#### Parent/Staff Newsletter Week of 9/30/24

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I hope everyone emerged safely from the effects of Tropical Storm Helene. If your family has been severely impacted by the storm and needs assistance, please reach out to HHIHS and we will try to provide assistance or direct you to other community resources.

- The away football game against Bluffton High School was rescheduled for Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- We are cleared to resume normal operations tomorrow. Extracurricular activities can occur today after school.
- Instructions are below regarding attendance and assignment submissions for Fridays and today's E-Learning days.
- Homecoming Week is coming. See below for details including information about the Homecoming Dance.
- Wednesday is Purple Day in recognition of student mental health awareness. See below for more details.
- The portal is open to sign up for Parent/Teacher conferences. See below for details.

More important information is below.

### **October Staff Meetings**

September 29<sup>th</sup> – Principal Monthly Report (video) – will go out this week October 1<sup>st</sup> – Leadership Meeting 7:15am October 8<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences – 4:00 – 7:00pm (last meeting scheduled at 7:00pm) October 9<sup>th</sup> – CRASE training 1:30pm in SCC. Week of October 21<sup>st</sup> – PLCs and IB Collaboration Week October 29<sup>th</sup> – Principal Monthly Report (video)

## 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: <u>mary.white@beaufort.k12.sc.us</u>

# **Beaufort County School District Media Release**

TO: BCSD Families-

As of 1:30 today (Monday 9/30), our school campuses have been cleared to resume normal operations. The district will remain in an eLearning status for the rest of today and we look forward welcoming our students back into our buildings tomorrow, Tuesday (10/1).

### Wednesday (October 9<sup>th</sup>)

half day for students

### Thursday & Friday (October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>)

no school for students and staff

## Parent Teacher Conference October 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 7:00pm

We will be holding our Parent/Teacher Conference Evening on Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Parents can sign up for a 20-minute meeting at the link below. Should the slots all be filled please reach out to your child's teacher to schedule another time on another day.

Here is the link to make an appointment with your child's teacher: https://shorturl.at/oAutH

# Friday (9/27) and Monday (9/30) E-Learning Days

Due to Hurricane/Tropical Storm Helene, Beaufort County Schools had Friday and Monday as E-Learning days. Below is some important information about the E-Learning days.

- Teachers have lessons created on the class Google Classrooms with assignments for students to complete.
  Some classes held Zoom sessions with their students.
- Assignments given during Fridays E-Learning Day are due to be submitted no later than Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>.
  Assignments given today are due to be submitted on Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- We will be flexible with those families who lost power for extended periods of time or lost internet for extended periods of time. Please let teachers know if additional time is needed.
- Students' attendance will be marked "Virtual Present" on Friday and Monday. If students do not submit their assignments from Friday and/or tomorrow, their attendance will be changed to "Unexcused Absent".
- Extracurricular activities can resume afterschool on Tuesday.

# Homecoming Week October 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

We will be having our Homecoming Week from October 20<sup>th</sup> to October 26<sup>th</sup>. We are in the process of planning the activities and themes. We are also planning to have a Homecoming Dance on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>.

- Tickets are on sale from October 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Tickets will not be sold at the door.
- HHIHS students can bring a guest from another school.
  - Forms to bring a guest are available in the front office.
  - Guests must be 18 or under.
  - Forms to bring a guest must be submitted by October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Tickets are \$10.
  - $\circ$   $\,$  All obligations must be paid before a ticket can be purchased.





# Teens for Healthy Youth National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

September was National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. To encourage mental health awareness, HHIHS's Teens for a Health Youth has established a day of reinforcement for the student body. The purpose of this day is to let students know they are not alone and to seek out help when they are struggling mentally.

Students and staff are encouraged to wear Purple shirts and school appropriate jeans on Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. *This day was originally scheduled for Monday September 30<sup>th</sup>.* 

For more information on Teens for a Healthy Youth, please go to: <u>https://www.lcahealthyyouth.com/about-thy</u>

# CACROA (The Carolinas Association of College Registrars) College Fair at USCB October 24<sup>th</sup>

There will be a College Fair at USCB during the school day on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking the first 75 students who register and submit a parent permission to the college fair. The Permission Slips are available in the School Counseling Office. The field trip is open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders only. Permission slips are due by October 8<sup>th</sup>. The school buses will depart HHIHS at 9:45am and return to HHIHS approximately by noon. A list of the schools who will be at the fair are below:

#### Schools Attending

Anderson University, SC Appalachian State University Arclabs Welding School Barton College Benedict College Bob Jones University

**Brevard College** Catawba College **Claflin University** Clemson University **Clinton College Coastal Carolina University** College of Charleston **College of Coastal Georgia** Columbia College (SC) **Columbia International University Converse University Erskine College Florida Southern College Furman University** Georgia Southern University **Guilford College** Hampden-Sydney College Johnson & Wales University Kennesaw State University Lander University Lees-McRae College Limestone University Livingstone College Long Island University Mercer University Mississippi State University **Newberry College** North Carolina State University North Greenville University NSU **Paul Mitchell The School Pfeiffer University Presbyterian College Queens University of Charlotte Rider University** Roanoke College Salem College South Carolina State University Southern Wesleyan University Spartanburg Methodist College St. Andrews University The Catholic University of America The Citadel The University of Alabama The University of Alabama at Birmingham The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) The University of North Carolina at Greensboro The University of Tennessee Knoxville University of Pittsburgh **University of South Carolina** University of South Carolina Aiken University of South Carolina Beaufort **University of South Carolina Upstate** 

Warren Wilson College Washington College Western Carolina University Winthrop University Wofford College

# **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: <u>https://hhihs.beaufortschools.net/families/attendance-policy</u> 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)

#### **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

# **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.

For questions about tutoring, please contact Ms. Hartman at: michelle.hartman@beaufort.k12.sc.us

# Math Homework Help

Math Homework Help

Mu Alpha Theta members will be providing math homework help every Wednesday morning from 8-8:30 in Room A124 beginning 9/18. Students must use the QR code on the flyer posted in their math Google Classroom and request a pass by Tuesday afternoon at 4. Passes will be sent to the student's school email.



## **Athletics this Week**

Tuesday 10-1-24 4pm Golf @ Cat Island 4:30pm Tennis @ Beaufort 5pm XC Race Beaufort County Championships (Rescheduled) Tentative 5:30pm/7pm JV and Varsity Girls Volleyball @ Bishop England 8:30pm Varsity Boys Volleyball @ Bishop England

Wednesday 10-2-24 5:30pm Middle School Football in the Stadium

<u>Thursday 10-3-24</u> 4:30pm Tennis vs Bishop England 5:30pm/7pm JV and Varsity Girls Volleyball vs Bluffton 6:00pm JV Football vs Bishop England 6pm Varsity Boys Volleyball @ Bluffton

<u>Friday 10-4-24</u> 7:30pm Varsity Football @ Bishop England 4pm Island Bash Girls Volleyball Tournament Main, Aux and Island Rec Center

<u>Saturday 10-5-24</u> 9:30am Swim @ Region 6 Championship # Bishop England Cheer @ Ashley Ridge All Day Island Bash Girls Volleyball Tournament Main, Aux and Island Rec Center

# **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 <u>www.hhihsathletics.org</u> for information and to purchase your pass.



#### 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

# 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.

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.

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>

#### 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: <u>https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556639114430</u> The link to our athletic Facebook is: <u>https://www.facebook.com/HiltonHeadIslandHighSchoolAthletics</u> Athletics Twitter: <u>https://twitter.com/hhihsathletics</u>

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



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