

Parent/Staff Newsletter Week of 11/24/24

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I hope everyone had a great weekend.

Congrats to our Varsity Football Team, Boys and Girls Cross Country, and the Competitive Cheer Team as they finished up their successful competition seasons. See below for more details.

New Phone Policy: This fall Beaufort County School District instituted a Personal Electronic and Communication Device Policy. For students in PreK through 8th grade the policy stated that all personal and communication devices must be turned off and stored in a locker, pocket, purse, backpack, or other non-visible secure location from the school start time to the school end time. For high school students the same policy applied except high school students could use their devices during lunch in the cafeteria. However, as expected the SC State Department of Education has created a state policy for all public schools. **Therefore, when HHIHS students return to school after winter break on January 8th all personal and electronic and communication devices must be turned off and stored. They cannot be used from 8:30am to 3:30pm each school day.**

See below for important news and announcements.

November and December Staff Meetings

November 25th - Principal Monthly Report (video)

November 26th – Leadership Meeting

December 3rd – Leadership Meeting

Week of December 9th – PLC Week

December 13th – Staff Holiday Party at FISH

December 17th – Leadership Meeting

Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday through Sunday November 27th – December 1st

No school for students and staff

December 23rd – Weather Makeup Day (E-Learning)

January 6th – Weather Makeup Day (E-Learning) - Last official day of first semester

Winter Break

December 24th to January 5th

January 7th – No School for Students - Professional Development Day for Staff

January 8th – First day of second semester 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

BCSD Board of Education

The BCSD Board of Education is the governing body for the school district. The Board's policies are the tools the Board uses to manage BCSD affairs on a cost-effective basis, authorize the Superintendent to serve as the BCSD leader, empower employees to perform and grow, and support all learners in developing their potential by providing excellent education in a safe and nurturing educational environment. Upcoming meetings of the Beaufort County Board of Education are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, beginning at 6 p.m. Board meetings open to the public are held at the District Office and Hilton Head Middle School.

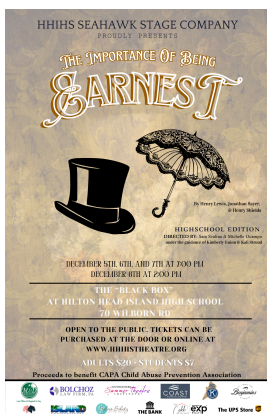
The Board meetings are aired live on the School Board's YouTube Channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/@beaufortcountyschoolboard/featured>

The next Board meeting will be December 10th at the District Office.

The 2025 dates are not currently published on the Board's website. The dates will appear in future newsletters when they are published.

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.



The Seahawk Stage Company proudly presents *The Importance of Being Earnest*

The show dates are December 5th through the 7th at 7:00pm and December 8th at 2:00pm. The show will be in the Black Box. Please enter through the new Front Entrance (Athletic Entrance). Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$7 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at: www.hhihstheatre.org

Part of the proceeds from will be donated to CAPA (Child Abuse Prevention Association).

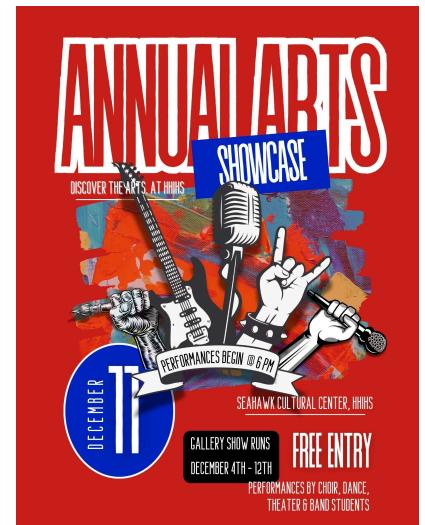
HHIHS Annual Arts Showcase

The HHIHS Annual Arts Showcase will be held in the SCC December 11th. Performances by the choral, dance, theater and band students will begin at 6 pm in the Seahawk Cultural Center (SCC).

The visual arts students will have their work on display the week prior to the showcase, December 4th, and be on exhibit in the SCC gallery through December 12th.

December 16th also begins our IB Visual Art student exhibition!

Join us for a FREE night of celebrating the arts in our high school!



Counselors Corner

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

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The NJROTC continues their Thanksgiving Food Drive for the month of November. **All donations will be delivered to Deep Well on November 26th, the last day for donations.** Students can bring 2 food items and wear school appropriate pajamas on Tuesday. Thank you to the NJROTC for hosting the food drive and to all who have donated so far!



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.

Check out the YouTube video of our Seahawk Cookie Company:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=koAwk7SCq5k>

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:

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

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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

We finished fall sports this weekend

Cheer finished in 7th place at the 4A State Finals.

Very exciting to get the cheer team back in the top 10.

The Football Team ended the season with a loss to South Florence Friday. A great season overall.

Both Cross Country Teams ran well Friday at the 4A State Finals.

The boys finished in 2nd Place and the Girls in 4th Place,

JD Gilman finished in 2nd place overall and joined Josh Gordillo on the All-State Team.

Jules McKenna and Rosa Olivetti earned All-State honors on the girls side.

The Gym floors will be coated this week. Both the Main and Aux gyms will be out of service Monday and Tuesday

The Christmas Tree Sales start this week. The trees are located on the softball outfield.

Wednesday 11/27/24

2:30pm Boys and Girls Wrestling @ North Augusta (Scrimmage)

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**
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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.

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.

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.

Attendance Notes

To submit absence notes, please send them to the following email address: hhihsattendance@beaufort.k12.sc.us

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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