

Parent/Staff Newsletter Week of 11/17/24

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I hope everyone had a great weekend.

Wow. Big win for our Varsity Football Team on Friday. They defeated Crestwood in the first round of the SCHSL Football playoffs. Next Friday they travel to South Florence High School for the second round.

Good luck to our Competitive Cheer team and Cros Country team as they compete in their respective state championships this week. Good luck to Alyssa Ruckno as she is headed to the Tennis State Individual Championships this week.

Tomorrow night (Monday) is our annual National Honor Society Induction Night.

Reminder: Please review the ParentPortal to check on your students grades and attendance. Have your student ask their teachers for additional assistance during Hawk Time. Also, we offer tutoring as well for students who need assistance (See below). If you are receiving emails from Mr. Olivetti about your child needing seat time, please have them see Mr. Schidrich to sign up for Saturday school. We currently have over 200 students who owe seat time in one or more of their classes.

Also....Please remind your students to come to school each time, to come on time to school each day, and go to ALL of their classes on time each day.

See below for additional important news.

November Staff Meetings

Week of November 18th – IB Collaboration Week

November 25th - Principal Monthly Report (video)

November 26th - Leadership Meeting

Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday through Sunday November 27th – December 1st

No school for students and staff

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

NJROTC Thanksgiving Food Drive

NJROTC is in the process of collecting items for their annual food drive! Collection will continue from November 5th - 26th. All items are being artfully displayed in sculptural form in the brown brick area of HHIHS. As an added bonus, for two of the donation days, if students bring in 2 items they may wear pajamas to school on that day. Those two event days are Friday, November 15th and Tuesday, November 26th. Let us, once again, show how Seahawks care by donating to the food drive.

Deep Well Toy Drive 2024!

Deep Well is holding its annual Toy Drive. Please see the attached flyers for the most needed items this year. Toy donation boxes will be placed at HHIHS. There is a link to the flyer which lists other locations in the area.

Celebrating DECA Success:

Hilton Head High Students Headed to State!

DECA, the world's largest high school business organization, continues to empower and inspire young leaders, and Hilton Head High School DECA students shone brightly at the Region 4 Championships in Charleston, South Carolina! Competing for the fifth time, our delegation of 56 talented students took on nearly 350 competitors from eight other high schools, including notable teams from Wando, Bluffton, Beaufort, and West Ashley.

To qualify for the State Competition, students had to place in the top 8 of their respective events, a challenging feat against such strong competition. Not only did many of our student's medal, but half of our team will be competing at the State Competition in February! 🏆 ✨

Please join us in congratulating these outstanding DECA competitors:

- **Apparel and Accessories Marketing: Lizzy Markowitz - 1st place**, Sophie Olander - 3rd place
- Automotive Services Marketing: Ty Gudgeon - 3rd place, Connor Walker - Qualified for states, Justin Shiflet - Qualified for states
- Business Finance Series Event: Henry Boatright - 2nd place
- Business Services Marketing Series: Carmine Genovese, Kevin Hernandez, Bryce Broome - Qualified for states
- Entrepreneurship: Hailey Gardner - 3rd place
- Food Marketing Series: Fouad Hindi - Qualified for states
- Hotel and Lodging Management Series: Kathryn Walton - 3rd place

- **Human Resources Management Series: Veronica Markowitz - 1st place**, Santiago From - Qualified for states
- Marketing Communication Series: Ben Brooks, Josselin Hernandez - Qualified for states
- Personal Financial Literacy: Nicholas Korneluk - 3rd place, Emeli Perez Morales - Qualified for states
- Quick Service Restaurant Management Series: Chelsea Manueles - 3rd place, David San Agustin, Heidi Martinez - Qualified for states
- Restaurant and Food Service Management Series: Ella Best - Qualified for states
- Retail Merchandising Series: Naira Alvarez - Qualified for states
- Sports and Entertainment Marketing Series: Jackson Olander - Qualified for states

"I am so incredibly proud of each of our students," said DECA advisor Karen Johnson. "Their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm continue to amaze me. A big part of their success is thanks to our amazing DECA leadership team, who have done an outstanding job preparing and guiding them. Together, they've put in the effort to develop skills that will serve them in DECA and beyond. I'm confident they'll continue to impress at the state level."

Every Hilton Head High School DECA member now has the opportunity to compete at states, whether in a principle event for first time members, team events or by developing a written and oral presentation. It's not too late to join DECA and participate in these exciting state-only events! If you're interested in becoming part of this incredible experience, now's the time to get involved.

A huge thank you to our dedicated chaperones—Trisha Gavin, Tim Olander, Wayne Davis, and Tarken Best (CATE teacher)—for supporting our students throughout the event. We also extend our gratitude to Angela Williams and Angie Genovese, who not only chaperoned but also served as judges. Your support made all the difference in making this event a success.

Congratulations once again to ALL our DECA students! We look forward to cheering you on in February at the State Competition! ❤️



HHIHS Choir Concert Wednesday 11/20

The HHIHS Choir will have their fall concert Wednesday evening November 20th in the SCC at 6:00pm. Admission is free.



Bright Ideas Grant Winners

Congratulations to our winners of the Bright Idea Grant! Ms. Guinn and Ms. Vindas.

Bright Ideas grants are awarded through a competitive evaluation process by a panel of judges. The grants are given to educators for innovative classroom projects that directly benefit students and use creative teaching methods. Well done ladies!

Counselors Corner

Seniors- The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry will be at HHIHS Tuesday, November 19th at 10am (Hawk Time) in the Media Center. The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry is the premier local scholarship organization. They can help you get signed up for their scholarship portal and will explain what local scholarships are available. **Please stop by the media center on Tuesday (with your tablet) if you want additional information.**

Heritage Scholarship is OPEN!

Students can access the Scholarship Application Portal from the website ([Heritage Scholar Program | Heritage Classic Foundation](#)) or by going directly to the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry's website.

Sophomore (10th Grade) IGP Meetings:

IGP (Individual Graduation Plan) meetings for 10th grade students will be held from 12/02/2024 to 01/23/2025. Parents will receive an email notification during the week of 11/18/2024 with instructions on how to sign up for a meeting. ***Please note that these meetings are in-person unless alternative arrangements have been made with the student's school counselor.***

Updates to HHIHS Dress Code Policy

Beaufort County School District has a Dress Code policy in place for all schools.

Please review the HHIHS Dress Code Policy at: <https://hhihs.beaufortschools.net/families/uniforms>

When students are out of dress code they are sent to the front office. If a student's shirt violates the dress code, they are given a HHIHS shirt to change into. If a student's bottom attire violates dress code they are given a pair of pants, shorts or sweatpants that are in compliance with the dress code. The expectation is that the student will return the top or bottom at the end of the school day (the clothes are then washed so they can be used again). If this does not happen an obligation is assessed to the student. However, due to students not returning the clothes at the end of the day our supply of clothes is nearly gone.

At this time, we are ordering more clothes (shirts and sweatpants) to be used for students who violate the dress code. **Going forward, we will place an obligation of \$10 for a top and \$10 for a bottom each and every time they are out of dress code. Students will keep the shirt or sweatpants.**

Please encourage your students to come to school each day in dress code.

Class of 2025 Senior Parent Meeting November 19th

The Senior Parent meeting will be held on November 19 at 6 pm in the HHIHS Media Center. This is an optional meeting for Senior parents but is highly encouraged for parents of Seniors graduating in December. We will review all senior dates and activities that we are aware of at this time. A Bright Arrow message was also sent to parents.

Any questions can be directed to Ms. White at mary.white@beaufort.k12.sc.us or Ms. Hartman at michelle.hartman@beaufort.k12.sc.us.

End of Course Examinations Preparation/EOC

Extravaganza

EOC Prep Extravaganza will be held on December 9th from 3:45 – 6:15 pm in C-Hall. During this time, teachers will provide tutoring for the EOC subjects which are English II, Algebra I, Biology, and US History. Students will sign up during Hawk Time for one or two sessions for their EOC courses. Bus transportation may be provided. Please encourage your students to take advantage of this opportunity.

If parents have questions, they can reach out to Michelle Hartman at michelle.hartman@beaufort.k12.sc.us or 843-689-4992.

AP English Language and Composition

Only 50% of the students who are enrolled in AP Lang next semester are in the Outside Reading Google Classroom. Parents, please check to make sure your student is in the Google Classroom as they have an outside reading assignment. The completion of reading the book, annotations, reading journal, and test are on Friday January 17, 2025. This is the Google Classroom where their outside reading assignment needs to be uploaded to. The Google Classroom code is fmwd53f

All About Cats Fundraiser this week

12th Grade IB Senior Hailey Gardner is organizing a fundraiser as part of her IB CAS (Creativity, Action and Service) project.

From Hailey:

Hello! My name is Hailey Gardner and I am going to be holding a fundraiser for All About Cats HHI from November 11 to the 15 for my Community, Activity, and Service project! The CAS project is a required project for all IB Diploma candidates, and I was lucky enough to find an amazing cause/organization to focus on for this! The All About Cats organization is a non-profit that goes around both the Hilton Head and Bluffton areas in order to care for the stray colonies of cats that inhabit these areas. This includes feeding, cleaning, providing shelter, spaying and neutering the cats! Not only is this organization a non-profit, but it is also solely run on volunteers making it lack some of the necessary resources that other organizations have such as funding. Because of this I am hosting this fundraiser and collecting the following items to help support this amazing organization:

- Mr. Clean Magic Erasers
- Cat Treats / Food
- Clorox Wipes
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Wet Cat Food
- Blankets / Towels
- Rubber Gloves
- Flea and Tick Treatment

Donations can be dropped off in the brown brick area anytime before school, and will be collected at the end of the day on Friday the 15th. Thank you so much for your support!!



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) 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.

Beaufort Jasper Water Internship Program

BJWA is looking to recruit two interns each for Field Operations, Customer Service, and Treatment Operations. The online application can also be accessed by going to www.bjwsa.org/jobs. Starting pay is 15.00/hr and below are the deadlines to submit your application online. If you have any questions, please see Dr. Williams in C109a

Application Deadline: 11/25/2024
Target Start Date: 01/27/2025

Grad Bash April 4th and 5th 2025

Grad Bash is Back!!!! See the attached flyer. Anyone from the Class of 2025 who wants to attend please see the attached flyer. There is a QR code in the flyer where students and parents can make a deposit to secure a spot on the trip, The first deposit is due November 15th.

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:

November 23rd

December 9th

December 14th

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

January 11th

January 25th

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

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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 flier 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

This week we had a lot to celebrate!

- Football won their 1st round playoff game 19-17 vs Crestwood
- Cheer placed 7th at the 4A State Qualifier and at the same time won the Region Crown
- Both Girls and Boys Cross Country qualified for the 4A State Finals.

The boys won their heat, and the girls placed 3rd.

Monday 11/18/24

All Day Alyssa Ruckno @ 5A/4A Tennis Individual State Championship @ Cayce Tennis Center

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Thursday 11/21/24

8:31am Parade of Champions Girls and Boys XC

Friday 11/22/24

8:31am Parade of Champions Competitive Cheer

9:00/9:30am Girls and Boys @ XC 4A State Championships @ Newberry College

7:30pm Varsity Football @ South Florence 2nd Round 4A Playoff Game

Saturday 11/23/24

9am Wrestling @ Bridge Prep (Preseason)

4:58 pm Cheer @ 4A State Cheer Competition @ USC Colonial 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 www.hhihsathletics.org for information and to purchase your pass.

2025 SEAHAWKS GIRLS LACROSSE TRYOUT INFORMATION

Information for the upcoming Girls Lacrosse Season

- BCSD Athletic Packet - must be completed and processed by the AD's office before a player can participate in Pre-Season + Tryouts. To download packet :
<https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/sportshub2-uploads-prod/files/sites/53/2024/05/01171456/2024-25-BCSD-Athletic-Paperwork.pdf>
- Players + Parents must join the Girls Lacrosse SportsYou Team Page in order to receive schedules, updates and all team information. Current conditioning + lift schedule is posted here! Team Code: DDF8FECL Visit www.sportsyou.com or download in the app stores
- Players must complete the 2025 Player Info Form prior to the start of PreSeason on Monday Jan. 6th.
Player Info form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTGKXRomZqct5xNpc-RIJX8_Zv4bkbublti81X6wMof4FV3Q/vi
ewform
- Equipment Needed: STICK, GOGGLES, CLEATS, MOUTHGUARD, RUNNING SHOES. **Use the Player Info Form to let us know if you need to borrow a stick or goggles.*
- Players are expected to attend all preseason practices in order to prepare for the season and tryouts January 29-31. **Winter sport athletes will be given three tryout practice dates at the conclusion of their season.*
- Tryouts will include team lifts, practices and scrimmages + fitness tests.
- Player + Parent Info Meetings - Tuesday Dec 3 @ 6:00 PM + Thursday Feb 6 @ 5:00 PM

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.

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.

November 21st

December 19th

January 16th

February 20th

March 20th

April 17th (No Meeting – During Spring Break)

May 15th

Early Release Requests

To submit early release requests, please send them to the following email address:

hhihsearlyrelease@beaufort.k12.sc.us

Here is the automatic reply when a parent requests early dismissal for the student.

“Thank you for submitting your early release request. No early dismissals 30 minutes prior to the end of the school day. For example: Half days, not after 12 pm and Regular days, not after 3 pm”

Please read the early release procedures below as some of the process has been updated.

1. We receive & approve the request.

***Requests must be submitted before noon each regular school day
or 10:00 am on half days.***

2. Please let the student know there is a dismissal request.

3. The student should show the teacher their early release pass which will be used as a pass out of class and to the front desk.

4. For the safety of our students, we require that any person who will be picking up a student during the school day come into the building and show their ID. The person who is picking up a student will only be permitted to take the student with them if they are listed in PowerSchool.

If a student is driving themselves, they will be permitted to sign out and leave at the time listed on their early release note.

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 Saturday, May 31st, 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 X

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 HHHS 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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