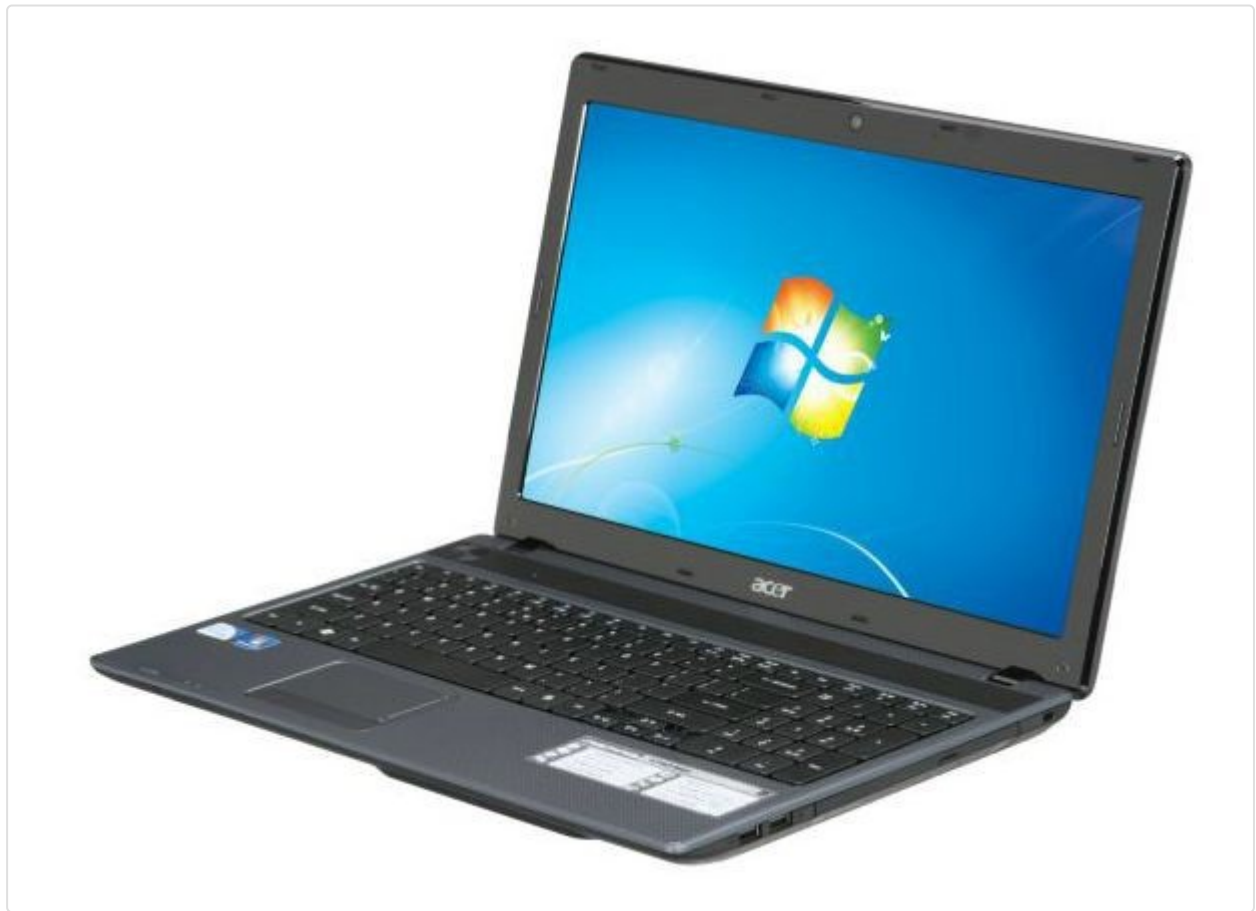
Final Exams:

- Underclassmen - May 23 - May 25 (May 25 - Half-day)
- Senior Finals - May 11-12; makeup May 13

BCSD Laptop Return

All Students in grades 9-11 will need to return school issued laptops, chargers, and carrying cases to the media center by Wednesday, May 25, 2022. Students will not be allowed to keep laptops over the summer. If there is damage to the device, a form with the cost to repair or

replace will be signed and sent home to parents. Fines will be placed in Infinite Campus for any unpaid damages. Laptops must be returned even if you plan to attend summer school. A new laptop contract must be signed after proof of summer school registration.



COUNSELORS CORNER

Progress Reports

The final progress report for second semester will be posted to the parent and student portals on Tuesday, April 19th. Students - please make sure that you are communicating with your teachers to find out what you need to do to bring up any failing grades by the end of the semester on May 25th. Remember that promotion to the next grade level is contingent upon you earning the requisite number of credits by the end of the year. Credits are earned for courses passed with a 70 or higher. Please also remember to check your attendance - if you have more than 6 unexcused absences in a class that you are passing at the end of the semester, the grade will be converted to a failing grade of 69 and you will NOT earn credit for the course. Make plans now to attend Attendance Recovery so that this does not happen to you!

ATTENDANCE RECOVERY (Attend through May 19)

Have you been ABSENT?

- Students with more than 5 unexcused absences in a class will receive a grade of 69, if you are passing the course.
- These absences are counted PER CLASS PERIOD.
- If you have been absent more than 5 days in ANY class period, you will need to attend Attendance Recovery in order to keep your grade in the course.
- Every time you attend Attendance Recovery awards you are awarded two class periods of "Made Up Time".
- If this time is not made up by the end of the semester grading period, students will receive a grade of 69 in their course work.
- Attendance Recovery is held Monday- Thursday from 2:45 to 4:15 in room 124. You must sign in and stay the entire time to receive credit. 32 student max capacity. No more than this are allowed to stay.
- You must bring work with you or work on the computer. You are not allowed to be on your phone or sleep during attendance recovery.
- If you are unsure about your attendance, please login to your student portal to see your absence report.

Example of Login Info

Username: 123456 (student ID/lunch code)

Password: jk052505 (lowercase initials and 6-digit birthdate MMDDYY)

- If you are unsure on how to access your Infinite Campus portal, please see Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Martin-Coleman in the counseling suite.

Don't let your attendance take away your credit!

SUMMER SCHOOL 2022 - Register on June 2

Summer School for Howard High School students will start Monday, June 6 and run through Thursday, June 30.

Students are required to attend summer school IN PERSON - there is no virtual option.

Registration for summer school will be held one day on June 2, 2022. Students who would like to use a school issued laptop will need to have parents sign a summer school contract to check out a laptop for usage during summer school. Stop by the media center after you register.

Please continue to check your email regarding information about summer school - this will be sent out to parents and students at the end of the semester sometime between May 25-27 as grades are finalized and posted.

Further information will be shared as the details regarding summer school are finalized; however, if a student failed one or more academic classes first semester, he/she needs to make plans to attend summer school. Not attending summer school to recover credits that weren't earned during fall (or spring) semester most likely means that the student will NOT promote to the next grade level.

Georgia Crisis and Access Line

(1-800-715-4225). In a crisis, text "NAMI" to 741741

This is a 24 hour, 7 days a week resource that provide support to individuals (no matter the age) dealing with a crisis and/or having suicidal thoughts. In most crisis cases (once the call is screened), this agency will dispatch a mobile crisis team to the location provided by the parent/guardian/individual to further assess and provide support. There is also a GCAL App that can be downloaded onto your phone.

HEALTH UPDATES

COVID-19 Vaccinations & Boosters Available

- The Macon-Bibb County Health Department is administering COVID-19 vaccines to individuals 5 years and older each Wednesday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at its location at 1600 Forsyth Street, Macon. Appointments are not required. For more information, visit <https://northcentralhealthdistrict.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.
- Individuals may schedule vaccination appointments with the health department on days other than Wednesdays by calling **478-749-0179**.
- Visit www.vaccines.gov to plug in your ZIP code and find a location providing COVID-19 vaccinations near you.

COVID-19 Testing at Schools for Staff and Students

It's not too late for staff and students to sign up to participate in weekly COVID-19 testing at schools. Testing is completely voluntary and adds another layer of safety for students and staff. If you would like to sign up, click the following link to fill out the consent form.

https://www.bcsdk12.net/news/what_s_new/district_covid19_testing

PARENT ENGAGEMENT UPDATES

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

COMMUNICATION

"What students want staff and families to know"

Please review the link below:

<https://youtu.be/9kOanVX62sA>



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About Us

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Enroll with Us

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We accept men, women, and families.

Please call prior to dropping off a potential guest to ensure we can help in assisting their needs and have open spots available.

We do not accept anyone with major medical needs or mental health needs, including psychosis or schizophrenia.

We do not have transportation assistance.

Help Us

Donations:

Our needs at the Center change on a weekly basis, and we are always appreciative of donations to help meet those needs.

Please call or email us to learn about our most recent needs and what we need the most.

Volunteers:

Volunteers are essential to the operations of the Center and for supporting the people we serve. If you or your group would like to volunteer, please email us to find out about opportunities.

You could be serving food, sorting donations, and more.



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CLASS OF 2022 UPDATES



SENIORS



CLASS OF 2022



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Tribute to the Class of 2022

Graduation Day is a day to mark a tremendous accomplishment. You could not have come to this day without a lot of hard work. There may have been days when you felt that you could not continue, and yet you did. The moment when you are called up to the stage to receive your diploma, resplendent in your cap and gown, is a moment to savor. You can not lose what has now been given to you. Whether it is a high school, college, graduate, or doctoral diploma, that achievement will be yours forever. Now go on and take on the world!

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poems/family/graduation/>

Senior Wall of Acceptance

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You must submit this using your BCSD email address

**This information will be placed on the wall outside of the
counseling suite with your senior picture.**

See Mrs. Jenkins if you have any questions.



Elementary School Senior Walks

- Sonny Carter- May 18th, 2pm (arrive 1:45)
- Alex II- May 18th 2pm (arrive 1:45)
- Springdale- May 18th, 1:30 pm (arrive 1:15)
- Vineville- May 18th, 2pm (arrive at 1:45)
- Rosa Taylor- May 20th, 9am (arrive at 8:45)
- Heritage- May 20, 1:30 pm (arrive at 1:15)
- Heard Elementary- May 13th 2pm (arrive at 1:45)
- McKibben Lane- May 18th 2pm (arrive at 1:45)

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SENIORS

Yearbooks will be distributed to students who purchased this week.

Senior Yearbook Signing is Friday, May 13, 2022 during 4th period. See Mrs. D. Gipson for more details!

If you did not purchase a yearbook, but would like to, we will have a limited supply that will be first come first serve. The cost is \$70. Please see our bookkeeper to purchase one before they are all gone!

Seniors who checked out a Bibb County School issued device must return by Friday, May 13, 2022. If device, carrying case and charger are not returned or fees for damages reported are not paid, debt will be sent to the bookkeeper. Seniors must pay all debts to bookkeeper, Mrs. Z. Curry by May 24, 2022.

Graduation Attire for Class of 2022 - Wednesday, May 25, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

Ladies

Dress that is not visible beneath bottom of graduation robe

Black dress shoes (strongly discourage heels)

Graduation robe and cap

Gentlemen

Black slacks

White button-down shirt

Necktie or bowtie

Black dress shoes

Black socks

Graduation robe and cap

GRADUATION REHEARSAL AND GRADUATION CEREMONY

HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal for all Graduating Seniors

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location

Macon Centreplex/Macon Coliseum

200 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217

GRADUATION CEREMONY

MAY 25, 2022

7:00 PM

Location

Macon Centreplex/Macon Coliseum

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FREE ONLINE TUTORING

Bibb County School District (BCSD) students in grades K-12 can access live tutors on-demand online 24 hours a day, seven days a week for 1-to-1 learning support. The service provides homework help across more than 120 subjects, along with drop-off essay review and test prep. Spanish-speaking families and students will also be able to access live, Spanish-speaking tutors. Students can access Tutor.com through their ClassLink landing page on an internet browser, which will automatically sign in the student to their account. Tutor.com is an affiliate of The Princeton Review, an education services company, and has more than 3,500 vetted and qualified tutors who provide learning assistance that is available 24/7 in a wide array of subjects.

Resources

[Tutor.com YouTube Playlist](#)

[How to Connect to a Tutor](#)

[How to Talk to Your Tutor During a Live Session](#)

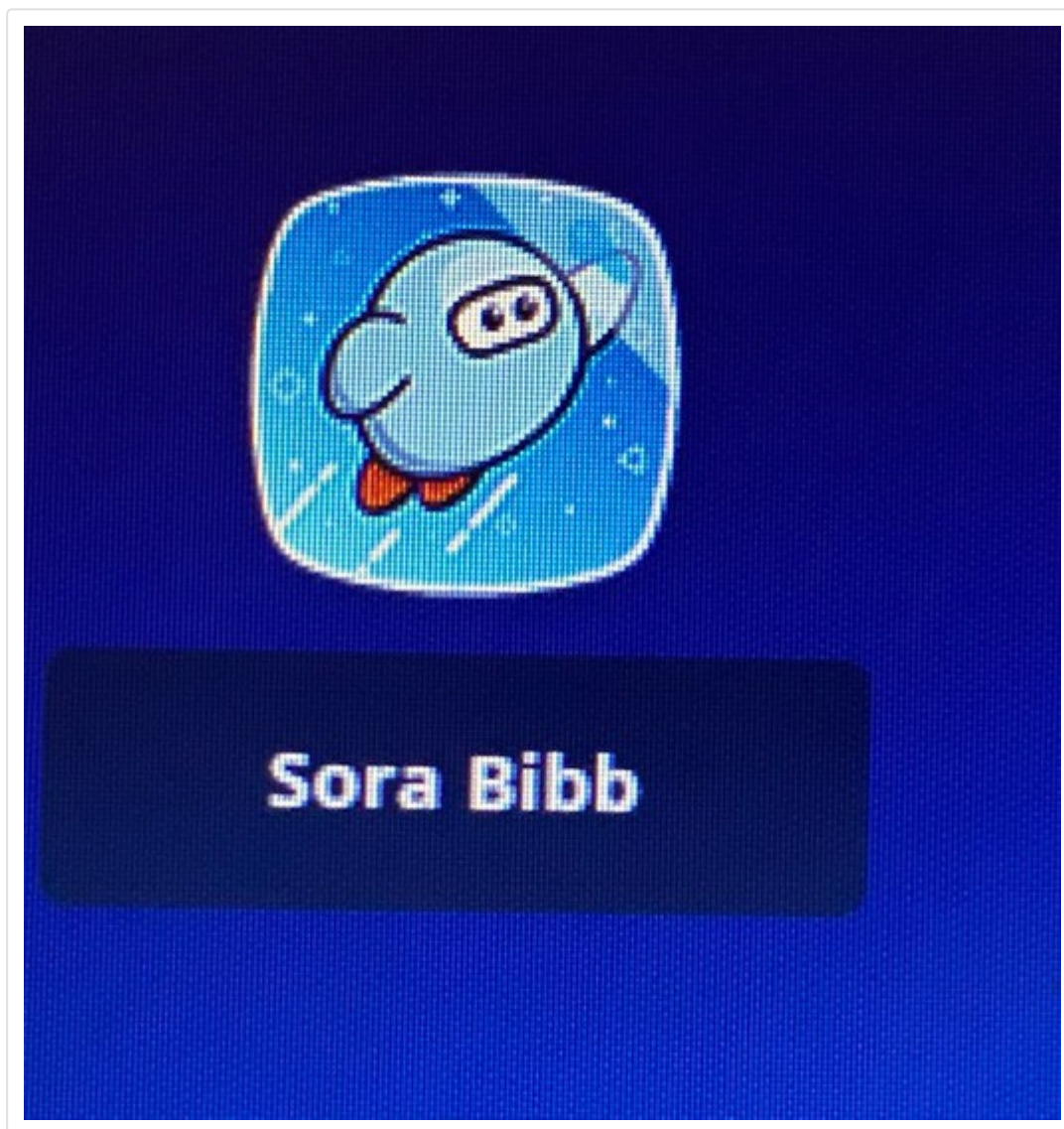
Media Center Checkouts

Students last day to check out books is Wednesday, May 11, 2022. All books checked out must be returned by Monday, May 16, 2022.

School issued laptops checked out by students in grades 9-11 must be returned by Wednesday, May 25, 2022. Please make sure that you return the laptop, charger, and carrying case. Lost or damages identified on student laptops will be given to students to take home to parents with a price to replace. If student does not pay for damages, fines will be placed in Infinite Campus.

Sora Bibb

Students and Teachers remember ebooks are available through Sora Bibb inside Classlink! You can start reading ebooks right after you borrow them or go to > *Loans* to open them. GO TO CLASSLINK AND CLICK ON THE SORA ICON.



Visit the MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL LIBRARY during the Summer

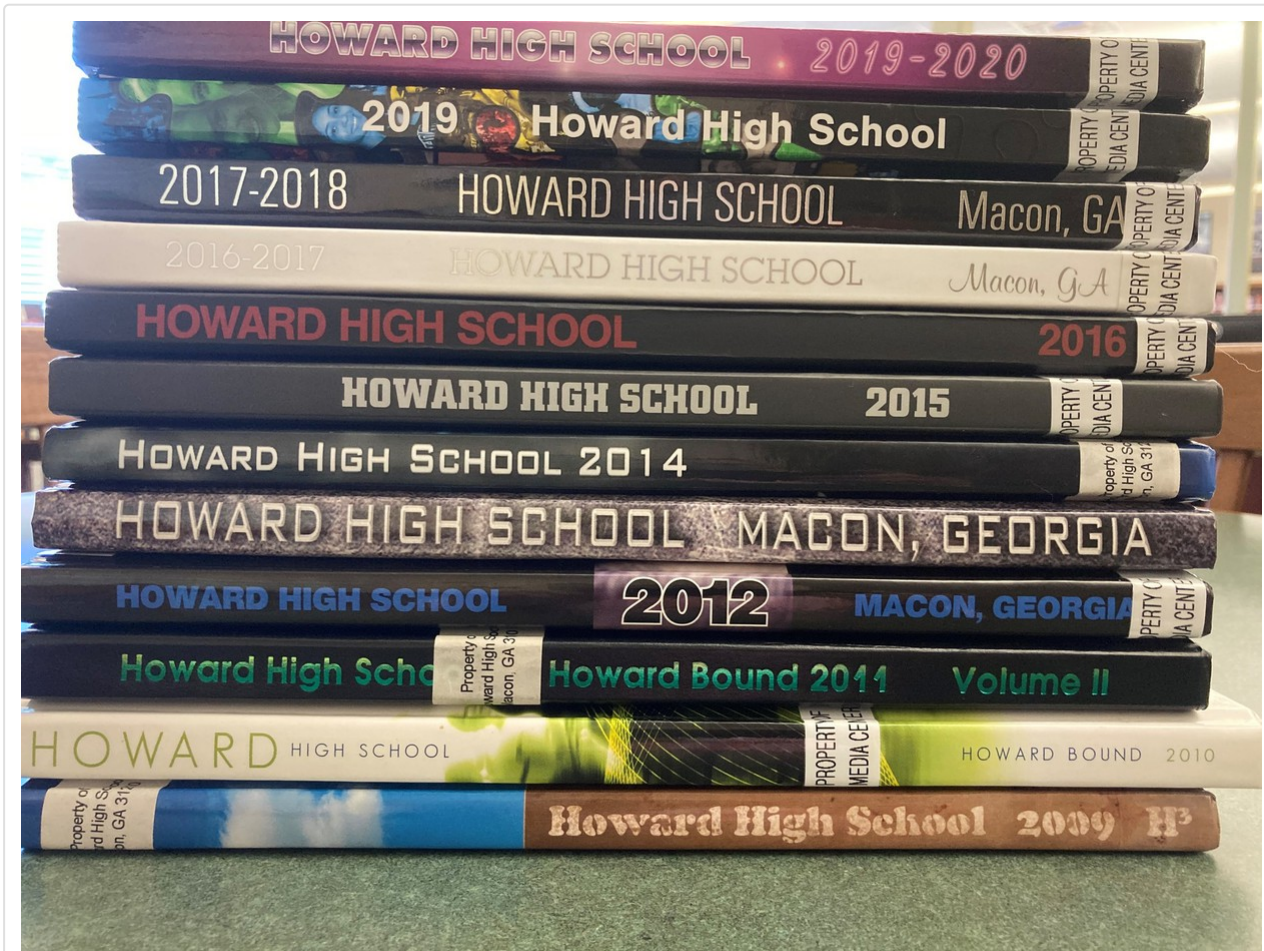
PLAYCARD (Pines Library Access for Youth - Student Library Card Program)

- The Middle Georgia Regional Library has an opportunity for all students to have access to Digital Resources including research databases, downloadable ebooks, and movies with age-appropriate content.
- When asked for your library card number, enter BCS (for Bibb County Schools) followed by your lunch number
EXAMPLE: You are a student in the Bibb County School District and your student ID number is 123456. Type BCS123456
- When asked for your password, type your 2-digit birth month and 4-digit birth year with no spaces.
EXAMPLE: Your birthday is August 1, 2005. Type 082005 to check out books and other resources at any MGRL branch.
- To learn more about the PLAYCard, [read the FAQs.](#)

<https://bibblib.org/>

SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

Yearbooks will be distributed to students who purchased this week.

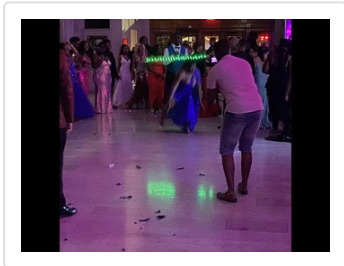


National History Day Georgia

A group of four students placed third last week in National History Day GA. Cory Kote, Nyah Clifton, Anastasia Griffin, and Starla Guevera placed in the Senior Group Performance. Mr. Merrill and the Howard High School Huskies are very proud of them!!!

Prom King and Queen 2022

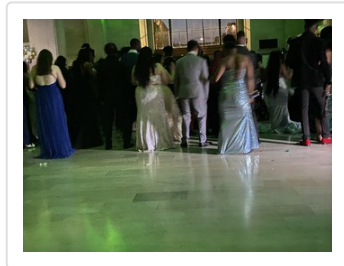
Congratulations to our 2022 Prom King Brandon Boone and Queen Sade'yah Rowland!



Limbo



Prom King and
Queen



Junior and
Senior Prom
2022

"Social Justice: Silence No More" Poetry Slam Contest

Congratulations to Alia Johnson who participated in the Bibb County School District School wide Silence No More Poetry Slam contest on April 28, 2022. Alia placed 3rd and was awarded a \$5000.00 scholarship.



High School High Tech Personal Computer
Competition Winner!

Georgia High School High Tech provides support for youth transitioning to adulthood. The program focuses on School and Career Preparation, Connecting Activities, Youth Leadership, and Family Involvement. Their goal is to reduce the dropout rate by teaching students how to self-advocate, explore career options, and successfully transition to post-secondary options. **Danae Sinclair** completed a PowerPoint Presentation on How a PC Can Support Her at Work or Further her Education? Recommendation letters from her parents and teachers were also submitted. Congratulations to Danae Sinclair!



May is National Bicycle Safety Month

MACON, Ga. (May 3, 2022) May is National Bicycle Safety Month, which reminds Georgians to examine their habits as drivers and riders in order to safely share the road. Unfortunately, injuries and deaths from bicycle crashes continue to be a serious problem in many states. According to the National Safety Council, the number of preventable deaths from bicycle transportation incidents increased 16% in 2020 and have increased 44% in the last 10 years, from 873 in 2011 to 1,260 in 2020.

"After 2 years in a global pandemic, outdoor activities are on the rise," said Montrae Waiters, spokeswoman, AAA – The Auto Club Group. "School-aged children are spending more time riding their bicycles, and Georgia law states children 16 years and under must wear a helmet. Unfortunately, not everyone does. So AAA Macon is partnering with the local community to ensure children can get a helmet if they do not have one."

To promote bicycle safety, AAA – The Auto Club Group is sponsoring the Mercer Bike & Roll, and will be donating 500 bicycle helmets to children in need.



Hutchings CCA 2022-23 3E Ready Golden Ticket of Acceptance Date Announced Video

View video for updates!

<https://youtu.be/A6lRqcaVNWc>

Class of 2023 and 2024, want to earn money AND get high school credit at the same time?

If your answer is yes, ask about Work Based Learning. Learn more here (and use the QRC to sign up): <https://howardhs.bcsdk12.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1744442&pageId=49081640>
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Want to Get Ahead this Summer?

<https://www.smores.com/rxnjp-earn-college-and-high-school-credit?ref=email>

Want to Get Ahead This Summer?

Enroll in the HCCA DE Summer Enrichment Program Today!



Benefits of Taking Dual Enrollment Classes at HCCA

- **FREE** for juniors and seniors!! All is needed is a 2.6 HOPE GPA.
- Rising 10th graders can enroll in Spanish I, Spanish II, US History (online), and or Public Speaking (online) with a 2.6 GPA for **FREE**.
- **NO FRIDAY CLASSES!!** Attend face-to-face class only 2 days a week per course.
- Transportation provided from your homeschool.
- Enroll in academic rigor courses to increase your HOPE GPA for scholarships!
- Now offering English 1101, English 1102, Math 1111 (Algebra), Spanish I, Spanish II, Public Speaking (Online) and US History 1 (HIST 2111-Online).
- Partnership with CGTC.

Dual Enrollment Summer Enrichment Program



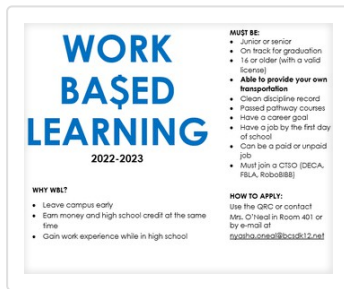
Admission Requirements



Rising 10th, 11th and 12th Graders who have at least a 2.6 HOPE GPA.



Registration Deadline: April 29th, 2022



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Meet your future employer during training and get hired

Learn valuable skills that are in high demand across the skilled trades

A Note to students...

Students continue to work hard and finish strong over the next two weeks. During the summer take the time to read at least 20-30 minutes a day. Try reading something you enjoy, read for

information, write down your thoughts and dreams in a journal, and keep a reading log.

Thank you for a great school year and for taking the time to read our school news and updates. Stay tuned for our Fall Edition of the POP Newsletter (date to be announced). Be safe and have an enjoyable summer.



ATTENTION - Sign up for the POP!

If you would like to receive the POP weekly newsletter please complete the form by scanning the QR Code or clicking the link. Due to the number of old/outdated email addresses of former recipients, a new request must be submitted to receive the POP newsletter. Thanks for your interest.

<https://forms.office.com/r/pvcxTJkKsR>



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