Parent/Staff Newsletter Week of 10/6/24

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I hope everyone had a great weekend.

- We have a short week coming up. Wednesday is a half day for students and Thursday and Friday is Fall Break.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are Tuesday. See below for details.
- The Graduation for the Class of 2025 will be on Saturday May 31st at 7:00pm
- Our fall sports teams are in action and working hard as the payoffs approach. Please come out and support our Seahawks.
- Our school community is working hard to support communities that were hit hard during Hurricane/Tropical Storm Helene. Please see below for more details and how everyone could help.

Please see below for more important information

October Staff Meetings

October 7th – Principal September Video Message

October 7th – Leadership Meeting 7:15am in Media Center – Joint Meeting with HHIMS Leadership Team

October 8th – Parent/Teacher Conferences – 4:00 – 7:00pm (last meeting scheduled at 7:00pm)

October 9th – CRASE training 1:30pm in SCC.

Week of October 21st- PLCs and IB Collaboration Week

October 29th - 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 11th and 12th 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

Wednesday (October 9th)

half day for students

Thursday & Friday (October 10th & 11th)

no school for students and staff

Parent Teacher Conference October 8th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm

We will be holding our Parent/Teacher Conference Evening on Tuesday October 8th. 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

HHIHS Helene Relief Efforts

We are so proud of our students and staff at HHIHS wanting to help those areas impacted by Hurricane/Tropical Storm Helene. Many in our Seahawk Community know of friends, family and acquaintances who were affected by the storm. As an IB World School, we look at national and world events in our instructional experiences at HHIHS. We are working with the PTSO and Rotary Club of Hilton Head to facilitate a donation drive. Here is what we are doing at HHIHS:

- Collecting donations of items needed in areas affected by Helene: Diapers, Powder baby Formula, Baby Wipes, Feminine Hygiene products, Protein Bars, Pet Food—Dogs and Cats, Flashlights, Toiletries, Contractor Size Trash Bags, Batteries, First Aid Kits, Bottles Dawn Dish Liquid, 5 Gallon buckets, Rubber Gloves. The Rotary Club of Hilton will pick up the items on Tuesday October 8th. The items will be collected by ROTC.
- On Friday October 4th students and staff are able to wear their favorite (school appropriate) hat to school for a \$1.00 donation. The funds were collected by the students in Morgan's Message club in cooperation with the PTSO. **We raised close to \$500 on Friday.**
- On Monday October 7th during IB Hawk Time, students and staff can share some personal stories
 of friends and families who have been affected by Helene. Students who want to do so can write
 notes of support to those affected by the storm. The messages will be sent to affected areas.
- On Tuesday October 8th students and staff can wear school appropriate pajamas to school for a \$1.00 donation. The funds will be collected by the students in Studio Blue in cooperation with the PTSO.

Parents wanting to drop off donations can do so at our Front Office. Again, I am so proud of our students and staff who feel strongly about helping those affected by the storm.

Homecoming Week October $20^{th} - 26^{th}$

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

- Tickets are on sale from October 3rd through October 24th.
- 2. Tickets will not be sold at the door.
- 3. 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 21st.
- 4. Tickets are \$10.
 - All obligations must be paid before a ticket can be purchased.

Themed Days for the week:

- 5. 10/21: Dreaming up a Win in the Land Oz: Pajama/Wizard of Oz Day
- 6. 10/22: Dynamic Duo Movie Day: Twin Day
- 7. 10/23: Don't be Despicable...Be a Minion for the Win: Minion Day
- 8. 10/24: Grown-Ups: Dress Like Coach Payne/Adam Sandler Day
- 9. 10/25: *Back to the Future Day:* Grade level Decades (Seniors: 2000's, Juniors: the 90's, Sophomores: the Future, and Freshmen: the 80's)

Powderpuff

- 10. Forms were due Friday 10/4.
- 11. 10/21 Monday:

Powderpuff practice 7:00 to 8:00

12. Round 1 Powder Puff Games: October 23:

7:00 PM - Freshmen vs Juniors;

8:00 PM - Sophomores vs Seniors;

- 13. Powder Puff Championship October 24 during school as a homecoming buy-out activity (Modified schedule with Powder-puff during 4th block.
- 14. Alternative activities are also planned
- 15. Friday 10/25: Pep Rally



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

Assignments for the E-Learning Day on Friday September 27th were due this past Friday October 4th.

• Those students who did not submit their assignments for that day will receive a '0' for that assignment and will have their attendance changed from 'Virtual Present' to 'Unexcused Absence'.

Assignments for the E-Learning Day on Monday September 30th are due by the end of the day October 6th.

• Students who did not submit their assignments for that day will receive a '0' for that assignment and will have their attendance changed from 'Virtual Present' to 'Unexcused Absence'

Counselor's Corner

- All JUNIOR AND SENIORS interested in DUAL ENROLLMENT Spring semester should complete the
 online USCB application by October 13th, online TCL application by October 18th and return the BCSD
 permission form to the counseling office by October 18th. All application links can be found under the HHIHS
 website (Academics- Dual Enrollment).
- If your **SENIOR** earned a score of **1400 or higher on the SAT or a 31 or higher on the ACT**, please have them see their School Counselor for a Palmetto Fellows Early Application.
- **USCB College Fair October 24**th All interested JUNIORS and SENIORs should stop in the Counseling Office for a permission slip (due back by 10/8- the first 75 students will be confirmed).
- **SOPHOMORES interested in attending ACE** their Junior year should stop in the Counseling Office for an application. You may choose two areas of interest and then submit your application to your counselor.
- College Application Day on October 18th 9 AM-12 noon (Media Center) Seniors will have an opportunity to complete a free college application during this time.



Seahawk Cookie Company

Our Special Education class has started a new business, the Seahawk Cookie Company. The students will be responsible for packaging and delivering fresh baked cookies on Friday mornings.

Contact Mrs. Sylvester (<u>patricia.sylvester@beaufort.k12.sc.us</u>) for more information.

Thank you to the following art students for helping to create the delivery cart: Monzy Rojas, Nicole Antonio, Cristaitzel Arcos, Angie Martinez Hernandez, Khloe Glover, Sienna Schutz, Carley Jiminez-Roldan, Sam Knowles, Sam Salvina, Leah Thierry, Alyssa Letka, Yosi Nava Morales, and Poppy Strocko.

Class of 2025: Grad Bash

For all seniors interested in going to Grad Bash at Universal Studios in April, there is an interest meeting this Tuesday during Hawk Time

Senior Make-up Photos Rescheduled!!

Senior Make-up Photos have been rescheduled for Tuesday October 22, 2024 in the BlackBox (D109)!!

- If your student has already scheduled with Prestige they have transferred your photo time slot to the new day.
 - You should have already received an email via the Vagaro website that your appointment has been moved.
- If you still need to schedule an appointment please do so by going to https://mysite.vagaro.com/prestigeroadflagship
 - Begin by selecting your school under School Photography.
- This year seniors will be able to sign up for either a Deluxe Session, which includes casual poses, or a Basic Yearbook Session. This will be the last time that seniors can sign up for the Deluxe/Evolution Package Sessions.
- If you signed up for an Evolution Package, please bring you chosen outfits to your session.
- All scheduling and payments should be made through the website. The photographers will not be taking any payment on 10/22/24.
- Everyone NEEDS an appointment! No walk-ins will be accepted!!
 Please, remind your student to be on time for their scheduled session!

Jake Ferguson

Hilton Head Island High School

'Hera'

I was inspired by the Greek goddess Hera for my project. I thought her theme of femininity and fertility was fitting to represent breast cancer as many females feel like they lose these attributes due to the disease. I hope that this piece of art can inspire breast cancer survivors to remember that no matter what happens, they are always strong, beautiful, and brave and that cancer can't take that away.

"What does not kill me, makes me stronger."



The Bra Project

The annual Bra Project creations by the art students will be on display at the Bluffton Breast Health Center for the month of October. We hope their creations and messages of support will help survivors feel seen, supported, and loved. Thank you to Poppy Strocko, Yosi Nava Morales, Alyssa Letka, Kaya Tolly, Sienna Schutz, and Jake Ferguson for using their artistic skills to lift others up.

This is only one example. All images of their creations are available for viewing on HHIHS Facebook.

HHIHS Theatre having another Parent Night's Out

Another Parent's Night Out is coming!

October 18th from 6 - 10 pm parents can drop off their Pre-k to 6th grade child in the Black Box Theater (D109) at HHIHS for \$25.00 for first child and \$15.00 for second child.

The children will be provided pizza, snacks, water and an evening of fun activities.

Proceeds go toward the theater NYC

Broadway trip.

See flyer for details



CACROA (The Carolinas Association of College Registrars) College Fair at USCB October 24th

There will be a College Fair at USCB during the school day on October 24th. 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 11th and 12th graders only. Permission slips are due by October 8th. 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: https://hhihs.beaufortschools.net/families/attendance-policy
Beginning October 5th, 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 5th

October 19th

October 26th

November 2nd

November 16th

November 23rd

December 9th

December 14th

January 11th

January 25th

February 1st (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 9th, 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 10/8/24

4:15pm Tennis vs Bluffton 6:00pm Boys Varsity Volleyball vs May River 5:30/7pm Girls JV and Varsity Volleyball @ May River 6pm Middle School Football in Stadium

Wednesday 10/9/24

6pm JV Football vs Bluffton Cheer @ Spring Valley

Thursday 10/10/24

4:30pm Tennis @ May River 5:30/7pm JV and Varsity Girls Volleyball @ Colleton 7:00pm Varsity Football @ Bluffton 2024 Bridge Bowl 5pm XC @ USCB Meet

Friday 10/11/24

Varsity Girls Volleyball @ Wando Tournament

Saturday 10/12/14

Varsity Girls Volleyball @ Wando Tournament

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 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-device

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 8th
November 12th
December 10th
January 14th

February 11th
March 11th
April 8th
May 13th

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 17th
November 21st
December 19th
January 16th

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

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/HiltonHeadIslandHighSchoolAthletics Athletics Twitter: https://twitter.com/hhihsathletics

Have a great week. Go Seahawks!!! Steve Schidrich



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