



MAY 13 - 17, 2024

THE BLAZE

Official Newsletter of HCS Early College High School

"Endless Possibilities"

from the desk of Ms. Williams...

Trailblazers,

As we bring this year to a close, I want to share some reminders with students:

1. remain focus on your goals
2. complete and submit assignments on time
3. communicate with your teachers for any upcoming absences
4. attend in person or online the ECHS Homework Assistance program for help with assignments
5. study for tests and quizzes
6. check PowerSchool regularly for updates on grades

Parents and students are reminded that Interim Reports for Quarter 4 will be issued on Thursday, May 02, 2024.

I cannot believe it is time for our Juniors (Class of 2025) to take part in a long-standing tradition of Early College that they have been preparing for since their first year of high school. The Class of 2025 will begin their Junior Exhibitions (May 06 - 08). They will share their growth journey and path with parents, guests, classmates, teachers, and advisors through a video, individual portfolio, and mini-presentations followed by a question-and-answer session. We are excited to have family and guests join us May 6-8 for our Junior Exhibitions.

Please read below for additional important updates and reminders.

Upcoming Events

Trailblazer Talks Series 2

- May 17
- 9:15 ~ ECHS Cafe

Spring Fling

- May 17
- 1:15

Important Trailblazer Links

[Lunch Menu](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

[Homework Assistance](#)

[Scholarship Website](#)

[ECHS Website](#)

Safety Protocols ([English](#) / [Spanish](#))

Transcript Request ([ECHS](#) / [HGTC](#))

[Facebook](#),

[Twitter](#),

[Instagram](#)

Advisory: Friday, May 03, 2024, will be a PM Advisory and a Monday/Wednesday day.

Spirit Week: Students are reminded to participate in Spirit Week Monday, April 29 - Friday, May 03, 2024.

Q4 Interim Reports: Interim Reports for Quarter 4 will be emailed to students and parents on Thursday, May 02, 2024.

Relay for Life: The American Cancer Society Relay for Life event is fast approaching, and we would love to have more people join the team. The event will be held at Market Common's Valor Park on Saturday, May 04, 2024, from 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM. If your schedule allows, we would love for you to join us (part of the day or all of the day based on your schedule). If you are not able to come out but still want to help, you can donate to the team. Please use the link below to donate to our team. We appreciate your help. [donate](#)

Student Ambassador Applications: Students interested in serving as student leaders during Bridge Week, Open House, and recruitment nights can apply to become ambassadors. Applications are due by Friday, May 10, 2024.

Senior Awards and Capping Ceremony: The annual Senior Awards Program and Capping Ceremony will be Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:00pm in the HGTC Burroughs and Chapin Auditorium. In addition to celebrating academic achievement, seniors will have the opportunity to recognize someone who has made an impact on their lives throughout their educational career. The Capping Ceremony document is due to Dr. Adams by Friday, May 10, 2024, and will be emailed and placed in the AVID 402 Google Classroom. [Capping Ceremony Form](#)

HGTC Commencement Ceremony: The 2024 Spring Commencement Ceremony for the college will be Wednesday, May 01, 2024, at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center at [11:00am and 3:00pm](#) based on the degree you are completing.

"To provide a small, personalized learning community that accelerates our diverse student population to become responsible citizens who are strong critical thinkers, collaborators, and communicators who can successfully meet and face the challenges of competing in an ever-changing global society."

THE MISSION OF ECHS



Title I

HCS-Early College High School receives federal funding through Title I. A copy of the Title I school wide plan can be reviewed in our main office. Parents are encouraged to provide feedback with regards to our school wide Title I initiatives.

TRAILBLAZER

DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS



Monday 5/13/24

Smash Bowl

PB&J



Tuesday 5/14/24

Grilled Cheese/Chili

Turkey & Cheese Wrap



Wednesday 5/15/24

Chicken Tenders

Crispy Chicken Salad



Thursday 5/16/24

Cheese Pizza

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich



Friday 5/17/24

BBQ Pulled Chicken Sandwich

PB&J

ECHS Students & Parents

Events Calendar

All dates are tentative and could change based on need

[Link to Calendar](#)

Week of April 29-May 4	
Monday, April 29	HGTC Exams Spirit Week - Spring Colors (Wear Pastel)
Tuesday, April 30	HGTC Exams Spirit Week - BBQ Moms/Dads vs. Soccer Moms/Dads SWA Presentation and Lunch Training Tuesday
Wednesday, May 1	Disciples Making Disciples InvenTeam Spirit Week - Sports Team
Thursday, May 2	Interim Reports Issued for Q4 Club Day (Recycling, Key Club Leadership, Girls Fitness, Tollywood) Spirit Week - Surfers vs. Teen Beach Bikers
Friday, May 3	PM Advisory M/W Trailblazer Talks - ECHS Cafe ~Block2 (Chappell) Spirit Week - Derby Day (flashy/extravagant hat)
	American Cancer Society - Relay for Life 3-9 Valor Park @ Market Common

EARLY COLLEGE
PROUDLY PRESENTS
**TRAILBLAZER
TALKS**

LIVE AND BE INSPIRED

May 3 9:15	May 17 9:15	May 31 9:15
Tahra Maynard Morgan Nixon Jaylynn Ricketts Mar'Kayla McLeod Jamira Bellamy Brianna Naylor Aaliyah Monk Nani Willis	Jerry Gordon Jontrel Hall-Hannah Matthew Bunker A.J. Parker Justice Olavarria Jonathan Fry Marvin Pastelin-Ruiz John Murod Zandon McCurdy	Tiara Wilson-McLean Chandra Robideaux Lily Bridges Eveline Lopez Sarai Jeffery-Lewis Hannah Roberts Madison Llewelyn Kaylee Crandall

QUESTIONS FOR MR. CHAPPELL AT 843-349-3149 OR
WCHAPPELL@HORRYCOUNTYSCHOOLS.NET

EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
2050 Highway 501 E, Building 400
Conway, SC 29528
Located on the
Horry Georgetown Technical College
Conway Campus
843-349-3131

SOUVENIR PHOTOGRAPHER

POSITION - SOUVENIR PHOTOGRAPHER

We are looking for motivated, friendly and confident people to join our team of souvenir photographers. Be part of an exceptional, energetic team that provides guests with an awesome photo experience they'll never forget.

Main responsibilities:

- approach and greet customers with a smile (positive and respectful)
- take pictures of the guests in a professional manner
- edit and prepare the pictures as fast as possible - confidently present and sell the pictures
- collect payments
- maintain a clean and organized working space - achieve sales and customer service goals
- active and efficient



No photography or sales experience is required, we'll teach you everything you need to know.
3 full days of training (24-32 hours) and a knowledge test are required.



Compensation:

- Weekly pay (between \$700-\$1400/ week)
- \$10/h + tips + sales bonuses
- Monthly bonuses for the best team members
- Food discounts in all locations

Please feel free to check out our social media platforms and reach out to former employees for positive feedback.

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hollywoodpictureshr@gmail.com
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THEHOLLYWOODPICTURES

**ECHS 10th-grade students
invite you to our**

College Fair

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

DROP-IN ANYTIME BETWEEN

9:00AM-10:30AM

ECHS Cafeteria

***Students will act as college representatives; no
actual college representatives will be present
*If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay
Hecklinger at LHecklinger@horrycountyschools.net**



HCS IMMUNIZATION REMINDERS for 2024-25



PROVIDE UPDATED RECORD TO SCHOOL

You **MUST** provide your child's school with a copy of their updated SC Certificate of Immunization or SC Exemption.

Per SC Law, this document must be provided within 30 days of enrollment for your child to attend school. After 30 days, your child will not be allowed to remain in school (these are unlawful absences).

UPCOMING IMMUNIZATION CLINICS



WHO: DHEC is offering clinics for students in grades 5K-12 to receive vaccines that are needed to attend school.

WHEN: Thursday, May 2 - Tuesday, May 7 - Thursday, May 16
Tuesday, June 4 - Tuesday, June 18 - Tuesday, June 25
Tuesday, July 2 - Tuesday, July 9 - Tuesday, July 23

HOW: Call 1-855-472-3432 (SC DHEC appointment line) to make an appointment for your child.

WHERE: Myrtle Beach Health Department, 700 21st Ave N, MB, SC 29577

WHAT TO BRING: Any previous Immunization Records, if available.
Insurance information, if applicable.



SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT WITH PEDIATRICIAN

Schedule an appointment with your child's healthcare provider **NOW** to avoid the back-to-school rush if your child needs a well-visit or vaccine ahead of the upcoming school year.

RISING 7th GRADE STUDENTS NOTICE

Attention Parents of rising 7th Grade Students: All students entering 7th grade are required to have a Tdap Booster administered at age 10 or older.

QUESTIONS ABOUT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Please contact your child's healthcare provider with questions regarding immunizations and medical records.

For questions about your child's Immunization Record on file at school, please reach out to your child's school nurse.



student *News*



Congratulations, Class of 2025!

ECHS 2024 Junior Marshals



Brittany Bellamy



Kim Zhao



Abella
Grant



Lidia Bonilla-Quero



Addison Hornick

ECHS 2024 Junior Marshals



Chelsey Vernon



Trinytee Gore



Asia Hairston



Jasmine
Hemingway



Pierce Langston



Kamryn Johnson

2024 AVID Student Speaker Dallas Summer Institute



Congratulations, Kayla Uwakwe!

HTC REEL Kid



Congratulations, Tahra Maynard!

SENIOR



Spotlight

**Congratulations,
Class of 2024!**

Highest ACT Score



Lorenzo Burgess

Highest SAT Score



Dylan Lassalle

Kaden Wallace

Coastal Carolina University Teaching Fellows

Fall 2024



Faith Mercer



Destiny White

Coastal Carolina University Nursing (B.S.N) Program



Congratulations, Daila Bodisher!

Piedmont Technician Tuition Program



Congratulations, Ashton Ward!

Francis Marion University's Darla Moore Scholar Fall 2024



Alex Morales-Lopez

Congratulations, Class of 2024!

The Gates Scholarship Recipient



Congratulations, Na'hari Nelson!

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Horry County Schools

still make the difference!



Show your high schooler how to get organized for exams

There's probably only one thought on high school students' minds right now: summer! However, for many kids, final exams stand between them and that nice, long break. So encourage your teen to start preparing for those exams sooner rather than later.

To get a jump start, recommend that your teen:

- **Talk with teachers.** Many teachers will offer hints about what to focus on when studying. A comment like, "Remember how often we referred to the concepts in Chapter 6," means your teen should give it extra attention.
- **Organize class materials.** Your teen should make sure notes, past tests and assignments are in one place and in an order that makes sense.

- **Create a study plan.** Most tests require serious study and practice applying concepts. Encourage your teen to use a calendar to block out study time as well as time to work on assignments or projects that will be due before the end of the school year.
- **Stock up on materials.** Ask what your high schooler needs for studying—paper, markers, index cards, sticky notes, highlighters. Replenish supplies now if they are running low.

Then, do your part to help your teen get ready for those final exams! Minimize distractions during study time and make sure your teen gets a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast before tests.

Share tips to help your teen maintain focus



Some students begin to lose momentum as the school year comes to an end.

To spark motivation, encourage your teen to:

1. **Follow a consistent routine** that includes doing schoolwork and studying. Doing schoolwork means completing assigned work. Studying means making an effort to learn and remember the material. Make sure your teen allows enough time for both each day.
2. **Manage time.** Does your teen always put things off until the last minute? Demonstrate how to break down those big papers and projects into smaller, more manageable parts.
3. **Take regular breaks.** Have your teen set schedule 10-minute breaks for every one hour of work. Breaks help prevent burnout and support your teen's well-being.
4. **Address concerns head on.** Is your teen worried about a grade in a class or a particular assignment? Rather than just hoping for the best, suggest that your teen talk with the teacher. Taking action is key!

MILLION CAN TAB CHALLENGE

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

EARLY COLLEGE IS COLLECTING
CAN TABS TO BENEFIT THE LIFE
CHANGING WORK OF THE
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE IN
CHARLESTON, SOUTH
CAROLINA. WE WILL BE
COLLECTING CAN TABS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
TODAY**



RECYCLING

WE ARE ASKING ALL STUDENTS TO HELP WITH RECYCLING DURING LUNCH.

STUDENTS SHOULD SORT THE ITEMS ON THEIR TRAYS PRIOR TO DUMPING TO ENSURE THEY ARE PLACED IN THE CORRECT BINS.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE NON COMPOSTABLE ITEMS IN THE COMPOST BIN BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAMINATE THE BIN AND IT CANNOT BE USED FOR COMPOST.

WHAT TO COMPOST

DO COMPOST



- Food scraps
- Fruits & vegetables
- Meat & bones
- Non-liquid dairy (e.g. cheese)
- Grain products (e.g. bread)
- Pizza & pizza boxes
- Coffee grounds & paper filters
- Tea & paper tea bags
- Napkins & paper towels
- Paper to-go boxes (non-coated)
- Items labeled BPI Certified Compostable or ASTM D6400 Certified

DO NOT COMPOST



- Plastic of any kind
- Foam or Styrofoam
- Metal
- Glass
- Liquids
- Foil or plastic-coated products
- Saran wrap & plastic film
- Hazardous & medical waste
- Used facial or toilet tissue
- Plastic bags
- Hand & face wipes
- Dental floss & Q-tips
- Cotton balls & pads

Tips to Successfully Email a Teacher or Professor

Tips for Writing an Email to a Teacher

- Use a Clear Subject Line
- Choose the Correct Greeting
- Structure as a Formal Letter
- Include Only Necessary Information
- Keep Your Tone Respectful
- Use an Appropriate Salutation

HOW TO EMAIL A TEACHER

1 SUBJECT LINE

2-5 word summary of the email

- Missing Grade
- Homework Question
- Late Work

4 CLOSING

- Thank you
- Have a nice day!



5 SIGN YOUR NAME!

2 BEGIN WITH A GREETING

- Good Morning
- Hello
- Good Afternoon

This is in the body
of the email



3 BODY OF THE EMAIL

- I am writing because.....
- I need help help.....
- I am confused by.....



General Tips:

- Be sure to use proper capitalization & punctuation.
- Always use proper grammar.
- Plz spell out ur words.
 - Please spell out your words.

Free Tutoring Available

Help Every Day, Any Time



TutorMe 

FREE online tutoring & study tools, anytime, anywhere!

Learning resources, live online tutoring, test prep, writing lab, and more!

How to access TutorMe? Log into your myHGTC account, then go to the Student Resources card.



There's More.

TutorMe provides free, one-on-one online tutoring for HGTC students. Support is available 24/7. To try TutorMe, click the link on the [Student Resources card in myHGTC](#).



Principal Approved Absences

Successful completion of high school courses results in the issuance of Carnegie units needed for a high school diploma.

Since our high schools and program schools operate on a 4 x 4 block schedule, it is crucial that students miss as few days as possible.

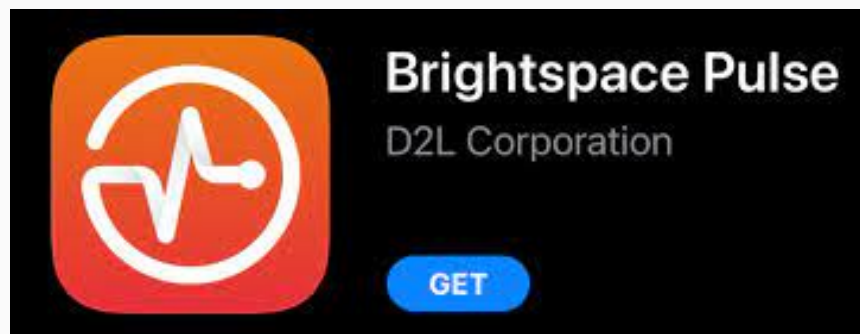
Based on this information, it is not feasible for our secondary schools and program schools to grant principal-approved days effective this year. Religious-based camps, retreats, trips, and conferences are not excused.

Absences due to major religious holidays are excused. Please send notes to the attendance office regarding absences for religious holidays.



Parent Access to College Grades

- Download Brightspace Pulse to your phone.
- Have your students log into their myHGTC account.
- You can view grades & upcoming assignments.



[Brightspace Pulse](#)

Parking Decal for Student Drivers



Drivers must register their cars with HGTC Public Safety and complete the information form for ECHS.

Registered drivers will receive an ECHS placard to place in the window on the dash near their HGTC parking decal.





STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

HOLD

"In Your Classroom or Area"

Students are trained to:

- Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

Students are trained to:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring everyone indoors
- Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

Students are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE

"To a Location"

Students are trained to:

- Leave stuff behind if required to
- If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



SHELTER

"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

Hazards might include:

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake
- Tsunami

Safety Strategies might include:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room
- Drop, cover and hold
- Get to high ground

Students are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies

Adults and staff are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.





STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

PARENT GUIDANCE

In the event of a live incident, parents may have questions about their role.

SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"



Secure is called when there is something dangerous outside of the building. Students and staff are brought into the building and the outside doors will be locked. The school might display the Building is Secured poster on entry doors or nearby windows. Inside, it will be business as usual.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A SECURE EVENT?

Probably not. Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a secure event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a Secure event.

WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student. As the situation evolves, Secure might change to a Monitored Entry and/or Controlled Release.

WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO SECURE?

When a secure event is brief or the hazard is non-violent, like a wild animal on the playground, there may not be a need to notify parents while the Secure is in place.

With longer or more dangerous events, the school should notify parents that the school has increased their security.

LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"



A Lockdown is called when there is something dangerous inside of the building. Students and staff are trained to enter or remain in a room that can be locked, and maintain silence.

A Lockdown is only initiated when there is an active threat inside or very close to the building.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?

The natural inclination for parents is to go to the school during a Lockdown. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to Lockdown as well.

SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a Lockdown event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a Lockdown, it may not be safe for students to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis.

In some cases, students may be evacuated and transported off-site for a student-parent reunification.

WHAT ABOUT UNANNOUNCED DRILLS?

The school may conduct unscheduled drills, however it is highly discouraged to conduct one without announcing that it as a drill. That's called an unannounced drill and can cause undue concern and stress.

Parents should recognize that the school will always inform students that it is a drill during the initial announcement.

It's important to differentiate between a **drill** and an exercise. A drill is used to create the "Muscle Memory" associated with a practiced action. There is no simulation of an event; this is simply performing the action. An exercise simulates an actual event to test the capacity of personnel and equipment.

CAN PARENTS OBSERVE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE DRILLS?

The school welcomes parents who wish to observe or participate in drills.



Bus Transportation

Students planning to ride the bus can contact the bus office for their attendance area to get information on route numbers and pick up times.



Bus Transportation Office

Aynor	843.488.7125
Carolina Forest	843.236.0705
Conway	843.488.6094
Green Sea Floyds	843.392.3134
Loris	843.390.6822
Myrtle Beach	843.445.2041
North Myrtle Beach	843.399.8575
Socastee	843.293.6941
St. James	843.650.1937

District Transportation Office
843.488.6957





Qualify for the SC LIFE AND PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP with your ACT® test score!

Changes that will apply beginning
with the class of 2023:



LIFE

3.0

SC UGP

1100

SAT

-or-

22

ACT

TOP 30%

RANKING

Students must meet **2 out of 3**
(to receive LIFE at an eligible four year institution)

PALMETTO FELLOWS

3.5

SC UGP

1200

SAT

-or-

25

ACT

TOP 6%

RANKING IN 10, 11, OR 12 GRADE

ALTERNATIVE CRITERIA

4.0

SC UGP

1400

SAT

-or-

31

ACT



[Superscore Calculator](https://act.org/superscoring)
act.org/superscoring



[FREE ACT Test Prep](https://www.act.org/freetestprep)
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[South Carolina
Student Resources](https://act.org/southcarolina)
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