

## Parent/Staff Newsletter Week of 9/2/24

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I hope everyone is having a great Labor Day weekend.

Thanks to everyone who came out to support our Football Team on Friday evening. Although we did not get the result we wanted, it looked like everyone had fun. Our students came in their Greek/Toga costumes. Earlier in the school day we had our first pep rally of the year. Our band sounded great in the stands. Our cheerleaders get everyone up for the game. The Dance Team rocked the field at halftime.



At next Friday's Home Football Game we are honoring the Hall of Fame Class of 2024 at halftime. Congrats to Michael Julien (Class of 2013), Lauren Kamperman ('08), David Martin (Community Member), Clifford Morrow ('10), and Addison Palmer ('89).

Families have up to 30 days from the first day of school to turn in their Proof of Residency. This Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> is the 30<sup>th</sup> day since the start of school. If a family has not submitted their Proof of Residency by Thursday, those families will receive a notification that they cannot attend HHIHS until the proper Proof of residency is submitted. The details of Proof of Residency are below.

Please see the News Release below regarding the make-up days for Tropical Storm Debby. Once the school year moves into the second quarter, teachers will inform their students about the details and expectations for the 12/31 and 1/6 eLearning school days.

## Hilton Head Island High School: An International Baccalaureate World School

HHIHS is an International Baccalaureate World School. Along with Hilton Head Island Middle School (grades 6 to 8), we feature the IB Middle School Years Program (MYP) in grades 9 and 10. We feature the IB Diploma Program (DP) in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The Diploma Program offers the highest rigor available to Beaufort County students in terms of preparation for college. For more information on our IB programs, please contact Ms. White at:

[mary.white@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:mary.white@beaufort.k12.sc.us)

## Staff Meetings

September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Leadership Meeting 7:15 am

September 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – PLC Week

September 17<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting 7:15 am

September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – IB Collaboration Week

September 24<sup>th</sup> – Principal Monthly Report (video)

## BCSD News Release: Tropical Storm Debby make-up days

TO: BCSD Families

Please be advised that as per state law, BCSD is required to implement make-up days in the event of weather-related school closures. The previously approved calendar make-up days of December 23, 2024 and January 6, 2025 will be implemented to accommodate the two days of school closures associated with Tropical Storm Debby. We understand that some families and staff members may have already made travel arrangements, and thus these make-up days will be eLearning days. Your child's teacher and/or school will provide additional information about what eLearning will look like prior to December 23.

### Dates of note:

- December 23 (Monday) - eLearning Day
- January 6 (Monday) – eLearning Day (last day of the first semester)
- January 7 (Tuesday) – Educator Professional Development Day (NO SCHOOL for students)
- January 8 (Wednesday) - First day of the second semester

## Parent/Student PowerSchool Portal

Parents and students have access to the parent and student PowerSchool portals. I highly recommend parents and students check their PowerSchool portals often to see current grades and attendance. If you do not have access to your parent portal, please email Ms. Youmans at: [teresa.youmans@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:teresa.youmans@beaufort.k12.sc.us)

## Tutoring for the Fall 2024 Semester

Beginning the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be offering tutoring before school in Math, English (ELA) and Social Studies. The times will be 7am to 8am. The tutoring schedule will be as follows:

**Math – Tuesdays and Thursdays** with Mr. Willard in B116

**English (ELA) – First Thursday of each month** with Ms. Spisz in the ROTC room. Additional Thursdays can be requested by scanning a QR code that will be displayed throughout the school.

**Social Studies – First Thursday of each month** with Ms. Rupert in the ROTC room.

**Additional Thursdays can be requested by scanning a QR code** that will be displayed throughout the building.

For all other subjects students would need to talk with their teacher about additional assistance during Hawk Time or before/after school.

The poster for the HHIHS Tutoring Program 2024-2025 features a blue and orange color scheme. At the top, it says "HHIHS Tutoring Program 2024 - 2025" and "BEFORE SCHOOL TUTORING". Below this, it states "\*Tutoring sessions begin the week of September 9th". The poster is divided into three main sections: "MATH" (Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 am - 8:00 am in B116 with Mr. Willard), "SOCIAL STUDIES & ENGLISH" (First Thursday of each month\*\* 7:00 am - 8:00 am in the ROTC room with Ms. Rupert and Ms. Spisz), and "ALL OTHER SUBJECTS" (Please see your teacher for a time to get extra help). A QR code is provided for requesting additional Thursdays. At the bottom, it says "\*\*You may request an additional Thursday by scanning the QR code and completing the Google form." and "Questions? Reach out to Ms. Hartman michelle.hartman@beaufort.k12.sc.us 689-4992".

# Cool Videos from this past Week

Thanks to Ms. Spisz and her Journalism/News Show team for the videos.

Pep Rally: [https://youtu.be/II4iAKtsn\\_4](https://youtu.be/II4iAKtsn_4)

Football: <https://youtu.be/71I9cHfTni0>

Dance/cheer halftime show: <https://youtu.be/iSeT8JL0v28>



**HAWK TIME WITH FIRE RESCUE 2024**

Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue is excited to be a part of Hawk Time on Tuesdays from 9:58AM-10:28AM! Join us for a Fire & EMS Career Focused Program!

**STUDENT DEVELOPMENT TOPICS:**

- Professionalism
- Leadership
- Effective Communication
- Teamwork
- Time Management/Resource Utilization

**STUDENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Complete a ride-along with Fire Rescue
- Obtain job shadowing hours
- Learn lifesaving skills
- Complete the Fire Rescue Facilities Tour field trip
- Complete Hands-On equipment training
- Experience a day in the life of a Hilton Head Island Firefighter/EMT

**1st Meeting: September 10**

Interested? Please contact Dr. Williams, Career Development Facilitator  
Angela.williams@beaufort.k12.sc.us

## Hawk Time with Fire and Rescue:

Join Hilton Head Fire & EMS Career Focused Program on Tuesdays During Hawk Time. Students will develop the following topics:

- Professionalism
- Leadership
- Effective Communication
- Teamwork
- Time Management/Resource Utilization

Students will have the opportunity to participate in the following activities:

- Complete a ride along with Fire Rescue
- Obtain Job Shadowing Hours
- Participate in a Field Trip to Fire & Rescue

For more information contact: Dr. Angela Williams, Career Development Facilitator

Email: [Angela.williams@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:Angela.williams@beaufort.k12.sc.us)

## Athletics this Week

Wednesday 9/4/24

6pm Middle School Football in Stadium Scrimmage

Thursday 9/5/24

6:30pm Boys Volleyball vs Bluffton Scrimmage

4pm Golf @ Rose Hill

5:30/7pm JV and Varsity Girls Volleyball @ Savannah Christian

6pm JV Football @ Claxton Ga

Friday 9/6/24

**7:30pm Varsity Football vs Aiken (Hall of Fame Night)**

Saturday/Sunday 9/7-8/24

Golf @ North Myrtle Beach Invitational

# For parents picking up athletes and dropping off for practice workouts:

Parents if you are dropping off or picking up your athlete from practice please do not sit in the athletic loop and wait. We are starting contests and will need those areas to be clear for coaches, teams, busses and officials. If you need to pick up, please wait in the IB Red parking lot and either pull through or have your athlete meet you in the IB red parking loop. Student athletes coming in for practice and or games please park in the IB red lot.



## Athletic Activity Passes

- 24-25 Athletic activity Passes are now available for students and parents.
- Avoid the lines at the gate and get into all regular season home games for the entire school year for one low price...

Please visit [www.hhihsathletics.org](http://www.hhihsathletics.org) for information and to purchase your pass.

## Notes for Attending Athletic Contests

- Parking- Please make sure you park in a parking space without blocking traffic or other parked cars. If you are parked on grass or blocking a roadway or another parked car you are subject to being towed at vehicle owner's expense.
- ALL Fans will enter through the Main Entrance of the Stadium by the School Café/Bus Ramp or the athletic entrance for Volleyball.
- The Concession Stand will be open. NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK will be allowed into the stadium or as you enter our Athletic Entrance. This includes bringing in drinkware.-
- Fans should not come onto the field and stay outside the fenced area/track parents/fans please wait outside the track area or off the volleyball courts.-
- Fans will not be screened but we ask anyone that has been in contact with someone that tested positive for Covid 19 and or has a fever, loss of taste or smell and/or has trouble breathing and/or other signs of Covid 19 not to come to the game.
- No pets are allowed at any BCSD athletic contest.
- The Hilton Head Island High School Athletics Staff appreciates your understanding and cooperation in keeping all involved safe throughout this fall sports season.
- Please note the guidelines above are subject to change. Any spectator who chooses not to follow the above guidelines can be asked to leave the campus immediately.
- The expectation is that all spectators and participants always promote and exercise great sportsmanship.

### Clear Bag Policy

- We abide by the Clear bag/No Bag Policy at our stadium and also in our gym. Spectators must bring clear bags upon entry.
- Only bags allowed are those used for medical purposes and clutch purses not to exceed 4.5" x 6.5".
- These bags will be subject to search.

## Hilton Head Island High School

### Clear Bag and No Bag Policy

Approved bags include-  
Clear tote 12" x 6" x 12",  
1 gallon Clear Plastic storage bag,  
Small Clutch with wrist strap (not to exceed 4.5" x 6.5")

Clear tote bags will be sold for \$10 at the gate  
Gallon Zip-Loc Bags will be sold at the gate for \$1



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# From the Seahawk Stage Company/Drama Club

Drama Club Meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30-4:30 in D109- Come and learn all about the Seahawk Stage Company, the haunted house, NYC trip, and much more. Pizza will be provided.

September 10<sup>th</sup>: All Deposits for the HHIHS NYC Broadway Trip are due to the bookkeeper. Please see Kimberly Guinn in D109 for more information.

September 10<sup>th</sup>: All students interested in working the Haunted House there will be a planning meeting from 3:30-5:00 in D109. This is open to all students. We need people to scare, leaders to lead the groups through, stage makeup (special effects) designers, Costume design, Prop Building (we need to do a ton of crafty style 3-D for the Haunt), and Set building. See Kimberly Guinn if you have any questions.



## HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) Field Trip

Join us and Participating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Impact College Fair on the Campus of Claflin University on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Space is limited to the first 40 Junior and Seniors. Deadline to register is Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information see or contact:

Dr. Williams at [angela.williams@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:angela.williams@beaufort.k12.sc.us) or Mrs. Dopson at [Cheryl.dopson@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:Cheryl.dopson@beaufort.k12.sc.us)

## Service Academy Day

Representatives from esteemed military academies, including West Point, The United States Naval Academy, The United States Air Force Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy will be hosting Q&A sessions with prospective students. This is an opportunity to learn about the application process, life at these distinguished institutions, and what to expect upon entering military service.

**When:** Sunday, September 22, 2024. 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm EDT

**Where:** The Citadel

To RSVP for the Service Academy event, please go to:

<https://events.humanitix.com/lowcountry-service-academy-day>



## Personal Electronic and Communication Devices Guidelines

This school year Beaufort County School District instituted a new Personal Electronic and Communication Device Policy. The guidelines have been in the last few Parent newsletters. Please visit the attached link to view the policy and the consequences associated with that policy.



Link to the BCSD policy: <https://www.beaufortschools.net/families/personal-devices>

# Attendance Policy for the 2024-25 School Year

We already are seeing students accruing a lot of absences from missing school and being late to class. Please continue to monitor your child's grades and attendance in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. The attendance policy can be found at: <https://hhihs.beaufortschools.net/families/attendance-policy> Beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>, we will begin to have Saturday School for those students who have fallen below the seat requirement for one or more of their classes. The Saturday School schedule for the first semester is below:

October 5<sup>th</sup>  
October 19<sup>th</sup>  
October 26<sup>th</sup>  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
November 16<sup>th</sup>  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
December 9<sup>th</sup>  
December 14<sup>th</sup>  
January 11<sup>th</sup>  
January 25<sup>th</sup>

February 1<sup>st</sup> (this is the last day to make up time from first semester)

## PTSO (Parent, Teacher and Student Organization) Meetings for the 2024-25 School Year

The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held in the HHIHS Front Conference and begin at 12:30pm.

September 10<sup>th</sup>  
October 8<sup>th</sup>  
November 12<sup>th</sup>  
December 10<sup>th</sup>  
January 14<sup>th</sup>

February 11<sup>th</sup>  
March 11<sup>th</sup>  
April 8<sup>th</sup>  
May 13<sup>th</sup>

## SIC (School Improvement Council) Meetings for the 2024-25 School Year

The SIC meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. The meetings are held in the HHIHS Media Center at 5:30pm.

September 19<sup>th</sup>  
October 17<sup>th</sup>  
November 21<sup>st</sup>  
December 19<sup>th</sup>  
January 16<sup>th</sup>

February 20<sup>th</sup>  
March 20<sup>th</sup>  
April 17<sup>th</sup> (No Meeting – During Spring Break)  
May 15<sup>th</sup>

# Proof of Residency

Beaufort County School District (BCSD) requires proof of residency of all students every school year. Proof of residency must be provided for a student's enrollment to be complete. The intent of this process is to verify that students attend the school based on where they reside. You must provide documentation showing that you live at the address in accordance with Federal, State, and District guidelines. If your address changes, you must notify the school within 30 calendar days. A residence is that place where one has established his/her home and where one is habitually present, and to which, when one departs, he/she intends to return. Merely superficial residence in the HHIHS zone, obtained for the sole or primary purpose of taking advantage of attending HHIHS, will not entitle the child in question to attend HHIHS.

**DOCUMENTATION THAT HHIHS REQUIRES TO COMPLETE YOUR ENROLLMENT** You must provide documentation for both sections 1 and 2

## Section 1

You must provide one (1) of the following documents. The document must show and match the parent/guardian and address listed above. If you are unable to provide one of the following documents, request the Alternate Proof of Residency Application.

Real Estate Tax Bill (Must be the most recent bill)  
Signed Lease (Dated within 1 year of the first day of attendance)  
Military Housing Letter  
Section 8 Letter

## Section 2

You must provide one (1) of the following documents. The document must show and match the parent/guardian and address listed above. If you are unable to provide one of the following documents, request the Alternate Proof of Residency Application.

Utility Bill (Gas, Electric, Water/Sewer - Within last 60 days)  
Phone Bill (Landline only - Within last 60 days - Cell phone bills will not be accepted) Cable Bill  
(Within last 60 days)  
Current Car Insurance declaration page (Must be an active policy)  
Current Home or Renters insurance declaration page (Must be an active policy)  
Vehicle Registration (Must be for current period)

Please check and attach copies of the documents above. You should black out account and social security numbers on the documents. All documents must be current and show the name and address of the parent(s)/ guardian(s). Envelopes will not be accepted.

Notice: Parent/Guardians will be given 30 days to provide documentation of residency from the date of enrollment. A home visit may be conducted by the school's social worker or other school official if documentation is not provided within 30 days.

If it is found that a parent/guardian is knowingly or willfully providing false information to a school district regarding the residency of a child for the purpose of enabling that child to attend any school in that district, the adult can be prosecuted for providing false information, a misdemeanor with a penalty of up to \$200 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days and required to pay an amount equal to the cost of educating the child.

When completing PowerSchool Registration parents can upload Proof of Residence documents. However, it is recommended that documents be brought to HHIHS. We will begin to accept Proof of Registration forms at the front desk on Monday July 31<sup>st</sup>. PLEASE READ THE PROOF OF RESIDENCY FORMS CAREFULLY TO AVOID NOT SUBMITTING THE CORRECT DOCUMENTS.

See Proof of Residency forms.

## Save the Date:

- Open House for the Spring Semester January 22, 2025
- Spring Semester Parent/Teacher Conference Evening March 13, 2025
- Prom 2025 March 22, 2025 at Hilton Head Beach and Tennis Resort

- Graduation for the Class of 2025 Monday June 2, 2025 at 7:00pm
- Graduation for the Class of 2026 Tuesday June 2, 2026 at 10:00

## Hilton Head Island High School Facebook, ROTC

**Facebook and Athletic Facebook and Twitter** Please check out our school Facebook page and follow us. It has a lot of cool stuff about what is happening in our school.

The link to our HHIHS sight is: <https://www.facebook.com/hhihighschool>

The link to the ROTC Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556639114430>

The link to our athletic Facebook is: <https://www.facebook.com/HiltonHeadIslandHighSchoolAthletics>

Athletics Twitter: <https://twitter.com/hhihsathletics>

**Have a great week. Go Seahawks!!!**

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