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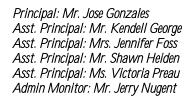


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## GREETINGS FROM MR. GONZALES

The spring semester is in full swing! Amidst the blooming flowers and warming of temperatures, the sights and sounds of the summer break begin to beckon! Although the summer months will provide welcomed respite and time for relaxation, we must continue to remain focused on our goals. Simply put, our work is not yet done! The coming months are exceedingly important as students will tackle the annual LEAP tests, Workkeys assessment, Advanced Placement tests, and important Industry-Based Certifications. Each assessment, while important in its own right, represents a powerful opportunity for students to showcase the fruits of their labor. We urge our students to keep their foot on the gas and attack the remaining months and weeks with the tenacity of the tiger spirit!

HHS has, and always will, continue to value the partnership between educators, parents, and the community. However, it is ultimately the responsibility of the student to remain involved and engaged in achieving the goals they have set forth. Internal motivation is key! According to a 2024 article from *The Parent Institute, internal motivation is a significant contributor to student academic success. The article describes several strategies for instilling this internal motivation for learning in adolescents. It states,* 

"Teens who are internally motivated want to learn. They are not learning solely to receive a particular grade or a parent's approval. They are learning because they find it satisfying. Most people are motivated to learn for both internal and external reasons. But internal motivation is what creates lifelong learning. To develop your teen's internal motivation, encourage your student to:

- Set goals for mastering the material in classes.
  - ♦ Setting goals creates a sense of purpose and ownership for learning. Reaching goals will give your teen a feeling of accomplishment.
- Connect learning to real-world situations.
  - ♦ This reinforces the value of what your teen is learning.
- Focus on the value of learning.
  - $\Diamond$  Praise your teen for working hard and understanding the material, regardless of the grade earned.
- Be curious.
  - $\Diamond$  Encourage your teen to ask questions about material and to explore topics beyond the assignment at hand.
- Have confidence in personal abilities.
  - ♦ Say that you believe in your teen. "These math problems look very challenging, but you know the concepts and you'll work them out." Statements like this will help your teen view challenges as opportunities to learn and grow.

As the close of the 3rd quarter of the Spring semester draws near, we encourage students and parents alike to remain in contact with teachers and administration as we continue to recognize successes and work to address concerns. Together, we can show your son or daughter the door, but they must take the first steps through.

Remember, YOU are a part of the Tiger Family! We are Fierce. Noble. Strong. Together!

Jose Gonzales Principal Hahnville High School



### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 13th — Prom
April 23 — Junior/Senior Awards Night
April 29 — Freshman/Sophomore Awards Night

# **Counselors' Corner**

Attention Seniors! If you have not completed the FAFSA you need to do so as soon as possible! Remember that this is now a graduation requirement. If you need guidance on how to get started please reach out to your counselor. If you completed the FAFSA from February 15 until now, please forward your confirmation email to your counselor.

Attention 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: In order for your scholarship to be included in the graduation program, your scholarship offer letter(s) must be turned in to Mrs. Kellie Tabor in room AG7 as soon as possible. Even if you do not plan to take the scholarship, we would like to make sure your award is noted in the program. The deadline to submit this information is April 26th.

Seniors, remember to check the HHS Counselor webpage for upcoming scholarships. The page is updated on a daily basis so be sure to check often.

**Juniors** – if you are planning to take a DE class next year in your senior year and you do not get the composite score needed, you can register to take the National test this summer and still qualify. Please see your counselor if you have questions.

**POSSE Scholarship:** Attention Rising Seniors- Are you a leader in your school and community? Would you like an opportunity to receive a full scholarship to one of POSSE'S partner universities? Check out this website and read more about the POSSE Scholars Program at <a href="https://www.possefoundation.org/sites/new-orleans">https://www.possefoundation.org/sites/new-orleans</a>. If you would like to be nominated for this opportunity, please see Ms. Anitra Boyd in the counseling suite upstairs above the office in AG-5.

**Summer School:** Summer School Registration dates will be announced in your Counselor Google Classrooms soon. Please be on the lookout for this announcement and register if you need to recover a credit. Some initial credit courses may be offered as well. See your counselor if you have any questions.

Attention Rising Seniors: We will host a Senior Step Up for you on Friday, May 17. This will include colleges, trade and vocational schools, work force and much more!! Stay tuned and continue to check our Counselor Google Classroom for more information as it becomes available!!

# Counselors' Corner

### 2023-2024 Counseling Department Guide

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Below are the ACT test dates and registration deadlines for 2023-2024. Register online at ACT.org **Students** that are eligible for free or reduced lunch are eligible for 4 vouchers to take the ACT. Please see in the counseling office to get your voucher.

ACT 2023-2024 NATIONAL TEST DATES				
TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DATE			
September 9, 2023	<b>→</b>	August 4, 2023		
October 28, 2023	<b>→</b>	September 22, 2023		
December 9, 2023	<b>→</b>	November 3, 2023		
February 10, 2024	<b>→</b>	January 5, 2024		
April 13, 2024	<b>→</b>	March 8, 2024		
June 8, 2024	<b>→</b>	May 3, 2024		
July 13, 2024	<b>→</b>	June 7, 2024		

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### Safe Schools with Mr. George

Safety is our top priority here at Hahnville High School. We value the safety of our students and employees, and we will do everything possible to ensure that we protect our students, employees, and visitors. As such, we wanted to remind you of some of our safety initiatives:

- 1. Continuous improvement on dress code expectations.
- 2. Safe Schools walk thrus are continuing to take place to help assure we are covering all areas of need.
- 3. Addressing ID usage amongst all on campus.



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# HHS HIGHLIGHTS

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### Student of the Month — February

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as "Student of the Month" for the month of February: Freshman — Reagan Bedi, Junior — Ava Curole, Senior — Ameerah Bradley. Not Pictured: Sophomore — Jada Moore.



# **Employee Spotlight**

Congratulations to Mendi Leboeuf who was chosen as HHS February Teacher of the Month! And congratulations to Denise Barnes who was chosen as HHS February Staff Member of the Month!





# SSC Recap

During the month of March, the last few SSCs have completed a personal finance lesson and a social emotional activity. The personal finance lesson that the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors focused on was about buying a car. The seniors focused on student loans.



Congrats to the HHS ROTC for their performance at the Walker HS Marine Field Day.

1st Place Sled Pull, 2nd Place Ammo Can Relay,1st Place Tug of War (Back-to-Back Champs). 3rd Place Overall Athletics



Congrats to the students who were nominated for February Student of the Month!

# Ring Night Information

### St. Charles Parish Public Schools





### Hahnville High School Ring Ceremony Information and Expectations for Students 2023-2024 Lafon Performing Arts Center Tuesday, May 7, 2024 6:00 pm

### Ceremony Information

- . Congratulations Juniors! In order to participate in ring night a student must have:
  - A total of 11 credits, and 7 of those must be in required courses.
    - Sophomores who are on track to be a graduating Junior and who are participating in Ring Night their sophomore year need verification from their counselors.
  - Please make sure you have met these requirements if you request to participate.
- · Guests:
  - Students will be allowed four guests each.
  - Each student will be given one wristband per guest.
  - Wristbands will be distributed at lunch in the commons on Monday, April 29th Friday, May 3rd. There will be a table in front of the main office where you will show your ID and sign for your wrist bands.
  - All attendees must have a wristband.
- · In order to participate, you must
  - Participate in the Practice Ring Night on Wednesday, April 10th during SSC, If you are absent, you check in and get the info
    from Mrs. Katje Vinet in the main office at lunch,
  - Sign up via the Google form linked here or go to https://forms.gle/b894U91Pp13NUme38 or via the QR code above which will take sign ups starting in March until Friday. April 26th.
  - Turn in your ring or chosen jewelry to the main office between Monday, April 29th Thursday, May 2nd.
    - Rings ordered through the school must be paid in full by the day before Ring Night, if the student plans to participate in the ceremony. Rings with unpaid balances will be brought back to the Josten's shop until payment is complete.
    - Students may purchase their rings elsewhere or use a legacy ring mom, dad, brother, etc's ring. These rings should also be turned into the main office by the due date.
    - Students who purchase rings through the school but do not wish to participate in Ring Night will be given their rings the following day during their lunch period.

### Ceremony Dress - What do I Wear/Have with me on Stage?

As Ring Night is a formal occasion, we have the following expectations for attire for Ring Night:

- · No purses or bags leave those with a parent.
- No phones leave those with a parent.
- Appropriate covering of the body is required.
- No sagging pants.
- Skirts or Dresses no shorter than 2' above the knee in the front and back when walking.
- Dress clothes should be worn.

Allowed	Not Allowed	
Dresses or Skirts with a Dress Shirt Pant Suits Dress Jumpsuits Dress Pants, Collared Shirt with or without a tie Dress Shoes must be worn	No Jeans     No tennis shoes     No flip flops     No shorts     No hats	

### Ring Night Check In at the LPAC Side Entrance (to the right of the main entrance):

- Students should arrive starting at 5:00 and seated on the stage by 5:30;
- Students will enter through the side door entrance to the right of the main entrance.
- Students will check-in and remain in the LPAC until the ceremony.
- If a student is not meeting expectations, students will be placed in a holding area still inside the student entrance where they will be allowed to choose from options provided or speak to a parent or guardian on a phone to bring in what is desired.
- We will run through the ceremony at 5:45.



Congrats to the HHS Colorguard for bringing home 1st place in the LMCGPC Championship of Scholastic Regional A River Division!!!



Congrats to our HHS Literary Rally Team! Results are posted on our HHS social media accounts!

# Get the News from Mr. George

### Hello!

Here at HHS, our students, faculty, and staff welcomed Spring by continuing to focus on teaching and learning. Each and every day, our students are learning at high levels. This is simply what we do! We are always grateful for our community's support as our students learn. Thank you!

In addition to supporting our students' success in the classroom, we encourage our HHS community to support our student athletes. Our golf, tennis, track and field, softball, and baseball teams are all competing this month. Our robotics team is also competing! Please feel free to visit each team's official calendar for the dates and locations of their athletic contests.

Students enrolled in Civic classes will take the Civics LEAP Field Test in their civics classes the week of April 22, 2024. Students will receive more information about this from their individual teacher. Also, some students will have the opportunity to take the WorkKeys assessment throughout April. This assessment can qualify students for different types of awards based on their scores. We will also begin administering LEAP assessments this month. Individual students will be contacted as to when and where they need to test.

In addition to all of the assessments happening, spring also means fun for our students! Prom will be held on April 13, 2024 and Promapalooza will be held immediately after prom on April 14, 2024. We look forward to our students enjoying these activities and creating wonderful memories with their peers.

### **Shop Tiger Mart for HHS Merchandise**

Shop Tiger Mart for HHS Merchandise! We have spirit shirts, uniform shirts, and even HHS stickers to show your TIGER PRIDE! The Tiger Mart is open to the public every day between 10:45 and 12:30. (Check in at the Front Office with your state I.D.). Come check out all the great HHS clothing we have to offer!

Hoodies may not be worn during the school day, and may only be worn during extracurriculars.

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The 2024 Yearbooks are on sale for \$50 until Dec. 31st - Then the price goes to \$55. Order early for a \$5 discount. Order online at <a href="https://www.yearbookordercenter.com">www.yearbookordercenter.com</a> - School code is 2600, and drop payment in the yearbook order box near front office or send to Hahnville High School.

See Mr. Lanier for more info.

# **Mental Health Corner**

### The Power of Community

Being a part of a community can mean everything in a person's life. We learn how to care for others and how to pour into the lives of those around us when we are in each other's presence. These actions can show a person that they have a place in this word and that each of us are a part of something much bigger than ourselves. Last month we were able to put on two events: The HHS Dress Boutique Giveaway and "Ties for Guys". Both events demonstrated the magnitude of what can happen when we come together. 200 girls attended the Dress Boutique event and received dresses, jewelry, and shoes. Over 250 boys received ties, bowties, and dress socks while being taught how to tie a tie by administrators, faculty members and peers.

Special thank you to the following for your contributions towards these events: Mount Carmel Academy and Mrs. Krystn Charlie for donating dresses, the Interact Club for donating ties and dress socks, Men's Wearhouse for donating 2 free tux rentals, Student Council for donating Prom tickets to students in need, River Parish Resin and Cherry Lane for donating jewelry, Recognize A Queen and Avin Jupiter with "The Treat Something Sweet" for donating desserts and the countless faculty, staff, and community members for donating in many ways towards both events. We are overwhelmed with gratitude and forever grateful for your contributions towards our students and Tiger family!





Nurse's Note Nurse Marci Hunter wants to keep you informed about current health concerns!







### **HHS Library Media Center**

The HHS Library provides print and online resources for academic needs and personal enjoyment. It is easy to sign up for a library account by using your PowerSchool username and password. Your personal library account will give you access to e-books, digital audiobooks, and our online catalog. You have the ability to browse and place books on hold. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to sign up for the HHS Virtual Library in Google

Classrooms. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Sopczak at bsopczak@stcharles.k12.la.us or Ms. Ana at apedone@stcharles.k12.la.us.

The library is prepping for exciting renovations taking place during the summer of 2024. We are deleting many outdated resources from our library shelves. Although

these resources are outdated for our school, they are not outdated for personal use. Teachers and students should feel free to stop by the library to pick up some free books!

The seniors must return their library books by April 25th. The rest of the students must return their library books by May 3rd.



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Date:	Opponent:	Time:	<
4/9	Chick-Fil-A Cup @ LaTour (18 holes)	10:00am	2
<b>4/16-18</b>	LHSAA District @ TBA (18 holes)	TBA 🔾	2
4/22-26	LHSAA Regionals @ TBA (18 holes)	TBA (	)
4/29-30	LHSAA State @ TBA (36 holes)	TBA (	)
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# Outdoor Track & Field Date: Opponent: Location: Destrehan HS 4/10 District Championship Thibodaux HS 4/24 Regional Championship Hahnville HS 5/4 State Championship Baton Rouge

		Men's Baseball	
	Date:	Opponent:	Time:
	4/9	Destrehan @ DHS	4:00pm
	4/11	Destrehan (a) HHS	4:00pm
	4/15	South Lafourche @ South Lafourche	6:00pm







# ACT ACT

HHS Families, are you aware of the ACT testing dates for this school year? Read below to plan opportunities for your student to test! All Juniors will be testing on March 7, 2023 here at HHS. Any Senior wishing to retest will also have the chance to sign up to test on that day as well. There are also national test dates for which students can register. Please reach out to your counselor for information about ACT scores and TOPS, Dual Enrollment, and scholarship opportunities.

# Notice: In 1986 all asbestos materials were identified in all school buildings. A management plan was developed for each school as per the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The management plan is located in a binder in the main office of each school. The binders are available for review upon request.

Since the plan was developed, most of the asbestos has been removed. In a few buildings, some floor tile still remains that contains asbestos. All of the schools meet the health require/ments that pertain to the regulation. If you have any questions concerning this topic, please contact Kevin Barney, Director of Physical Plant Maintenance at 985-331-3600 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

### **Message from SCPPS:**

Due to federal regulations, HHS is responsible for notifying you annually of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) management plan at your school.

In compliance with Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, this Educational Agency holds the following policy:

This is an equal opportunity school and is dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination in employment or training. Qualified students, applicants or employees will not be excluded from any course or activity because of age, race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin or qualified handicap. All students have equal rights to counseling and training.



# Mark Your Calendar

- April 13 Prom
- April 11 HHS Cord Ceremony @ 6pm
- April 18 DOW Banquet @ 2:30pm
- April 23 Junior/Senior Awards Night @ 6pm
- April 29 Freshman/Sophomore Awards Night @ 6pm
- May 2 Lagniappe on the River
- May 2 Seniors' Last Day
- May 7 Ring Night (LPAC @ 6pm)
- May 8-10 LEAP Testing
- 🚇 May 10 Graduation Practice @ 7am

- May 14 HHS Grad Walk
- May 15 Graduation
- May 17 Senior Step Up (Upcoming Seniors)
- May 23 Last Day of School (Early Dismissal)



