

## Parent/Staff Newsletter Week of 10/13/24

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I hope everyone had a great weekend.

Please see below for more important information

## October Staff Meetings

October 17<sup>th</sup> - Professional Development with Instructional Coach (Planning period)

Week of October 21<sup>st</sup> - PLCs and IB Collaboration Week

October 29<sup>th</sup> – Principal Monthly Report (video)

November 14<sup>th</sup> - Professional Development with Instructional Coach (Planning period)

Week of November 18<sup>th</sup> – IB Collaboration Week

November 25<sup>th</sup> - Principal Monthly Report (video)

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## 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)

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**Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**No school for students and staff for Election Day**

**Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**No school for students and staff for Veteran's Day**

**Thanksgiving Break**

**Wednesday through Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**No school for students and staff**

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**The HHIHS 2024-25 Parent Handbook**

Each year the HHIHS School Improvement Council facilitates the publishing of the HHIHS Parent Handbook. It assists families in understanding important regulations, graduation requirements etc. Thanks to Ms. Clayton for putting it together each year. The English and Spanish are linked on the webpage.

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## HHIHS Helene Relief Effort

- Students and staff in conjunction with our PTSO and Studio Blue raised over \$750.00 Tuesday by donating \$1.00 to wear PJs at school. Many donated more than \$1.00!
- Last Friday we raised over \$300.00 from donations for Hat Day sponsored by Morgan's Message and PTSO.
- ROTC collected requested supplies.
- All donations will go toward the Western North Carolina relief efforts.

Proving, once again, that Seahawks care! We are so proud of our school community for helping those in need.

Thanks to the graphics club, Studio Blue, for running Tuesday's event. Thanks to the students of Morgan's Message, Mr. Koestler and Ms. Dobbelaere for running last Friday's event. Thank you to Lt. Col. Vega and his cadets for running the supply drop off. Thank you to our supportive community for all your donations.

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## October is Bullying Prevention Month

October is Bullying Prevention Month, and October 16th is Unity Day across Beaufort County School District. Unity Day highlights the importance of empathy, respect, and kindness. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange in celebration of Unity Day at HHIHS.

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## Seahawk Theatre presents THE HAUNT at HHIHS

The annual Haunted House at HHIHS will be on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Tickets are \$10.00 or a multi-run pass for \$30.00.
- Tickets are sold at the door.

For more information, please contact Ms. Guinn at: [kimberly.guinn@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:kimberly.guinn@beaufort.k12.sc.us)

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## Federal Impact Forms/Federal Funds to BCSD – Also sent in an email earlier today

There are students across the county who have a family member working for the federal government or on federal property. We also have students receiving Special Education services through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Because BCSD educates these students, the school district can receive federal funds from the US Government. Please read below the guidelines to see if your family status would entitle Beaufort County School District to Federal Impact funds. If your family qualifies, please complete the attached survey and return it to HHIHS. Thanks.

## What is it?

Federal funding that supports local school districts with concentrations of children who...

- Reside on Indian lands, military bases, low-rent housing properties, and other Federal properties
- Have parents in the uniformed services or employed on eligible Federal properties

Amount is based on an annual count of federally connected school children. Existed since 1950, is now known as Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965.

## Why is it provided?

Designed to assist local school districts that have lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt Federal property, or that have experienced increased expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected children.

## Who is eligible? Children who...

- Live on Indian Lands
- Live on federal property (i.e., Laurel Bay, MCAS Beaufort, MCRD Parris Island, Naval Hospital Beaufort)
- Live in federally subsidized low-rent housing
- Parents are members of the uniformed services
- Parents work on federal property (anywhere on the continental United States as federal or contracted employees)
- Are eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

## How can school districts use Impact Aid? For basic support such as...

- Salaries for Teachers & Aides
- Textbook purchases
- Computers and other equipment
- After school programs, remedial tutoring, advanced placement, special enrichment programs
- Children with Disabilities Payments are dedicated funds

**PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL RECEIVE ITS SHARE OF FUNDING BY COMPLETING THE IMPACT AID PROGRAM SURVEY FORM**

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## 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.
  - All obligations must be paid before a ticket can be purchased.

### Themed Days for the week:

- 10/21: *Dreaming up a Win in the Land Oz*: Pajama/Wizard of Oz Day
- 10/22: *Dynamic Duo Movie Day*: Twin Day
- 10/23: *Don't be Despicable...Be a Minion for the Win*: Minion Day
- 10/24: *Grown-Ups*: Dress Like Coach Payne/Adam Sandler Day
- 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

- Forms were due Friday 10/4.
- 10/21 Monday:  
Powderpuff practice 7:00 to 8:00
- Round 1 Powder Puff Games: October 23:  
7:00 PM - Freshmen vs Juniors;  
8:00 PM - Sophomores vs Seniors;
- Powder Puff Championship October 24 during school as a homecoming buy-out activity  
(Modified schedule with Powder-puff during 4<sup>th</sup> block.
- Alternative activities are also planned
- Friday 10/25: Pep Rally

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## Congratulations

to the 2024 South Carolina State Fair Art Competition awardees and exhibitors!

**\*It is a super special submission year due to an administrator (Dr. Hunter) and a SPED teacher (Mrs. Paul) having their work entered and juried into the exhibition!!**

### Student and Teacher Awardees:

#### Student Awardees

- Best of Show/3D- Kaya Tolly
- 3rd place: Charlotte Hussey- Photography/9th
- 3rd place: Pippa Parsons-Photography/11th
- Honorable Mention: Sienna Schutz- 2D/9th
- Honorable Mention: Lizbeth Benitez- 2D/11th

#### Teacher Awardee:

- 1st place: 2D/Digital Monique Dobbelaere "Soul Revival: Art's Embrace"

### Students and Teachers juried into the Exhibit:

#### Students:

- Photography: Jareth Zavala, Ixel Pineda, Angel Villeda, Pippa Parsons, Charlotte Hussey, Abbey Pratt, Myles Hickey
- 2D: Nola Hollingsworth, Poppy Strocko, Sophie Bigda, Chiara Solla, Jackelyn Aguilar Alarcon, Heidi Mendoza Villalba, Michelle Ocampo, Ruby Wheeler, Melany Casillas Ambrosio

#### Teachers and Administrator:

- Dr. Fred Hunter- Photography- "Sunset Ship"
- Dr. Fred Hunter-Photography- "Water and Sky"
- Patty Schoelkopf-Lewis- Photography- "A Sockeye's Destiny"

- Patty Schoelkopf-Lewis-Photography- *"Razor Clamming On The Flats"*
- Monique Dobbelaere- Drawing- *"Queen"*
- Barbara Paul- Painting- *"Evening Heron"*

Please see below for winning images.

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## Counselor's Corner

- All **JUNIOR AND SENIORS** interested in **DUAL ENROLLMENT Spring semester** should complete the online USCB application by October 13<sup>th</sup>, online TCL application by October 18<sup>th</sup> and return the BCSD permission form to the counseling office by October 18<sup>th</sup>. 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<sup>th</sup>** 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 ([patricia.sylvester@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:patricia.sylvester@beaufort.k12.sc.us)) 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 Jimenez-Roldan, Sam Knowles, Sam Salvina, Leah Thierry, Alyssa Letka, Yosi Nava Morales, and Poppy Strocko.

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## 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 your 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!

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## 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



# 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 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](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.

For questions about tutoring, please contact Ms. Hartman at: [michelle.hartman@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:michelle.hartman@beaufort.k12.sc.us)

## Math Homework Help

Math Homework Help

HHIHS Tutoring Program  
2024 - 2025

**BEFORE SCHOOL TUTORING**

\*Tutoring sessions begin the week of September 9th

MATH	SOCIAL STUDIES & ENGLISH	ALL OTHER SUBJECTS
Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 am - 8:00 am B116 Mr. Willard	First Thursday of each month** 7:00 am - 8:00 am ROTC Ms. Rupert and Ms. Spisz	Please see your teacher for a time to get extra help.

\*\*You may request an additional Thursday by scanning the QR code and completing the Google form.

Questions? Reach out to Ms. Hartman  
[michelle.hartman@beaufort.k12.sc.us](mailto:michelle.hartman@beaufort.k12.sc.us)  
689-4992

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.

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## Athletics this Week

### Tuesday 10/15/24

8:32am Girls and Boys Swim Parade of Champions

11am Girls Golf @ Region 6 Championship

4:15pm Girls Tennis @ Colleton

6pm/7:15pm JV and Varsity Volleyball vs Beaufort Senior Night

6pm Girls Swim @ 4A State Finals @ USC

6pm Boys Volleyball @ Beaufort

### Wednesday 10/16/24

6pm JV Football @ May River

6pm MS Football in the Stadium

### Thursday 10/17/24

4:15 Girls Tennis vs Beaufort Senior Night.

7pm Varsity Football vs May River. Senior Night

6pm Boys Swim @ 4A State Finals @ USC

### Saturday 10/18/24

XC @ Jacksonville

Cheer @ May River Shark Tank Show Down

## 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.

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## 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.

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>

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## 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>

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### 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

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## 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!!!** Steve Schidrich



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